

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 8th, 2020

“Redeem us, O God of Israel!”

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Office Hrs.: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m., Friday Office will be Closed

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8p.m. and Sundays at 10:45a.m. Holy Cross Church of Harding -Sundays at 8:45a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 9-MARCH 15, 2020

Monday Mar. 9

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Mar. 10

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Pierz 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Donna Pint

Wednesday Mar. 11

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +John Braun Family

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Mary Langer

Buckman 7:00 p.m. NO Stations of the Cross due to Funeral on Thurs.

Thursday Mar. 12

Buckman 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass for Ronald Pick

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Mar. 13

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Melvin Schmidtbauer

Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Lorraine Athman

Pierz 4:00 p.m. Stations & Benediction

Saturday Mar. 14

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Gerald & Rita Flicker (Adult Choir)

Sunday Mar. 15

Pierz 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Judy Terhaar

Pierz 2:00 p.m. Confirmation (Folk Group)

Confessions: Buckman – Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz – Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Adoration at the Pierz Villa on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2981.00

High School \$ 3.00

Elementary \$ 10.00

Plate \$ 143.00

\$ 3137.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Ash Wednesday - 115**

Mar. 1st Sun. - 227

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 5692.00

High School \$ 24.00

Elementary \$ 27.50

Plate \$ 368.46

\$ 6111.96

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Ash Wednesday - 255**

Feb. 29th Sat. - 231 Mar. 1st Sun. - 316

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Mar. 2 –Bob Loidolt, **Mar. 3** –Rachel

Zimmerman, **Mar. 4** –Shawn Brown, **Mar. 5** –

Becky Jacobson, **Mar. 6** –Hannah & Chris Fisk,

Mar. 7 –Max Fenna (\$35 Winners). **Mar. 8** –

Allen Woitalla (\$75 Winner).

MESSAGE ON SAFE HAVEN SUNDAY: “Parents and guardians, protect your home! Be vigilant about the technology you allow into your home and be sensitive to the prevalence of sexual content in even mainstream television and film and the ease by which it comes through the Internet and mobile devices. Educate yourselves about filtering software that can assist in protecting your home. Foster openness and trust with your children, so they know that they can come to you if they see a sexual image; by talking about it with them calmly, you can give them a healthy framework in which to interpret it.” – Create in Me a Clean Heart

Equipping the Family, A recent survey of American teens showed that they believe not recycling is now a worse issue than watching pornography. It's time to reclaim virtue and protect our young people from the tempting pull of inappropriate online content. Take a step to create a safe haven in your home by joining The Equipped 7-Day Challenge: A Digital Crash Course by texting SECURE to 66866 to receive seven days of emailed digital tips!

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:

Wed. Mar. 11th @ 8:00 p.m. Buckman

Thur. Mar. 12th @ 7:30 a.m. & 5:30 p.m. Pierz

Sat. Mar. 14th @ 9:00 a.m. Buckman & 3:30 p.m. Pierz

PATRIOTIC ROSARY: For the Consecration of our nation back to God, the “**9 Month Novena**” of the Patriotic Rosary is said once each month, Feb-Nov., on the 15th of the month; preceding the Nov. 2020 elections taking place this fall. The March Patriotic Rosary will be said on Sun, March 15th after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph's Church. Any Questions, call Patty @468-2487 or Jan @468-2578. Come and pray with us.

QUILT SHOW: At Pierz Villa conference room we will have quilts displayed that will be given away at St. Michael's C M/W Bingo on Sun. Mar. 15. Come and preview the quilts and buy a chance, from 12:30-2pm on Thur, Mar. 12th at the Villa



CARVED WOOD CROSS: If you would like to take a chance on this beautiful carved wood cross, we are taking FREE WILL donations on Sun. Apr. 5th at the Buckman Lions Club Breakfast at St. Michael's Parish Center. After the breakfast we will do a drawing for the cross and all proceeds will go to the Buckman Lions.

AREA EVENTS:

***KC Ultrasound Fundraiser Dinner:** Sun Mar. 8, 5-7:30p.m. Spaghetti Dinner & Silent Action. Eagles Club, St. Cloud.

***St. Michael's-Buckman C M/W Quilt Bingo,** Sun. Mar. 15th at 1p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center. Free Lunch and homemade coffee cakes for sale.

***St. Ann's Christian Mothers of St. James Church Randall -Quilt & Cash Bingo,** Sun. Mar. 22nd. 1p.m. in parish hall. Free Lunch. Bake sale after 10:30a.m. Mass.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., MAR. 15th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Todd Caddy

Communion Ministers: Megan Hoheisel and Bob Lochner

Servers: Ellie Kasella and Amber Boser

March Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

C M/W Quilt Bingo Sun. March 15th @ 1 p.m.: C M/W are selling chances on a beautiful, queen size, Bargello pattern, hand stitched quilt in earth tones; browns and beiges. Chances available from any member and available at the Quilt Bingo. We will have homemade coffee cakes for sale, door prizes, free lunch and lots of quilts to choose from!

Senior Citizen Bingo Thur, Mar 19th at St. Michael's Parish Center after 8 am mass.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*2020-21 Registration is open. Go to the school website, www.holytrinitypierz.org to register or contact school office.

*Friday 8:30am liturgy will be led by the 2nd grade class and Mrs. Przybilla.

*The next toddler class is Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00pm in the preschool classroom. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4 to this fun interactive evening.

*The Early Childhood Education program open house is March 17th at 6pm. Enter door #2. Holy Trinity offers two programs: Preschool ages 3.5 - 4 and Kindergarten Readiness age 4 by Sept 1. For questions, contact the school office.

*The 2020-21 Kindergarten Date Night is Mar 31st at 6pm. Aloha Kindergarten! For questions, contact school office.

*HTCS clothing order available for online purchases until March 10. The link to order is: <https://spectrum-apparel.com/HolyTrinitySchool/shop/home>

*Holy Trinity will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. We will have a supply on hand. Holy Trinity will make \$3 on each bag sold and \$10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

FPSR/ YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640

*Pizza with the St. Francis Sisters on Wednesday, March 11th for 7th- 12th graders from 6pm-8pm. Bus leaves FPSR 6pm!

*March4Life on Wednesday, March 18th at Planned Parenthood in St. Cloud for 9th-12th graders. Bus leaves FPSR 5:15pm, extra permission forms in the High School Office.

*Confirmation is on Sunday, March 15th 2:00pm at St. Joseph's Church. Students need to be in the Church basement by 12:30pm for rehearsal & sponsors need to be there by 1:30pm in the Church basement.

LENT FISH FRIES:

***Holy Cross Center, Onamia,** Fridays Mar 20, & April 3. 4:30-7p.m. Adults \$11, Ages 6-12 \$5, Kids under 6 eat free.

***Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Fri. Mar. 13,20,27 & Apr. 3. Serving hours are 5-7:30p.m. Takeout orders, 320-393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)

***Saint Anthony, St. Cloud:** Mar 13, 20, 27, April 3, from 4-7p.m. Take out dinners are also available. *March 20 is a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Fish Fry.

***St. Elizabeth-Brennyville:** Mar. 13 & 27 from 4:30-7p.m. Takeout orders available, Handicap accessible. Meat raffle tickets will be sold at fish fry.



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT MAR. 14th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN MAR. 15th @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Fri. Mar. 13th @ 4:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross
Madelyn & Garrett Kessler

Sat. Mar. 14th – Kayla Virnig & Faith Bridewell

Sun. Mar. 15th – Catherine & Maria Wehseler

Weekday Lector: – Mary Kimman

LECTORS FOR MARCH: Sat.-Al Pekarek

Sun.-Harvey Kimman

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH: Sat.- Choir-

Barb Zajac, Marilyn Dorn, Marvin Kimman, Sara Stumpf.

Sun.- Peggy Hoheisel, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek.

USHERS FOR MARCH: Sat.-John Kurtz, Neal Kimman,

Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll. Sun.-Neil Korf, Floyd

Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

CHOIR NEWS:

*Adult Choir Practice – Thurs. Mar. 12th at 10 a.m. If anyone is interested in singing for Easter Mass please come & join us!

*St. Joseph's Youth Choir! All kids ages 4 and older are welcome to join us! Next practice will be Wed April 15th from 6-7 p.m., will sing on Sunday April 19th at 8 a.m.

APRIL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S MEETING

Wed, April 1st with salad supper at 6:00pm and meeting at 6:30 in the church basement. Current members please bring a potluck item to share. NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION at April meeting. All women of the parish are welcome. Any questions please call Barb Zajac at 320-310-3267.

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINT RAFFLE & GERMAN

DINNER: Is scheduled for Fri. April 17 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

PARISH FESTIVAL MEETING: Will be Wed. Mar 18th at 6:30p.m. in St. Joseph's church basement. All are welcome to attend. Any questions, contact Crystal Ratke at 630-8952.

COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR: Pierz Healy High School is hosting a Community Health Fair on Wed, Mar 11 at 4:30 in the PAC gym. Local health related agencies, clinics and services will be participating. The high school Art Club is sponsoring an Empty Bowls Soup Supper starting at 4:00. For a \$10 donation, you get a handmade bowl (you get to keep), soup, bread and soft serve ice cream for dessert. Proceeds from the soup supper are donated to the Pierz Area Food Shelf and Pioneer Packs program. At the same time, teachers and students will be showcasing all the exciting learning that is taking place in classrooms throughout the high school. At 6 pm in the MAC, there will be a Social Media Predator presentation for parents and adults. Everyone is welcome to attend this activity filled evening at Pierz Healy High School.

CHURCH PARKING: F&M Bank now has a 24/7 ATM located in a new 3rd drive up lane. This ATM lane has replaced a row of parking that used to be available for employees of the bank and for church parishioners during times of church service. F&M is asking that parishioners please take note that this row of parking no longer exists and to respect the needs of the bank's customers to access the ATM anytime of the day. Thank you, F&M Bank Management.

SPRING MISSION RALLY: All are welcome to join us on Thursday, April 23rd at Sacred Heart Church in Staples for the Spring Mission Rally from 8am-2:00pm. Members of mission groups, social ministry teams, parish and diocesan staff, sister parish committees, returned missionaries and other mission-minded parishioners or friends are invited to join us in ?Walking together in Christ's love with our brothers and sisters of Venezuela and Kenya.? We will hear first-hand from our delegates who we welcome from Homa Bay Kenya and Maracay Venezuela about being in solidarity with those we partner with as well as how we can be in relationship with all of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The cost is \$10 and registration is requested to the St. Cloud mission Office: 11- 8th Avenue So. St. Cloud, MN. 56301 (320-251-1100) by April 15th. We hope to see you at the Rally and in the meantime, it is our hope that you continue to find God during this Lenten Season, have a blessed Holy Week and truly find Christ alive at Easter!

KOINONIA RETREAT, to see just how much Jesus LOVES YOU. Koinonia consists of people joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other, and ourselves as we experience Christian Community. We take central teachings of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. He calls us each by name...to be one with each other. Join us in this Christian Living experience designed for adults age 20 and older. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held on March 20-22, 2020. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be completed online on our website: centralmnkoinonia.org. To get a paper application call Kathy at 320-630-1880 or Jackie at 218-348-9404 or contact us by email at cmkoinonia@gmail.com. Cost of the weekend is \$70 includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need.

CATHOLIC WOMAN: We believe in our 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition. We want to share our story with you. If you are a single, Catholic woman under the age of 45, you are invited to spend some time with us. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. You will learn the history of our chapel and sacred spaces through a guided tour. Have the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with the community and share a meal in our monastic dining room. There will be an opportunity for continued conversations with sisters after lunch. To register please contact Sister Lisa Rose, Director of Vocations, at lrose@csbsju.edu or (320) 363-7180. Please visit our website for more information about our community www.sbm.osb.org. **Dates: Saturday, March 14, Saturday, April 18, 2020**

"JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO CALVARY" The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi will be performing. Performance dates are April 4 at 7:30pm and April 5 at 1pm. The other performance dates are April 4 at 7:30pm and April 5 at 1pm. For information or reserve seats call Bob at 320-573-2933 or Janice Wuebkens at Central Office of St. Mary's, St. Edward's and St. Francis Catholic Churches

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 week to spend in prayer? Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. We have an active group at St. Josephs/St Michaels praying for Fr. Popp, and the diocese is starting a group of 21 women to pray specifically for Bishop Kettler. You would commit for a 1 yr. term, praying for 1 hr. any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

AREA EVENTS:

***Meire Grove Chicken Dinner,** Palm Sunday, April 5. Serving baked chicken, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, creamed peas and homemade pies from 3:30-7:30 pm in the church basement. Take-out and new drive-thru/pick-up service available (no steps!stay in your car!)

SJ'S PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Karen at 468-6818. Thank you!

St. Joseph's Church - HEARING ASSISTANCE: If you are having difficulty hearing and understanding the spoken word during Mass, ask an usher for help connecting to our loop system. This is compatible with most modern hearing aids, simply set your hearing aid to "T coil". Don't have hearing aids? We have handheld units you may use. Hear what you've been missing!

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

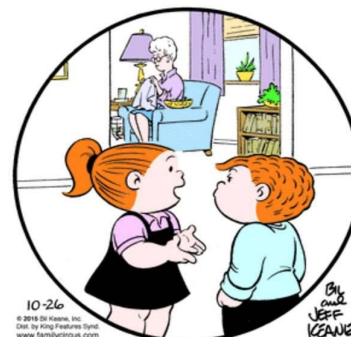
Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?

If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the office at 468-6033 and leave us a message of when you are going to be admitted. Thank you!

2020 Bazaar Dish towels are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the parish office. Thank You!

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE CAMPAIGN: March is FoodShare Month. All donations received are increased by donation through Minnesota FoodShare. Will you please join in the effort to help replenish our local food shelf during March? An extra can of soup, veggies, or cereal purchased during your weekly grocery shopping trip will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the Pierz Area Food shelf and the address is P.O. Box 383, Pierz. And your donation is tax deductible. The Pierz Food Shelf hours are 9-11a.m. and 5-7p.m. on Mondays, or call 468-7134 for information. The Pierz Area Food Shelf located behind the Pierz Fire Hall. Thank you for joining in the efforts to end hunger in our community.



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"The two places we know we're always welcome are church and Grandma's house."