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Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 7, 2018

Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

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Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Jan. 8	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Jan. 9	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Jan. 10	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	NO MASS Word/Communion Service
Thursday	Jan. 11	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Jan. 12	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Johanna Maus / School Mass
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Edward Stangl
Saturday	Jan. 13	Buckman	1:30 p.m.	Wedding-Stephanie Brill & Joseph Wimmer
		Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Terry Brisk (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Jan. 14	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Cath. United Financial Members

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

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

FROM THE PASTOR: I can't believe this Tuesday the Church will celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The Baptism of the Lord officially closes the Christmas season. Even though the Christmas season is over, we still need to have that Christmas hope in our hearts. More than ever, the world needs the message of Jesus to bring about peace in our world. January can be a hard time for people. I ask that families communicate as families and help each other to get through this time of the year. I ask that the father of the home be that peg as I talked about on the Feast of the Holy Family. The father of the home is that peg who makes sure the family stays close to Christ and his Church. Coming to mass each weekend is returning to the foundation of life that keeps us all moving forward as a church. I ask that you pray for me and my brother priests as we begin our retreat this week. We will be looking at the ministries of serving, lecturing and Eucharistic ministers in the week ahead, so please pray if any in the family are interested in any one of these ministries. You can let the secretary know. P.S help to evangelize by inviting a friend to come and celebrate with the church on Saturday evening or Sunday morning. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

****LOOKING AHEAD**** Fr. Popp will be gone on vacation from Jan. 15-24. Fr. Ben Kociemba will say Mass for the weekend services of Jan. 20th & 21st. He will also hear confessions on Sat. Jan. 20th.

Today is Immigration Sunday. That night, after the visit from the Magi, Mary and Joseph had to flee their homeland to save Jesus' life. As a child Jesus was an immigrant, a stranger in a foreign land, without status, home or extended family. There is a 3 minute video from our Bishop on the Diocesan Website on the current concerns of the immigrants. The next time you fire up your computer or smart phone please go to stedio.org and listen with your heart to what our Bishop has to say.

Social Concerns meeting: Pierz Parish Office, Wed Jan. 10, at 6:30-7:30 P.M.

SEVEN SORROW OF MARY ROSARY: Sun. Jan. 14, 2018, we will pray the Seven Sorrow of Mary Rosary in the chapel of the Pierz Villa for peace in the world. Please join us at 4p.m. All are welcome. Questions call Patty 468-2487.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS 468-6446

*Let your friends and family with 2-4 year-olds know about the Toddler Class 6-7:30 pm Wed., January 10th at HTCS.

*The classrooms and students will receive the Epiphany blessing on Monday.

*The school carnival is Sunday, March 11th. Raffle tickets are on sale. Contact the school office or family for tickets.

****HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**:**

Jan. 1-John Gaulrapp,(\$200 winner) Jan. 2-Tim Przybilla, Jan. 3-Steve Kimman, Jan. 4-Chris Gall, Jan. 5-Arnold Noel, Jan. 6-Ted & Rayme Hoheisel, (\$35 winners), Jan. 7-Mary & Bill Bibby (\$75 winner).

The Holy Trinity PTO will be sponsoring a family Ice Skating/Snowshoeing event, Sat, Jan 27th, 10am-2pm, Buckman ice skating rink,. There will be snowshoes available on a first come first serve basis but bring your own skates if you have them. Hot chocolate, coffee, and hot dogs will be provided for a free will donation. Come spend time with Holy Trinity family and friends while enjoying the winter season! In the event of bad weather, we will try for the next day, Sun, Jan 28th from 12pm-3pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$1937.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 11.00
Plate	<u>\$ 243.60</u>
	\$2197.60
Christmas	\$3095.00

MASS ATTENDANCE:

<u>St. Joseph's:</u>
Sat. 4:30p.m. - 253
Sun. 8:00a.m. - 154
January 1, 8:00a.m. - 134
<u>St. Michael's:</u>
Sun. 10:00a.m. - 250
January 1, 10:00a.m. - 113

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$6079.00
High School	\$ 52.00
Elementary	\$ 24.50
Plate	<u>\$ 264.60</u>
	\$6420.10
Christmas	\$5185.00

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**SUNDAY - January 14 @ 10:00 a.m.****Lector**-Paula Rocheleau**Communion Ministers**-Rosemary Mischke, Leo Pohlkamp, Cindy Scholl, Kay Pappenfus, Alice Nordmann**Servers**- Kaylee & Britney Gruber**Ushers**-Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, & Todd Caddy****Choir:** No choir practice this weekend. Dwight's choir will be singing on Sunday, January 14th.**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** Stephanie Brill & Joseph Wimmer.**CHRISTIAN W/M:** meeting Thurs., Jan. 18th at 6:30p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center. Groups 7 & 8 will bring and serve refreshments. We will be electing a new Vice-President. Any questions please call Patty at 468-2487.**Catholic United Financial Membership Dinner:** Sunday, January 14, 2018 after the 10:00a.m. Mass in St. Michael's Parish Center.**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** We are accepting donations of baby items such as blankets, diapers, new and gently used clothing and monetary donations in the basket on the front, side altar. Items are donated to Morrison County for distribution to those in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions, call Cindy at 320-630-8410

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Come join young adults in their 20s and 30s, on Thurs, Jan. 18th at The Black and White, in Little Falls, at 7p.m. for social hour. Then Kristen Molitor, an area New Evangelization Coordinator, will give a talk on Gary Chapman's, The 5 Love Languages. This talk is for married, single, and religious vocations.**Health begins in the kitchen:** A lifestyle program for lowering blood sugar, blood pressure, cholesterol and weight. CHI St. Gabriel's Health is offering 4 sessions: Jan. 10, Jan. 24, Feb. 7 and Feb. 21, from 3-5 pm. Cost is \$45 for all 4 sessions. Reserve your spot by calling Jan Korzeniowski at 631-5571 or email janetkorzeniowski@catholichealth.com**RALLY FOR LIFE:** Mon, Jan 22nd, Rally for Life. Prayer Service at St. Paul Cathedral, noon rally at the Capitol. Dress WARM-bring a lunch and a friend. Bus leaves St. Joseph's in Pierz at 8a.m. & St. Michaels in Buckman at 8:15a.m. To sign up for bus trip call Dale Beierman at (320)468 -6225. Bus sponsored by St Isidore Council of Pierz.**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:****Sat. & Sun. January 13 & 14, Weekend:****Servers:** Sat.-Teagan Przybilla & Rachel Kasper

Sun.-Brandon & Joey Stuckmayer

Weekday Lector: Harvey Kimman**LECTORS FOR JANUARY 2018:** Sat.-Tony Sauer, Sun.-Gene Poser**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2018:** Sat.- Marvin Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Doris Thyen, Choir-Kerri Kasper. Sun.- Matt Kessler, Wanda Kapsner, Leroy Swanson.**USHERS FOR JANUARY 2018:** Sat.-Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger & Jon Stumpf. Sun.-Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider & Jeff Virnig.**BANNS OF MARRIAGE:** Abigail Bujalski & Adam Radzak.**BUILDING & MAINTANCE RAFFLE:** tickets available for sell after all masses, in the parish office, also from parish council members & local businesses**New Life In Christ:** Kylen Karen Jo, daughter of Alex & Jonica DeJesus, who was baptized last week. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** a basket is by front side altar for baby items; blankets, diapers, food, new and gently used clothes and money donations, etc. Items will be given to families in need and the Pierz food shelf. Sponsored by Pierz CW/M. Questions call 468-6070.**LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION?** We are looking for Communion Ministers! If interested please contact the parish office at 468-6033. *Thank you!***PARISH FINANCIAL MEETING:** Tue, Jan. 9 at 6:30p.m.,**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Tue, Jan. 9 at 7:30p.m.

Koinonia is a retreat opportunity for people to encounter Jesus Christ through an experience of Christian community. The theme for the weekend is the Paschal Mystery – the death and resurrection of Jesus, designed especially for adults age 20 and older. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center. The next, Jan 19-21, 2018. Fr. David Maciej, will be the Spiritual Director. Starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be downloaded from the website: centralmnkoinonia.org or by calling Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476. Or email cmkoinonia@gmail.com to get an application. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Scholarships are available to those in need.**Thank you** to all those who have given our family Christmas Cards, well wishes, and gifts. Mary Kay and I really appreciate all the heartfelt kindness. ~~~ Michael Pekar

ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMAN : under the age of 45? Would you be interested in spending a day at Saint Benedict's Monastery? We are offering the following opportunities for this experience. All the dates are scheduled on a Sat, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, & April 14, 2018. The time is from 9-3:30 pm. There is no cost for this one day experience. If you are interested, please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or email her at lrose@csbsju.edu.

(BOTH PARISHES NEWS) BULLETIN FOR THE END OF JAN(SUGGESTION) Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us on the weekend of Feb 3 & 4, 2018, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourist. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceed from sales will be send back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them.

(BOTH PARISH NEWS)ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD? Even if you sign the paper that you would like a visit by the parish, we rarely get called. **If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the church at 468-6033** and leave us a message where or when you are going to be admitted. *Thank you!*

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

(SJ NEWS)PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Karen 468-6818. *Thank you!*

(FOR BOTH SM & SJ NEWS) Thank You- To the ladies who have made & continue to make the baptismal gowns for baptism. **Need to find out who makes them! Ask Neddie Leidenfrost**

(SM'S NEWS) HELP! WE ARE UPDATING OUR MEMBERS FILES: If you have changed your phone number from a land line to a cell number, moved out of parish or would like to join our parish, please contact Karen at 468-6088 or Parish office 468-6033. *Thank you for your help!*

YOUNG PEOPLE / CHILDREN ENVELOPES: Are on the

North side back of the church (by the stairs) for St. Joseph's and in the middle aisle on the bench of St. Michael's church. Please pick up your envelopes. Thank you!

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