

**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

February 16th, 2020

“Lead me, guide me for the sake of your name, Lord!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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Office Hrs.: Buckman, Thurs., 2-4 p.m.

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 FEBRUARY 17-23, 2020

Monday Feb. 17	
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Tuesday Feb. 18	
Pierz	8:00 a.m. +Stephanie Malinowski
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Wednesday Feb. 19	
Buckman	8:00 a.m. +Regina R. Grittner
Villa	9:30 a.m. +Roland “Rollie” Hartmann
Thursday Feb. 20	
Buckman	8:00 a.m. +Ray Kahl
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Friday Feb. 21	
Pierz	8:30 a.m. +Laura Kapsner
Buckman	8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Villa	9:30 a.m. +Carol Hoheisel
Saturday Feb. 22	
Pierz	4:30 p.m. +Sue Hoheisel (Mike Retka & Adult Choir)
Sunday Feb. 23	
Pierz	8:00 a.m. +Alice Stangl (Folk Group)
Buckman	10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 2660.00
High School	\$ 3.00
Elementary	\$ 15.11
Plate	\$ 132.00
	\$ 2810.11

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 8th Sun.** - 324

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 5343.00
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 12.50
Plate	\$ 364.25
	\$ 5730.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 8th Sat.** - 245

February 9th Sun. - 216

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Feb. 10 – Bob & Julie Simon, **Feb. 11** – Breanna Kuechle, **Feb. 12** – Dean Scholl, **Feb. 13** – Sara Neville, **Feb. 14** – Marilyn Gruber, **Feb. 15** – Matthew Janson (\$35 Winners). **Feb. 16** – Kelly & Doug Lentz (\$75 Winner).

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.

MESSAGE FROM FR. KEN POPP: “Transformed by faith and sent in service to all” The Bishop’s Annual Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. This includes vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, marriage preparation, family life, pastoral planning, multicultural ministries, ministry to the divorced, and the TV Mass for the homebound. Your generosity helps make this possible. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Please support the 2020 Bishop’s Annual Appeal.

LOOKING AHEAD: The Bishop will be at the 10 a.m. Mass in Buckman on February 23rd.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to join them for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Thurs, Feb 20, 6-7 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Small group, persons gather for 20-30 minutes to pray in quiet. Centering Prayer is experiencing a relationship with God. Followed by “Lectio Divina,” a reflection on the coming Sunday Scriptures. Come, the third Thursday of the month, gather with sisters and members of all faiths to ponder God’s presence in your life. No need to pre-register. For information, please call (320)632-0668 or email: franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

***Pierz Community Blood Drive:** Fri. Feb. 21 from 12-6pm at Fellowship Bible Church (south of Genola, across from ballpark). Schedule online at American Red Cross, call May @320-360-3204, or just drop in at church. Bring photo ID or Donor Card.

The Annual Women’s Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, March 14th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2875 10th Ave. NE., Sauk Rapids. “Saints Within Us” is the theme. The speaker in the morning is Melanie Micklebust. Registration starts at 8:30 followed by the speaker, rosary, mass and lunch followed by Q and A, “The Saints” by diocesan priests, Fr. Tom Knoblach and Fr. Ralph Zimmerman. Closing prayer at 2:15. The cost is \$15 before March 1st, late registration and walk in’s- \$20.00. The church is handicapped accessible. Registration should be sent to Marlyce Plant, 2293 Pinecone Rd. Sartell, MN 56377. For information visit "<http://www.stcloudccw.org>" or email: stcloudccw@gmail.com" 320-282-9941 All are welcome!

40 Days for Life is a focused pro-life campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils to end abortion—to turn hearts and minds from a culture of death to a culture of life! Join other 40 Day volunteers anytime between 7a.m.- 7p.m. Monday - Friday at Planned Parenthood – 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud starting **Wednesday, February 26 – Sunday, April 5, 2020**

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Feb. 23 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

Communion Ministers: Megan Herold, Bob Lochner

Servers: Abby and Nathan Posch

Feb. Ushers: John Grittner, Sam Seelen, Mick Gruber

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

Lector: Bob Lochner

Communion Ministers:

Cindy Scholl and Debbie Hall

Servers: Jackson Kahl & Mason Herold

SAVE THE DATE: Christian Mother's Quilt Bingo/Raffle is set for Sunday, March 15th at the Buckman Parish Center.

AREA EVENTS:

***Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner-St. Rita's, Hillman:** Sat. Feb. 15th, from 5-7:30p.m. Mass at 4p.m. Cash Bar, Menu: Prime Rib, salad, glazed carrots, baked potato & dessert \$18. Menu: Parmesan Chicken breast, with pasta, salad, glazed carrots & dessert \$15. Come and enjoy!

***Auction/Dinner-St. John's Church, Swanville:** Fri, Feb 21, Sobieski Community Center. Dinner-6:30p.m., auctions-8p.m. Tickets \$15-purchased by Feb. 16, includes meal, free drink, a chance to win \$100 & \$500 drawing. After, the 16th, tickets are \$20 and only includes the meal. Call 320-547-2920.

***Holy Trinity-Pancake Breakfast, Pierz:** Sun. Feb. 23rd at St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman. From 8:30a.m.-12 noon. Help support Camp Foley for the 6th graders!

***Old-Time Card Party-St. Anthony, St. Cloud:** In Parish Center, Sun, Feb 23, from 2-5p.m. A \$5 entry fee covers an afternoon of playing 500 or cribbage followed by a light lunch. Bring a friend and enjoy the day! Handicap accessible, prizes will be awarded for high scores.

***Quilt or Cash Bingo-St. Rita's, Hillman:** Sun. Feb. 23rd at 1:30p.m. Handicapped accessible, door prizes! Free Lunch after the games. Come and enjoy the fun!

***Lenten Fish Fries-Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Fri. Feb. 28, Mar. 6,13,20,27 & Apr. 3. Menu: Fried Fish, cole slaw, baked potato, baked beans, dinner rolls & drink. Serving hours are 5-7:30p.m. Adults-\$9, children 4-12-\$5, & under 4 Free. Takeout orders, call 320-393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)

***St. Paul's Annual Baked Fish Dinner-St. Cloud:** Fri., March 6, Serving 5-7 PM at the Parish Center 1125 11th Avenue North Saint Cloud Menu: Baked Fish, Cheesy Hash Browns, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Dinner Rolls, Dessert & Beverages Cost: Adults \$10.00, Children Ages 5-12 \$5.00 Ages 4 and Under Free Save the date...All are welcome

***Meire Grove Annual Spring Supper-St. John's Parish** Palm Sunday, April 5, Meire Grove Church basement Serving Chicken, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Pot., Creamed Peas and Homemade Pies Serving from 3:30-7:30 pm Take-outs available NEW Drive-thru Ordering and pick-up Service....stay in your car...no steps!

"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 Wuebkers at Central Office of St. Mary's, St. Edward's and St. Francis Catholic Churches

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Feb. 22 @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Feb. 23 @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Parker Talberg and Addison Marshik

Sun. – Mason Hoheisel and Camren Waytashek

Weekday Lector: – LeRoy Swanson

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 26 @ 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Harvey Kimman

Communion Ministers:

Kerri Kasper, Marvin Kimman, & Jan Kimman.

Servers: Braiden Maus & Ashley Kimman

CHOIR NEWS: 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.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Jayce Eric*, son of Eric & Tina Boser, was baptized on Sunday, February 9th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

DONUTS & COFFEE: Sunday, February 16th after the 8 a.m. Mass. Please join us for donuts and fellowship.

2020 Bazaar Dish towels are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the entryway of the parish office. We still have sets available

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: Mon. Feb. 17 starting at 9 am in the parish office basement. If staying over lunch, bring your own lunch. We are in dire need of quilters to meet our quota. We lose some each year to health issues. If you can give us a couple hours of your time, we appreciate it. Any questions call 320-360-2434.

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER: 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 tickets, contact parish office 468-6033. *****

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Conferences will be this week on Wed. and Thur.

*Friday, February 21st the school liturgy leaders will be Ms. Miller and fourth grade class.

*The next toddler class is Wednesday, February 26 at 6:00pm in the preschool classroom. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4 to this fun interactive evening.

*Congratulations to the Holy Trinity high school alumni who demonstrated academic excellence! 7th grade - 24 of the 26 HT classmates are on the Honor Roll = 92%; Eighth grade - 10 of the 15 HT classmates are on the Honor Roll = 66%; Ninth grade - 17 of the 22 HT classmates are on the Honor Roll = 77%; Tenth grade - 11 of the 13 HT classmates are on the Honor Roll = 84%; Eleventh grade - 15 of the 17 HT classmates are on the Honor Roll = 88%; Twelfth grade - 20 of the 25 HT classmates are on the Honor Roll = 80%

*The school carnival is Sun, March 1st. Raffle tickets are available for sale. Prizes to Donate for the Carnival: Silent Auction (new items): craft items, gift certificates, or baskets

Bingo: coolers, flashlights, 12 packs of pop, Tupperware, baking pans, fishing pole, hunting supplies, \$5- \$15 items

Toy Walk: Barbie dolls, dolls, puzzles, markers, books, CD's, trucks, tractors, cars, play dough, \$3-\$5 items. Shake, Rattle,

Roll: Items for children and adults to shake dice to win.

County Store: New or slightly used items, in good condition.

The Bible and the Modern World: Believers have always viewed the Bible as the foundation and heart of divine revelation, but in the modern world, there is considerable confusion both about how to interpret the Bible, and also concerning what role it can have in human self-understanding. This lecture will examine the long road from the Bible's origins and the presuppositions of its ancient interpreters to the debates of the 16th century Reformation and 18th century Enlightenment to the 21st century and the difficult legacy of this long journey. In an age of science, what can the Bible contribute to human knowledge, and within the Church, what challenges are posed by a historical-critical view of the Scriptures? Feb. 13th, check-in from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria, MN. Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is Required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Angels and Demons: What do Scripture and Tradition Say About Them? Movies and the Internet show no shortage of information on angels and demons. Bookstores have whole racks devoted to the topic. While much of what we see and read keeps us entertained, the media's presentation of the spiritual and diabolical worlds is all too often unconnected to the Christian message. In this presentation and in light of Christ's absolute victory over sin and death, Fr Michael Patella will outline the Christian understanding of the devil, angels, demons, ghosts, and spirits in Scripture and Tradition. He will also discuss the inherent problems and dangers that arise today with the undue attention many give to the occult. Feb. 21st, check-in from 8:30am - 9am, presentation from 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch provided following presentation. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

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, February 8, Saturday, March 14, Saturday, April 18, 2020**

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.

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!