

**TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY OF  
ORDINARY TIME**

**September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**“Give us peace, O Lord!”**

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

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**Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:**

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

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 16<sup>th</sup> – SEPT. 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**Monday Sept. 16**

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)

**Tuesday Sept. 17**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)

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

**Wednesday Sept. 18**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Robert Bayerl

**Thursday Sept. 19**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)

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

**Friday Sept. 20**

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Aaron Christianson (HT School Mass)

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Thanksgiving

**Saturday Sept. 21**

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Jeanne Stang (Adult Choir)

**Sunday Sept. 22**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes (**Doughnut Sunday**)  
(Children & Youth Choir)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Carol, Claude, & Shelly Theis

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 4899.00

High School \$ 9.00

Elementary \$ 14.75

Plate \$ 54.01

\$ 4976.76

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Sun.** -

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 5813.00

High School \$ 7.00

Elementary \$ 17.75

Plate \$ 415.05

\$ 6252.80

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> Sat.**- 224,

**Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Sun.**- 272

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Sept. 9** – Cathy Kliber, **Sept. 10** – Jeff & Christina

Jacobson, **Sept. 11**- Logan Janson, **Sept. 12** –

Shane Gall, **Sept. 13** – George Chalich, **Sept. 14** –

Aaron Albrecht (\$35 Winners).

**Sept. 15** – Sarah Kahl & Mike Mathiason (\$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.**

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** God is the Good Shepherd, the hound of Heaven, the loving Father who yearns for us to come home. He loves us so very much. But sadly, he also respects us and our choices.so if we choose to depend on other things like money or power rather than Him. He will let us. If we choose to ignore chances to commune with Him by participating in Mass. He will let us. If we choose only give Him only our left-over time and our left-over money. He will let us. But if we choose daily to be with Him and to love and serve Him, then all that He has is ours. P.S. Sunday is Buckman's Bazaar and the Church will be open for a couple hours for people to see the progress that has been made. ~~~ Michael Pekar

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**LOOKING AHEAD:**

\*Fr. Popp will be on vacation from Sept. 16-24.

\*Fr. David Maciej will be here Sat. Sept. 21 to celebrate Mass.

\*Fr. Bob Harren will be here Sun. Sept. 22 to celebrate Mass.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY, THANK YOU!** We would like to thank everyone that participated in the Patriotic Rosary this last week on Wed. Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>. *Thank you!*

**Diocesan Ministry Day:** Join your ministry colleagues at DMD Sept. 30 at St. John's University. For more information and to register, visit [stcdio.org/dmd2019](http://stcdio.org/dmd2019).

**The Sunday Night Adult Education Group** will have its first meeting on Sunday night, September 15, at 7PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. The video/discussion program will be “Genesis to Jesus”, a journey through Scripture. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

**AREA EVENTS:**

**\*\*St. Michael's Parish Bazaar, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>**  
Chicken dinner, Kids games, Bingo, Lots of different foods booths, Country Store. Fun activities for the whole family.

**\*\*St. Stanislaus Church Bazaar, Sobieski, Sunday, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>** at Sobieski Community Center. Gorka's Chicken & Aluski dinner at 11a.m.-1:30p.m. Bingo, kid's games, bountiful baskets, silent auction, gun raffle, live music, cash raffle (\$5000 1<sup>st</sup> prize). So much more for the whole family.

**Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study:** The Tuesday afternoon bible study will begin again on Tuesday, September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3 pm in the parish office. We welcome back those who have studied with us before and especially welcome anyone new that would like to join us. We will begin the year with Bishop Barron's “Pivotal Players: St. Augustine and St. Benedict” followed by a study of the book of Romans. If you have any questions please call Hilde Flicker, 468-2649 or Jan Kummert, 468-6684.

**ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**

**SUN., Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Randi Kranz

**Communion Ministers:** Janice Janson & Bob Lochner

**Servers:** David Popp & Mason Herold

**September Ushers:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

**CHOIR NEWS:**

\*Large choir will sing on Sunday, Sept. 22.

\*If you love Southern Gospel music, please join us for Sunday Mass on Sept. 29th.

**I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding October 5<sup>th</sup>)**

Kayla Young & Jared Foss

**ADORATION:** Moved due to pastoral council meeting, the new date will be Wednesday the 18<sup>th</sup> We will resume the second Wednesday of every month schedule starting again in October.

**PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE:** Our painting and renovation project is moving along nicely. We have ordered the carpet and should be getting installed soon. We are hopefully looking at a finish date sometime in December. As we keep moving forward, we do need the pledges for the painting project to come in. So, if anyone has their pledges outstanding please mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off your payment in the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

**\*MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** – 1:45 PM ON Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendar to join us or donate to the annual Knights of Columbus endorsed marathon to support Catholic education. Students will begin asking for donations this week. THANK YOU for your support.

\*The potato order form is enclosed in the bulletin. Orders are due on Monday, September 23<sup>rd</sup> and potatoes can be picked up on Fri, Sept 27<sup>th</sup>. Orders must be prepaid to place the order.

\*The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are attending the Morrison County Water Festival at Camp Ripley on September 18<sup>th</sup>.

\*Steak and Wine tickets, \$35, are on sale in the school office. The fundraising event is Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup>!

\*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School.

**ACT-OBERFEST!** Sun, Sept 22<sup>nd</sup>, at Sauk Centre High School Auditorium for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ron Dockendorf, the “Our Fathers”, youth groups and community members will perform musical and comedy acts, from 2-4:30. Admission is free. There will also be a 50-50 raffle, live auction, food and beverages available for purchase. **All proceeds benefit Diocesan youth retreats and programs.** For more info, call The Catholic Foundation (320) 258-7656.

**HT Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction UPDATE:** Holy Trinity School is planning for the Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction to be on Sat., Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> at the Brickyard Bar in Pierz. Tickets for the meal will go on sale Mon., Sept. 9<sup>th</sup> at the school. **NO TICKET NEEDED TO ATTEND AUCTION.** Questions call Becky Dehler 360-3721 or Kristin Andres 630-5354.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**

**SAT., Sept. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Sat. – Michael Leidenfrost & Mason Zajac

Sun. – Joelle & Laura Young

**Weekday Lector:** – LeRoy Swanson

**SJ Children & Youth Choir:** will practice on Wed. Sept. 18 from 6-7. We will sing on Sun. Sept 22 at 8am. All children ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

**III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding September 28<sup>th</sup>)**

Sarina & Landon Bemboom

**ROSARY FOUND:** There was a rosary found on Wednesday (9/11), it was turned into the parish office. If you have any questions call the office at 468-6033.

**DOUGHNUT SUNDAY,** will be starting on Sun, Sept. 22<sup>nd</sup>.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

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**LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

**Theology on Tap:** Come start off the fall season and learn more about your faith by joining young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. Our next Theology on Tap will be on Thursday, September 19 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7p.m. Then at 8:00 we will have Steven Bishop give a talk titled “Why Does God Allow Suffering.” We hope to see you there!

**Faith in Action Events:**

**September 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup>:** Join Michele Henifin, from Horizon Health, for a through hands-on and auditory training into Normal vs. Not normal aging. Brain changes and sensory changes with the journey of dementia. Trainings will be held at the Little Falls Library (park in aux parking lot). To register call Marie at 320-468-6451 option #2.

**Dine & Discover Wednesday September 25, 2019 from 11:30 to 1:** Senior Financial Exploitations types, signs and Solutions presented by Marty Fleishhacker the Senior Financial Fraud Ombudsman/Civil Enforcement Liaison with the Department of Commerce. You will get information on the common types of financial fraud and scams, who is targeted and why, the scope of the problem and tips about how to avoid becoming a victim.

**Soul Food:** A caregiver support group like no other. Come out to Sprout in Little Falls while you help a chef prepare a meal that you can take home for you and your loved one. Enjoy conversation with other caregivers, led by a Social Worker from Horizon Health. Registration is required to make sure we have enough food. Call Kelsey at 320-468-2788 for more information.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Sep 20-22, in Alexandria, MN and Oct 4-6, in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496.

**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!