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## Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King

November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2018

The Lord is King; He is robed in majesty!

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**FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR**  
Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.  
**MICHAEL PEKAR - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE**  
Michael's office hours are Thurs, Buckman 2-4p.m.

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Nov. 26	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Nov. 27	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Austin
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Nov. 28	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Millie Gruber
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Deceased members of John & Betty Gast family
Thursday	Nov. 29	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Sue Hoheisel
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Nov. 30	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Deceased Members of King & Andrea Family
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Florentine Hartmann
Saturday	Dec. 1	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Roger H. Bednar (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Dec. 2	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Donnie Pohlkamp

**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 Pastoral Associate:** Brrrr it is cold outside. Heavy winter coat time. Time to find that winter hat. Brrrr. Man, the Vikings stunk it up on offense against the Bears. I am really not ready to face winter yet. But you know what we just had Thanksgiving and we all have a lot to be thankful for. I am thankful that I can afford a nice winter coat when there are many people who cannot. All of us have many things to thank God for: our health, family, but most of all that God has saved each and every one of us and continues to give us abundant gifts of Himself in the Eucharist and the overflowing gifts of the Holy Spirit, if we but just ask. So let us continue to give praise and thanks to God, not just on Thanksgiving Day, not just on Sunday, but every day. When someone opens a door for us, we say thank you. It is not a big deal, but it certainly is appreciated for it acknowledges the effort spent to help us. God does a whole lot more than open a door for us each day. Let us be sure to thank Him.. ~~~ Michael Pekar

P.S. Another thing to be thankful for. The Vikings did not lose on Thanksgiving Day.

### AREA EVENTS:

\***Holy Trinity PTO hosting *St Nick Night Boutique*** on Wed., Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> from 3:30-7:30p.m. in the school gym. Over 45 vendors and crafters and food booth on site.

\***Immaculate Conception Church - Rice, Annual Cookie, Candy and Gift Sale** Sat. Dec 8<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. - 6:30p.m. Let us do your holiday baking for you. You fill the provided container with your assortment of cookies and candy for \$7/pound. Browse for special gifts from the vendors present including handmade creations and home business products.

\***The Church of Saint Boniface - Cold Spring** on Sat., Dec. 1st 9-11 am is hosting an Advent event titled **Advantageous**. Deepen your prayer life with the showing of **Power In My Hands**; an 80 minute film of both simple and profound testimonies of the power of the rosary. This film is for all ages as we usher in an era of peace, harmony, and most of all hope. All are welcome!

**Social Concerns Committee** meeting on Wed. Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> 7-8p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room in Pierz.

### LOOKING HEAD:

\***Youth Masses - Sun. Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** in both parishes, with the presentation of Confirmation candidates.

\***4 Parish Mission - Sun. Jan. 13 - Wed. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>**. Our four area parishes will be hosting a time of renewal, one evening in each parish. Please pray that the Lord will bless our speaker, Glen Gauer, as well as each of us as we seek to renew our Catholic faith!

### Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

**Fri. Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Dine & Discover 11:30 to 1:** Experiencing Grief, facilitated by Roxann Storms. There will also be suggested rituals and self-care to help while grieving during the holidays. For info, contact Kristine Hoheisel, Senior Resources Director Horizon Health, 468-6451.

**Wed. Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30a.m. to 1p.m.-** Info on Veterans Benefits Presentation given by Kathy Marshik, Morrison County Veterans Service Officer. For more info, contact Kristine Hoheisel, Senior Resources Director Horizon Health, 468-6451 Fax: 320-468-6463.

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



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

Adult	\$2763.00
High School	\$ 14.00
Elementary	\$ 17.50
Plate	\$ 257.00
	\$3051.50

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

<b><u>St. Joseph's:</u></b>
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 207
Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 276
<b><u>St. Michael's:</u></b>
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 285

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

Adult	\$6165.00
High School	\$ 42.00
Elementary	\$ 24.75
Plate	\$ 294.75
	\$6526.50

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**SUNDAY - Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Lector** - Jane Funk

**Communion Ministers** - Cindy Scholl & Donna Solinger

**Servers** - Kaylee & Britney Gruber

**December Ushers** - Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber and Shane Zilka

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** Ann M. Poser passed away on November 14<sup>th</sup>. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Michael's on November 21<sup>st</sup> with burial will be at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**HELP!** We are looking for a volunteer that would be interested in doing the Lector & Communion Ministers scheduling for masses. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office at 468-6033. **Thank you!**

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*Please pray for the second grade children that will receive First Reconciliation this week at their parishes. The Sacrament of Reconciliation is a powerful experience of God's forgiveness and mercy.

\*The annual Giving Tree project is set up ready for gift givers to select tags, purchase gifts, and bring to school to support a family for Christmas. Everyone is welcome to assist with this project or provide a cash donation.

\*The HTCS Toddler Class for 3-4 year olds, not in preschool, is Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 pm in the preschool classroom. Please enter the middle doors (#2). Cost is a food shelf item or donation toward the cost of supplies.

\*Raffle Calendars are on sale in the HTCS office. \$25/calendar. 1700 calendars sold.

\*Campbell's Soup label program has ended. Please do not collect labels.

**FPSR** is looking for about 4-5 volunteers who could help wrap Christmas gifts for children on December 5<sup>th</sup>, from 5:00 p.m. until 7:30 p.m. If you are willing to help, please contact Mark Hoheisel @ 320-468-2640. Thanks so much!

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE:** Do you have 1hr a 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 1yr term, praying for 1hr any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

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

**Sat. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.- Louis & Simon Gruber

Sun.- McKenna Hoheisel & Joelle Young

**Weekday Lector:** Mary Kimman

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat.- Barb Zajac, Kristie Kroll, Sara Stumpf

Choir- Kerri Kasper Sun.- Tracy Voigt, Ryan Stangl, Marilyn Virnig

**LECTORS FOR DECEMBER:** Sat.- Al Pekarek

Sun.- Keith Marshik

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat.- John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll

Sun.- Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel,

& Jason Sadlovsky

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** Catherine M. Meyer passed away on October 29<sup>th</sup>. Mass of Christian Burial was held at St. Joseph's on November 2<sup>nd</sup> with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** During Advent, a basket for babies and young children items will be by the front side altar. Donations of diapers, blankets, clothes, money, etc. are needed. Items will be given to Pierz Food Shelf and families in need. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Questions, call 468-6070.

**PARISH FESTIVAL REPORT** is in the back of the Church & side pews, next to the door.

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

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**\*\*HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS\*\***

Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>- Jerry & Josie Huneke, Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>- Bob Waytashek, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup>- Joe & Kandice Virnig, Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>- Ken & Diane Hoheisel, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>-Karla Scheel, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>- Becky Barclay (\$35 winners) Nov. 25<sup>th</sup>- RoseAnn Kroll (\$75 Winner)

**BEST ADVENT EVER:** Free email program from Dynamic Catholic. Each day, you'll receive an email with short inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano, practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to encourage you in you faith journey. All you have to do is sign up BestAdventEver.com

**PRAYER BLANKETS:** Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients, they are also blessed by our Pastor. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105

**Hands of Hope Resource Center:** Volunteers are needed to work with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child

abuse, and general crime on our 24-hour hotline. There will be a free volunteer advocate training starting in October. For more information, call Amanda at 320-632-1657

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FESTIVAL ITEMS:** We are already looking for new items or completed baskets. You can drop it off at the parish office. \*Seasonal items make great baskets!

**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!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter:** "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;" Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact us at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496

### **Upcoming Faith in Action Events:**

**December 19<sup>th</sup>: Dine & Discover 11:30 to 1-** Information on Veterans Benefits Presentation given By: Kathy Marshik, Morrison County Veterans Service Officer. We will be focusing on health care, burial benefits, caregiver programs, nursing home, home care services, financial assistance, and adaptive equipment. The Veterans service office works with family members currently serving military personnel and veterans of all back-grounds, ages and era's.

**Caregiver Support Group:** Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month at 2pm at First United Church in Little Falls in the Fireside Room. We will be enjoying each other's company and supporting one another, as we face difficult tasks and decisions, while being a dedicated caregiver. For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

**We have added a second monthly Caregiver Support Group!** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at Horizon Health in Pierz! For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

**Kristine Hoheisel Senior Resources Director Horizon Health, Inc. Pierz 56364 320-468-6451 Fax: 320-468-6463**

### **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!

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**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." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org).