

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

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Office Hrs.: Office will be closed to the public.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 29th, 2020
“From His holy temple, the Lord has heard my voice!”

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup and Holy Cross Church of Harding all weekend Masses will be suspended until April 13, 2020

Starting soon Fr. Popp will be celebrating PRIVATE MASSES ONLY. We are going to be recording them and putting them on different outlets (our website and YouTube). We will also be ringing the bells of the church before each Mass. Fr. Popp will be saying the Mass for the intention on that day and for all the people in our local area. As time goes by, more information will be available. Thank you for your understanding!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 31 – APRIL 5, 2020

Tuesday Mar. 31 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Theresa Fischer

Wednesday April 1 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Jerome Fyten & Ione Koltes

Thursday April 2 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Ervin G. Girtz

Friday April 3 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Ron Peschel & Audreen Nagel

Saturday April 4 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

4:00 p.m. +Laura Kapsner

Sunday April 5 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Tom Hoheisel, Sue Hoheisel and Joe Malinowski

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Mar. 23 –Allen Voitalla, **Mar. 24** – Abby/Katherine Bennett, **Mar. 25** –Cindy Hedquist, **Mar. 26** –Nicole Plumski, **Mar. 27** –Robert L. Young, **Mar. 28** –Roger LeBlanc (\$35 Winners). **Mar. 29** – Greg Fuhrman

PRAY CHAPLETS: Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. We pray with praise, petition and thanksgiving. We pray to the saints to intercede for us to God in heaven for our needs. The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office- Pierz entryway and St. Michael’s church- Buckman in the side entry. Chaplets are private devotions prayed on beads. They should be prayed every day. There is Power in Prayer.

PRAY BLANKETS: Looking for a great gift! Pray Blankets are available in the Parish Office- Pierz entryway. They can give comfort to the sick & suffering. Questions, call Kathy at 468-2105.

UPDATE ON CONFESSIONS: Fr. Ken Popp will not be hearing confessions during the Lenten season until further notice due to health concerns.

POPE FRANCIS’S PRAYER TO MARY DURING CORONA VIRUS PANDEMIC:

O Mary, you always shine on our path as a sign of salvation and of hope. We entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick, who at the cross took part in Jesus’ pain, keeping your faith firm.

You, Salvation of the Roman People, know what we need, and we are sure you will provide so that, as in Cana of Galilee, we may return to joy and to feasting after this time of trial.

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform to the will of the Father and to do as we are told by Jesus who has taken upon himself our sufferings and carried our sorrows to lead us, through the cross, to the joy of the resurrection. Amen.

Under your protection, we seek refuge, Holy Mother of God. Do not disdain the entreaties of we who are in trial, but deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin.

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:

Fr. David will hear confessions at Lastrup and Harding:

Tues. March 31st @ 6:00 p.m. St. John Nepomuk-Lastrup

Wed. April 1st @ 6:30 p.m. Holy Cross-Harding

Fri. April 3rd @ 6:30 p.m. Holy Cross-Harding

Sat. April 4th @ 3:00 p.m. St. John Nepomuk-Lastrup

PATRIOTIC ROSARY, in light of the Coronavirus and Flu symptoms, we will not be praying the Patriotic Rosary on the 15th of the month in church as a group. Please pray it at home with your families anytime on the 15th of March. If you have a Patriotic Rosary booklet us that, otherwise there are some in the south entrance of the church to take home and pray the rosary. *Please join us! Thank you!*

SERVERS PARTY: That is sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, has been canceled and will be rescheduled for a later date.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH TRUSTEES:

As we are all aware, the recent Coronavirus Pandemic has discontinued all of our Masses and church activities until after Easter Sunday. However, all of our financial responsibilities still need to be taken care of. It is of the utmost importance that our parishes maintain regular weekly incomes so we can continue paying all our regular monthly bills. We are asking all of our parishioners to continue their financial support of their parish using their regular Sunday and Easter envelopes and mailing them to the parish office at St. Joseph’s & St. Michael’s Parish Office, P.O. Box 428, Pierz MN 56364 or you can set up electronically fund transfers. You can go to our website to find the form or you can pick one up in the entries of both churches and parish office. Thank you for your support! ~ St. Joseph’s (Harold Meyer & Joanne Broschofsky) & St. Michael’s (Bill Andres & Roger Janson) Trustees.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

ST. MICHAEL'S C M/W MEETING: Will be reschedule for a later date. Questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

ST. MICHAEL'S C M/W - Quilt Raffle: UPDATE, Due to the cancellation of the Quilt Bingo because of the Corona virus, we postponed the Stitched Quilt Raffle from March 15 to March 29th. We will draw at 11 am on Sunday, March 29th. Please get all of your raffle books, SOLD OR UNSOLD, that were sent out previously, back to either Janel Meyer, Sherry Andres, Janice Janson or drop off at the parish office or put in the Sunday collection plate. Questions call Janel at 468-6503. Thank You. Whether we even have a Quilt Bingo in the future is all uncertain at this time, but we will have the raffle. Thanks, Janel Meyer

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*The organizations of Holy Trinity School and FPSR have joined together to purchase Formed.org. FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere. Supporting thousands of movies, children's programs, ebooks, audio, parish programs and studies direct to your browser, mobile or connected device.

To begin: Go to Formed.org; Sign up; I belong to a parish or organization; Find Holy Trinity Catholic School; Enter your name and email You now have access to 100's of faith development resources to use with your family and yourself.

Enjoy! Mrs. M & M and Julie LaFlamme

*All events planned at this time are postponed.

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

**Loving and healing God*, we, the people turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

CANCELLATIONS:

***Catholic United Financial Ham Bingo**, St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman on Sun. Mar. 29th.

***The Journey with Jesus to Calvary** play that was going to be at St. Francis of Assisi church April 1, 4 & 5

***Horizon Health** and its divisions have decided to postpone all events until the government has advised it is clear to resume them. These events will be postponed and rescheduled for a later date: Dine and Discover, Soul Food, Designer Purse BINGO, Dementia Training, Morrison County Caregiver and Senior Resource Class, Job Fairs Scheduled to Attend. If you have any questions about any events that may be happening, please call us directly at 320-468-6451 or email at Outreach@horizonhealthservices.com

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY will be celebrated at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on Sun, April 19, from 1–4pm. We are pleased to announce the schedule: 1pm Opening Liturgy, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Fr. Doug Liebsch presents "*Power of Forgiveness*" 2pm Heather and Dan Pfannenstien present "*An Unexpected Journey*" 3pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fr. Matthew Crane Presents "*A Personal Encounter with Mercy*", Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions with several priests from 1 – 4pm. All are welcome.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER: We postponed the raffle drawing to June 19th, and canceled the German Dinner. People who purchased dinner ticket will receive a refund. Thank you for your understanding.

APRIL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S MEETING

The decision has been made to cancel our Christian Mothers/Women's April 1st Salad Supper/meeting. At this point, I am unsure if we will reschedule. If not, please mark your calendars for our next meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 8th. If we reschedule the April meeting, I will be sure and let you know. Any questions feel free to text or call me, Barb Zajac at 320-310-3267. Peace and God's blessings to all during this difficult time.

DONUTS & COFFEE: Thank you to everyone that helped with our Donut Sundays. We will be ending our season early this year. We will be looking forward to seeing you again starting in September. If there are any groups interested in serving, please contact Kathy Etzel @ 468-2105.

Listening to the Word of God 5th Sun. of Lent March 29TH

Readings, found on <http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

Ezekiel 37:12-14 / Romans 8:8-11 / John 11:1-45

Second Reading Romans 8:8-11

1) If Spirit of God must dwell in us then we will experience the Resurrection to Life with God and all the living. What are ways we receive the Holy Spirit?

2) What are ways we show the Holy Spirit is living within us?
Gospel Reading John 11:1-45

1) In John it is stated that Jesus loves Lazarus, and yet Jesus does not hurry to his rescue. Has there been a time in your life when it seems God has waited a long time, perhaps too long in your own opinion? Why might God do this?

First Reading Ezekiel 37:12-14

1) In light of the Gospel and the 2nd Reading which line from Ezekiel strikes you the most? Why?

A) "I will put my spirit in you that you may live,..."

B) "I have promised, and I will do it, says the LORD."

WANT TO FIND A MASS? Pre Saint-Cloud Diocese Website Local Access Cable Channels: All "viewers in our diocese and beyond can watch the Mass on KSTC-TV at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number).

*Tri-City Cable Channel 10 – Aired 10:30 a.m. Sundays

*WRAC Channel 8 – Aired 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays

*Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) - Midco - Channel 73, Mediacom - Channel 094, Dish - Channel 261, DirecTV - Channel 370

Radio Stations:

KLTF Radio 960 AM – 9:00 a.m. Sunday

KYES Radio 1180 AM – 9:00 a.m. Sundays

WVAL Radio 800 AM – 10:30 a.m. Sundays

KEYL Radio 1400 AM – 10:00 a.m. Sundays