

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord
 April 21st, 2019
 I have risen, and am with you still!

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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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APR. 22nd – APR. 28th

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| Monday | April 22 | |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| Tuesday | April 23 | |
| Pierz | 8:00 a.m. | Word/Communion Service (NO MASS) |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| Wednesday | April 24 | |
| Buckman | 8:00 a.m. | Word/Communion Service (NO MASS) |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. | +Harvey Otremba |
| Thursday | April 25 | |
| Buckman | 8:00 a.m. | Word/Communion Service (NO MASS) |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| Friday | April 26 | |
| Pierz | 8:30 a.m. | +Phil & Cora Thielen |
| Buckman | 8:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. | +Reinard Langer |
| Saturday | April 27 | |
| Pierz | 4:30 p.m. | +Jerry Fischer (Adult Choir) |
| Sunday | April 28 | |
| Pierz | 8:00 a.m. | +Millie Gruber (Children's Choir) |
| Buckman | 10:00 a.m. | For the People of the Parishes /1 st Communion Mass |

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

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| Adult | \$3760.00 |
| High School | \$ 8.00 |
| Elementary | \$ 22.75 |
| Plate | \$ 186.00 |
| | \$3976.75 |

Thank you for your generosity!
 Mass attendance **Apr. 14th** -Sun. 10 a.m.-381

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

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| Adult | \$6264.00 |
| High School | \$ 14.00 |
| Elementary | \$ 20.07 |
| Plate | \$ 423.25 |
| | \$6721.32 |

Thank you for your generosity
Apr. 13th & 14th Mass attendance –
 Sat. 4:30 p.m.-281 Sun. 8:00 a.m.-350

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Apr. 15-Denise & Darren Girtz, **Apr. 16**-Patty & Fredrickson, **Apr. 17**-Billie Kimman, **Apr. 18**-Dean Scholl, **Apr. 19**-LaVern Talberg, **Apr. 20**-Ashley Toops (\$35 winners) **Apr. 21**-Hannah Hoheisel (\$75 Winner).

**Fr. Ken Popp will be attending Debra Meyer-Myrum award ceremony in Chicago from April 22-25.

FROM THE PASTOR: This past week, we saw the shocking images on our TV's and other devices of the reality of what happened on April 15th to the Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, France. Let us pray for the Catholic community and all Christians in that area that they have the grace and courage to move forward in Easter faith.

On an exciting note, Debra Meyer-Myrum will receive the 2019 **"Lead, Learn, Proclaim Award"** from the NCEA for her dedication and commitment to excellence in Catholic Education. This award will be presented to her this Tuesday, April 23rd (Easter week) in Chicago. *Congratulations, Debra, on your award!*

Also, I want to thank Fr. Lurn Virnig for helping out again this Holy Week at St. Michael's Church. We are all truly grateful for our retired priests for their time that they share with us.

May you all have a Blessed and Joyful Easter season. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

2019 BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP: Join Bishop Kettler, Joe McTighe, former executive director of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) and other Catholic school supporters from throughout the diocese, on Wed. May 1st from 8-9am, Gorecki Center, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph. Interested in reserving a seat, or hosting a table? Please contact Alice at 320-258-7656 or acoudron@gw.stcdio.org.

A HUGE THANK YOU to all, in both parishes, who gave of their time and talent to make our Holy Week and Easter services wonderful celebrations ~ Lectors, Servers, Choirs, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Decorators and all those behind the scenes (**GREAT JOB!**) Thank you!

THANK YOU for your parishes' generous contribution to World Mission Sunday. We appreciate all the energy and effort that you put forth in the promotion of this global connection of solidarity. *Thank you from St. Cloud Diocese.*

POPE FRANCIS has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, helps to preserve sacred shrines and offer religious education. Please be generous!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN. Apr. 28th @ 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Children

Communion Minister: Deb Hall, Bob Lochner, Todd Caddy, Connie Kieffer, Carolyn Andres, Alice Nordmann

Servers: Avery & Clare Gruber

May Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

****CHOIR NEWS:** Practice will be Tues., Apr. 23rd @ 7:15p.m. and we will be singing on Sun. Apr. 28th.

CHRISTIAN M/W will meet on Thurs, April 25th in the parish center at St. Michael's @ 6:30 p.m. Groups 9 & 10 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions, call Patty @ 468-2487.

FPSR (Father Pierz School of Religion):

*Random Acts of Kindness Night for Youth Group on Wed., April 24th from 6pm-8pm at FPSR!

*FPSR Garage Sale during Pierz garage sale days at 307 Vincent Street N. Come and support the students going to Steubenville.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Registration is open for the 2019-20 school year.

*The last Toddler Class for the school year is Wednesday, April 24th @ 6pm in the HTCS preschool room. All are welcome!

*Thank you to our office staff for all the behind the scenes work they do this week of Office Appreciation!

*Volunteer appreciation is on Friday, April 26th starting with liturgy at 8:30. Thank you, volunteers, for all you do to support all of the HTCS events and activities.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.

Dine and Discover – Vascular Dementia: On Wed., April 24th form 11: 30a.m-1p.m. Horizon Center-Pierz. Come pack your luggage and travel with Michele on a road trip through the difficult journey of Vascular Dementia. Learn what the journey looks like for those with vascular dementia. Gain insight on what tools you need to pack to support individuals on their journey. Michele Henifin brings over twenty years of experience gained through education, training and life experiences. For more infor or to register contact Kristine at 468-6451 or khoheisel@horizonhealthservices.com.

Divine Mercy Service: April, 28th @ 2:00 p.m. @ Holy Cross Church, Harding. Fr. Greg Poser will be our speaker. The service also includes: Adoration, Song, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Prayers for Healing, and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Everyone is Welcome

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, hosting the 12th annual Franciscan Girls Camp, Tues., June 4th, 10a.m. – Thurs., June 6th, 6p.m. in Assisi Park, located at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities, camfire, prayer and singing. For more info., call Sr Ange Mayers @ 320-632-0680.

HAPPY EASTER FORM
THE STAFF OF ST. JOSEPH'S &
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH.
WE HOPE YOU HAVE A
SAFE AND BLESSED EASTER DAY!



ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***SAT. Apr. 27th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN Apr. 28th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat. – Rachel & Kahlee Kasper

Sun. – Anna Hoheisel & Jayden Zajac

Weekday Lector: – Al Pekarek

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY: Sat.- Marvin Kimman, Keith Marshik, Sara Stumpf, Choir-Michelle Litke, Sun.-Jo Loidolt, Lois and Dan Waytashek.

LECTORS FOR MAY: Sat.-Colleen Lucking
Sun.-Karen Gross

USHERS FOR MAY: Sat.-Dale Przybilla, Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner Sun.-Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Tom Albrecht, Bob Thielen

****YOUTH CHOIR** will sing on Sun., April 28th at 8am. Practice on Wed., April 24th from 6-7pm. Choir practice and Mass practice will follow on Wed., April 24th. All boys and girls ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE is in need of a book shelf. If you have one you wouldn't mind donating or if someone is willing to make one, please contact Michelle at the parish office 468-6033. There is one in the basement to look at to know what we are looking for. *Thank you!*

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL is looking for 1-2 people to be part of a committee. This committee meets 3 times per year to come up with ideas for Catholic United Financial. Must be a member of CUF. Interested candidates should contact Mark Hoheisel @ 320-468-2640. ***CUF** will meet on May 15th @10:30 a.m. in Father Pierz School of Religion. All are welcome to attend.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND GERMAN DINNER: A reminder that our Building & Maintenance Fund Raffle and German Dinner is this coming Friday, April 26th starting with social hour at 5:30p.m. Raffle tickets will be available until drawing time. Dinner tickets are available up to Easter Sunday. ***Hoping and praying for a successful event!***

THANK YOU! to everyone that helped with our donut Sundays. We look forward to seeing you again starting in September. If there is any groups interested in serving, please contact Kathy Etzel @468-2105.

RESCHEDULED - Parish festival Chairs and Co-chairs meeting. It will be this Tues., April 23rd at 6pm in the church basement. I would like to see all chairs/co-chairs that night due to multiple discussions that could take place. Please let me know if you are able or unable to attend. Thank you, Crystal Ratke 320-630-8952

CEMETERY CLEANING: With warmer weather, the cemetery will be cleaned in the near future. Please remove any decorations/flowers you wish to keep. Thank you.

CLEAN UP DAY: Clean-up day for residents of Agram, Buckman, Buh, Granite, Hillman, Leigh, Mt Morris and Pierz Townships on April 27th 8 a.m. - noon. @ the Rich Prairie Livestock Yard.

Prayer Team Volunteers Needed at the St. Cloud Hospital

– Prayer Team volunteers work in conjunction with hospital chaplains to bring intercessory prayer to pre-determined patients and their families. We meet Tues and Thurs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Please prayerfully consider being a Prayer Team volunteer. Contact the Spiritual Care Office at 320-251-2700, ext. 54621 or email, wiehoffb@centracare.com for more information.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.) Victim Assistance Advocate for St. Joseph is Tom Klecker: (320) 253-2866.

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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

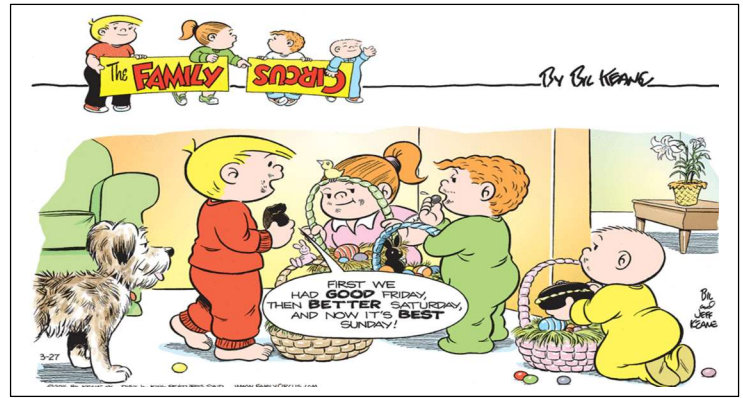
"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - *husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter*. Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 5-7, in Baxter and Sep 20-22 in Alexandria. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

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!

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

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!



Easter Quote for Pope John Paul the II.

