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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chettoor

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.

<https://stjohnslastrup.org/> 320-468-2111

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29th – DECEMBER 4th

Tuesday, November 29

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Florentine Hartmann

9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)

Wednesday, November 30

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Dennis Welle

7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, December 1

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Fr. Sylvester Gall, +Joseph & Agnes Gall

9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)

Friday, December 2 – HT School Mass: Mrs. Lanner's 2nd Grade Class

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Kurt S. Schomer

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

9:30 a.m. Villa +Lea Marie Block (*Mass only for Residents*)

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, December 3

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Elaine Robinson (*Adult Choir*)

Sunday, December 4 – Presentation of Confirmation Candidates

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Lyann Quade, & For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Raymond & Julianna Kahl

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult	\$ 2,596.00
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 8.00
Plate	<u>\$ 204.00</u>
	\$ 2,809.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **November 20th** Sunday: 210

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult	\$ 6,965.00
High School	\$ 35.25
Elementary	\$ 21.05
Plate	<u>\$ 750.00</u>
	\$ 7,771.30

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **November 19th** Saturday: 419

Mass attendance **November 20th** Sunday: 175

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

- 11/20/22 \$75 Mary Jo Schaefer
- 11/21/22 \$35 Gregg & Kristi (Emma) Marshik
- 11/22/22 \$35 Carol Medek
- 11/23/22 \$35 Greg Pohlkamp
- 11/24/22 \$200 Gerard Kimman
- 11/25/22 \$35 Dan & Maureen Belsito
- 11/26/22 \$35 Greg Stangl

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m. Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

From the Pastor: I hope everyone had a good Thanksgiving. This weekend is the first weekend of Advent. The first weekend of advent symbolizes hope. We begin the Advent season by getting ready for the birth of Jesus. I would also like to thank everyone who joined us for the 4:30 Mass on November 19th with the Sonar Worship Band. They sure were a great group to listen to. ~ **Fr. Ken Popp**

LOOKING AHEAD: Thursday, December 8th is The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. Masses times are 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's-Pierz and 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's-Buckman.

THE RITE OF CHRISTIANS INITIATION OF ADULTS: R.C.I.A. is a process by which an adult becomes a Catholic. It involves the movement of the Holy Spirit, prayer, reflection, growing in faith (ideally with others on the journey), and the support of the community through sponsorship, private and liturgical prayer. It is a process which begins with the inquiry stage, where someone who is inquiring about the faith has their questions and concerns answered. If you are interested in maybe joining the Catholic Church and becoming a member of St. Michael's in Buckman, St. Joseph's in Pierz, St. John's in Lastrup, or Holy Cross in Harding, please contact Michael Pekar (320) 468-2316 or (320) 221-1134, If you know of someone who might be interested and might appreciate a call to ask if they are interested in joining the Catholic faith, call the above number.

ROSARY: We will be gathering on December 8th at 1 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman to pray the rosary in honor of Our Lady Blessed Mother Mary. All are welcome to join!

PRAYER BLANKETS: Prayer blankets are available at the parish office entry way in Pierz and at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick and suffering. When receiving a prayer blanket, they know that they are not alone, but covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then Father blesses them. There is a Mass said each month for everyone who has a prayer blanket.

PIERZ VILLA: Now that covid restrictions are starting to ease up a little in healthcare, Pierz Villa is welcoming volunteers who would like to help out while enriching the lives of nursing home residents and at the same time having fun yourself. Contact Joanie in Activities if you would like to be a part of the fun environment at Pierz Villa. Or fill out an employment application if you're interested in a paid position. We have a cook position open as well as nursing opportunities.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., DEC. 4 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Confirmation Students

Communion Ministers: Cindy Scholl & Jill Hoheisel

Servers: Ellie & Westin Hoheisel

Ushers for Dec.: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice is Monday, November 28th at 9:00 a.m., and Saturday, December 3rd at 9:00 a.m. Choir will sing on Sunday, December 4th.

ST. NICHOLAS: This holiday season Saint Nicholas sends you a gift of Peace & Happiness. He will be visiting with children after 10AM mass in Buckman on December 4.

ALL DAY ADORATION: There will be adoration from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Wednesday, December 14 at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. To sign up for an hour, call Patty at 468-2487.

POINSETTIAS: If you would like to donate red or white poinsettia(s) in memory of loved ones, to be used for decorating the St. Michael's Church for Christmas, please contact Jane (320)630-6854 by December 9.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 468-6148.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

***GIVING TREE-** Reminder to turn in tags with the gifts, unwrapped, by Friday, December 2. Thank you for supporting and helping out!

***RAFFLE CALENDARS-** Raffle calendars are on sale. Contact any HT family member or the office to purchase.

***JARED'S TOY DRIVE-** Jared Tomala was a student at HT when he passed away. Jared's dream was to ensure that children and families at Children's Hospital of Mpls and the Ronald McDonald House were able to have a merry Christmas, even under the hardest of times. A box has been set up at HT, as well as around the community for donations. Please consider donating to this great cause!

***BABY HATS-** HTCS creates special bags for our local parish baptisms. We are looking for those who are able to knit baby hats (booties are optional!). If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office.

***COFFEE-** Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*Nov. 30 - JH/SH Movie Night 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

*Dec. 3 (Sat.) - Fill the Truck Event at Walmart 10a.m.- 2p.m.

*Dec. 4 (Sun.) - Youth Masses in all 4 parishes

*Dec. 4 - Toy Bingo Fundraiser 2-4 p.m. at Holy Trinity Gym

AREA NEWS:

***KC Breakfast, St Joseph Heritage Hall, St. Joseph,** Sunday, December 4, 8:30 am-NOON. \$10 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 6-12. We are now accepting credit cards.

***Advent/Christmas Concert, Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud,** Sunday, December 11 at 12:00 p.m. Music by Holy Spirit Church, St. Anthony's Church and Newman Center Adult Choirs. There will be traditional Christmas music for the whole family. This event is free and open to the public.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: November 29th: Jan Dahmen

SAT., DEC. 3 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN., DEC. 4 @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat.- Jan Dahmen, Keith Marshik & Grace Stumpf. **Choir** - Kerri Kasper

Sun. - Wanda Kapsner, Jo Loidolt & Mary Tschida

Servers: Sat. - Catherine & Maria Wehseler

Sun. - Madelyn & Garrett Kessler

Lectors for Dec.: Sat.- Al Pekarek, **Sun.-** Gwen Gruber

Ushers for December: Sat. - John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll. **Sun.** - Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Anessa Lee, daughter of Randy Lust and Katelyn Fuhrman, was baptized on Sunday, November 20th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Dianne Thommes passed away on November 10th. A Memorial Mass was held on Wednesday, November 16th at St. Joseph's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

DONUT & COFFEE SUNDAY: We look forward to seeing you at donut Sunday at St. Joseph's on Sunday, December 4th after 8:00 Mass.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER, During Advent a basket is by front side altar. Needed for babies and young children are diapers, blankets, clothes, money donations, etc. Items will be taken to Pierz Food Shelf and given to families in need. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Questions call 468-6070. Thank you.

LECTOR SCHEDULE: There are copies of the latest lector schedule ready to pick up in the sacristy.

CM/W: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women are looking for a Vice President. It is a great opportunity to be involved in your parish. Please pray on this and if interested, call Marilyn at 320-630-9321.

ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting on Monday, November 28th at 1 pm and Thursday, December 1st at 9 am. Come and go as you can. Again, we are looking for quilt tops. We do have some that need some finishing touches. Any help is much appreciated. Questions call Eileen 320-360-2434 or Chris 320-468-2164.

SHELVING NEEDED: The ladies of St. Joseph's Quilting Circle are in need of open shelving. If anyone wants to donate a shelf, please call the parish office at 468-6033.

PRAYER LINE: If you have a prayer line intention, please call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.



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WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: You've celebrated a few anniversaries...maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 4-5, 2023 in Saint Paul, MN and Feb 10-12, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

TEC RETREATS: What is a TEC Retreat? How Do I sign up? TEC – Together Encountering Christ is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery - the Easter message of death, resurrection and sending forth. Youth will often credit TEC for giving meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend. For information and registration details, visit the website at www.cmtec.org or call (320)532.4455.

INVITATION TO THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY: The Christian Mothers/Women invite you to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. This spiritual journey is a journey of the host family in union with prayer partners. The host family invites The blessed Holy Family picture into their home and commits to praying the chaplet of the Holy Family each day for a week. The chaplet takes about seven minutes. Prayer partners in union with the host family petition the Holy Family to intercede for the intentions of the host family, by praying the chaplet each day. To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at 320-290-1579.