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First Sunday of Lent
 March 10th, 2019
 One does not live by bread alone!

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Office Hrs.: Mon., Wed. & Thurs.
 9a.m.- 4p.m., Tues. 9a.m.-2p.m.

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. in Buckman 2-4p.m.

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3515.00
High School	\$ 24.00
Elementary	\$ 25.00
Plate	<u>\$ 98.25</u>
	\$3662.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Feb 24th Mass attendance – Sunday 10a.m -192

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$6982.25
High School	\$ 20.00
Elementary	\$ 24.00
Plate	<u>\$ 395.00</u>
	\$7421.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Feb. 24th Mass attendance – Sat. 4:30p.m. -313
 Sun. 8:00a.m. -179

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAR. 11th – MAR. 17th

Monday	March 11	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	March 12	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Don Braun
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	March 13	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Julianna Kahl
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Clyde M. Stangl
Buckman	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	March 14	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Jim Spiczka
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	March 15	
Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Ed & Hildegard Kimman
Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Romell Welle
Pierz	4:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Saturday	March 16	
Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Tom & Sue Hoheisel (Adult Choir)
Sunday	March 17	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Steven E. Bayer (Folk Group)
Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Jim Bauer

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Mar 4.- Mark & Meggan Dziejewczynski,
Mar. 5 – Shelby Janson, **Mar. 6 –** Ashley Toops, **Mar. 7 –** Karen Gruber, **Mar. 8 –** Aletha Cruz, **Mar. 9 –** Greg Gaspard (\$35 winners) **Mar. 10 –** Tim Watcrott (\$75 Winner).

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

People who are perfect Christians don't need Lent, but the rest of us do. We need to fast and use the time saved for more prayer and used the money saved to feed those for whom fasting is not a choice. If we can give more we need to give more. We need to beg the Father and give the Holy Spirit the permission to change us, so that we are a better Christian come Easter than we are today.

~ Michael Pekar

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES:

Tues. Mar. 12th @ 12:00 p.m. Pierz
 Wed. Mar. 13th @ 12:00 p.m. Pierz
 Sat. Mar. 16th @ 10:00 a.m. Buckman

QUILT SHOW, on Thurs., Mar. 14th from 12:30-2:00 p.m. in the meeting rooms at the Villa. We will feature quilts that have been stitched and tied by the St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women for the Bingo/Raffle on Sun. the 17th. The community is invited to come and see!

AREA EVENTS:

***Senior Citizen Bingo:** Thurs. Mar., 21st after 8:00 mass in St. Michael's Parish Hall. Short meeting after for the transition of officers to volunteers.

***Koinonia Retreat in Little Falls** on March 22nd-24th. For more info., email cmkoinonia@gmail.com

***Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** on March 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th and 12th. Menu includes: coleslaw, baked potato, baked beans, dinner rolls & beverages. Prices: Adult-\$9, children 12 and under-\$5, under 4-free. Hours: 5-7p.m. Takeout orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7:30).

March is FoodShare Month: All donations received are increased by donation through Minnesota FoodShare. An extra can of soup, veggies, or cereal purchased during your weekly grocery shopping trip will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the Pierz Area Food shelf and mail to P.O. Box 383, Pierz, and your donation is tax deductible. The Pierz Food Shelf hours are 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM on Mon, or call 320-468-7134 for info. The Pierz Area Food Shelf located behind the Pierz Fire Hall. Thank you for joining in the efforts to end hunger in our community.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN. Mar. 17th @ 10:00 a.m. :**

Lector: Jane Funk

Communion Minister: Cindy Scholl & Kay Pappenfus

Servers: David Popp & Jake Andres

March Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

SM'S PRAYER LINE: Those needing prayers, please call Mary Malinowski at 468-6148 or Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781. Those willing to pray for people can call Mary Brenny.

QUILT BINGO: We are selling chances on a Queen-sized, hand stitched quilt in shades of blue that will be raffled off at the Quilt Bingo on Sunday, March 17th. All members have chances to sell. If you need more chance books, contact Janel Meyer.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP! Join Bishop Kettler, Joe McTighe, executive Director of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE), and other Catholic school supporters from throughout the diocese, at this year's Breakfast with the Bishop on May 1. Make a gift to CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND, an endowed fund to assist Catholic students grades 1 through 8. Interested in reserving a seat, or hosting a table? Call Alice at 320-258-7656, or email: ACoudron@catholicfoundation.info

FPSR 468-2640:

*Is now accepting donations for our garage sale to be held at the end of April. WE are accepting good used items that can be sold at our sale. If you would like to donate please drop off donations at Father Pierz of contact Jesse Zajac @ 320-468-2640. All proceeds go toward our Steubenville trip in July. Thanks for your support!

MASS SERVERS ANNUAL PARTY: March 26th 3-5 p.m. @ Pierz Bowling Center. Sponsored by the KC. All bowling & snack will be provided.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Registration for the 2019-20 school year begins in March.

*The school carnival will be Sun., Mar. 10th. Mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are for sale. See you at the carnival for a wonderful day of fun and visiting!

*2019-20 Preschool Open House is Tues., Mar. 12th @ 6pm in the preschool classroom. This event provides an opportunity for families to visit Holy Trinity and discover what the school can provide for your child and family.

*The students will be attending the Stations of the Cross at 8:30 am on Wed, March 13th. Everyone is welcome to join us.

*Toddlers Have Class is Wed., Mar., 13th @ 6pm. Children ages 2-4 are invited to attend with an adult.

*2019-20 Kindergarten Date Night – Open House is Tues., Mar. 26th @ 6pm in the gym and kindergarten classroom.

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

Theology on Tap: Come grow in your faith over the Lenten season, and build connections with other young adults in their 20s and 30s. Next Theology on Tap, Thurs, March 21 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7pm. Our speaker Tom Kuehn will give a talk about fatherhood and building strong Catholic families at 8:00. He will also be sharing copies of his book "Regrets of Lost Fatherhood". We hope to see you there!

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***FRI. Mar. 15th @ 4:00 p.m. (STATIONS OF THE CROSS)**

Servers: Ellie & Tyler Fischer

***SAT. Mar. 16th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. Mar. 17th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat.- Joey & Brandon Stuckmayer

Sun.- Madelyn Kessler & Kahlee Kasper

Weekday Lector: – Mary Kimman

****NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Henry Michael, son of Andrew & Jennifer Kapsner was baptized March 2nd. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

ADULT CHOIR: practice Thursday March, 14th @ 10:00 a.m.

PARISH FINANCE MEETING: Tues, Mar, 12th @6:30p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tues, Mar, 12th @ 7:30p.m.

PIERZ COUNTRY NE GROUP, will be tying quilts Saturday March, 23rd starting @ 8:00 a.m.

“St Joseph’s Quilt Circle” will be stitching a quilt on Tues. Mar. 12th starting at 1 pm. Anyone is welcome to work on quilts anytime on their own. Instructions will be available as to how the quilt is being sewn. New sewers are welcome. We will teach. It really is quite easy. We make it a fun social event.

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

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S LENTEN GOSPEL

REFLECTIONS: For a copy, contact Mary Kay Pekar, \$3 each, call; 468-2316 or email@ 02mmpekar5@gmail.com

Michael Pekar will Introduce the Catholic Approach to the Bible: March 24th, 31st, April 7th and 14th at 7 p.m. at Pierz parish office lower level. Session will run approximately 90 min. For more info. contact Michael at (320) 221-1134. (April 14th will be at 5 p.m. or a different date, or double up on the 7th) *Thank you! Come and learn more about your faith!*

ADORATION CHAPEL: We are always looking for people who would like to do a Holy Hour. You are always welcome to stop and visit Jesus and what a nice gift to give him for Lent. Any questions call Hilde 8-2649, or Jan 8-2578

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Please support our Diocesan Mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. www.stedio.org.

MOST HOLY EUCHARIST PARISH MISSION: Please join us from Mar. 16-18 from 7-8:30p.m., at St. Elizabeth's, Brennyville, with speaker, Raymond DeSouza. 3 talks on the Mass and the most Holy Eucharist. Vatican International Exhibition Eucharistic Miracles of the World on display. Doors open at 6p.m.

THANK YOU! The parishes of the Diocese of St. Cloud extends a tremendous “Thank you!” to who made Safe Haven Sunday possible and to the parishioners for their support. Just because Safe Haven Sunday is over for this year, it doesn't mean our efforts to make our home safe havens is over. Stay informed at <http://omf.stedio.org/pornography/>, and learn more about how to protect and guide your family and friends.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County is accepting applications for Habitat homeownership program. Completed applications must be returned no later than March 14th by 4p.m. You must have currently lived in Morrison County for at least 1 year. Call the Habitat office @ 320-616-2084 for more info. or an application. Thank You!

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your location EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2019 to be processed for benefits for the 2018-2019 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance>

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!

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!

GRIEF GROUP: There is a group for parents grieving their child(ren). It is an informal group made up of people who have experienced the death of a child. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Convent, dates are Thurs: Mar. 21st, Apr. 18th, May 16th, June 20th, and July 18th. For further info or questions, call Maryrose @ 320-360-1468

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.

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