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## Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Give thanks to the Lord, Call on His Name!

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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	Dec. 31	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Viola T. Stangl (Adult Choir)
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Jan. 1</b>	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Marcia M. Athman ( <b>Holy Day of Obligation</b> ) (Folk Group)
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b>		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Millie Gruber
Wednesday	Jan. 2	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Barbara Storkamp
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Viola Stangl
		<b>Pierz</b>	<b>7:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Knights of Columbus Mass</b>
Thursday	Jan. 3	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+David Herold
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Jan. 4	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Fr. Bernard Kahlhamer
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Theresa Fischer
Saturday	Jan. 5	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Wendy & Lorraine Voigt (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Jan. 6	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Nathan Winscher

**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:** First, I would like to thank everyone for their gifts, Christmas Cards, prayers and wishes. It is really appreciated. --- Second, in many of the conversations I have had in the last few weeks, it is interesting how often the following concept has come up in different ways. The concept is that "as challenging as it might be, it is important for everyone once in a while to step back and look at the BIG picture." There were really three BIG pictures that people were talking about and I believe that we all need to reflect on all of them from time to time, or we can find ourselves floating down the river of regret and busyness. One big picture is the big picture of our LIFE. Another big picture is how God has worked in our life, or phrased another way, our relationship with God. A third big picture is how our humble, loving, God became one of us to save us. This week at Mass there will be someone talking about the Parish Retreat that is coming up. This would be a great time to reflect upon the BIG pictures and what really is important in our life. I cannot think of a better way to start off the year 2019. Everyone, continue to have a Merry and Holy Christmas. ~~~ Michael Pekar

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

\* Jan. 7-10<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Popp will be attending a priest retreat.

\*\***CHILDREN ENVELOPES** will be in the back of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's Church. Please pick your envelopes. **Thank you!**

**FOUR PARISH MISSION:** Sun., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Wed., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Our four area parishes will be hosting a time of renewal, one evening in each parish. Our speaker, Glen Gauer.

### **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*School resumes on Wednesday, January 2<sup>nd</sup>.

\*Holy Trinity will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. We will have a supply on hand. Holy Trinity will make \$3 on each bag sold and \$10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

\***Coffee & Donuts, St. Joseph's Church - Pierz,** after 8:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup>! Hosted by Confirmation students!

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** Retreat *Following Jesus: The Path of Holiness—Joyful and Challenging*, will be held Mon-Fri, Jan 14-18, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Father David Knight, retreat director, will help participants focus on their call to holiness. For more info, or to register by January 3, contact the Franciscan Life Center at (320) 632-0680, [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org)

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

**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 info, 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 @ 468-6451

**HAPPY NEW YEAR FROM THE STAFF OF  
ST. JOSEPH'S AND ST. MICHAEL'S. Safe travels to everyone.**

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

Adult	\$2518.00
High School	\$ 4.00
Elementary	\$ 16.00
Plate	<u>\$ 280.76</u>
	\$2818.76

Thank you for your generosity!

**\*\*Christmas Collection:** 6,397.60

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**St. Joseph's:**

Sat. 4:30 p.m.	-233
Sun. 8:00 a.m.	-322
<b>Christmas Eve</b>	- 663
<b>Christmas Day</b>	- 239
<b>St. Michael's:</b>	Sun. 10 a.m. - 298

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

Adult	\$6412.35
High School	\$ 27.00
Elementary	\$ 18.50
Plate	<u>\$ 465.60</u>
	\$6923.4

Thank you for your generosity!

**\*\*Christmas Collection:** \$21,081

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

**SUNDAY - Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Lector** - Karen Stangl

**Communion Ministers** - Leo Pohlkamp & Debbie Hall

**Servers** - Cole Andres & Ellie Kasella

**January Ushers** - Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** Baby items and money donations are needed for families in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions, call Cindy at 468-6070.

**CM/W MEETING,** on Jan., 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Parish Center, at 1p.m. Groups 7 & 8 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions call Patty at 468-2487.

**PAINTING PROJECT:** Anyone missed with pledge cards, you can call Bill or Roger. There will also be pledge cards by the side entrance of the church. Please get back by Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>.  
*Thank you!*

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**LECTOR BOOKS:** Are available in both churches for the lectors to pick up. *Thank you.*

**SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY,** at the Pierz Villa Chapel on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4p.m. We will pray for our country. All are welcome. Any questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

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

Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>-Mike & Sarah Seelen, Dec. 25<sup>th</sup>-Melva Warzecha, Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>-Molly & Adam Gerads, Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>-Mike Kapsner, Dec. 28<sup>th</sup>-Kenton Krawiecki, Dec. 29<sup>th</sup>-Laura Dehler (\$35 winners) Dec. 30<sup>th</sup>-Scott & Sarah Boser (\$75 Winner)

**FREE THROW CONTEST:** Jason Sadlovsky from the Nights of Columbus, will be doing the 2018-2019 free throw contest again this year but we will not be going into individual practice like the past couple years. If you would like to participate in the contest please come to the gym Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12-3 p.m. or Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 p.m. You must be 9-14 years old as of December 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 to participate. Any questions call or text Jason 320-360-0001. Thank-you!

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS:** Little Falls on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Marge Benusa at [pmbenusa@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbenusa@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 320-631-5660.

**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, the Blankets are Blessed. Questions, call Kathy Etzel, 468-2105

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

**MON. Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. New Year's Eve Mass**

Servers: Joelle Young and Morgan Litke

**SAT. Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.- Austin Becker & Kayla Virnig

Sun.- Ellie & Tyler Fischer

**Weekday Lector:** Al Pekarek

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:**

Sat.-Marvin Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Keith Marshik.

Choir-Michelle Litke. Sun.-Doris Thyen, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek .

**LECTORS FOR JANUARY:** Sat.-Tony Sauer

**USHERS FOR JANUARY:** Sat.-Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, Jon Stumpf. Sun.- Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, Jeff Virnig.

**A SINCERE THANK YOU** to Grace and the late Lewis Boser for the beautiful Nativity set they donated to our parish. It is wonderful addition to our church at Christmas time.

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all who gave of there time and talent to make our Christmas season services wonderful celebrations ~ Lectors, Servers, Choirs, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Decorators (*Great Job!*) and all those behind the scenes. *Thank You!*

**TREAT BAGS** - will be handed out after this weeknd's mass in honor of the Feast of Holy Innocents. Thank-you to the following businesses for providing treats: Hartmann's, Thielen Meats, Pierz Foods, Thrifty White Drug, Reds Auto & Bait, Super Stop, S.A Pierz. Sponsored by Christian Mothers/Women.

**\*\*CMW MEETING** - Wednesday, January 2nd at the parish office at 6:30, with induction of officers followed by a mass at 7:30 with the Knights of Columbus

**"St Joseph's Quilt Circle"** will start quilting the afternoon of January 7 starting at 1 pm. We will have 2 quilts for stitching. We will be doing the border on one and then will start a new one. Anyone interested in learning is welcome to join us. Like last year it will be come when you can stay as long as you wish.

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

**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!



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**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.

**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!

**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

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;” Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love. 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 info visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact us at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496