

**NINETEENTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

August 11th, 2019

“Glorify the Lord, O Jerusalem!”

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

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Thurs. from 2-4 p.m.

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup – Sat., at 8p.m. and Sun., at 10:45a.m.

Holy Cross Church of Harding -Sun., at 8:45 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 12th – AUG. 18th

Monday Aug. 12

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Aug. 13

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +JoAnn Maus

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Aug. 14

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members

Thursday Aug. 15 HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary- Masses listed Below

Friday Aug. 16

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Gary Okroi

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Jim & Laura Virnig – 60th Wedding Anniversary

Saturday Aug. 17

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Jeanne Stang (Adult Choir)

Sunday Aug. 18

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Millie Gruber (Folk Choir)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3240.00

High School \$ 1.00

Elementary \$ 2.00

Plate \$ 115.00

\$ 3358.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Aug. 4th Sun.** - 202

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 5564.53

High School \$ 7.00

Elementary \$ 17.50

Plate \$ 428.11

\$ 6070.17

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Aug. 3rd Sat.**- 197,

Aug. 4th Sun.- 360

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.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Aug. 5 – Don Fillbrandt, **Aug. 6** – Jan Kimman, **Aug. 7** – Linda Waytashek, **Aug. 8** – Conrad Gruber, **Aug. 9** – Amber Wimmer, **Aug. 10** – Larry & Kathy Etzel (\$35 Winners). **Aug. 11** – Mark Hoheisel (75 Winner).

LOOKING HEAD:

*Fr. David Maciej will be celebrating the Eucharist and hearing confessions on Saturday, August 17th. Fr. Ken Popp will be gone that Saturday, He will be the celebrant at his nieces wedding.

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION – AREA MASSES

The Assumption of Mary

AUGUST 14TH

Harding 8:00 p.m. Mass Intention

AUGUST 15TH

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Harvey Otremba

Harding 8:45 a.m. Mass Intention

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Betty Bayerl

Pierz 5:30 p.m. +Donald C. Wuellner

Buckman 7:30 p.m. +St. Michael's CM/W

Lastrup 8:00 p.m. Mass Intention

From the Pastoral Associate: There is a primary planetary law of science that says, “Nature abhors a vacuum.” Likewise, there is a primary law of spirituality that says, “Where God has been pushed aside, evil resides.” Our nation’s government by its law’s has told God to stay out of our schools and limits what churches can do in our land: worship and actions inspired by God must be confined to the church building, (We could list more.) Therefore, we should not be surprised at the acts of violence happening in our country. When God leaves as requested by so many, His protection against evils goes with Him. In our lives by what we do, say, or do not do, by how we treat other people, especially the poor and weak, by our prayer to God, or lack of, we are either pushing God aside or inviting Him in. What are we saying to Jesus with our life? ~~~ Michael Pekar

The Annual Rural Life Celebration, Sun., August 18, at Randy and Amanda Hartung farm near Freeport (40607 County Road 153, Freeport, 2 miles north of St. Anthony). Mass with Bishop Kettler at 10:30am. The event also includes a meal, entertainment and fun for the whole family. The event is free, though a second collection will be taken up to support the Rural Life Fund of the diocese.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY, we will be praying, for our country at 4 p.m. on Sun. August 11th at Pierz Villa Chapel. If you have any questions call Patty 468-2487

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO: Wed, August 14th at 8 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we will move to St. Joseph’s Church.

ANNUAL STATE FAIR BUS TRIP: Senior Citizen’s Day at the Fair, Thur., Aug., 29th. Seniors, their family and friends can reserve a seat on the bus for a \$11 pre-payment. Bus reservations **MUST** be made and pre-paid by Aug. 16th. For reservations and more information call 468-6451 option 2 for Marie Kottke. **GREAT TIME FOR ALL!**

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***THURS. Aug. 15th @ 7:30 pm, SUN., Aug. 18th @ 8:00 am**

Lector: Thurs. – Janice Janson, **Sun.** – Nathan Gruber

Communion Ministers: Thurs – Carolyn Andres & Ron Kahl
Sun – Megan Herold & Cindy Scholl

Servers: Thurs. – Amber Boser & Ellie Kasella

Sun. – Quinn & Kaylee Gruber

August Ushers: John Grittner, Sam Seelen, & Jerry Posch

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Ervin M. Girtz** passed away on August 1st Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, August 5th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the family and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU, to group 9 and all the extra help with Ervin Girtz's Funeral meal. A job well done by all, *Thank you!*

PARISH BAZAAR NEWS: ****Fancywork Stand**-There will be room in the church basement for items to be dropped off and stored before the parish bazaar. *Thank you!*

PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE: We are now three weeks into our painting and renovation project. Things are moving along nicely. As we keep moving forward, payments for the painting project will be coming due. So, for anyone that has their pledges ready you may mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off in the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

BAPTISMS AT ST. MICHAEL'S: Baptisms can be celebrated a St. Michael's in the hall during the renovation.

ADORATION August 14th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Please come and join us. Any questions please contact Patty at 468-2487.

C M/W NEWS: If you would like to become a new member please contact Karen Stangl 320-420-6089 or Kristie Boser 320-260-5728. ****Recognition** for the 40th, 50th & 60th and introduction of new members will be after Mass on Thurs., Aug. 15th with refreshments and light snacks.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

****Tuesday, August 20th from 6-7pm** will be the Holy Trinity preschool orientation night. Families with registered preschool children or families interested in registering for preschool are invited to attend the orientation night. Families will have an opportunity to complete paperwork, visit with Mrs. Litke, preschool teacher, ride the school bus, and bring supplies.

****Tuesday, August 27th from 5-7pm** will be the annual Holy Trinity School welcome back night and picnic. Families will have an opportunity to complete paperwork, visit the classrooms, bring supplies, and make a fun project.

****Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee** is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School.

RUN FOR HOSPICE 2019: Sat. Aug. 24th registration at 7:30a.m., 8:15a.m. Kids run starts, 8:30a.m. 5K race starts. Race begins and ends a Horizon Health, Pierz. Sign up at <https://raceroster.com/events/2019/21034/horizon-health-hospice-run>.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

THURS. Aug. 15th 8 am & 5:30 pm,

Servers: Thurs. 8a.m. – Ellie & Tyler Fischer

Thurs. 5:30p.m.- Sophie Leidenfrost & Morgan Litke

Communion Ministers: Jan Kimman, Marvin Kimman, & LeRoy Swanson

SAT., Aug. 17th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Aug. 18th @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Reagan & Reese Winscher

Sun. – Cody & Ashley Kimman

Weekday Lector: Joan Kapsner

III BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding August 24th):

Kendra Przybilla & Jackson Zenzen

BAZAAR FOLLOW-UP MEETING: Chairs and Co-chairs meeting Tues. Aug. 20th at Fred & Lynn Underhill home 401 Ronald Ave. Pierz, at 6:30p.m. You are welcome to bring a treat or dish to share, if you have any questions please call Crystal at 630-8952.

****Bazaar Grand Raffle Winners List,** available at the back of church and on the parish website: stjosephs-stmichaels.org in St. Josephs Notes & News under St. Josephs Parish Bazaar Raffle Winners.

C M/W Oktoberfest Pie Booth: We are in need of workers on Saturday, August 24th making pies at 8 am and on Sunday, August 25th down at the Pierz Park selling pies. To help on Saturday, call Eileen Pohlkamp at 360-2434. To help on Sunday, call Jo Loidolt at 630-6088. The CM/W are also accepting any cash donations for the cost of ingredients. You can bring your donation to the park or put it in a marked envelope and put it in the collection basket.

AREA EVENTS:

****St. James Church August Fest 2019:** Sun, Aug 11th Gorka's Chicken and Ham Dinner, served from 10:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Live auction at 3 p.m. Special Hunter's Raffle. Grand Raffle drawing at 4:30 p.m. Fun day for the whole family!
****Holy Cross Church, Harding:** Sun. Sept. 1st Polka Mass at 10a.m. Dinner starting at 11:30a.m. Entertainment throughout the day, bingo, kids' games, fancy stand, silent action (11a.m.), & gun raffle (2p.m.). Everyone is welcome to come and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Koinonia Retreat, Join us in this Christian Living experience designed for adults age 20 and older. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center 3 miles north of Little Falls. Next retreat, Sept., 13-15. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be completed online on our website: centralmnkoinonia.org. To get a paper application call Kathy at 320-630-1880 or contact us by email at cmkoinonia@gmail.com to get an application. Cost of the weekend is \$70 includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need

Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction: Mark your calendars! Holy Trinity is planning for the 7th Annual Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction on Saturday October 12th 2019 at the Brickyard Bar in Pierz. At this time, we are looking for donations of cash or items for the live auction. Questions/donations contact Becky Dehler 360-3721 or Kristin Andres 630-5354.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

Marriage Encounter Weekend: *Make plans for a fall getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!* A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN and Sep 6-8, 2019 in Marvin, SD. 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.

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.

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!

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.

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!

SAVE THE DATE: *66th Annual Fall Conference of the Council of Catholic Women* to be held at St. Boniface in Cold Spring, Saturday, Sept. 21st. starting at 8:30. The theme is "Servants of God, Guiding Out Youth". The day will include speakers, mass with the Bishop, business meeting, installation of officers, lunch, Chaplet of St. Michael. Registration \$15, due by Sept. 11th to Marlene Statz 27586 Co.Rd. 9, Richmond, MN 56368. Make checks payable to Cold Spring Deanery.

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

SAVE THE DATE: Diocesan Blue Mass. Thur., Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud. A Mass to honor police, fire & emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of St. Cloud. All are welcome! Please join us! For more info., call 320-255-9068.