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## The Second Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018

All flesh will see the salvation of our God!

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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. 10	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec. 11	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Norman Faust
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Dec. 12	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Wilma Kippley
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Harvey Otremba
Thursday	Dec. 13	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+John Hellie
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Dec. 14	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+LeRoy Kahlhamer
		<b>Buckman</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>NO Word/Communion Service</b>
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Patrick & Sean Thompson
Saturday	Dec. 15	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Amelia Millie Kroll (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Dec. 16	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Joan Gall

**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 PASTOR:** My Christmas letter was sent out last week. Hopefully everyone has gotten it. On the back of my letter I have the schedule for confessions and mass times for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so please put the schedule on your fridge or in a place you can see it for a reminder.

Fr. Mark Innocenti will be here next weekend for the Saturday 4:30p.m. mass and both Sunday masses. I want to welcome him to our parishes.

**ADVENT QUOTE:** *"Are we ready to receive Him? Before the birth of Jesus, his parents asked for a simple dwelling place, but there was none. If Mary and Joseph were looking for a home for Jesus, would they choose ... your heart, and all it holds? Let us pray that we shall be able to welcome Jesus at Christmas not in the cold manger of a selfish heart, but in a heart full of love, compassion, joy and peace, a heart warm with love for one another. - Mother Teresa of Calcutta"*

Have a very Blessed week and keep the **ADVENT SPIRIT ALIVE!** ~ Fr. Ken Popp

### **AREA EVENTS:**

\***SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY** on Sun., Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. in the chapel of the Pierz Villa. We will pray for our country. Questions, call Patty 468-2487.

\***CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL** will be having a meeting Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. at the offices of Father Pierz School of Religion. Please join us.

\***ADVENT HEALING MASS** You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sun., Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, at 9:00 a.m. For further information call 320.532.3103 or email [onamia@crosier.org](mailto:onamia@crosier.org)

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

\*if anyone has information for the bulletin the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> must have it to us by Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!

**FOUR PARISH MISSION:** Sun. Jan. 13 - Wed. Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Our four area parishes will be hosting a time of renewal, one evening in each parish. Please pray that the Lord will bless our speaker, Glen Gauer, as well as each of us.

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

**Wed. Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30a.m. - 1p.m.**- Info on Veterans Benefits Presentation given by Kathy Marshik, Morrison County Veterans Service Officer. Contact Kristine Hoheisel, Senior Resources Dir. Horizon Health, 468-6451 Fax: 320-468-6463.

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT:** Tue. Dec. 11 at Pierz, 11-11:30a.m. and Thurs. Dec. 13 at Buckman, 12-12:30p.m.

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

\*Raffle Calendars are on sale in the HTCS office. \$25/calendar. Last day for purchase is December 18<sup>th</sup>.  
\*Holy Trinity will be selling gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala as a world mission project and to support Holy Trinity. Fr. Mark Innocenti is the coordinator and will be at the Pierz and Buckman liturgies on December 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> for a kick-off with coffee to purchase. See the school office to order.  
\*Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas program on Wed., Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> at 1pm and 7pm in the school gym.

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

**SUNDAY - Dec. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

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

Adult	\$3555.00
High School	\$ 12.00
Elementary	\$ 54.33
Plate	<u>\$ 116.26</u>
	\$3737.59

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

<b><u>St. Joseph's:</u></b>
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 219
Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 320
<b><u>St. Michael's:</u></b>
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 331

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

Adult	\$6548.00
High School	\$ 34.00
Elementary	\$ 29.75
Plate	<u>\$ 358.25</u>
	\$6970.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**Lector** - Todd Caddy

**Communion Ministers** - Nicole Hoheisel & Carolyn Andres

**Servers** - Nick Scholl & Wyatt Dingmann

**December Ushers** - Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber and Shane Zilka

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS:** For sale after 10 a.m. mass.

**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.

**PAINTING PROJECT:** Most of the pledges have been sent out. There is still time to send them in, we would like to have them back by Christmas. *Thank you!*

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

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** Retreat *Following Jesus: The Path of Holiness—Joyful and Challenging*, which will be held Mon-Fri, Jan 14-18, 2019, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Father David Knight, retreat director, will help participants focus on their call to holiness. For more information, or to register by January 3, 2019, contact the Franciscan Life Center at (320)632-0680, [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org) or visit [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Little Falls** on Tues, Dec 4 and Jan 8 at 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.

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

**Sat. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.- Jack Prokott & Teagan Przybilla

Sun.- Sara hoheisel & Alana Rocheleau

**Weekday Lector:** Jan Dahmen

**\*ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE:** Thurs., Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.

**\*FOLK GROUP PRACTICE:** Thurs., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

**\*CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE:**

Thurs. Dec., 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. Will be singing for the Christmas Eve mass at 4:30 p.m.

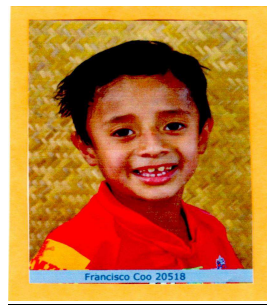
***\*Music will start at 4 p.m. for the Christmas Eve Mass.***

**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** During Advent, a basket for babies and young children items will be by the front side altar. Donations of diapers, blankets, clothes, money, etc. are needed. Items will be given to Pierz Food Shelf and families in need. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Questions, call 468-6070.

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

**QUILTING CIRCLE GROUP** letter was sent out with the advent letter, so please look for it. *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!



**THIS IS OUR STUDENT** that St. Joseph's Sponsors. We give Francisco \$350 a year to help him stay in school. The money goes towards his uniform, school supplies, medical & dental needs, and more. Thank you so much for your support!

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

Dec. 3<sup>rd</sup>-Allan & Kristie Kroll , Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>-Mark & Steph Janson, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>-Bertha Jedlicki , Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>-Tim & Kay Pappenfus , Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>-Kevin & Anita Janey , Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>-Tony Kummet (\$35 winners) Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>- Nick & Crystal Ratke (\$75 Winner)

**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!

**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.

**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, they are also blessed by our Pastor. Questions, call Kathy Etzel, 468-2105

**ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FESTIVAL ITEMS:** We are already looking for new items or completed baskets. You can drop it off at the parish office. \*Seasonal items make great baskets!

***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 information 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 at 468-6451

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