

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

March 1st, 2020

“One does not live by bread alone!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor

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468-2316 or 320-221-1134

Office Hrs.: Buckman, Thurs., 2-4 p.m.

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 2-8

Monday Mar. 2

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

Tuesday Mar. 3

Pierz 8:00 a.m. + Henry J. Preimesberger Jr.

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

Wednesday Mar. 4

Buckman 8:00 a.m. + Marie Pohlkamp

Villa 9:30 a.m. + Carol Bell

Buckman 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Pierz 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mass

Thursday Mar. 5

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Walter & Julia Fyten

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

Friday Mar. 6

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Leo Brezinka

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Roman & Dennis Kahlhamer

Pierz 4:00 p.m. Stations & Benediction

Saturday Mar. 7

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Laura Kapsner (Adult Choir)

Sunday Mar. 8

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Relatives of Bob and Rita Thielen (Folk Group)

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

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 2740.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 30.59
Plate	\$ 206.00
	\$ 2982.59

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Feb. 23rd Sun.** - 322

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 4424.65
High School	\$ 14.00
Elementary	\$ 26.45
Plate	\$ 446.75
	\$ 4911.85

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Feb. 22nd Sat.** - 277

Feb. 23rd Sun. - 217

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Feb. 24 – Stephanie Gall, **Feb. 25** – Tim & Deb Kucala, **Feb. 26** – Dawn Gruber, **Feb. 27** – Al & Geri Kasper, **Feb. 28** – Sonny & Maxine Bednar, **Feb. 29** – Carolyn Brisk (\$35 Winners). **Mar. 1** – Butch Maleski (\$75 Winner).

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.

LENTON REFLECTION: "Each of us must come to the evening of life. Each of us must enter on eternity. Each of us must come to that quiet, awful time, when we will appear before the Lord of the vineyard, and answer for the deeds done in the body, whether they be good or bad. That, my dear brethren, you will have to undergo. ... It will be the dread moment of expectation when your fate for eternity is in the balance, and when you are about to be sent forth as the companion of either saints or devils, without possibility of change. There can be no change; there can be no reversal. As that judgment decides it, so it will be forever and ever. Such is the particular judgment. ... when we find ourselves by ourselves, one by one, in his presence, and have brought before us most vividly all the thoughts, words, and deeds of this past life. Who will be able to bear the sight of himself? And yet we shall be obliged steadily to confront ourselves and to see ourselves. In this life we shrink from knowing our real selves. We do not like to know how sinful we are. We love those who prophecy smooth things to us, and we are angry with those who tell us of our faults. But on that day, not one fault only, but all the secret, as well as evident, defects of our character will be clearly brought out. We shall see what we feared to see here, and much more. And then, when the full sight of ourselves comes to us, who will not wish that he had known more of himself here, rather than leaving it for the inevitable day to reveal it all to him!"— Blessed John Henry Newman, p.101

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC’S Best Lent Ever: About how the saints are ready to help you create holy moments and become the best version of yourself. Every day during Lent, you’ll receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team. It’s free at DynamicCatholic.com I encourage you to invite your family and friends to sign up.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY: Wondering what to do for Lent? Please join us for a Lenten study as we journey through Holy Week in scripture and enter into Christ’s passion. Mondays at 7pm starting March 2nd at the Parish Center in Lastrup. Text/call Mark Loidolt 701-388-2323. Everyone is welcome!



Adult Education workshop about End of Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective.

Typical questions: Must medical treatment always be continued? What is Church teaching about “Death with Dignity”? There will be two sessions, on Mon, Mar 9th at 9:30AM and 6:30PM at the St. Michael’s Parish Center in Buckman. Speaker John Tetzloff, Advanced Case Specialist for Catholic United Financial, will speak on the financial aspects of end of life decisions, Contact Bailey Wiczek for more details or to RSVP: bwiczek@catholicunited.org or call/text 320-360-2309.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., March 8th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Leo Pohlkamp

Communion Ministers: Kay Pappenfus, Donna Solinger, Deb Hall, Jill Hoheisel, Nathan Gruber, Randi Kranz

Servers: Khloe Scheel and Emily Leidenfrost

March Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Mathew Motschke* passed away on February 20th. Funeral service was held on Wednesday, February 26th, with burial in parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

CM/W NEWS: Any St. Michael's CM/W planning on going to the Women's Lenten Retreat, please contact Patty at 468-2487 before Mar. 8th and your fee will be paid for.

SAVE THE DATE: Christian Mother's Quilt Bingo/Raffle is set for Sunday, March 15th at the Buckman Parish Center.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*The students will have Stations of the Cross at 8:40am on Wednesday, March 4. Parishioners are welcome to join us.

*The parents of children receiving First Communion will be meeting at 6:00 pm on Wed, March 4th in the St. Joseph Church basement.

*Friday 8:30am liturgy will be led by the fourth-grade class and Mrs. Przybilla.

*The next toddler class is Wednesday, March 11 at 6:00pm in the preschool classroom. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4 to this fun interactive evening.

*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.

FPSR/ YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640

*Pizza with the Nuns on Wed, Mar 11th, 6pm-8pm for 7th-12th graders! Bus leaves 6pm for St. Francis Convent in LF.

*CONFIRMATION is on Sun, March 15th 2pm at St. Joseph's Church. Students meet in the Church basement 12:30pm & sponsors be there by 1:30pm in the Church basement.

*March 4 Life Wednesday, March 18th 5:15pm-9pm for 9th-12th graders.

40 Days for Life, a focused pro-life campaign of prayer, fasting and peaceful vigils to end abortion. Join other 40 Day volunteers anytime between 7a.m.-7p.m. Monday - Friday at Planned Parenthood – 451 East St. Germain St., St. Cloud starting **Wed, Feb 26 – Sun, April 5**.

The Annual Women's Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, Sat, March 14th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Sauk Rapids. "Saints Within Us" is the theme. Speaker, Melanie Micklebust. Reg. at 8:30a.m. followed by the speaker, rosary, mass and lunch. Closing prayer at 2:15p.m. For more information please call 320-282-9941.

FOR LENT: The Sunday Night Adult Education Group will use the video/discussion program on "A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion", starting this Sunday night, March 1, at 7 PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. All are invited. For more information, call 468-0220.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Mar. 7th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Mar. 8th @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: **Fri. Mar. 6th @ 4:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross**

Jack Prokott & Alana Rocheleau

Sat. Mar. 7th – Sophie & Michael Leidenfrost

Sun. Mar. 8th – Joelle & Laura Young

Weekday Lector: – Joan Kapsner

LECTORS FOR MARCH: Sat.-Al Pekarek

Sun.-Harvey Kimman

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH: Sat.- Choir-

Barb Zajac, Marilyn Dorn, Marvin Kimman, Sara Stumpf.

Sun.- Peggy Hoheisel, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek.

USHERS FOR MARCH: Sat.-John Kurtz, Neal Kimman,

Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll. Sun.-Neil Korf, Floyd

Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

CHOIR NEWS: St. Joseph's Youth Choir! All kids ages 4 and older are welcome to join us! Next practice will be Wed April 15th from 6-7 p.m., will sing on Sunday April 19th at 8 a.m.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Daniel S. Peine* passed away on February 14th. Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, February 24th at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINT RAFFLE & GERMAN

DINNER: Fri. April 17, at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling tickets, contact parish office 468-6033.

LOST & FOUND BOX: If anyone may have lost an item, please check the lost & found box at the West entry. We will be donating items from the box at the end of the month.

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: quilting days, Wed Mar. 4 at 11am & Fri Mar 6 at 1pm in the parish office basement. We are out of quilts to tie (we are in need of quilts to be tied) So we will be stitching only. Join us for some fun and socializing. Anyone is welcome to go down and stitch or tie anytime the parish office is open. Questions call 360-2434.

THANK YOU! From St. Joseph's Quilting Circle wants to thank Mr. Larry Schmidtbauer for the hard work he did in making quilt frame legs for us. They are AMAZING!

AREA EVENTS:

***Lenten Fish Fries-Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Fri. Feb. 28, Mar. 6,13,20,27 & Apr. 3. Menu: Fried Fish, cole slaw, baked potato, baked beans, dinner rolls & drink. Serving hours are 5-7:30p.m. Takeout orders, call 320-393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)

***Fish Fries-Saint Anthony, St. Cloud:** Feb 28, Mar 6, 13, 20, 27, April 3, from 4-7p.m. Fried fish (hand breaded, Au gratin potatoes, baked beans coleslaw, dinner rolls. Take out dinners are also available. *March 20 is a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Fish Fry.

***St. Paul's Annual Baked Fish Dinner-St. Cloud:** Fri., March 6, Serving 5-7 PM at the Parish Center, St Cloud. Menu: Baked Fish, Cheesy Hash Browns, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Dinner Rolls, Dessert & Beverages. All are welcome

Meire Grove Chicken Dinner, Palm Sunday, April 5. Serving baked chicken, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, creamed peas and homemade pies from 3:30-7:30 pm in the church basement. Take-out and new drive-thru/pick-up service available (no steps!...stay in your car!)

“JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO CALVARY” The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi will be performing. Performance dates are April 4 at 7:30pm and April 5 at 1pm. The other performance dates are April 4 at 7:30pm and April 5 at 1pm. For information or reserve seats call Bob at 320-573-2933 or Janice Wuebkers at Central Office of St. Mary’s, St. Edward’s and St. Francis Catholic Churches

2020 Bazaar Dish towels are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the entryway of the parish office. We still have sets available

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

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!

CATHOLIC WOMAN: We believe in our 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition. We want to share our story with you. If you are a single, Catholic woman under the age of 45, you are invited to spend some time with us. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. You will learn the history of our chapel and sacred spaces through a guided tour. Have the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with the community and share a meal in our monastic dining room. There will be an opportunity for continued conversations with sisters after lunch. To register please contact Sister Lisa Rose, Director of Vocations, at lrose@csbsju.edu or (320) 363-7180. Please visit our website for more information about our community www.sbm.osb.org. **Dates: Saturday, March 14, Saturday, April 18, 2020**

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY: On Sunday, March 8th at the Pierz Villa Chapel at 4:00 p.m. We will be praying for our county; any questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

SPRING MISSION RALLY: All are welcome to join us on Thursday, April 23rd at Sacred Heart Church in Staples for the Spring Mission Rally from 8am-2:00pm. Members of mission groups, social ministry teams, parish and diocesan staff, sister parish committees, returned missionaries and other mission-minded parishioners or friends are invited to join us in ?Walking together in Christ’s love with our brothers and sisters of Venezuela and Kenya.? We will hear first-hand from our delegates who we welcome from Homa Bay Kenya and Maracay Venezuela about being in solidarity with those we partner with as well as how we can be in relationship with all of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The cost is \$10 and registration is requested to the St. Cloud mission Office: 11- 8th Avenue So. St. Cloud, MN. 56301 (320-251-1100) by April 15th. We hope to see you at the Rally and in the meantime, it is our hope that you continue to find God during this Lenten Season, have a blessed Holy Week and truly find Christ alive at Easter!

KOINONIA RETREAT, to see just how much Jesus LOVES YOU. Koinonia consists of people joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other, and ourselves as we experience Christian Community. We take central teachings of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. He calls us each by name...to be one with each other. 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. The next retreat will be held on March 20-22, 2020. 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 Jackie at 218-348-9404 or contact us by email at cmkoinonia@gmail.com. Cost of the weekend is \$70 includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need.

FISH FRIES:

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CHURCH PARKING: As some of you may have noticed, F&M Bank now has a 24/7 ATM located in a new 3rd drive up lane. This ATM lane has replaced a row of parking that used to be available for employees of the bank and for church parishioners during times of church service. F&M is asking that parishioners please take note that this row of parking no longer exists and to respect the needs of the bank’s customers to access the ATM anytime of the day. *Thank you,* F&M Bank Management.