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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

The Lord has freed his people, Alleluia!

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	May 7	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	May 8	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Phil & Cora Thielen
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	May 9	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Julianna Kahl
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Ed Stangl
Thursday	May 10	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Colette Pohlkamp
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	May 11	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Donald Saehr & Richard Gray (Surgery on May 14 th) (School Mass / HT 1 st Communion Celebration)
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Emily Dehler
Saturday	May 12	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	Past and Present Christian Mothers/Women May Crowning (Adult Choir)
Sunday	May 13	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Robert "Bob" Brenny

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: I would like to congratulate the students who are making their 1st Communion this weekend at the 10:30a.m. mass at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz; Michael Brisk, Isabella Byker, Ava Gall, Colton Girtz, Maycee Gohl, Breanne Gorecki, Jayson Hebler, Kate Hoheisel, Julia Jurek, Kaeden Kapsner, Garret Kessler, Hailey Keehr, Evan Kraska, Trista Leblanc, Daniel Litke, Jordan Marshik, Christopher Mayer, Easton Meyer, Kaylee Millner, Addison Przybilla, Brett Radunz, Caiden Ratke, Carter Rybaski, Preston Saehr, Henry Stamm, Alaina Stangl, Nico Thielen, Adilyne Tomala, Camren Waytashek, Tara Weyer, Alayna Winscher, Alexa Winscher, Jayden Zajac, Maycee Zupan.

I would like to also congratulate all married couples, for this weekend is Honor Marriage Weekend. So, Congratulations and God Bless to our 1st Communion students and our Married Couples ~ Fr. Ken Popp



HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS (Office #-468-6446)

Registration for 2018-19 school year is open. Variable Tuition is available. Go to www.holytrinitypierz.org for more info on variable tuition. Contact school office 468-6446

*Students will attend 9am liturgy in Lastrup on Fri, May 18th.

We will celebrate, Feast of Saint Isidore, patron of farming.

*6th grade students attend Camp Foley, an environmental / Catholic camp, this week.

*"A MOTHER is she who can take the place of all others, but whose place no one else can take." Happy Mother's Day

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

Apr. 30-Craig Stangl, May 1-Jean Flicker, May 2-Roger LeBlanc, May 3-Mary Meyer, May 4-Kayla Pohlkamp, May 5-Joann McDonald (\$35 winners) May 6-Lydia Janson (\$75 Winner)

ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY: On Sun May 13, at the Pierz Villa, at 4p.m. for peace in the world. All are welcome. Call Patty at 468-2487 for more information.

AREA EVENTS:

***Rummage Sale - St. Rita's Parish, Hillman:** Thurs. May 10, Fri. May 11, & Sat. May 12 from 8a.m.-6p.m.

***Yard Sale Fundraiser for Secular Franciscans of Little Falls and Pierz** will be held on Sat, May 19, 8AM to 4PM at the home of Kay Voegtle, 75 So. Main St., Pierz. Questions may be directed to Janet, 320-632-5324 or Jan, 320-360-0853. Thank you Janice Rybaski, OFS

***Nurses Annual Workshop** presented by Central MN Faith Community Nurses: **Tuesday, June 5** at the CentraCare Plaza, Windfeldt Room 9:30 am to 4 pm. \$35

***Fly In-Drive In Breakfast - Little Falls Airport**, Habitat for Humanity of Morrison Cnty, Sat. June 16th from 7-11a.m. Everyone Welcome!

RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: We still need help and monetary contributions for the Rural Life Celebration, so, if anyone would be interested, please contact the parish office at 468-6033. Thank You!

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$2509.00
High School	\$ 7.00
Elementary	\$ 21.00
Plate	\$ 467.23
	\$ 3004.23

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

<u>St. Joseph's:</u>
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 220
Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 354
<u>St. Michael's:</u>
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 534

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$7824.00
High School	\$ 22.00
Elementary	\$ 33.15
Plate	\$ 308.15
	\$8187.30

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY - May 13 @ 10:00 a.m.:

Lector- Ron Kahl

Communion Ministers- Connie Kieffer & Carolyn Andres

Servers- Cole Andres & Eli Kasella

April Ushers- John Grittner, Sam Seelen, Jerry Posch

FINANCE/PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: On May 17, Finance meeting at 7:30p.m. & Parish Council meeting at 8p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the new members of: **Parish Council** - Steve Kahl & Domino Herold, **FPSR Board** - Mike Andres.

THANK YOU: To everyone who in anyway supported our bake and craft sale. We greatly appreciate your generosity. A heartfelt thank you and God blessings from Ginny Lardy and family.

ANNUAL NOVENA OF MASSES: At *Assumption*

(Grasshopper) Chapel in Cold Spring, every Thurs evening from May 3rd - June 28th. Rosary at 7P.M. with Mass at 7:30P.M. Mass takes place outside so dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather or severe cold, Mass will be held in the Church of St. Boniface on Main Street in Cold Spring. Chapel is located on the east side of Cold Spring (turn off Hwy 23 by the traffic light onto 3rd Ave. SE- then turn left onto Chapel Rd. and immediately turn right up Pilgrimage Road to Chapel). All are welcome!

" Theology of the Body":

Join us! Nic Davidson is back to lead us through a 6 week series on Theology of the Body. Weekly sessions will be held on Tues evenings, beginning May 15th - June 19th, at 6:30pm-8pm at the St. Michaels Parish Center in Buckman. Contact Sara Stumpf with any questions 320-493-7062"

Theology on Tap: Come join young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. On Thursday, May 17th at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7p.m. Then our speaker Fr. Ben Kociemba will give a talk titled "The Christian Temperaments" at 8p.m.

LITURGICAL TRAINING: May 26-Pierz, May 27-Buckman, June 2-Pierz, June 3-Pierz. Lectors time at 12:30p.m., Eucharistic Ministers time at 1p.m., Altar Servers time at 2p.m. People in Buckman who want to be trained can come to Pierz and visa versa.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

May - Sat. 12 @ 4:30p.m. & Sun. 13 @ 8:00a.m.:

Servers: Sat.-Michael & Sophie Leidenfrost

Sun.-Joelle Young & Kahlee Kasper

Weekday Lector: Al Pekarek

CHOIR: Adult Choir practice Tues. May 8th at 4p.m.

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY: Sat-Choir-Barb Zajac, Marvin Kimman, Loretta Przybilla, Marilyn Dorn. Sun-Jo Loidolt, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek.

LECTORS FOR MAY: Sat.-Colleen Lucking Sun.-Karen Gross.

USHERS FOR MAY: Sat.-Dale Przybilla, Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner. Sun.-Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Tom Albrecht, Bob Thielen.

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CONGRATULATIONS: To the new members of: **Parish Council** - Brad Bednar, Meghann Boser, Amanda Marshik & Brian Prokott. **Holy Trinity Board** - James Gross and **FPSR Board** - Rae Ann Waytashek.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Catherine "Katie" A. Boser passed away on April 29th. Mass of Christian Burial was held here on May 4th with burial at parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

MOTHERS' DAY CARNATION SALE: For Birthline on Mothers' Day weekend May 12&13 after both masses. Birthline out of St. Cloud offers education, mentoring and support services to anyone affected by an unintended or crisis pregnancy. Thank you for your continual support of this awesome mission Birthline offers.

PLANNING BACCALAUREATE MASS: for this year's graduating seniors and their parents on Sun. May 6th at 7pm in the church basement. Mass will be Sun., May 20th at 8am. There will be a breakfast afterward by the Pierz Christian Women. Please RSVP to Michelle Litke via text or phone call at 218-780-8560 so that we know how many to prepare for.

MAY CROWNING: The Annual Christian Mothers/Women May crowning will be at the 4:30p.m. mass on May 12th. Please join us as we honor Mary as our Mother and as Queen of Heaven and Earth.

CEMETERY CLEANING: With warmer weather, the cemetery will be cleaned in the near future. Please remove any decorations/flowers you wish to keep. Thank you.

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Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls-11th annual Franciscan Girl Camp entitled, "Faith and Fun with Franciscans," on

Tues. June 5 (10am) Thurs. June 7 (6pm) in Assisi Park, located on the grounds at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with and learn about the Franciscan Sisters. For more information or to register by May 1, contact Sister Ange Mayers at 320-632-0680.

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!

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. When one receives a blanket, they know they aren't alone but are covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then they are blessed by our Pastor. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105.

RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: *We still need lots of help with the Rural Life Celebration, so if anyone would be interested, please contact the parish office at 468-6033.* We are also looking for monetary contributions, you can either drop it off at the parish office or put in the collection basket marked Rural Life Celebration. God Bless you for your support.

Upcoming Faith in Action & Horizon Health Events:

Tues. June 12th: Dementia Bootcamp at the Little Falls Senior Center from 1 to 3pm. Please call 800-224-6451 or email Melissa at outreach@horizonhealthservices.com to reserve your seat today!

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SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:

37th Annual Conference on Aging at Central Lakes College Staples campus, Thurs., May 24, from 8:30am-1:15pm. For more info. Call Horizon Health at 1-800-224-6451 (Horizon Health does not have a bus going this year.)

August 24th: Whacky Hacker golf tournament with proceeds going to Faith in Action

August 25th: Hospice Run with proceeds going to Horizon Health's Hospice patients

Exciting News: Horizon Health has received a grant to provide classes on Dementia to caregivers to enable them to better take care of their loved one. If you have a group at church or socially that you belong to that would like a presentation at your location call Melissa Prozinski at 320-468-6451. These classes are free of charge, but we do set out a free will donation basket. Minimum requirement of 10 caregivers in attendance.

We are now on TV and the web! The Dine & Discover's are scheduled for broadcast every Tuesday at noon and Friday night at 8pm on local cable channel 180. They will also be posted out the GRA/GRTV Youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fW_lp870KMRE56tp0

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, just ask. Hear what you've been missing!

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

Come & See: Discernment Retreat Weekends for single Catholic women between the ages of 22-45 are scheduled at Saint Benedict's Monastery this summer. The dates are June 15-17, July 20-22, and August 10-12, 2018. The retreats begin on Friday at 4:30 pm and end on Sunday at 1:30 pm. This is a time to meet members of our monastic community and discern with other women who are considering religious life. A variety of opportunities for prayer and activities are planned for the weekend. There is no cost. If you are interested and want to register please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or at lrose@csbsju.edu.