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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chettoor

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.
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MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 28th – JANUARY 2nd, 2022	
<u>Tuesday, December 28</u>	
8:00 a.m. Pierz	Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)
9:30 a.m. Villa	Word/Communion Service (<i>only for Residents</i>)
<u>Wednesday, December 29</u>	
8:00 a.m. Buckman	Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)
7-8:00p.m. Buckman	Eucharistic Adoration
<u>Thursday, December 30</u>	
8:00 a.m. Buckman	For the Recipients of Prayer Blankets
9:30 a.m. Villa	Word/Communion Service (<i>only for Residents</i>)
<u>Friday, December 31 - New Years Eve</u>	
9:30 a.m. Villa	+Clarence Meyer (<i>Mass only for Residents</i>)
4:30 p.m. Pierz	+Cathy Boser
<u>Saturday, January 1 - New Years Day / Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God</u>	
8:00 a.m. Pierz	+Members of the Andrea & King Family (<i>Folk Group</i>)
10:00 a.m. Buckman	+Melvin Guck
4:30 p.m. Pierz	+Ivan Kapsner (<i>Adult Choir</i>)
<u>Sunday, January 2</u>	
8:00 a.m. Pierz	+Cindy Ann Meyer (<i>Folk Group</i>)
10:00 a.m. Buckman	+Lidwina Geers, & For the People of the Parishes

<u>ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u>	
Adult	\$ 7,511.75
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 12.50
Plate	\$ 430.56
	\$ 7,960.81
(including Immaculate Conception)	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
Mass attendance Dec. 19th Sunday: 374	
<u>ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u>	
Adult	\$ 5,414.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 11.25
Plate	\$ 261.00
	\$ 5,692.25
(including Immaculate Conception)	
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
Mass attendance Dec. 18th Saturday: 206	
Mass attendance Dec. 19th Sunday: 192	

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

December 20 – Karen Gruber, **December 21** – Dale & Sherry Dahmen, **December 22** – Vivian Siruffert, **December 23** – Nate Carper, **December 24** – Gracie Saehr (Jodie Saehr) - (\$35 Winners). **December 25** – Megan Gruber (Kari Gruber) **\$500 Christmas Winner**, **December 26** – Bob Young (\$75 Winner).

FROM THE PASTOR: I hope everyone is having a very joyous Christmas. This weekend we also celebrate the Feast of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and we all can look to the Holy Family for strength in the times that we are living. My prayer is that all our families can have peace, joy and hope in the days and months ahead. I know too that some families have different dynamics going on and struggles as well, but know that my prayers are with you and all our families in our parishes. Thank you also for the many prayers, cards and gifts.
 ~Fr. Ken Popp

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. Popp will be gone Dec. 27 - Dec. 29. He will also be away at a Priest Retreat from Jan. 3 - Jan. 6. The Parish Office will be closed the week of Dec. 27- Dec. 31, but we will be coming in to check messages. We will resume regular office hours Monday, January 3rd.

CHILDREN ENVELOPES: The children contribution envelopes were sent home with the students of Holy Trinity and Father Pierz School of Religion this week. If your child did not receive a box and would like one, please contact the Parish Office at 468-6033, and we will get one ready for you.

Pierz Community Education: Now offering adult introduction to welding in January and the 4 hour refresher course for your insurance's senior discount. Check PierzSchoolsPayOnline.org or call 320-468-6458 Ext 7.

The Garden of Eden and the Human Condition: Nostalgia or Anticipation: Prompted by the results of scientific discovery, Fr Michael Patella will explore the questions science raises for our concept of sin as well as pose an alternative framework for twenty-first century Christians to employ in their thinking about redemption. Friday, January 14, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Synchronous Event. Free event. Registration is required:
www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

From the staff at St. Joseph's and St. Michael's, we want to wish everyone a very happy, healthy, and blessed New Year!



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SAT. JAN. 1 @ 10:00 a.m. – New Years Day/Solemnity

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Nathan Gruber & Randi Kranz

Servers: Noah Solinger & Whitney LeBlanc

SUN., JAN. 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Nathan Gruber

Communion Ministers: Donna Solinger & Connie Kieffer

Servers: Wyatt Dingman & Hunter Jacobson

USHERS FOR JANUARY: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, & Todd Caddy

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: Baby items, including new & gently used clothing, coats, hats, mittens & diapers are being collected, along with monetary donations for area families in need. Sponsored by the Buckman CW/M. Basket in the church. Any questions, call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Holy Trinity continues to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

*The office will be closed Dec 24 and the week of Dec 27 - 31.

*School resumes on Jan 3.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*Broomball in Buckman on Wednesday, January 5th 5:30pm-7:30pm for JH/SH Youth Group

*Thursday, January 6th 6pm-7:30pm at the LF high school auditorium Night of Hope with special guests from Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge. This event is open to parents, students, families, and all community members who want to hear personal stories from individuals in recovery, current drug trends, and local resources and services available to the community. Free pizza served from 6-6:30pm. 1.5 CEUs available for behavioral health, nursing, education, & social work.

*SnowTubing on Wednesday, January 12th @ Ski Gull. Bus leaves FPSR at 5:00pm and returns at 9:30pm.

AREA NEWS:

***Breakfast, Church of St. Joseph, St. Joseph,** Sun. Jan. 2 from 8:30-12. Take the family out for a great homemade breakfast that includes Pep's pork sausage, St. Joseph Meat Market sausage, pancakes, hash browns, fruit, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls and cinnamon rolls, includes beverages. \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 6-12. We are now accepting credit cards.

***Breakfast in Bethlehem, Holy Trinity Church, Royalton,** Sun. Jan. 9. Served from 9a -12p. Come and enjoy the sights and sounds of the season with costumed Bible characters, live nativity, and carols. Free will offering. Take out available. Handicapped accessible. Proceeds will go towards HT Youth Group and Christian Mothers/Christian Women.

***Breakfast, Church of the Holy Spirit, 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud,** Sun. Jan. 9, serving from 8:30-12:30 p.m. The menu features ham, sausage, pancakes with fruit toppings, scrambled eggs, hash browns, cinnamon and caramel rolls, fruit and beverages. Adults \$10, children 5-17 \$5, 4 and under eat free.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: Dec. 28: Joan Kapsner

FRI. DEC. 31 @ 4:30 p.m. – New Years Eve

Lector: Geri Kasper

Communion Ministers: Marvin Kimman, Grace Stumpf, Mason Zajac, *Choir* – Kerri Kasper

Servers: Jayden Zajac & Danny Litke

SAT. JAN. 1 @ 8:00 a.m. – New Years Day/Solemnity

Lector: Cari Stumpf

Communion Ministers: Pat Hartmann, Wanda Kapsner, Leroy Swanson

Servers: Volunteers needed.

SAT. JAN. 1 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. JAN. 2 @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. – Taryn Dorn, Ruth Stuckmayer, Mary Schraut, *Choir* – Michelle Litke

Sun. – Jan Kimman, Marilyn Virnig, Chris Young

Servers: Sat. – Sophie Leidenfrost & Joey Stuckmayer

Sun. – Mason & Caden Hoheisel

Lectors for January: Sat.- Tony Sauer, Sun.- Cari Stumpf

Ushers for January: Sat. - Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, & Jon Stumpf, Sun. - James Gruber, Gerard Kimman, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Oliver John, son of Joshua & Maria Andrea, was baptized on Saturday, December 18th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

FUNERAL LUNCHESES: If anyone is interested in helping with funeral lunches, please contact Pearl Wilson at 320-630-7922.

DONUT & COFFEE SUNDAY: We look forward to seeing you at the next Donut Sunday on **January 16th** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Hosted by Father Pierz School of Religion. Please join us for *DONUTS and fellowship!*

Eucharistic Adoration: There will not be adoration in Pierz on Friday, December 31st because of New Years. Enjoy the time with your family and attend these special Masses.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN: Happy New Year! We will be holding our first meeting of the year on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022 at 6:30p.m. in the parish office. Please contact Barb Zajac at 320-310-3267 with any agenda items you may have. Hope many can join us!

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: During Advent a basket is placed by front side altar for baby items. Blankets, Diapers, Clothes, Money Donations and Etc. are needed. Things received will be given to families in need. Sponsored by Pierz CW/Ms. Any questions please call 468-6070.

ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: We are in need of Queen and King size quilt tops and backings. We have fabric you can choose from downstairs in the Parish Center. We can also help you pick it out or with a pattern if you would like. Quilting will resume Wed., Jan. 5 at 1 pm and Thurs., Jan. 6 at 9 am. We will be tying and stitching. No experience necessary. Any questions call Eileen at 360-2434 or Chris at 468-2164.

PRAYER LINE: If you have a prayer line intention please call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.