

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

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 2nd, 2022

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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.

<https://stjohnslastrup.org/> 320-468-2111

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 4th – JANUARY 9th, 2022

Tuesday, January 4

8:00 a.m. Pierz **Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)**
9:30 a.m. Villa **Word/Communion Service (only for Residents)**

Wednesday, January 5

8:00 a.m. Buckman **Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)**
7-8:00p.m. Buckman **Eucharistic Adoration**

Thursday, January 6

8:00 a.m. Buckman **Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)**
9:30 a.m. Villa **Word/Communion Service (only for Residents)**

Friday, January 7 – HT School Mass: Ms. Cherne's 6th Grade Class

8:30 a.m. Pierz +David Herold, & +Cleora Herold Piekarski
8:30 a.m. Buckman **Word/Communion Service**
9:30 a.m. Villa +Jerome & Beverly Stumpf (*Mass only for Residents*)
3-6:00 p.m. Pierz **Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday, January 8

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Harvey "Joe" Block

Sunday, January 9

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Sally Bolster, & For the People of the Parishes
10:00 a.m. Buckman +Donald R. Marshik

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2,590.00
High School \$ 2.00
Elementary \$ 24.00
Plate \$ 371.00
\$ 2,987.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Dec. 26th Sunday:** 218

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 5,194.00
High School \$ 19.00
Elementary \$ 23.05
Plate \$ 288.00
\$ 5,524.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Dec. 25th Saturday:** 122

Mass attendance **Dec. 26th Sunday:** 237

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

December 27 – Warren Carmona, **December 28** – Grady & Kelly Nouis, **December 29** – Julie Poser, **December 30** – Kent Happke, **December 31** – Mike Schubert (\$35 Winners)

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE: First, I would like to thank everyone for their gifts, Christmas Cards, prayers and wishes. It is really appreciated. As I write this I have been and am enjoying my days and time with my son Charles, and my daughters, Beth and Ruth, son-in-law, Jeff, and my granddaughter, Isabelle. I have come to fully appreciate what my mom would say when she would say, "I am just soaking you up." Many of the families in our parishes have been doing the same thing. It is indeed more enjoyable than the distance "Zooming" and other things many had to do last year. Yet we know that the end of 2021 does not bring the end of Covid, nor the end of the wacky weather much of the world has been experiencing, nor the increasing violence in our nation. So we sit in darkness, yet we have seen a great light. About 2000 years ago, by the power of the Holy Spirit the Word of God became flesh when Mary responded to the Angel to let things be done according to God's will. Jesus was born in a makeshift shelter because there was no place for Him. I wonder if Mary and Joseph had some concerns about God's attention to some details. Maybe being full of grace they did not have doubts, but wow. Do we sometimes wonder why God allows so much poverty or whether he has forgotten some details about the Divine Plan in the Years 2000-2022? The wisemen left their homeland, traveled for two years, and made a huge investment on an uncertain journey. God warned the wisemen to go home a different way. Did the wisemen wonder why God allowed Herod to even be a bother? Do we wonder why God allows leaders of nations to do the evil that they do? Many people around the world have had to do the same thing in recent years. We also remember the death of all the innocent children whose only crime was where they located and the age they were. Many parents, siblings and grandparents grieved their death due to the swords of Herod's soldiers. Did they wonder why God allowed this hate and death to be ravaged upon them? So too many children are killed today whose only crime is that they are located in a womb of a mother and are less than nine months old. Yet, we live in a land where it is legally approved. These are our children and God's children. How can He let this go on? Over 2000 years ago God was present and heard the cries of the suffering people who called to Him. God was in their midst and working His miracle of redemption in a way no one could have ever anticipated, though it was written about in Scripture. We rejoice God over the Christmas Scene, the Epiphany, and later Holy Week. We rejoice in the work of God, even though it was done in the midst of the world's suffering, evil, and pain. So too, today, in the midst of sin, evil and death, which God out of His polite respect for our freewill allows, I believe God is still doing tremendous things and we like Mary, Joseph, and the wisemen are to be witnesses and sing to the world that God is in our midst. The Kingdom of God is at hand. For where God is there is His Kingdom. God is in our hearts and here in our Baptized Bodies, in our Soul and Bodies filled with His Body and Blood. God is here in the movement of the Holy Spirit. God is here and God will be seen in our lives, our joys, and in our beliefs even in the times of sorrow and confusion. God is our strength, our joy, our peace. Let us always remember who we are in our actions. ~ Michael Pekar

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. Popp will be away at a Priest Retreat from Jan. 3rd - Jan. 6th.

THANK YOU! To Fr. David Maciej for celebrating Christmas Eve Mass with our parish.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., JAN. 9 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Jane Funk

Communion Ministers: Jill Hoheisel, Nicole Lochner, Randi Kranz, & Nathan Gruber

Servers: William Dehler & Logan Brisk

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

THANK YOU! A huge thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped decorate St. Michael's Church for Christmas Mass. Great job!

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL, membership breakfast. Sunday, January 9th, 2022, after the 10:00 a.m. Mass in the St. Michael's Parish Center.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN NEWS: There will be a meeting Thursday, January 20th, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's parish center. If you have an item for the agenda or questions, call Patty at 468-2487. Any bills need to be given to the treasurer along with an expense form.

ADORATION: There will be all day adoration on Wednesday, January 12th, 2022, at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. We start at 8AM and go until 8PM. To sign up for an hour, call Patty at 468-2487.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Employment opportunities: FT Cook - 32 hours / week. Call office for more information.

*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.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

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

*Thurs., Jan. 6th, 6-7:30pm at the LF high school auditorium **Night of Hope** with special guests from Minnesota Adult & Teen Challenge. 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.

Retrouvaille: January 14th. As a peer ministry of couples helping other couples who are living in hurting marriages, the Retrouvaille program focuses on teaching couples communication skills that can help them work on their differences. For more info, visit www.helpourmarriage.org.

49th ANNUAL MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE: Saturday, January 22nd. 12 p.m. march in front of State Capitol. 12:30 p.m. program on Capitol front steps.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTIONS & MASS COUNTS:

St. Joseph's - \$28,184.88, **Dec. 24th** 4:30 p.m. - 426,

Dec. 24th 8:00 p.m. - 125, **Dec. 25th** 8:00 a.m. - 254.

St. Michael's - \$27,802.33, **Dec. 24th** - 343, **Dec. 25th** - 295.

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: Jan 4: No Mass Scheduled

SAT. JAN. 8 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. JAN. 9 @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. - Mason Zajac, Grace Stumpf, & Kristie Kroll. **Choir** - Kelly Becker

Sun. - Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek, & Marvin Kimman

Servers: Sat. - Reese & Reagan Winscher

Sun. - Garrett & Madelyn Kessler

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

THANK YOU! Thank you to everyone who gave their time and talent to make our Christmas season services wonderful. We appreciate each and every one of you. Great job!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Edward H. Kroll** passed away on December 21st. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, December 28th at St. Joseph's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to these families and assure them of our prayerful support.

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!***

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!

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.

AREA NEWS:

***Breakfast, Church of St. Joseph, St. Joseph,** Sun. Jan. 2 from 8:30-12. \$10.00 for adults and \$4.00 for ages 6-12.

***Catholic United Financial Membership Breakfast, St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman.** Sunday, January 9th after the 10 a.m. Mass.

***Breakfast in Bethlehem, Holy Trinity Church, Roylton,** 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.

***Breakfast, Church of the Holy Spirit, 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud,** Sun. Jan. 9, serving from 8:30-12:30 p.m. Adults \$10, children 5-17 \$5, 4 and under eat free.

***Breakfast, St. Anthony's Parish Center, St. Cloud,** Sun, Jan. 16, 8 a.m. - Noon. Adults \$10, grades 7-12 \$5 and preschool to grade 6 eat free.