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## Third Sunday of Lent

March 4, 2018

My eyes are always on the Lord!

**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	Mar. 5	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Mar. 6	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Pam Woitalla
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Mar. 7	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Math & Isabell Przybilla
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Howie Braun
		<b>Buckman</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Thursday	Mar. 8	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Harvey Otremba
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Mar. 9	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Shirley Happke / Holy Trinity School Mass
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Great-Great Grandson of Bertha Jedlicki
		<b>Pierz</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</b>
Saturday	Mar. 10	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Family Member of Math Theresia (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Mar. 11	<b>Buckman</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Truman & Caraline, LaDonna Scholl
		<b>Pierz</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	For the People of the Parishes (Children & Youth Choir)

**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.**

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** Something I hear quite often is that we have the God of love in the New Testament and the God of wrath in the Old Testament. Some will even quote today's Old Testament reading about inflicting punishment for 3-4 generations for those who "hate" God. (I should write 14 paragraphs explaining the cultural sense of the afterlife, tribal responsibility and other cultural things when this was written, but I can't.) Let us please read the rest of the sentence, "but bestowing mercy down to the thousandth generation on the children of those who love me and keep my commandments." So that is a 333:1 or 250:1 ratio of mercy vs justified punishment. How many of us can say we have a ratio of 250:1 of love and mercy to justified anger? Not me. This is far from the God of wrath, and much more aligned to the "slow to anger and rich in mercy" or "steadfast love" which are phrases found in abundance in the Old Testament to describe the God. ~~~ Michael Pekar

### AREA EVENTS:

\***Holy Trinity School Carnival, Pierz:** Sun. Mar. 11 from 11a.m.-3p.m. Baked goods, Kids games and much more. Bring the family and enjoy the day with us!

\***Lenten Fish Fry-Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:**

Fri. Mar. 9, 16, & 23 from 5-7:30p.m. Take out orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)

\***St. Joseph's Parish, Morrill:** Lenten Fish Fries, Parish Hall, Fri. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-7p.m.

\***Fish Fry-Holy Cross Center, Onamia:** Fri. Mar. 9 & 23, from 4:30-7p.m. (kids under 6 eat free)

\***Senior Citizen Bingo:** March 15, after the 8a.m. Mass at St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman.

\***Friday Night Fish Fry-St. Elizabeth Church, Brennyville:**

Fri. March 16 from 4:30-7p.m. Take out orders available.

\***St. Michael's Christian M/W Quilt Bingo/Raffle:** Sun. March 18, at 1p.m. at Buckman Parish Center.

\***Holy Name Men's Group of Holy Cross Church,**

**Harding:** Annual ham bingo, Sun, March 18, at 1:30PM in the church basement. Cash prizes, and don't forget the "Man-Made" lunch!

### EXTRA CONFESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Tues, Mar. 6 - Pierz at 6:30p.m.

Wed. Mar. 7 - Buckman at 12:00p.m.

Fri. Mar. 9 - Pierz at 3:00p.m.

**MCCL QUILT:** This year is St Joseph's Parish to make the Quilt for the MCCL raffle. We will be starting to hand stitch it on Mon. March 5, from 9a.m.-4p.m. in the Parish Office basement. lunch will be provided, we will teach anyone interested in learning on how to stitch a Quilt. We are inviting anyone from St. Michael's Parish to join us. Any Questions call Eileen at 320-260-2434.

**March is FoodShare Month:** Pierz Area Food Shelf is requesting our area churches to help our local families in need since many of these people are from our own neighborhood. Please help us to promote FoodShare Month by providing opportunities for donations of money and/or food to be collected and delivered to the Pierz Area Food Shelf located behind the Pierz Fire Hall. If unable to make deliveries during the hours of 9-11am and 5-7pm on Mondays, please call 468-7134 to arrange an alternate delivery time. Thank you!

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

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

Adult	\$2195.00
High School	\$ 6.75
Elementary	\$ 16.00
Plate	\$ 93.00
	\$ 2310.75

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

<b><u>St. Joseph's:</u></b>
Sat. 4:30p.m. - 268
Sun. 8:00a.m. - 185
<b><u>St. Michael's:</u></b>
Sun. 10:00a.m. - 375

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

Adult	\$5712.00
High School	\$ 19.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00
Plate	\$ 267.51
	\$ 6020.51

Thank you for your generosity!

**SUNDAY - March 11 @ 8:00 a.m.:**

**Lector**-Leo Pohlkamp

**Communion Ministers**- Cindy Scholl, Rosie Mischke, Kay Pappenfus, Connie Kieffer, Alice Nordmann

**Servers**- (HT Carnival) Nick Scholl & David Gottwalt

**March Ushers**-Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

**\*\*CHOIR\*\***: Practice on Mon. Mar. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7p.m. Will be singing on Sun. March. 11<sup>th</sup>.

**CM/W Bingo/Raffle** Sun, March 18, at 1 pm. Winners get to choose their own quilt, with lots to choose from for all ages including themed quilts; Hello Kitty, Tractors, Horses, Olaf (from "Frozen"), Camouflage and many beautiful pieced tops.

**THANK YOU:** A big "Thank you" to the ladies from groups 1&2 who came to clean church. **Great Job!!**

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**Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team** 3rd annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser on Mar 10, at 5PM at The Pierz Ballroom. Presale tickets: \$10-adults, \$5-students, can be purchased from Pizzazz Dancer. To enter a soup or donate an auction item, contact Jackie @ [320-232-0539](tel:320-232-0539).

**FPSR (Office # 468-2640)**

\*\*March for Life on Wed March 7th for Senior High Youth Group. We will be marching for life at Planned Parenthood in St. Cloud. Bus leaves FPSR 5pm.

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

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open. There will Open house at 6pm on Mon, Mar 5<sup>th</sup> for preschool and new families. For more information call the school office.

\*Guy Clemons-Virnig will represent Holy Trinity at the regional Spelling Bee in Staples on Wed, March 7<sup>th</sup>. Blessings on Guy and spelling successfully!

\*The school carnival is scheduled for 11-3 on Sun, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Raffle tickets for sale. Donations are being taken for silent auction items, bingo, toy walk, shake-rattle-roll, and country store. Items can be left at door #1 entrance into school.

**ORGANIST NEEDED:** We are looking for an organist to play at least 2 Sun a month, Christmas and Easter. Our Mass Sun at 9:45 am, at Holy Cross Church, Harding. If interested please call one of the following: Fr. David 320-468-2111, Debbie Woitalla 320-277-3860, Dave Schubert 218-829-7015 or Yvonne Kisor 320-277-3419. We can discuss the pay and days when you will play. Thanks!

**SERVER'S PARTY:** At Pierz Lanes, free bowling with snacks available Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Mar. 13<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-5:30

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

**SERVERS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:**

Fri. Mar. 9 @ 4:00p.m. - Ashley Kimman & Fran Brisk

**MARCH - Sat. 10 4:30p.m. & Sun. 11 @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.- Teagan Przybilla & Michael Leidenfrost

Sun.- (HT Carnival) Jack Prokott & Alana Rocheleau

**Weekday Lector:** Leroy Swanson

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH:** Sat-Marvin

Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Doris Thyen, Choir-Kristie Kroll.

Sun.-Matt Kessler, Wanda Kapsner, Jan Kimman.

**LECTORS FOR MARCH:**

Sat.- Mark Fyten, Sun.- Harvey Kimman

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

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

Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky.

**DISH TOWELS:** for embroidering for the parish festival will be availed in the parish office.

**ADULT CHOIR:** Practice with Carol @ 4p.m., Tues. Mar. 6. Anyone that would like to join us, please come!

**ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR:** will sing on Sunday, March 11th at 10:00 mass in Pierz. (Mass switch because of carnival weekend) We will practice on Thursday, March 8th from 6-7. All ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

**QUILTING:** The Country NE group will be tying their quilts on March 24 at the Parish Office basement starting at 8 am until done. Questions call Jan at 468-2578 or Eileen at 320-360-2434

**FOUND AT CHURCH:** A Rosary was found on Wed. Feb. 21, if anyone is missing their Rosary please call the parish office at 468-6033

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE:** We need help selling raffle tickets at Coborn's, Fri Mar. 23 & Sat Mar 24<sup>th</sup> in Little Falls. I would anticipate being at Coborn's from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on both days. Call Dan at 320-360-1178 to set up what time works for you. Thank You!

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

Feb. 26-Brenda Athman, Feb. 27-Charles H. Hopkins, Feb. 28-Joes & Kathy Kahl, Mar. 1-Natalie Gritzmacher, Mar. 2-Jeff Fuhrman, Mar. 3-Teresa Mitchell, (\$35 winners) Mar. 4-Nick Murphy (\$75 Winner)

**Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia**

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on [Sunday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.](#) The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. All are welcome!

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls and the Franciscan Associates:**

Lenten Day of Reflection, "Holy Saturday: The Space Between Death and Resurrection", Sat, March 10, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., in St. Francis Hall at St. Francis Convent, Little

Falls. No cost to attend; free-will donations. For more information or to register by March 1, contact Joan Wingert at (320)632-0693 or [jwingert@fslf.org](mailto:jwingert@fslf.org).

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** The next weekend is Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org).

**ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMAN** : under the age of 45? Would you be interested in spending a day at Saint Benedict's Monastery? We are offering the following opportunities for this experience. All the dates are scheduled on a Sat, Mar 10, & April 14, 2018. The time is from 9a.m.-3:30 pm. There is no cost for this one day experience. If you are interested, please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or email her at [lrose@csbsju.edu](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu).

**ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?** Even if you sign the paper that you would like a visit by the parish, we rarely get called. **If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the church at 468-6033** and leave us a message where or when you are going to be admitted. *Thank you!*

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

**LOOKING FOR CLEANERS:** We are looking for at least 2 parishioners or cleaning persons who would be interested in cleaning the church on a regular bases. It would be a paid position. If anyone is interested please contact the parish office 468-6033.

**The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class** at Grace United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, April 16-20. The goal is to increase the number of faith community nurses in churches; promoting the well-being of faith community members by helping them to access health care with the support of clergy, the faith community nurse, and the church ministry team. \$450 Scholarships are available. The course is required for currently licensed RN's who want to practice as Faith Community Nurses. Call St. Cloud Hospital Parish Health Ministries Program, 320-249-0280 for information.

**Join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101.:** On **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, and **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, gather with fellow MN Catholics at the State Capitol to experience the lawmaking process, learn how you can plug in as a faithful citizen, and pray for your legislators. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register visit [MNCatholic.org](http://MNCatholic.org). A free-will offering will be accepted.

**Knonia** is a retreat opportunity for people to encounter Jesus Christ through an experience of Christian community. The theme of the Koinonia weekend is the Paschal Mystery – the death and resurrection of Jesus. We take this central teaching 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 especially 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 2-4, 2018. Fr. Ernie Martello, will be the Spiritual Director. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be downloaded from the website: [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org) or by calling Dorie Reiter at 320-217-2476. Or send an email to [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com) to get an application. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Scholarships are available for those in need.

**DEMENTIA:** If you are a caregiver and want to learn more about aging and Dementia Horizon Health is offering a class on Tue. Mar. 13 from 8a.m.-4:30p.m. Lunch will be provided. Call 468-6451 for more information.

**A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day:** This theology day presentation will explore the history of the search for the elusive Jesus of history followed by a provocative suggestion: the search for the historical Jesus makes no sense for Catholics. Instead we should focus on the Jesus presented to us in the Gospels, that is, the real Jesus. **March 16<sup>th</sup>, check-in from 8:30 a.m. 9 a.m. and presentation from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville.** Free event. Lunch provided following presentation. Registration is required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).

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