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**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MAY 3RD, 2020**

The Mercy of the Lord fills the earth!

**Office Hrs.:** Office will be Closed to the Public until further notice.

**Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:**

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup and Holy Cross Church of Harding all weekend Masses will be suspended until May 15, 2020

Fr. Popp will be celebrating **PRIVATE MASSES ONLY**. We are recording them and putting them on different outlets (our website and YouTube). We are ringing the bells of the church before each Mass. Fr. Popp will be saying the Mass for the intention on that day and for all the people in our local area. As time goes by, more information will be available. Thank you for your understanding!

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 28-May 2, 2020**

**Tuesday May 5 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Melvin Schmidtbauer

**Wednesday May 6 - Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +LeRoy Lochner & Tony Medek

**Thursday May 7 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Colette & Marie Pohlkamp

**Friday May 8 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. +Frank, Angeline & Francis Gangl and Edward Stangl

**Sunday May 10 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)**

11:00 a.m. May Crowning Mass for Past and Present Christian Mothers/Women Members. Also, Elory Meyer, Joe Gangl & Ed Hendricson

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

Adult \$ 1640.00

Easter \$ 2750.00

\$ 4390.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

*\*Collection from the week of 4/20-4/26*

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

Adult \$ 2185.00

Easter \$ 830.00

\$ 3015.00

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**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Apr. 27** – Russell Stang, **Apr. 28** – Nora Poginy, **Apr. 29** – Donna Fashant, **Apr. 30** – Brian Klein, **May 1** – Eleanor Fussy, **May 2** – Kitty Gall (\$35 Winners). **May 3** – Andy Woitalla (\$75 Winner).

**CONFESSIONS:** Fr. Ken Popp and Fr. David will not be hearing confessions during this time until further notice due to Bishop Kettler's request.

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**FROM THE PASTOR:** As I write my letter for the bulletin, I want everyone to know that I continue to pray for all of you and that it is very hard not to be with you especially at our Masses each weekend. I ask that you pray for me and my brother priests because I know they feel the same pain as me, not being with their parishioners especially at the weekend Masses. We want to continue to trust in our Lord that we will all get through this and that their will be better days. Let us pray that a vaccine can soon be discovered and other medicines to help at present. We are called to be strong in our faith and I ask that parents and middle-aged people be strong especially in your faith so we can be they're for the children, young people and elderly I know and trust that we can do this. God Bless! ~ Fr. Ken Popp  
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**PRAYER CHAPLETS:** Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. We pray with praise, petition and thanksgiving. We pray to the saints to intercede for us to God in heaven for our needs. The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. Chaplets are private devotions prayed on beads. They should be prayed every day. There is Power in Prayer.

**HOLY WATER:** Is available in the parish office entry way in Pierz.

**CANDLES FOR SALE:** If you are in need of votive candles, please call the parish office 468-6033 and we will make arrangements for you to come and pick them up.

**MOTHERS DAY:** Don't forget that on May 10<sup>th</sup> this coming Sunday is Mother's Day!

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*2020-21 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, [www.holytrinitypierz.org](http://www.holytrinitypierz.org) or you can contact the school office.

**PRAYER BLANKETS:** Looking for a great gift! Pray Blankets are available in the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. They can give comfort to the sick & suffering. Questions, call Kathy at 468-2105.

**MASSES:** We have made some improvements to the audio on our recorded Masses. So, please check out our daily and weekend Mass that are being taped at 9 a.m., and put on Youtube and our parish website for viewing around 11 a.m.

**BULLETINS:** You can pick up a bulletin at the parish office entry way in Pierz, or by the enters of St. Michael's Parish Center. You can also see the bulletin on the parish website

## ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

### PRAYER LINE:

\*\*If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski 468-6148.

\*\*If you would like to be on the pray line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

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### Listening to the Word of God

\*Readings can be found on

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/>

Acts 2:14A, 36-41 / 1 Peter 2:20B-25 / John 10:1-10

\*Oral reading of the passages

[http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20\\_05\\_03.mp3](http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20_05_03.mp3)

\*Reflection on the passages from USCCB & Bishop Barron USCCB.ORG & WORDONFIRE.ORG

\*Discussion Questions for different ages from google Loyola Press.com > Sunday Connections > grade levels

#### **\*First Reading Acts 2:14A, 36-41**

1. Since the beginning the Church has Baptized new members and God has forgiven the sins of those who are Baptized and the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon new members. For most of us that means that since we were little the Holy Spirit has been poured out upon us. How does feel to know that God has been this united with us most of our lives?

2. Are we saving ourselves and our children from our corrupt generation?

#### **\*Second Reading 1 Peter 2:20B-25**

1. Peter proclaims that, we should be patient, like Jesus, when we suffer for doing good. How good am I at bearing suffering, particularly unjust suffering?

#### **\*Gospel John 10:1-10**

1. The sheep recognize the shepherd's voice. How good am I at hearing the Shepherd's voice?

2. Jesus came so that we might have life and have it more abundantly. How might God's view of an abundant life, be different from "the world's view" of an abundant life?

## ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Leona Juetten* passed away on March 8<sup>th</sup>. A funeral service was held on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Fellowship Bible Church in Pierz, with burial in St. Joseph's Church cemetery. *Joyce Gunther* passed away on March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, March 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in St. Joseph's Church cemetery.

### Attention Christian Mothers/Women:

The Food, Fun, Fund Day hosted by the Little Falls Deanery at Belle Prairie on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, has been canceled. Any questions contact Barb Zajac @320-310-3267. Thank you!

### 4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE

**RAFFLE:** We postponed the raffle drawing to June 19<sup>th</sup>, and canceled the German Dinner. People who purchased dinner ticket will receive a refund. Thank you for your understanding.

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### MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH TRUSTEES:

**As we are all aware, the recent Coronavirus Pandemic has discontinued all of our Masses and church activities until after Friday, May 15<sup>th</sup>. However, all of our financial responsibilities still need to be taken care of. It is of the utmost importance that our parishes maintain regular weekly incomes so we can continue paying all our regular monthly bills. We are asking all of our parishioners to continue their financial support of their parish using their regular Sunday and Easter envelopes and mailing them to the parish office at St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Parish Office, P.O. Box 428, Pierz MN 56364 or you can set up electronically fund transfers. You can go to our website to find the form or you can pick one up in the entries of both churches and parish office. Thank you for your support! ~ St. Joseph's (Harold Meyer & Joanne Broschofsky) & St. Michael's (Bill Andres & Roger Janson) Trustees.**

### Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class,

November 12, 13, 19, 20, 2020 Grace United Methodist Church 2615 Clearwater Rd, St. Cloud, MN 56301 Program Fee - All 450.00 Scholarships Available (See Below) Registration Deadline: 7 days prior to class Cancellation Deadline: 7 days prior to class Sponsored by: Health Ministries of Central Minnesota & Faith Community Nurse Partnership of Central Minnesota CentraCare Education & Professional Development. Program Fee - All \$450 Scholarships: The Health Ministries of Central Minnesota Committee is offering scholarships of up to \$250. To apply for a scholarship or for questions about the class, please contact Annette Jesh prior to payment. Your payment will be dependent upon approval of the scholarship. Annette.Jesh@centracare.com or (320) 249-0280

