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**Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
 March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019  
 Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her!

**FR. KENNETH POPP – PASTOR**

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

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Michael's office hours are Thurs. in Buckman 2-4p.m.

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**Confessions:** Buckman – Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz – Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.  
**Adoration at the Pierz Villa on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APR. 1<sup>st</sup> – APR. 7<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 1</b>	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 2</b>	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Rollie & Annepte Block
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 3</b>	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Clarence Meyer
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Laura Kapsner – 100 <sup>th</sup> Birthday
Pierz	7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Mass
<b>Buckman</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 4</b>	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Fr. Al Stangl & deceased family members
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 5</b>	
Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Karla Scheel
Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Albert Servaty
<b>Pierz</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 6</b>	
Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Jerry Fischer (Adult Choir)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 7</b>	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Kevin Copa-Sobiek (Folk Group)
Buckman	10:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes & deceased members of Frank & Francis Stangl

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

Adult	\$2360.00
High School	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 8.50
Plate	<u>\$ 302.00</u>
	<u>\$2675.50</u>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Mar. 24<sup>th</sup>** – Sunday 10a.m-247

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

Adult	\$6029.00
High School	\$ 19.00
Elementary	\$ 29.00
Plate	<u>\$1084.32</u>
	<u>\$7161.32</u>

*Thank you for your generosity*

**Mar. 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>** Mass attendance –  
 Sat. 4:30 p.m.-269 Sun. 8:00 a.m.–259 Sun.  
 2:00 p.m. – 645

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Mar. 25**-Roxanne Japp, **Mar. 26**-John Leeb,  
**Mar. 27**-Nick Ratke, **Mar. 28**-Kristin  
 Williams, **Mar. 29**-Colleen Lucking,  
**Mar. 30**-Carrie Hoffman (\$35 winners)  
**Mar. 31**-Hatti Gunderson (\$75 Winner).

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**FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:** With a wonderful abandonment we hope our Confirmed High School students will now embrace the full outpouring and seal of the Holy Spirit which binds their soul in a special way to the love of the Father and Son. This outpouring of the Holy Spirit is yet another merciful action of the loving Father, Son and Holy Spirit. God loves us so much. God wants us to take His, mercy, take His gifts, and be one with Him, and follow Him and trust Him, with our lives. ~~~ Michael Pekar  
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**AREA EVENTS:**

- \***Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale:** American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 341-Pierz, at St. Michael's Parish Center-Buckman. Sun. March 31, from 8:30am-12noon. Adults/\$9, Children 5-12/\$5, & under 4 free.
- \***Fish Fry - Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** April 5<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>. Prices: Adult-\$9, children 12 and under-\$5, under 4-free. Hours: 5-7p.m. Takeout orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7:30).
- \***Ham Bingo:** The Holy Name Society of Holy Cross Church, Harding, will hold a ham bingo on Sun., Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>, at 1:30 pm at the church basement. A "man-made" lunch will follow. Holy Cross is located at 29482 243<sup>rd</sup> St. Pierz, MN 56364.
- \***Pierz Lions Fish Fry:** Doors open @ 4:30 on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at the Brickyard.
- \***Caregiver Support Group:** Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

**CONFESSION TIMES:**

- Tues., Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 12:00 p.m. Buckman
- Sat., Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. Pierz
- Tues., Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 p.m. Buckman
- Fri., Apr. 12<sup>th</sup> @ (after stations) Pierz
- Sun., Apr. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. (Communal Penance Service)
- Tues., Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. Pierz

**THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:**

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, helps to preserve sacred shrines and offer religious education. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, this collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute, you become an instrument of peace and join Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous!

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

**\*SUN. Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Lector:** Bob Lochner

**Communion Minister:** Ron Kahl & Jill Hoheisel

**Servers:** Emily & Mason Herold

**April Ushers:** Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

**\*\*CUF MEETING:** Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, @ 7:00 p.m. in the Buckman Parish Hall.

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tuesday, Apr. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 7:15 p.m. We will sing on Sunday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>.

**UPDATE ON PAINTING PROJECT:** We are looking at a start date of June 10<sup>th</sup> and hopefully finished by our church bazaar. We already have \$70,000 from previous donation towards Building and Maintenance for the church. From our pledge drive, we have \$198,520 pledged from 109 families and \$98,370 already cash deposited. The estimated amount of the Painting Project is \$310,000. We will be short \$41,480. *Thank you to the families that have already donated!*

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**FPSR (Father Pierz School of Religion):**

is now accepting donations for our garage sale to be held at the end of April. We are accepting good used items that can be sold at our sale. If you would like to donate please drop off donations at Father Pierz or contact Jesse Zajac @ 320-468-2640. All proceeds go toward our Steubenville trip in July.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*Stations of the Cross with the students is at 8:35 am on Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us.

\*The 5/6 grade Spring play, “Peter Pan” will be held on Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> @ 1pm and 7pm in the school gym. All are welcome to attend. Entrance fee is a free will donation.

\*Registration is open for the 2019-20 school year.

\*2019-20 Preschool Open House is Tuesday, April 16<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm in the preschool classroom. This event provides an opportunity for families to visit Holy Trinity and discover what the school can provide for your child and family.

\*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.

**THEOLOGY DAY:** In this presentation, we will explore the biblical and theological understandings of forgiveness in relationship to contemporary research on why and how to forgive those who have hurt us. April 12<sup>th</sup>, check-in from 8:30 - 9am, presentation from 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch following presentation. Registration is required: 320-363-3560.

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls,** are hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Franciscan Girls Camp on Tues., June 4<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m. – Thurs., June 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 p.m. 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, campfire, prayer and singing. For more info., call Sister Ange Mayers @ 320-632-0680.

**\*Adoration Chapel:** You are always welcome to stop and visit Jesus. What a nice gift to give him for Lent. Any questions call Hilde 468-2649, or Jan 468-2578.

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

**Fri. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. (STATIONS OF THE CROSS)**

**Servers:** Mason & McKenna Hoheisel

**\*SAT. Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Sat.- Austin Becker & Kayla Virnig

Sun.- Tyler Fischer & Jack Prokott

**Weekday Lector:** – Harvery Kimman

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL:**

*Sat.* -Marilyn Dorn, Loretta Przybilla, Jan Dahmen

*Choir* -Barb Zajac, *Sun.*-Linda Welle, Doris Thyen,

Wanda Kapsner

**LECTORS FOR APRIL:** *Sat.*- Tracy Voigt

*Sun.*- Gwen Gruber

**USHERS FOR APRIL:**

*Sat.*-Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, Jon Stumpf

*Sun.*-Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider,

Jeff Virnig

**ADULT CHOIR:** Practice Thurs., April 4<sup>th</sup> & 11<sup>th</sup> @ 10a.m.

**\*\*NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Ava SueAnne, daughter of Dustin and Rebecca Froelich was baptized on Sunday, March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**COFFEE & DONUTS:** Please join us Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 Mass for donuts and fellowship. This will be hosted by The Knights of Columbus and will be the last one until we start again Sept., 22<sup>nd</sup> next fall. Have a good summer!

**St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women** salad supper and meeting is Wed., April 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Church basement. At this meeting we welcome and induct new members into our confraternity. Please prayerfully consider joining us! Contact Rachel Young (320-630-3630) or Barb Zajac (320-310-3267) with any questions.

**Parish festival Charis and Co-chairs,** there will be a meeting April 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the church basement to discuss this year's Festival. You will be able to pick up your folders then or directly from Crystal if you are unable to attend. I would like to see all chairs/co-chairs that night due to multiple discussions that could take place. Please let me know if you are able or unable to attend. Thank you, Crystal Ratke 320-630-8952

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND GERMAN DINNER:**

Dinner tickets are available; 2 dinner tickets are free with the purchase of 5 Raffle tickets or \$25 each. Dinner tickets are pre-sale only. NO tickets will be available at the door. Also, children under 12 can get a dinner ticket for \$5 but that will not include drink tickets. There are only 350 dinner tickets available. Dinner tickets will be sold up until Easter Sunday.

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**Prayer Team Volunteers Needed at the St. Cloud Hospital**

– Prayer Team volunteers work in conjunction with hospital chaplains to bring intercessory prayer to pre-determined patients and their families. We meet Tues and Thurs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Please prayerfully consider being a Prayer Team volunteer. Contact the Spiritual Care Office at 320-251-2700, ext. 54621 or email, wiewhoffb@centracare.com for more information.

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.) Victim Assistance Advocate for St. Joseph is Tom Klecker: (320) 253-2866.

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE:** Do you have 1 week to spend in prayer? Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. We have an active group at St. Josephs/St Michaels praying for Fr. Popp, and the diocese is starting a group of 21 women to pray specifically for Bishop Kettler. You would commit for a 1 yr. term, praying for 1 hr. any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

**Upcoming Faith in Action Events:**

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**

"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - *husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter.* Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 5-7, in Baxter and Sep 20-22 in Alexandria. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496.

**St. Joseph's Church - 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. Hear what you've been missing!

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

**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!