

**TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

August 25th, 2019

“Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays at 10:45 a.m. **Holy Cross Church of Harding** -Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUG. 26th – SEPT. 1st

Monday Aug. 26

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Aug. 27

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Roger “Hulio” Hoheisel

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Aug. 28

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +John & Karen Hellie

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Edmund Johanna & Daniel Boser

Thursday Aug. 29

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Fr. Al Stangl & Alvin Stangl

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Aug. 30

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Phil & Cora Thielen

Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Emogene Langer

Saturday Aug. 31

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Teddy, Alvin, & Francis Funk (Folk Group)

Sunday Sept. 1

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Albin & Irene Oldakowski (No Choir)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Lambert & Marie Pohlkamp

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2646.00

High School \$ 5.00

Elementary \$ 6.00

Plate \$ 432.00

\$ 3089.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Aug. 18th Sun.** - 245

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 5801.10

High School \$ 15.00

Elementary \$ 455.34

Plate \$ 40.20

\$ 6330.14

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Aug. 15th Thurs.**- 8 am 133,

5:30 pm 136, **Aug. 17th Sat.**- 184,

Aug. 18th Sun.- 284

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Aug. 19 – Rob Kasella, **Aug. 20** – Rich Zilka,

Aug. 21- Nicholas Heid, **Aug. 22** – Melissa

Friedrich, **Aug. 23** – Bob Skiba,

Aug. 24 – Scott Poster (\$35 Winners).

Aug. 25 – Sophie Leidenfrost (\$75 Winner).

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.

FROM THE PASTOR: “Fall is in the air and so is school. On Monday I saw many families out school shopping and met a few from our parishes. I am asking that especially the older students that you have a conversation with your parents and between the student and parents you will not over spend on clothing and other things that you think you might need for school. More important will families having of how the family will have quality time together. Eating meals together and praying together and especially coming to mass each weekend. I believe in all my being that these things are not done the family is not on track about many things. So parents take control and be parents for you children you only have them so long at home and forming them in the faith is perhaps the most important gift you can give them. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO: Wed, August 28th at 8 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we will move to St. Joseph’s Church.

Message from Bishop Kettler: “Please join me and other Catholics from throughout the diocese at Diocesan Ministry Day Sept. 30 at St. John’s University. Keynoter and local author Laura Kelly Fanucci will share her message on ‘Our Baptismal Call to be Priest, Prophet and King.’ There will be learning sessions — and lunchtime conversations — on prayer, spirituality, family life, liturgy, parish planning, Catholic social teaching, youth ministry and much more. Don’t miss the optional retreat the night before — and join me afterward for “Beer, Brats and Bishop.” Come relax and have fun with ministry colleagues from around the diocese. Learn more and register at www.stcdio.org/dmd2019. I look forward to seeing you!”

PATRIOTIC ROSARY 2019: Because our nation is so desperately in need of prayers, various Catholic groups are uniting to pray the rosary on Wed., Sept., 11 at 12:45p.m. at St. Joseph’s Catholic Church in Pierz. The Hearts of Faith, local Christian Women groups, Legion and Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, and the students of Holy Trinity School will each lead a decade of the rosary. There are 50 Hail Mary’s in the decades and 50 state, so we will be praying for 10 states with each decade. We also will be praying for all of our government officials. We are only a small voice, but for the future of this country we can gather together to pray to ask the Lord’s guidance for those who are in leadership of our nation.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN., Sept. 1st @ 8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Alice Nordmann & Nicole Hoheisel

Servers: Gabe Stangl & Cole Andres

September Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

CONGRATULATIONS! To Kendra & Jackson Zenzen, who were married this weekend.

Buckman C M/W: wishing to attend the Fall Conference on September 21 need to call Patt 468-2487 by Monday September 9th to have your registration fee paid.

PARISH BAZAAR NEWS: ****Country Store-**There will be room in the church basement for items to be dropped off and stored before the parish bazaar. *Thank you!*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Tues, Aug 27th from 5-7pm will be the annual Holy Trinity School welcome back night and picnic. Families will have an opportunity to complete paperwork, visit the classrooms, bring supplies, and make a fun project.

*HT Kids Place Child Care Program is taking fall registrations. The program is open to children ages 42 months through 11 years of age. The hours are 7am-5:45pm. Stop by Holy Trinity to pick up a registration form.

*HT Kids Place Child Care Program is hiring part-time assistant teachers and aides. Employee averages from 5-10 hours per week. Send letter of application with references to Holy Trinity School or stop by HT Kids Place.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School.

66th Annual Fall Conference of the Council of Catholic

Women to be held at St. Boniface in Cold Spring, Saturday, Sept. 21st. starting at 8:30. The theme is "Servants of God, Guiding Out Youth". The day will include speakers, mass with the Bishop, business meeting, installation of officers, lunch, Chaplet of St. Michael. Registration \$15, due by Sept. 11th to Marlene Statz 27586 Co.Rd. 9, Richmond, MN 56368. Make checks payable to Cold Spring Deanery.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: Make plans for a fall getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!

The next available Weekends are Sep 20-22 in Alexandria, MN and Sep 14-15 in Marshall, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

Partnership



Everyone is invited to join Bishop Kettler and the Mission Office for the 6th annual **Partnership Barn Dance on Saturday, September 28th at Stephanie and Peter Christianson's Farm in Battle Lake.** Mass with Bishop Kettler will

begin at 4:00pm, followed by a meal, live music, dancing, live auction, fun for the kids, and more. Free will donations will support our diocesan partnerships with Maracay, Venezuela and Homa Bay, Kenya. Contact the Mission Office with questions: (320) 251-1100 or visit <http://mission.stcdio.org>

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

*** SAT., Aug. 31st @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Sept. 1st @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat. – Kayla Virnig & Madison Gross

Sun. – Jaden Zajac & Braiden Maus

Weekday Lector: – Jan Dahmen

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sat.-

Choir-Krisie Kroll, Marvin Kimman, Keith Marshik, & Kerri Kasper. **Sun.-** Mary Tschida & Lois & Dan Waytashek.

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sat – Mark Fyten

Sun – Harvey Kimman

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER: Sat – John Kurtz, Neal

Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll

Sun – Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, & Jason Sadlovsky

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Anne W. Brausen passed away on August 12th Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday August 17th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

BAZAAR UPDATE: Thank you to Crystal Ratke and Sarah Fyten for doing such a great job with the Parish Bazaar this year! As for our net income it was around \$45,791.65 with a few outstanding bills.

AREA EVENTS:

****Holy Cross Church, Harding:** Sun. Sept. 1st Polka Mass at 10a.m. Dinner starting at 11:30a.m. Entertainment throughout the day, bingo, kids' games, fancy stand, silent action (11a.m.), & gun raffle (2p.m.). Everyone is welcome to come and have an enjoyable afternoon.

Diocesan Blue Mass, Thur., Sept. 12th at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of Saint Mary, St. Cloud. A Mass to honor police, fire & emergency medical service personnel who serve in the Diocese of St. Cloud. All are welcome! Please join us! For more info., call 320-255-9068.

Koinonia Retreat, Join us in this Christian Living experience designed for adults age 20 and older. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center 3 miles north of Little Falls. Next retreat, Sept., 13-15. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be completed online on our website: centralmnkoinonia.org. To get a paper application call Kathy at 320-630-1880 or contact us by email at cmkoinonia@gmail.com to get an application. Cost of the weekend is \$70 includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need

Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction: Mark your calendars! Holy Trinity is planning for the 7th Annual Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction on Saturday October 12th 2019 at the Brickyard Bar in Pierz. At this time, we are looking for donations of cash or items for the live auction. Questions/donations contact Becky Dehler 360-3721 or Kristin Andres 630-5354.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

Bishop's Annual Appeal: The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports youth religious education in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

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.

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

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!

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.

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!