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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Fri. - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish office number 468-6033.

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes:

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.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 9th – FEBRUARY 14th, 2021

Tuesday, February 9

8:00 a.m. Pierz **NO MASS or WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE**

Wednesday, February 10

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Dolores Tschida

7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, February 11

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Marie Pohlkamp

Friday, February 12 – No School/No HT Mass

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Dorothy Burich

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

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, February 13

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Marie Stangl

Sunday, February 14

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Judy Riley (*recorded & posted to website*)

10:00 a.m. Buckman For the People of the Parishes & Fr. Ken Brenny

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4165.00

High School \$ 7.00

Elementary \$ 35.25

Plate \$ 118.00

\$ 4325.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **January 31st Sunday:** 250

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 6162.00

High School \$ 11.00

Elementary \$ 22.75

Plate \$ 51.00

\$ 6216.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **January 30th Saturday:** 214

Mass attendance **January 31st Sunday:** 163

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.
Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

February 1 – Jenny Nieken & Jake, **February 2** – Jerry & Brenda Girtz, **February 3** – Keith & Alison Posch, **February 4** – Al Herman, **February 5** – Brady Pohlkamp (Cindy Pohlkamp), **February 6** – Doug & Karen Zimmerman (\$35 Winners). **February 7** – Agueda Reyes (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: Thank you to all who had a big or small hand in Catholic Schools Week. It certainly is good to have this treasure in our community for our children. The lights are being changed in St. Michael's Church as I type; see if you can tell what was done. Not so Important Random thoughts: I am writing this on Wednesday, but I will bet that on Saturday parts of Alaska will be warmer than we are. Ah, winter in Minnesota. I have seen more hoarfrost this year than any of my 15 years in Minnesota. I didn't know that word until last year. The Vikings will not be in the Super Bowl this year, but neither will the Packers. Very Important Non-Random thought: In the midst of all the good and bad in our land, and the Covid 19 situation it is important to remember we have been given this time as a gift. A time for each one of us to get closer to God. A time for us to share the good news about the meaning of life and the importance of God to others who do not know and are searching for meaning, or security or a fuller life. ~~~ **Michael Pekar**

REMINDER: That Wednesday, Feb. 17th is Ash Wednesday, Masses: St. Joseph's at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., St. Michael's at 7:00 p.m. This year instead of the ashes being placed on the forehead, the Priest will take the ashes and sprinkle them on the head of each one without saying anything.

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. Popp will be gone on Monday February 8th and Tuesday, February 9th.

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES: Grades 7th-11th collection envelopes are now located in the parish office.

RICE BOWLS: Join us in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowls. Rice bowls were sent home with the Holy Trinity and FPSR students, and there are more available in the parish office entryway. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

MONTH OF THE HOLY FAMILY: February is dedicated to the Holy Family. The special devotion which proposes the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph as the model of virtue of all Christian households began in the 17th century. The Holy Family models for us what family life should exemplify. It is a school of virtue for both parents and children. The family is where love is freely given without self-interest. It is where we learn to love, to pray and to practice the gift of charity. Pope John Paul II has said, "The family, more than any other human reality, is the place in which the person is loved for himself and in which he learns to live the sincere gift of self."

Bishop's Annual Appeal: This is Announcement Weekend for the 2021 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Feb. 14th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Cindy Scholl & Todd Caddy

Ushers for February: John Grittner & Mick Gruber

I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding February 27th):

Jessica Leeb & Chris Lardy

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Janet L. Cheney* passed away on January 28th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, February 2, 2021, at St. Michael's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Feb is "I Love To Read" month!

*The PTO will host a book bingo in the school gym on Sun, February 21st starting at 1pm. All are welcome to attend.

*Conferences will be held Wednesday and Thursday this week with No School taking place on Friday, February 12.

*The next Toddler Grab N Go bags will be available for pick up on Wed, Feb 10 for you and your 2-4-year-old. To get your Toddler Grab N Go bag, please email

mlitke@holyltrinitypierz.org or contact the school at 468-6446

*The annual Holy Trinity School carnival will be held VIRTUAL this year. Raffle Tickets are available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 each. Please reach out to a Holy Trinity School family or contact the school office at (320) 468-6446 to purchase your tickets. **Prizes to Donate for the Carnival:** Silent Auction (new items): large craft items, quilts, gift certificates, gift baskets, etc.

BUFFALO FEED & RAFFLE: The annual area Knights of Columbus Buffalo Feed & Raffle has been postponed until Saturday, May 22, 2021 due to COVID. You may purchase raffle chances from any member of the K of C until May 22. If finished selling, members are encouraged to turn in their chances. Questions: Mark Loidolt 701-388-2323 or Allen & Deb Woitalla 320-277-3860.

PIERZ COMMUNITY BLOOD DRIVE: American Red Cross Blood Drive will be at Fellowship Bible Church, 12876 Highway 25, Pierz, on Friday, February 12 from 12-6 pm. Register online at www.redcross.org beforehand. Blood donations continue to be down and blood supply is at a very critical level. Any questions, call May at 320-360-3204.

Theology Day: This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. Thurs, Feb. 11, Free webinar from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Registration is required (register at least 5 days in advance); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Franciscan Retreats: We will begin holding retreats starting in mid-February. Once again we will have the pandemic safety protocols in place that worked very well last summer and early Fall. Married Couple's Retreat: Feb. 12-14. Women's Weekend Retreat February 26-28. You can register now online at www.franciscanretreats.net. or by calling at 952-447-2182.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT. Feb. 13th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Feb. 14th @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Lector: Jan Dahmen

Communion Ministers: Sat. Feb. 13-Jan Dahmen & Michelle Litke, *Choir*-Kelly Becker, Sun. Feb. 14-Leroy Swanson & Marvin Kimman

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY:

Sat. – Geri Kasper, Sun. – Gary Poser

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:

Sat. – Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner, & Mathew Stumpf. Sun. – Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Bob Thielen, & Steve Maus.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN NEWS:

*Please use the January pink envelope in your St. Joseph's parish weekly envelopes for Christian M/W annual dues (\$5 per year) and place them in the drop box at the parish office or feel free to drop in the regular collection basket. Thank You.

ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: We will start our tying Tuesday and Wednesday, Feb. 9 and 10, from 9-11 am. If people want to stay longer, they are welcomed to. We have 2 quilts set up for tying. We will use social distancing.

Questions, call Eileen at 320-3602434.

Natural Family Planning Classes: A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Little Falls on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Mary Bontjes at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP instruction and follow-up!

40 Days for Life: St. Cloud Lenten Campaign Feb. 17 to Mar. 28, 2021. Daily prayer vigil held from 7a.m.-7p.m. Mon.-Fri. on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. We welcome/encourage parish, student, family groups any hours that work for them. For more info or to line something up, contact Judy Haag at judy4life@meltel.net or 320-453-7592.

Catholic Men's Conference: Annual Men's Conference will be held virtually on Sat., Feb. 27th from 9a.m. to noon. We will have different men briefly present the Gospels from the six Sundays in Lent. Each of their presentations will last about 15-20 minutes and then reflection questions will be provided for prayer and contemplation after each presentation. Bishop Kettler will welcome us and open in prayer, and he will also conclude the morning and close our conference with prayer. The conference will have the feel of a small retreat, and the goal is for the participants to have a better understanding of the Lenten Sunday Gospels. For more info/to register visit: www.stedio.org/mensconference21, or call 320-258-7615.

Best Lent Ever: Best Lent Ever is a free email program that sends daily inspirational videos directly to your inbox. This program will help you prepare your hearts and minds during Lent for the coming of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please sign up at Best Lent Ever (dynamiccatholic.com).

Worldwide Marriage Weekend: The next virtual weekends will be held Feb 12-14 and Feb 18-20, 2021. For more info visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.