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## Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 21, 2018

I am the light of the world, says the Lord.

### FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

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

### MICHAEL PEKAR - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

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**Wed & Thurs, 8a.m.-4p.m.**

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Jan. 22	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Jan. 23	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	<b>Word/Communion Service - NO MASS</b>
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Jan. 24	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	<b>Word/Communion Service - NO MASS</b>
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Jerome Sczublewski
Thursday	Jan. 25	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Herman Stangl
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Jan. 26	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Maureen Watcott / School Mass
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Richard Meyer
Saturday	Jan. 27	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Harvey Hoheisel (Folk Group)
Sunday	Jan. 28	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Angeline Poser
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes

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:** "The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel." This is what Jesus came to proclaim. This is His message to us. This is the message we are to be proclaiming to others in our own words. Jesus did not come to proclaim that He is the Son of God and that He is both human and divine. He is those things, but that is not His message. Jesus died and rose for our salvation, our redemption. That was His mission, but that was not His message for us to proclaim. His message, His plea, is for us to believe that the Kingdom of God is at hand; to realize that God is with us right here, right now. He is Emmanuel. God with us, not just 2000 years ago when Jesus was physically here, but now. Proclaim this to world that God is reachable and here now. Proclaim heaven is here now. Yes, life on earth is still imperfect because sin is still here, but the reality is that heaven is here now. All of Jesus' parables and miracles are about the Kingdom of God being here now. And yet how often do we have times in our lives, even after eating the Body of Christ that, we live as if we believe God is far away and everything must depend on us and we go it alone? We go it alone in our decision making, our grief, our suffering, and our crosses. We go it alone and betray the Gospel, forgetting that God's embrace is right here for us. ~~~~ Michael Pekar

**WELCOME!** To Fr. Ben Kociemba who is saying Mass this weekend.

### **AREA EVENTS:**

#### **French Toast Breakfast-St. Joseph Parish Hall, Morrill:**

Sun. Jan. 28 from 8:30am-12:30pm, Thielen's sausage, Hashbrowns, Scrambled Eggs, & drinks. Sponsored by Ramey Morrill Area Lions & MLMB 1<sup>st</sup> Response Team.

#### **Parishioners of St Michael's and St Joseph's church:**

The Buckman Christian Women/Mothers would like to offer Matthew Kelly's book, Perfectly Yourself to anyone interested. Please find copies at each entrance of the church. We hope this encourages you in your faith journey and helps you discover the incredible dream God has for everyone of you. This book will be used in "The Best Advent Ever" devotionals from Dynamic Catholic. Learn more at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com) Blessings from Buckman

**RESCHEDULE: Social Concerns meeting** in Pierz office meeting room Wednesday January 24 6:30 – 7:30 P.M.

### **21<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL KC BUFFALO RAFFLE & APPRECIATION**

**MEAL:** Sat. Jan. 27. Meal at 4-8p.m. Drawing at 8:15p.m., at Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets \$10, with half the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The feed, \$6 and you get a burger, beans, potato salad, & homemade bars. Music by the Waltzateer Band, this makes for a fun evening. Ticket available at the feed, any KC member or some of the businesses.

**ALL KC MEMBERS,** are asked to bring a pan of bars to Pierz Ballroom for the Appreciation meal, Sat. Jan. 27. Anyone that can help in working please come to the ballroom, around 2p.m. or anytime that works for you. We really need help with clean up. Return all sold or unsold tickets to the person that game them to you, before Sat. or bring them to the Ballroom on Sat. Thank you for your help in making this a great fund raiser for the St. Isidore's Council.

**The Holy Trinity PTO:** Sponsoring family Ice Skating/Snowshoeing event, Sat, Jan 27<sup>th</sup>, 10am-2pm, at the Buckman ice skating rink. In the event of bad weather, we will try for the next day, Sun, Jan 28<sup>th</sup> from 12pm-3pm.

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

Adult	\$5951.00
High School	\$ 11.25
Elementary	\$ 7.00
Plate	<u>\$ 196.65</u>
	\$6165.90

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**St. Joseph's:**

Sat. 4:30p.m. - 219

Sun. 8:00a.m. - 230

**St. Michael's:**

Sun. 10:00a.m. - 370

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

Adult	\$6100.00
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 21.30
Plate	<u>\$ 189.80</u>
	\$6322.10

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**SUNDAY - January 28 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector**-Holy Trinity Students

**Communion Ministers**-Bob Lochner & Leo Polkamp

**Servers**- Holy Trinity Students

**Ushers**-Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, & Todd Caddy

**PARISH FINANCIAL MEETING:** Thurs. Feb. 1, 7:30p.m.

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETING:** Thurs. Feb. 1, 8p.m.

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**RALLY FOR LIFE:** Mon, Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rally for Life. Dress WARM-bring a lunch and a friend. Bus leaves St. Joseph's in Pierz at 8a.m. & St. Michaels in Buckman at 8:15a.m. . To sign up for bus trip call Dale Beierman at (320)468 -6225. Bus sponsored by St Isidore Council of Pierz.

**Join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101.:** On **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, **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, identify some key issues, and pray for your legislators. Pre-registration is required for this free event and space is limited. For more information and to register visit [MNCatholic.org](http://MNCatholic.org). A free-will offering will be accepted.

**A Pilgrimage To The Holy Land:** Hosted by St. Mary's Catholic Church, Little Falls. Under the spiritual direction of Fr. Matthew Langager 12 days: June 25- July 6. Cost \$3199. Special discount price ~ roundtrip from Little Falls (all airport taxes included!) Register by January 31<sup>st</sup>. Registers are in the back of the church. If you have any questions please call Fr. Matthew at 632-5640 or Karen at 320-237-7415.

**CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:** Sat. Feb. 3, at the Humphrey Auditorium, Saint John's University from 8a.m.-5:30p.m. Speaker will be Damon Owens, for more information call 320-252-4721 or visit on line at [www.stcdio.org/mensconference18](http://www.stcdio.org/mensconference18). Register by Jan. 29.

**Life after Divorce, A CATHOLIC SURVIVAL GUIDE:** February 1-March 8, part I & II will be every Thurs. for 6 weeks from 7-8:30p.m. cost \$25. At the Pastoral Center, St. Cloud. For more information and to register, visit [www.stcdio.org/life-after-divorce](http://www.stcdio.org/life-after-divorce) or Marriage & Family office at 320-252-4721.

**DINE & DISCOVER:** Age related vision problems, by Danise Miller O.D. She will enlighten you on how to maintain "fit" vision. Wed. Jan. 31, from 11:30a.m.-1p.m. RSVP by Fri. Jan. 26, call Kristine Hoheisel at Horizon Health at 468-6451.

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

**Sat. & Sun. January 27 & 28, Weekend:**

**Servers:** Sat.-Holy Trinity Students

Sun.-Kahlee & Colton Kasper

**Weekday Lector:** Al Pekarek

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE:** tickets available for sale after all masses. Also in the parish office, from parish council members & local businesses

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS 468-6446**

\*\*Catholic Schools Week Jan 27 – Feb 2.

\*\*Opportunities to support Holy Trinity include purchasing carnival raffle tickets 468-6446 and attending the meat raffle on Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> @ Patrick's.

\*\*Toddler class will be Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm. Call the school to sign-up your child, ages 3-4, not in preschool.

**MANY GIFTS, ONE NATION**

Saint Pope John Paul II said to an audience of Catholic educators in New Orleans, "Yours is a great gift to the Church, a great gift to your nation." Countless people in our country have been blessed by the many gifts of Catholic schools. They have carried what they have learned and witnessed with them; however, many have lost touch with our local Catholic school communities. It is time for you to reconnect with Catholic schools and give back. It is with this recognition in mind that Holy Trinity Catholic School is pleased to participate in *Many Gifts, One Nation: A Day of Giving to Catholic Schools*. Scheduled for Jan 30, 8 am to Jan 31, 8 am, this is a time for individuals to give to their local Catholic school. Visit [www.NCEA.org/csw/manygifts](http://www.NCEA.org/csw/manygifts) to find the giving page link and search for Holy Trinity School. *Many Gifts, One Nation* is made possible by NCEA and Facts Management.

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

Jan. 15-John Virnig, Jan. 16-Mark Bednar, Jan. 17-Briar Hanneken, Jan. 18-Dylan Smieja, Jan. 19-Margie Kahl, Jan. 20-Sharon Bell, (\$35 winners), Jan. 21-Dan Rocheleau (\$75 winner).

**FPSR 468-2640:**

\*Bowl-A-Thon Fundraiser for Youth Group on Wed, Jan 24<sup>th</sup>, 6-8pm. Extra sheets at FPSR. Bus leaves FPSR 6pm.

\*SKI & SNOWBOARD Trip to Powder Ridge, Sun. Jan 28th. Bus leaves FPSR 2:30pm. Extra forms, Healy office or FPSR.

\*MCCL ProLife Dinner is on Sun, Jan 28th at the Little Falls Ballroom starting at 12p.m. Students helping should be there by 11:30am.

\*Senior High Girls Night/Guys Night is on Wed, Jan 31st from 6-8pm at FPSR. Girls will be in the basement & guys will be upstairs in the gym. Dinner will be provided.

MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

**(SJ NEWS)PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers, please call Karen 468-6818. *Thank you!*

**(FOR BOTH SM & SJ NEWS) Thank You-** To the ladies who have made & continue to make the baptismal gowns for baptism. **Need to find out who makes them! Ask Neddie Leidenfrost**

**(SM'S NEWS) HELP! WE ARE UPDATING OUR MEMBERS FILES:** If you have changed your phone number from a land line to a cell number, moved out of parish or would like to join our parish, please contact Karen at 468-6088 or Parish office 468-6033. *Thank you for your help!*

**K-YES Catholic Radio:** @1180AM, Learn more about your

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**The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class** is being held at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Cloud, April 16-20, through a CentraCare Foundation Grant. The St. Cloud Hospital & the Diocese of Saint Cloud began a partnership to bring faith community nurses of all denominations, area churches, and service agencies together. 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.

**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, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, & April 14, 2018. The time is from 9-3:30 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).

(BOTH PARISHES NEWS) BULLETIN FOR THE END OF JAN(SUGGESTION) Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families will be with us on the weekend of Feb 3 & 4, 2018, to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. These families, sixty years ago, made up 18% of the population. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. These families have relied on the income from their religious hand carved olive wood artifacts to tourist. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell in the USA. All the proceed from sales will be send back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them.

**(BOTH PARISH NEWS)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!*

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter,