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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.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 16<sup>th</sup> – FEBRUARY 21<sup>st</sup>, 2021**

**Tuesday, February 16**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Lidwina Geers

**Wednesday, February 17 ~ Ash Wednesday**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Judy Herman (*Not a school Mass*)

5:30 p.m. Pierz +MaryAnn Kimman

7:00 p.m. Buckman The Recipients of Prayer Blankets

**Thursday, February 18**

8:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael's CUF Members

**Friday, February 19 (HT School Mass @ Pierz 8:30 a.m.)**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Members of the John Gast Family

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

3-4:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 p.m. Pierz Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 20**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Leonard Kasper

**Sunday, February 21 (Pierz Mass Recorded & posted to website)**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Edward & Elaine Grittner

10:00 a.m. Buckman For the People of the Parishes

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

Adult \$ 3332.00

High School \$ 14.00

Elementary \$ 17.00

Plate \$ 180.30

\$ 3543.30

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **February 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 250

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

Adult \$ 5258.00

High School \$ 35.00

Elementary \$ 10.25

Plate \$ 45.00

\$ 5348.25

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **February 6<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 223

Mass attendance **February 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 110

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

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

February 8: Kathy Miller \$35, February 9: Robert & Vonna Boser \$35, February 10: Rosemary Mendel \$35, February 11: Jim Virnig \$35, February 12: Amy Wagner \$35, February 13: Palmer Kahl (Steve Kahl) \$35, February 14: Scott Funk \$75

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**FROM THE PASTOR:** This coming Wednesday is Ash Wednesday and this is the beginning of our Lenten season. I am hoping that many can begin the season of Lent by attending Mass and receiving ashes. Because of Covid-19, the Bishop has asked that we sprinkle the ashes on the head. My letter with the Lenten confessions, stations of the cross and holy week liturgies will be coming in the mail so please watch for this mailing. We have all been through a challenging year and in some ways, it continues to be challenging. I hope that Lent and our Easter liturgies celebrating the Risen Lord can give us hope. Let all of us as people of the church move forward together in our prayers, fasting and almsgiving culminating as an Easter people.

~ Fr. Ken Popp

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**ASH WEDNESDAY:** 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. Please know that this is optional.

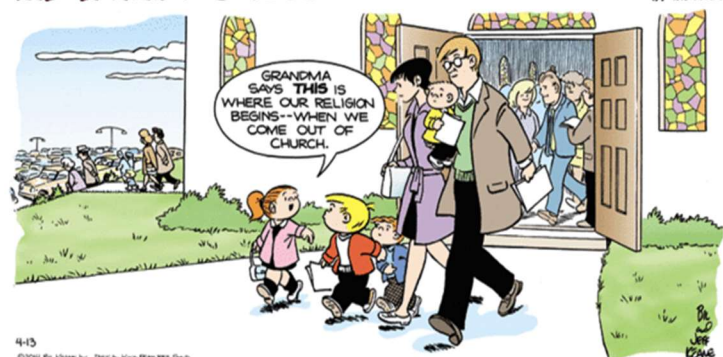
**CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES:** Grades 7<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup> collection envelopes are now located in the parish office.

**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.

**MCCL Quilt Chances For Sale:** Quilt Chances will be sold after mass on Sunday, Feb 21st in the back of church in Pierz and the parish center entrance in Buckman. Please come prepared to support pro-life. Thanks.

**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](mailto:judy4life@meltel.net) or 320-453-7592

**THE FAMILY CIRCUS**



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

**WED., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Leo Pohlkamp

**Communion Ministers:** Bob Lochner & Debbie Hall

**SUN., Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Randi Kranz

**Communion Ministers:** Kay Pappenfus & Donna Solinger

**Ushers for February:** John Grittner & Mick Gruber

## **II. BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding February 27<sup>th</sup>):**

Jessica Leeb and Christopher Lardy

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Dennis W. Fyten* passed away on December 31<sup>st</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. *Thomas A. Helbling* passed away on February 5<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE:** On Wednesdays during Lent, St. Michael's will have Stations at 7 P.M. followed by seven minutes of adoration, a blessing, quiet dismissal for those who want to leave and then continued adoration where folks can leave when they are finished. Adoration will end at 9 P.M. You must take the booklets home and return with them the next week. The booklets will be collected up after Stations during Holy Week.  
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## **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*The students will participate in a palm burning prayer service @ 12:35pm on Tues, Feb 16th to prepare the ashes for Ash Wednesday.

\*The Ash Wednesday 10:00am liturgy HT students only will be led by Ms. Cherne's fifth grade class.

\*February is "I Love To Read" month! Students will participate in a variety of activities to support reading.

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

\***Monday, February 22 @ 6:30pm Holy Trinity State of School presentation.** All parishioners are invited to the annual Holy Trinity State of School presentation by the school board members in the school gym. The board members will present information on the strategic plan, finances, and registration for the 2020-2021 school year.

\*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.

**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](http://dynamiccatholic.com)).

**Franciscan Retreats:** Once again we will have the pandemic safety protocols in place that worked very well last summer and early Fall. Women's Weekend Retreat February 26-28. You can register now online at [www.franciscanretreats.net](http://www.franciscanretreats.net). or by calling at 952-447-2182.

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

**WED., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Lector:** 8:30 a.m. – TBD, 5:30 p.m. – TBD

**Communion Ministers:** 8:30 a.m. – TBD, 5:30 p.m. – TBD

**SAT. Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Communion Ministers:**

Sat. Feb. 20 - Mason & Barb Zajac, *Choir*-Keith Marshik,

Sun. Feb. 21 - Wanda Kapsner & Jo Loidolt.

**Weekday Lector – Feb. 23:** Harvey Kimman

## **LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY:**

**Sat.** – Geri Kasper, **Sun.** – Keith Marshik

## **USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:**

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

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Lucille Lynn, daughter of Nick and Crystal Ratke, was baptized on Saturday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Wilfred "Itto" J. Hoheisel* passed away on February 7<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2021, at St. Joseph's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

## **EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & STATIONS UPDATE:**

During the Lenten season, Eucharistic Adoration will be from 3-4 p.m. on Fridays followed by the Stations of the Cross and a blessing. There will be no singing.

## **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, Feb. 16 and Monday Feb. 22, from 9-11 am. We will continue to work on quilts every other Monday and Tuesday till further notice, watch the Bulletin for dates. 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 320-360-2434.  
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**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](mailto: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!

**Catholic Men's Conference:** will be held virtually on Sat., Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. to noon. We will have different men briefly present the Gospels from the six Sundays in Lent. Each will last about 15-20 minutes followed by reflection questions. 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 information or to register online visit: [www.stcdio.org/mensconference21](http://www.stcdio.org/mensconference21), or contact Jan at (320) 258-7615.