

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 15th, 2023E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor: 320-468-6033, Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate contact information: 468-2316 or 320-221-1134****Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.**Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chettoor**

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.

<https://stjohnslastrup.org/> 320-468-2111<https://hardingchurch.org/> 320-468-2111**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 17th – JANUARY 22nd****Tuesday, January 17**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Karen C. Hoheisel

9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Wednesday, January 18**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Robert Oldakowski

7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, January 19

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Gloria Lanners

9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Friday, January 20**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Lucille & James Magnan

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

9:30 a.m. Villa +Herb & Elvira Stumpf (*Mass only for Residents*)

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

Saturday, January 214:30 p.m. Pierz +Lewis & Grace Boser (*Adult Choir*)**Sunday, January 22**8:00 a.m. Pierz +Kay Voegtle (*Folk Group*)

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Butch & Donna Brisk, & For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult \$ 4,230.00

Plate \$ 288.10

\$ 4,518.10

Thank you for your generosity!Mass attendance **January 8th Sunday:** 314**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult \$ 5,972.00

Plate \$ 319.75

\$ 6,291.75

Thank you for your generosity!Mass attendance **January 7th Saturday:** 187Mass attendance **January 8th Sunday:** 207**CONFESSIONS: Buckman:** Thurs. – 7:30 a.m.**Pierz:** Sat. – 3:30 p.m. or by appt.**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

1/08/23 \$75 Lisa Poster

1/09/23 \$35 Karen Foss

1/10/23 \$35 Greg & Cheryl Gangl

1/11/23 \$35 Joanie & Tim Watcrott

1/12/23 \$35 Diana Theis

1/13/23 \$35 Jill Hoheisel

1/14/23 \$35 Adam & Melissa Woitalla

From the Pastoral Associate: NFL cancels game and people pray. I was not watching the game live because it was not the Minnesota Vikings, but on Jan 2 during Monday Night Football Damar Hamlin, a safety for the Buffalo Bills, collapsed after tackling Cincinnati Bengals receiver Tee Higgins during a routine play. The following is taken primarily from an article by Gina Christian in Our Sunday Visitor News. According to a statement by the Buffalo Bills, the 24-year-old safety suffered a cardiac arrest following the hit. “We live in a world where it’s becoming godless,” said Tre Tipton, CEO of a Pittsburgh-based mental health coaching firm and a former wide receiver for the University of Pittsburgh. “Damar got the whole world to pray. God allowed Damar to get the whole world to pray.” Hamlin’s uncle Dorian Glenn said “Say it with me,” he exhorted vigil attendees. “Prayer works.” The link to the full article is <https://www.catholicnews.com/2023/01/10/prayer-is-real-buffalo-bills-damar-hamlin-recovers-from-near-fatal-hit/> ~Michael Pekar

EXCITING NEWS! Our parish leadership, Fr. Popp and Fr. Jose, determined it is time for a four-parish church directory. It will be one directory with each parish having its own section. Universal Church Directories has been selected to help with the new church directory. Universal is widely known for top quality directories and photography. Detailed information will be provided to families over the next few weeks.

PIERZ LIONS PANCAKE BREAKFAST: Sunday, January 15th 8:30 a.m. to noon at Frosty’s Bar in Pierz. Adults \$12, kids \$6, 5 and under free. Proceeds will go to Holy Trinity School in remembrance of Joyce Leidenfrost.

FREE THROW CONTEST: Knights of Columbus local free throw contest. Sunday, January 29th 10am-1pm at the High School MAC gym 9-14 year-old boys and girls. Goes by what your age is on 1/1/23. You can show up at any time in that time frame. If you can’t make it and want to shoot contact Jason 320-360-0001.

26th ANNUAL KC BUFFALO RAFFLE: Sat. Jan. 28th. Meal 4-8p.m. Drawing at 8:15, all at Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets are \$10 with half the proceeds going to American Cancer Society. Meal is \$7 and you get a burger, beans, potato salad and homemade bars. Music by the Waltzateer Band, this makes for a fun evening and a great way to help the KCs with their fundraiser. Also, there will be another gun raffle at the feed. If you want to purchase a ticket you can do so at the feed or from any KC member or some of the businesses.

***KC RAFFLE AND APPRECIATION MEAL:** All KC members are asked to bring a pan of bars to the Pierz Ballroom on Jan. 28th. Anyone that can help in working in any way please come to the ballroom, around 2 p.m. or any time that works for you. **We really need help cleaning up.** Also, please return all tickets (**sold or unsold**) to the person that gave them to you (before Saturday) or bring to Ballroom on Saturday. Thank you for all your help in making this a great fundraiser for the St. Isidore’s Council.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN. JAN. 22 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Kay Zilka

Communion Ministers: Janice Janson & Donna Solinger

Servers: William Dehler & Logan Janson

Ushers for Jan.: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl & Todd Caddy

CHOIR NEWS: No choir practice this week. Choir will sing on Sunday, January 22nd.

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Thursday, January 19th. Finance council @ 7:30 p.m. and parish council @ 8 p.m. at the parish center.

FUNERAL GROUPS: Copies of Funeral Group lists are in both entrances of the church. As a parishioner, we are all in a group to help for fellow parishioner's funerals. Please help out when you are called. Pick up a paper so you know what group you are in. Questions, call chairperson Crystal Wenner at 320-291-4188.

DISH TOWELS: Dish Towels are stamped and ready to be picked up and embroidered. This activity is for any parish member of St. Michael's. We need them done by 2023 Bazaar so you have plenty of time. They are in the middle section of church pews to sign out. Thanks!

CM/W MEETING: The Buckman Christian mothers/women will meet on Thurs., January 19 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's parish center. We will discuss ways to implement the mission statement which states "St. Michael's Mothers/Women acts to support, empower and educate all Catholic women in spirituality, leadership and service. The Christian women's group responds with Gospel values to the needs of the Church and society in the modern world." If you have ideas on how to fulfill our mission statement, talk to one of the officers. If you have an item for the agenda or questions, call Patty at 468-2487. Any bills need to be given to the treasurer along with an expense form. Groups 5 & 6 will bring and serve refreshments.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

***CALLING ALL QUILTERS!** We have just a few class quilts left to be put together. Please contact the HTCS office if you are able to help in any way!

***COFFEE-** Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK-** January 29 - February 4, 2023. Stay tuned for more information!

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

***Wed., Jan. 18th –** JH/SH Snowtubing at Ski Gull 5-9:30 p.m.

AREA NEWS:

***Spaghetti Dinner, St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church,** Gilman, Sat., Jan. 21st 4-7 p.m. Free will offering. All you can eat. Proceeds go to new parish center building fund.

***Dinner/Auction, St. John the Baptist Catholic Church Swannville, Sobieski Community Center,** Friday, February 10th. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Auction at 8 p.m. Tickets available by calling Val at 320-547-2920 in the morning. Early Bird tickets \$20 and you get a free beverage, chance at the \$100 and \$500 drawings. After February 5th, tickets are \$25 and no free beverage and no chance at the drawings.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: January 17th & 20th: Hilde Flicker

SAT., JAN. 21 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN., JAN. 22 @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat.– Keith Marshik, Barb Zajac & Mason Zajac. ***Choir*** – Sarah Fyten

Sun. – Marvin Kimman, Jo Loidolt & Mary Tschida

Servers: Saturday – Madison & Alison Gross

Sunday – Camren Waytashek & Jayden Zajac

Lectors for January: Sat.- Tony Sauer, **Sun.-** Cari Stumpf

Ushers for January: Saturday – Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker & Jon Stumpf. **Sunday** – James Gruber, Gerard Kimman, Dan Loscheider & Jeff Virnig

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesday, January 17th. Finance council @ 9 a.m. and parish council @ 6:30 p.m. at the parish office meeting room.

REMINDER: If you would like to use the church's facilities you will need to call the parish office at 468-6033. Thank you.

ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting on Monday, January 16th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, January 19th at 9 a.m. Come and go as you can. **WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF QUILT TOPS.** We do have some that need some finishing touches. Any help is much appreciated. Questions call Eileen 320-360-2434 or Chris 320-468-2164.

DISH TOWELS ARE READY! Looking for something to do this winter? Dish towels for the church bazaar are stamped & ready to be picked up in the parish office entry way. Please return them to the office when finished. **Thank you!**

2023 Buckman Firearms Safety Class: Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 6 - April 10, 2023, at the Buckman Parish Center. ***No need to preregister. Registration takes place on March 6 during the first night of class.** *Must be 11 years of age by the first night of class to enroll. *A parent or guardian **MUST** be present to register their child the first night of class and pay the \$7.50 fee for the class. *Adults are welcome to take the class. *All persons born after December 31, 1979, are required to possess a firearms safety/hunter education certificate in order to purchase a hunting license to hunt in Minnesota. *Range Day is set for April 22, 2023, is only for students who completed the classes in person March 6-April 10. Students who took the online version of the training will **NOT** be allowed to attend this Range Day. *If class is cancelled it will be announced on the Little Falls radio stations KLTF AM960, WYRQ 92.1FM, KFML 94.1FM. Any questions, call Ron Kahl at (320)360-0986.

PRAYERS FOR LIFE AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL:

January 22 is the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Even though we experienced much progress in 2022 in our efforts to protect the unborn from the sin of abortion, please join us for an afternoon of prayer on Sunday, January 22, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, as we continue to ask our Lord for still greater protection for the most defenseless among us. Beginning at 3:00 pm, there will be an hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a short reflection on some "missionaries of life". Confessions will be offered, and the hour will end with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.