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Fourth Sunday of Advent
December 24, 2017
Let the earth be opened and bring forth a Savior

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH
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Secretary office hrs: Mon, & Thurs, 8a.m.-4p.m. & Wed. 10a.m.-5p.m.

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

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

MICHAEL PEKAR - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Michael's office hours are Tues, Pierz 2-4p.m. & Wed., Buckman 2-4p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Sunday	Dec. 24	Buckman	4:30 p.m.	+Mary L. Dircks (Cindy & Choir)
*Christmas Eve		Pierz	9:00 p.m.	+Clyde Stangl (Adult Choir/music starting at 8:30p.m)
Monday	Dec. 25	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Frank Schirmers (Mike Retka)
Christmas Day		Pierz	10:00 a.m.	+Fr. Al Stangl (Folk Group/music starting at 9:45a.m.)
Tuesday	Dec. 26	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS / Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Dec. 27	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	NO MASS / Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Raymond Meyer
Thursday	Dec. 28	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Armella Otremba
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Dec. 29	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Leo Perleberg
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Ceil Millner
Saturday	Dec. 30	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Donald Saeher (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Dec. 31	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Bruce Heigl
Monday	Jan. 1	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Delores Herold (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Robert "Bob" Brenny

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.

FROM THE PASTOR: I would like to wish everyone a very *Blessed Christmas*. It will be great for all of us to come together back to back. I saw you for the Fourth Sunday of Advent and now this evening or Monday morning we can see each other again to celebrate Christmas. This is what we do as Catholics. Both Advent Sunday and Christmas are Holy Days of Obligation. Think about how much God has done for all of us. We do **not** want to miss any of these days.

Fr. Ken Popp

AREA EVENTS:

****Knights of Columbus Breakfast-Holy Cross, Harding:**

Jan 7th from 8:30 to 12:30. We will be serving sausage-French toast -scrambled eggs - and THOSE freshly made donuts. Free will offering. Proceeds go to pay for the bus trip to St. Paul for the "Rally for Life " on Jan 22 .

Bishop's Annual Appeal: As you reflect on your year-end giving, please consider a gift to the Appeal at

www.stcldio.org/appeal. Call Anna at 320-258-7654, or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302. Thank you! Blessings to you and those you love this Christmas and into the new year.

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!*

HOLY TRINITY NEWS 468-6446

*Thank you for purchasing 2018 Holy Trinity Raffle Calendars! Blessings on having a winning calendar, but most of all, thank you for supporting the school.

***MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! May your family receive many blessings throughout the coming year.**

****HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**:**

Dec. 18-Sister Betty Larson, Dec. 19-Marty & Missy Kahl, Dec. 20-Abby Kasella, Dec. 21-John Virnig, Dec. 22-Becky Przybilla, Dec 23-Ray Kahl, (\$35 winners), Dec. 24-Jan Kummert (William) (\$75 winner).

FPSR 468-2640

MERRY CHRISTMAS! FROM THE STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF FPSR!

****HELP NEEDED:** Looking for someone to teach a section of 12 fourth graders starting Jan. 2018 on Tues from 1:30-3p.m. If you can help, please contact Mark Hoheisel @ 468-2640.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$2445.00
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 25.80
Plate	<u>\$ 172.00</u>
	\$2653.80

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

<u>St. Joseph's:</u>
Sat. 4:30p.m. - 264
Sun. 8:00a.m. - 265
<u>St. Michael's:</u>
Sun. 10:00a.m. - 319

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$6856.00
High School	\$ 24.00
Elementary	\$ 17.25
Plate	<u>\$ 351.34</u>
	\$7248.59

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY - Dec. 24 Christmas Eve 4:30p.m.

Lector-Bob Lochner

Communion Ministers-Ron Kahl, Rosie Mischke, Dean Rocheleau, Alice Nordmann, Debbie Hall.

Servers-Jadyn Dorn & Taylor Brisk

MONDAY - Dec. 25 Christmas Day 8:00a.m.

Lector-Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers-Leo Pohlkamp & Carolyn Andres

Servers-Cole & Carissa Andres

SUNDAY - December 31 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector-Jane Funk

Communion Ministers-Bob Lochner & Cindy Scholl

Servers-Leah Scholl & Sophie Kasella

Ushers-Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

Catholic United Financial Membership Dinner: Sunday, January 14, 2018 after the 10:00a.m. Mass in St. Michael's Parish Center.

Dwight Przybilla's Choir is still looking for more members to join. No singing experience necessary. Please call or text 320-248-7824 for questions or information.

Please join us in celebrating Jesus' Birth at the Christmas Eve Mass on Sunday, December 24th at 4:30 p.m. We'll begin our celebration with a Choral Concert beginning at 4:00 p.m. Please join us and come early to find a seat!

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: We are accepting donations of baby items such as blankets, diapers, new and gently used clothing and monetary donations in the basket on the front, side altar. Items are donated to Morrison County for distribution to those in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions, call Cindy at 320-630-8410

THANK YOU! St. Michael's Liturgy Committee would like to *thank* all the ladies and men that helped with decorating the church for Christmas this last Sunday. *Thank you!*

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 Saturday, January 13, February 10, March 10, and 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Dec 24-Christmas Eve @ 9p.m.

Servers: Simon & Louis Gruber

Communion Ministers: NCF-Wanda Kapsner, NBF-Jan Dahmen, SBF-Fr. Popp, SCF-Dores Thyen, NCB-Marvin Kimman, NBB-Barb Zajac, SBB-Kristie Kroll, SCB-Kerri Kasper, Choir-Tracy Voigt.

Dec. 25-Christmas Day @ 10a.m.

Servers: Jack Prokott & Alana Rocheleau

Communion Ministers: NCF-Pat Hartmann, NBF-Loretta Przybilla, SBF-Fr. Popp, SCF-Sara Stumpf, NCB-Marvin Kimman, NBB-Rachel Young, SBB-LeRoy Swanson, SCB-Matt Kessler.

Sat. & Sun. December 30 & 31 Weekend:

Servers: Sat.-Kelsi Stuckmayer & Brooke Athman
Sun.-Fran & John Brisk

Weekday Lector: Hilde Flicker

ADULT CHOIR: Will start singing at 8:30p.m. before the 9:00p.m. Christmas Eve Mass.

FOLK GROUP: Will start singing at 9:45a.m. Christmas Day mass. Mon. Dec. 25th.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR: will practice on Wednesday, January 3rd from 4:30-5:50p.m. and we will sing on Sunday, January 7th at 8am. All ages 4 and up are welcome to join us.

THANK YOU: To John & Patricia Blissenbach for donating the trees and boughs for the Christmas Manger outside of the church.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN, meeting will be on Wed. Jan. 3rd with mass at 6p.m. and the meeting to follow in the church basement installation of officers will be held.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: During advent a basket is by front side altar for baby items; blankets, diapers, food, new and gently used clothes and money donations, etc. Items will be given to families in need and the Pierz food shelf. Sponsored by Pierz CW/M. Questions call 468-6070.

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

LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? We are looking for Communion Ministers!

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

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!