

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 5th, 2020

All nations walk by His light!

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

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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 JAN 6th – JAN 12th

Table with columns for Day, Date, Time, and Service. Rows include Monday (Jan 6), Tuesday (Jan 7), Wednesday (Jan 8), Thursday (Jan 9), Friday (Jan 10), Saturday (Jan 11), and Sunday (Jan 12) with various service times and locations like Villa, Pierz, Buckman, and Stangl.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Table listing stewardship amounts: Adult \$2846.00, High School \$12.00, Elementary \$16.00, Plate \$1411.00, Total \$4285.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance Dec. 29th Sun. - 275

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Table listing stewardship amounts: Adult \$5190.00, High School \$14.00, Elementary \$17.50, Plate \$251.51, Total \$5473.01.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance Dec. 28th Sat.- 215

Dec. 29th Sun.- 194

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Jan. 6 –Kenny Allen, Jan. 7 –Adam Gulden, Jan. 8 –Ann Buselmeier, Jan. 9 –Jeanette Janson, Jan. 10 –Martha Woitalla, Jan. 11 –Rita Kunkel (\$35 Winners). Jan. 12 –Steve Hoheisel (\$75 Winner).

Confessions: Buckman – Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz – Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Adoration at the Pierz Villa on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR: I hope you all had a good New Year's celebration with your families and friends. Also, make time to reflect on some of your resolutions. As a family I hope you come together and make a family resolution.

This weekend we will celebrate the Epiphany. It is the time when we remember the 3 Wise Men, or Magi, who visited Christ. The word epiphany means appearance or manifestation.

I wish everyone a very blessed and healthy New Year! ~ Fr. Ken Popp

PLEASE JOIN US for coffee and bars this Sunday Jan. 5th after the 8a.m. mass, in the church basement, to thank Rex for his past service and to wish him well in his new adventure.

ADORATION: Please join us on Wed. January 8th, 2020 from 7-8 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center in Buckman for adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. Questions, please call Patty at 468-2487. Everyone is welcome!

SUNDAY NIGHT ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP, will be studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. We meet in the parish office meeting room at 7 PM. The first meeting is on January 5th, 2020. All are invited. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY – Villa: Join us on Sun. Jan. 12th at 4 p.m. in the Pierz Villa chapel, as we pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary for our country. Call Patty with any questions 468-2487.

CHRISTMAS COLLETION & MASS COUNT:

St. Joseph's - \$19,686.53, Dec. 24th – 263, Dec. 25th – 358, Dec. 31st – 234 & Jan. 1st – 134.

St. Michael's - \$23,745.12, Dec. 24th – 615, Dec. 25th - 243, Jan. 1st – 167.

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. Ken Popp and Fr. David Maciej will be attending the annual Priest Retreat Mon. Jan. 6th through Thurs. Jan 9th.

Tuesday Faith Formation Bible Study Group will start up again on Tues. Jan. 7th at 3 p.m. "Genus to Jesus". Any questions, please call Hilde at 468-2649.

AREA NEWS:

*Soup & Sandwich Supper, St. Elizabeth-Brennyville, Fri. Jan. 10th from 4:30-7p.m. Dessert & beverages included, free will offering. Take-outs available. All proceeds will go towards upkeep of the church. Come and enjoy a variety of soups!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Jan. 12 @ 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jan Funk

Communion Ministers: Debbie Hall, Bob Lochner, Randy Kranz, Todd Caddy, Connie Kieffer, Carolyn Andres.

Servers: Wyatt & Ashley Dingmann

January Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

CHOIR NEWS: No choir practice this week. Choir sings on Sunday, January 12th.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Ivan Joseph*, son of Joshua and Maria Andrea was baptized on Sunday, December 29th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Ambrose Janski* passed away on December 26th, Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, January 1st, at St. Michael's Church, with burial in St. Michael's parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: Baby items-teens, including new & gently used clothing, coats, hats, mittens & diapers are being collected, along with monetary donations for area families in need. Sponsored by the Buckman CW/M. Basket in the Parish Center. Any questions, please call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL, membership dinner. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 after the 10:00a.m. Mass in the St. Michael's Parish Center.

C M/W NEWS: We will meet on Thurs. January 16th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center. We will discuss the quilt bingo. If you have an item for the agenda or questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

PAINTING PROJECT: If anyone has their pledges outstanding please mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off your payment in the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*On the Epiphany, January 6, the classrooms and students will be blessed with 20+C+M+B+19. The word January comes from the Latin word *Janua*, which means "doorway". January is the doorway to a new year. The wise men were welcomed as strangers and travelers, as we should welcome others too.

*Toddler classes will begin again at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 8th. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4 to this fun interactive evening.

*The school carnival date has been moved from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in March. The date is Sunday, March 1st. Please mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are available for sale.

*Holy Trinity will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. We will have a supply on hand. Holy Trinity will make \$3 on each bag sold and \$10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

FREE THROW CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus will have their local free throw competition for all boys and girls ages 9-14 as of Jan 1st, 2020 on Sunday January 19th and 26th in the MAC gym at the high school from 11am-1pm. If you have any questions, contact Jason Sadlovsky @ 320-360-0001.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Jan. 11 @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Jan. 12 @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Michael & Sophie Leidenfrost

Sun. – Mataya Pohlkamp & Madelyn Kessler

Weekday Lector: – Joan Kapsner

LECTORS FOR JANUARY:

Sat.-Tony Sauer

Sun.-Jill Kessler

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:

Sat.-Choir-Kerri Kasper, Marvin Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Pat Hartmann.

Sun.-Wanda Kapsner, Jan Kimman, Marilyn Virnig.

USHERS FOR JANUARY: *Sat* – Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, & Jon Stumpf. *Sun* – Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Serene M. Beierman* passed away on December 17, Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 21 at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in parish cemetery. *Lorraine Athman* passed away on December 26, Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, December 30, at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in parish cemetery. *Melvin Schmidbauer* passed away on December 24, Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, January 3, at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

A HUGE THANK YOU! to all who gave of their time and talent to make our Christmas season services wonderful celebrations ~ Lectors, Servers, Choirs, Communion Ministers, Ushers, Decorators (*Great Job!*) and all those behind the scenes. *Thank you!*

C M/W NEWS: Our next meeting date has changed. Join us at 5:30pm for mass with a meeting to follow in the church basement on Tuesday, January 14th.

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: Time to kick off our quilting season. We will be starting our quilting January 6 at 1 pm in the parish office basement. We will have two quilts set up, one for stitching and one for tying. This year we will also have a sewing machine and cutting utensils there. If you are willing to help in any way or wanting to learn any of these skills, we will teach so please join us. Join us for some fun and socializing. We want this to be a fun event for all.

2020 Bazaar Dish towels are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the parish office. Thank You!

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER:

Is scheduled for Fri. April 17, 2020 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available beginning the weekend of Dec. 14th & 15th at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team will be hosting its 5th annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and can be purchased from any Pizzazz Dancer. There will be games, music, split the pot, and much more! To enter a soup or donate an auction item, contact Jackie @ 320-232-0539.

Natural Family Planning Classes (NFP) in Little Falls on Tues, Jan 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more info, 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!

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 week to spend in prayer? Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. We have an active group at St. Josephs/St Michaels praying for Fr. Popp, and the diocese is starting a group of 21 women to pray specifically for Bishop Kettler. You would commit for a 1 yr. term, praying for 1 hr. any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

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

St. Joseph's Church - HEARING ASSISTANCE: If you are having difficulty hearing and understanding the spoken word during Mass, ask an usher for help connecting to our loop system. This is compatible with most modern hearing aids, simply set your hearing aid to "T coil". Don't have hearing aids? We have handheld units you may use. Hear what you've been missing!

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?

If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the office at 468-6033 and leave us a message of when you are going to be admitted. Thank you!