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Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 11, 2018

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

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

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Mar. 12	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Mar. 13	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Howie & Don Braun
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Mar. 14	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Sarah & Helen Nagel
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Phil & Cora Thielen
		Buckman	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	Mar. 15	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Dolores Herold
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Mar. 16	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Donald Saehr / Holy Trinity School Mass
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Edward Stangl
		Pierz	4:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross & Benediction
Saturday	Mar. 17	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Tom Hoheisel (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Mar. 18	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Richard Meyer
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+ Robert "Bob" Brenny (Folk Group)

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: Next week on Tuesday parents will have a chance to sign their children up at Holy Trinity Catholic School. As pastor I can think of no better place to send your children. I have had Catholic Schools in all of my priesthood. I have seen former students of all these schools through the years and how they have gone on to live their lives. Most of them are successful in what they do and especially most of them stay very active in the Catholic Church what more can I say. Check Holy Trinity out. ~ Fr. Ken Popp.

AREA EVENTS:

***Fish Fry-Pierz Lions Club @ Brickyard-** Fri., Mar. 23rd, starting at 4:30p.m.

***Lenten Fish Fry-Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Fri. Mar. 16, & 23 from 5-7:30p.m. Take out orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)

***Fish Fry-Holy Cross Center, Onamia:** Fri. Mar. 23, from 4:30-7p.m. (kids under 6 eat free)

***Senior Citizen Bingo:** March 15, after the 8a.m. Mass at St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman.

***Friday Night Fish Fry-St. Elizabeth Church, Brennyville:** Fri. March 16 from 4:30-7p.m. Take out orders available.

***St. Michael's Christian M/W Quilt Bingo/Raffle:** Sun. March 18, at 1p.m. at Buckman Parish Center.

***Holy Name Men's Group of Holy Cross Church, Harding:** Annual ham bingo, Sun, March 18, at 1:30PM in the church basement. Cash prizes, and don't forget the "Man-Made" lunch!

EXTRA CONFESSIONS FOR THIS WEEK:

Tues, Mar.13 - Pierz at 12:00p.m.

Wed. Mar.15 - Buckman at 7:30p.m.

Fri. Mar.16 - Pierz at 3:00p.m.

Sat. Mar. 17 -Buckman at 10:00a.m.

MCCL QUILT: This year is St Joseph's Parish turn to make the quilt for the MCCL raffle. Next meeting, Wed. March 14, from 11a.m.-4p.m. in the Parish Office basement. Lunch will be provided. We are inviting anyone from St. Michael's Parish to join us. Any questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.

March is FoodShare Month: All donations received are increased by donation through Minnesota FoodShare. Checks can be made payable to the Pierz Area Food Shelf and the address is P.O. Box 383, Pierz, MN 56364 and your donation is tax deductible. The Pierz Food Shelf hours are 9-11 AM & 5-7 PM on Mondays, or call 320-468-7134 for information. The Pierz Area Food Shelf is located behind the Pierz Fire Hall. *Thank you!*

Holy Trinity Catholic School-PTO Pierz: 5th Annual Spring Boutique, Saturday April 7th, 2018 from 10-2, Concessions and Bake sale on site Handicap accessible.

PRAY THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY

On Mar. 11, we will pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary at the Pierz Villa Chapel at 4p.m. for peace in the world. Please join us. All are Welcome.

SERVERS' PARTY: At Pierz Lanes on March 13, from 3:30-5:30p.m. Free bowling with snacks available. Sponsored by Knights of Columbus.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3131.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 18.00
Plate	\$ 141.55
	\$3296.55

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

<u>St. Joseph's:</u>
Sat. 4:30p.m. - 268
Sun. 8:00a.m. - 237
<u>St. Michael's:</u>
Sun. 10:00a.m. - 298

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$8503.00
High School	\$ 29.00
Elementary	\$ 25.26
Plate	\$ 238.75
	\$ 8796.01

Thank you for your generosity!

SUNDAY - March 18 @ 10:00 a.m.:

Lector-Janice Janson

Communion Ministers- Dean Rocheleau & Carolyn Andres

Servers- Taylor Brisk & Emily Virnig

March Ushers-Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Vivian Seelen, daughter of Mark & Samantha Seelen. Who was baptized last weekend.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

CM/W Bingo/Raffle There will be a "Quilt Show" starting at 12:30 pm at the Pierz Villa meeting rooms on Thursday, March 15. This will be a preview of some of the quilts that will be at the Bingo in Buckman on Sunday, March 18th and a look at the raffle quilt.

LOOKING FOR CLEANERS: We are looking for at least 2 parishioners or cleaning persons who would be interested in cleaning the church on a regular bases. It would be a paid position. If anyone is interested please contact the parish office 468-6033.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS (Office # 468-6446)

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open. There will be a PK and new family open house at 6pm on Tuesday, March 13th. The kindergarten visiting night will be Tuesday, March 27th at 6:00 pm. For more information call the school office 468-6446.

*The school carnival is scheduled for 11-3 on Sunday, March 11th. Thank you for supporting the school carnival!

ORGANIST NEEDED: We are looking for an organist to play at least two Sundays a month, Christmas, and Easter. Our Sun. Mass is at 8:45 am, at Holy Cross Church, Harding. If interested please call one of the following: Fr. David 320-468-2111, Debbie Woitalla 320-277-3860, Dave Schubert 218-829-7015 or Yvonne Kisor 320-277-3419. We can discuss the pay and days when you will play. Thanks!

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Join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101.:

On **March 16th**, & **April 17th**, gather with fellow MN Catholics at the State Capitol and pray for your legislators. Pre-registration is required. For more info. and to register visit MNCatholic.org. A free-will offering will be accepted.

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SERVERS FOR STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Fri. Mar. 16 @ 4:00p.m. - Kami Athman & Mason Zajac

MARCH - Sat. 17 4:30p.m. & Sun. 18 @ 8:00 a.m.:

Servers: Sat.- Brandon & Joey Stuckmayer

Sun.- Kahlee & Rachel Kasper

Weekday Lector: Al Pekarek

****FOLK CHOIR** - Practice @ 6:30 p.m. on Tues. Mar. 20th

****ADULT CHOIR** - Tues. Mar. 13th @ 4p.m. @ church

DISH TOWELS: for embroidering for the parish festival will be available in the parish office.

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. When one receives a blanket they know they aren't alone, but are covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then they are blessed by our Paster. Donations can be left with the parish secretary. Questions: call Kathy Etzel @ 468-2105

QUILTING: The Country NE group will be tying their quilts on March 24 at the Parish Office basement starting at 8 am until done. Questions call Jan at 468-2578 or Eileen at 320-360-2434

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE: We need help selling raffle tickets at Coborn's, Fri Mar. 23 & Sat Mar 24th in Little Falls. I would anticipate being at Coborn's from 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM on both days. Call Dan at 320-360-1178 to set up what time works for you. Thank You!

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

Mar. 5-Rachel Virnig, Mar. 6-Chase & Carter Diederich, Mar. 7-Leona Funk, Mar. 8-Jodi & Dale Kloss, Mar. 9-Butch Fenna, Mar. 10-Rosie LeBlanc, (\$35 winners)
Mar. 11-JD & Lynn Folger (\$75 Winner)

DEMENTIA: If you are a caregiver and want to learn more about aging and Dementia, Horizon Health is offering a class Tue. Mar. 13 & June 19 from 8a.m.-4:30p.m. Lunch will be provided. Call 468-6451 for more information.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Come join young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. Thursday, March 15th at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7:00. Our speaker Ricky Gall will give a talk titled "Filling Our God-sized Hole" at 8:00. This is a great way to grow in your faith over the Lenten season. Contact Amy at amy.schlichting11@gmail.com with any questions. Hope to see you there! Thanks and God bless!

Worldwide Marriage Encounter The next weekend, Apr 13-15, in Baxter. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

March 28th: Dine & Discover on Diabetes- Karen Reisdorf, RD CDE Diabetes's Educator. Do you have Diabetes? It seems everyone knows someone who has Diabetes. What does it mean to live a healthy life with diabetes? Karen is a certified diabetes educator, will teach you the basics of diabetes and keeping track of your ABC's!

April 13th: Designer Handbag Bingo at the VFW in Little Falls from 5-9 pm with proceeds going to our In-Harmony Daycare. Presale for \$25 or they are \$35 at the door. Must be 18 years old to play. 220 tickets are being sold we have about 100 left.

April 25th: Dine & Discover-Quilting and the Underground railroad- Julie Huseth

SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:

May 2nd: Day of Caring

May 8th: LAMAA Forum in Baxter (Lakes Area Memory Awareness Advocates)

May 24th: Conference on Aging in Staples

Exciting News: Horizon Health has received a grant to provide classes on Dementia to caregivers to enable them to better take care of their loved one. If you have a group at church or socially that you belong to that could benefit call Melissa Prozinski at 320-468-6451. These classes are free of charge, but we do set out a free will donation basket. Minimum requirement of 10 caregivers in attendance.

The Dine & Discover series is now being broadcast on our local Cable TV station and put on to YouTube. It is scheduled for broadcast is every Tuesday at noon and Friday night at 8pm on local cable channel 180. They will also be posted out the GRA/GRTV Youtube

channel. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fW_lp870KMRE56tp0-MHA/featured

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, April 14, 2018. The time is from 9a.m.-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.

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!*

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

The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class at Grace United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, April 16-20. 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.

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