

Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26th, 2020

“Bless the Lord, O my soul!”

**ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH**

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**Office Hrs.:** Office will be closed to the public until further notice. Messages and emails will be checked Mon, Tue, Thurs. from 9 am to 2 pm.

**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 JULY 27<sup>th</sup> – AUGUST 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020**

**Tuesday, July 28**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Laura Kapsner

**Wednesday, July 29**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Herbert “Herb” Britz, and +Valery Gruber

7:00-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, July 30**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Stephanie Fyten-Malinowski

**Friday, July 31**

8:00 a.m. Pierz Special Intention, and +Ione Koltes

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

2:30 p.m. Pierz **Wedding** – Grace Studniski & Mathew Stumpf

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

**Saturday, August 1**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Ervin M. Girtz

**Sunday, August 2**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Lorraine Athman

10:00 a.m. Buckman Thanksgiving for a 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 2,160.00

Elementary \$ 32.00

Plate \$ 179.00

\$ 2371.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **July 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 182

**ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 6,595.00

High School \$ 3.00

Elementary \$ 8.62

Plate \$ 199.00

\$ 6,805.62

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **July 18<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 133

Mass attendance **July 19<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 157

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

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**July 20** – Julie Athman, **July 21** – Brent Goenner, **July 22** – Rich & Marge Boser, **July 23** – Tina & Don Brill

**July 24** – Jeff Myrum, **July 25** – Lisa Anderson (\$35 Winners). **July 26** – Grace Studniski & Mathew Stumpf (\$75 Winner).

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** Something that is needed in this time is kindness. In a time when “click-driven” news dominates us with the latest violence, the latest anger, the latest disaster, or another attention-getting Covid headline, I believe what is also present and under-reported is the kindness of people. Kindness needs to be present even more in our lives now than ever before. People have been and always will be attracted to what is kind and beautiful. We also recognize that a kind act is in itself beautiful. Think of the last kind act you witnessed. Isn’t that a beautiful image? Satan wants to depict the world and us (both God’s creations) as ugly, violent, meaningless and most important to him, hateful of God and each other. This of course is a LIE. In our nature and in the world’s essence is beauty and kindness. That is part of our nature. That is a part of who we are because we are made by God who is all life, all beauty and all kindness. God, who is all beauty and kindness works through us if we allow Him and ask Him to do so. Many people will only meet God in our kind acts. The light of Christ will be attractive to those who want to respond to and be with beauty and kindness. Let us be about spreading beauty and kindness to all we meet. Let us be an instrument of TRUTH in the world: the truth that the Kingdom of God is at hand. It is right here, right now, in the midst of the muck and the mire and the lies of Satan. If we truly live in Christ, then the Spirit of God will act through us and spread the true treasure, the true goal in life, living in the Kingdom of God. Like the seekers in the parables, the Kingdom of God is worth giving up everything else for. It is spread by being kind. ~Michael Pekar

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Chaplet of Divine Mercy** – In a vision to Saint Faustina in 1935, the Lord revealed a powerful prayer that He wanted everyone to say-The Chaplet of The Divine Mercy-and He promised extraordinary graces to those who would recite. Jesus said to Saint Faustina, encourage souls to say the chaplet which I have given you. When they pray this chaplet in the presence of the dying, I will stand between My Father and the dying person, not as the just Judge but as the Merciful Savior.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY:** Saturday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in St. Joseph’s Church. We will be using social distancing. Bring your own booklets along and take them home with you again to use next month. This is the rosary we pray on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month until the elections in November.

**THE FIFTEEN PROMISES OF MARY GRANTED TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY:**

**Number 6:** Whoever shall recite the rosary devoutly, applying himself to the consideration of its sacred mysteries, shall never be conquered by misfortune. God will not chastise him in His justice; he shall not perish by an unprovided death; he shall remain in the grace of God and become worthy of eternal life.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO:** Please join the local KCs as we pray the Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway) at 8 PM on Wednesdays. Please join us as we pray for our crops, families, community, and country. Everyone is welcome: families, couples, non-members, etc! We will maintain social distancing.

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

**SUN., August 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**Communion Ministers:** Kay Pappenfus & Mary Kay Zilka

**August Ushers:** John Grittner, Sam Seelen, Mick Gruber

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To Matthew & Jennifer (Brill) Janson, who were married this weekend.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Hazel Grace*, daughter of Cody and Brittany Varner, was baptized on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Braylon Scott*, son of Scott and Megan Herold, was baptized on Sunday, July 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**St. Michael's Parish Bazaar – Grand Raffle Donations:**

If you would like to contribute to the grand raffle and have your name or your business recognized on the raffle tickets, please send your donation to Donna & Dave Solinger, 25723 103<sup>rd</sup> St. Pierz, MN 56364. We appreciate your support.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CM/W** Will meet on Thursday, Aug 6th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. There will be no refreshments. We will social distance. If there is an item for the agenda call Patty at 468-2487. Because there was no bingo, we will need to discuss what we will pay for in the future. A letter was sent out to all members of St. Michael's Parish. Please be sure to read.

**PRAYER LINE:**

\*\*If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski 468-6148.

\*\*If you would like to be on the prayer line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*Holy Trinity's Early Childhood Education Programs are open for registration for the 2020-21 school year. Children ages 42 months through age 5 are eligible for the Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Programs. For more information, contact office@holyltrinitypierz.org or call (320) 468-6446.

\*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is available at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Ground or Whole Bean bags available. \$13 a bag or \$14 for decaf. Please contact (320) 468-6446 for available office times to pick up. The purchase of the coffee supports both the farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity Catholic School.

\*Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers and golfers who participated in the 7th Annual HTCS Golf Event. For a full list of sponsors, visit <http://www.holytrinitypierz.org/golf-event.html>

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

**SAT., Aug. 1<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Aug. 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Communion Ministers:** Sat. Aug. 1-Marvin Kimman & Ruth Stuckmayer, Sun. Aug. 2-Chris & Rachael Young

**LECTORS FOR AUGUST:**

Sat. – Geri Kasper, & Sun. – Karen Gross

**USHERS FOR AUGUST:**

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

**II BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding August 8<sup>th</sup>):**

Katie Kimman & Ryan Schleper

**III BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding July 31<sup>st</sup>):**

Grace Studniski & Mathew Stumpf

**CONGRATULATIONS!** Kelly Becker and Ruth Stuckmayer, who were installed as Eucharistic Ministers this weekend. We thank them for being willing to participate in this parish ministry.

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Mary Ann Kimman* passed away on July 19<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**ST. JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE:** The Parish Center basement is again open for quilting using safe distancing. Any groups that need to do their tying can reserve the basement by calling the Parish Office. Some of you have been working on quilts on your own during this stay at home time. If you have quilts that haven't been turned in please call Eileen at 320-360-2434 so we can get a rough count of what we will have.

**PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE:** There will not be a Parish Festival or Grand Raffle this year. A formal letter will be sent out to the parishioners. If you have any questions, call Crystal at 320-630-8952.

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**DROP BOX AVAILABLE:** There is now a locked drop box located on the wall in the breezeway of the parish office for you to leave messages, contributions/church envelopes, or anything else that needs to be dropped off for the secretaries to take care of. This will be checked every day.

**Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class,** Nov 12, 13, 19, 20. Grace United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, Program Fee - \$450, Scholarships available, registration Deadline: 7 days prior to class, Cancellation deadline: 7 days prior to class. To apply for a scholarship or for questions, please contact Annette Jesh: Annette.Jesh@centracare.com or (320) 249-0280.

**Marriage Encounter Weekend:** *Make plans for a fall getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up!*

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are Sep 25-27, 2020 in WINDOM, MN and Oct 9-11, 2020 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: The Diocese of St. Cloud, Case No. 20-60337

If you were sexually or physically abused by any priest, clergyman, or other person connected with the Diocese, or have any other claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **OCTOBER 21, 2020.**

For more information, visit <http://stcdio.org/> or call 520-770-8712. For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information, visit [www.mnb.uscourts.gov](http://www.mnb.uscourts.gov). For advice about your rights, contact an attorney.