

Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor, Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate contact information: 468-2316 or 320-221-1134

Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Fri. - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish office number 468-6033.

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 DECEMBER 29th, 2020 – JANUARY 3rd, 2021

Tuesday, December 29

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Ceil Millner

Wednesday, December 30

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Cecilia Przybilla

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

Thursday, December 31 – New Year's Eve

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Robak & Moberg Family

Friday, January 1 – Solemnity of Mary / New Year's Day

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Judy A. Herman

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Gerald Perleberg

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz **NO Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday, January 2

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Martin & Jeanne Stang

Sunday, January 3

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Leona Gruber

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Ron Pick, and For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 4425.00
High School	\$ 7.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00
Plate	<u>\$ 175.00</u>
	\$ 4629.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **December 20th Sunday:** 215

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 7193.00
High School	\$ 16.00
Elementary	\$ 19.50
Plate	<u>\$ 125.00</u>
	\$7353.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **December 19th Saturday:** 145

Mass attendance **December 20th Sunday:** 157

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

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

December 21 – Jane Thon, **December 22** – Cole Brix, **December 23** – George Chalich, **December 24** – Bob & Kathy Dorn, **December 25:** *Christmas \$500 Winner – Maggie Poster*, **December 26** – Mary Kay Zilka (\$35 Winners). **December 27** – Julie Athman (\$75 Winner).

FROM THE PASTOR: We as the Church celebrated Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses this last week, and now this Sunday we are celebrating the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We all know the year of 2020 has been very challenging for all of us. I want us to all think about the Holy Family as we are perhaps trying to gather in some way with our own family and friends. My continued prayer as your pastor and as we trust in the Holy Family that your families can have love, peace and hope in this Christmas season and move forward towards year 2021. However you gather with your family and friends, whether it be by video, phone, outdoor or indoor small gatherings, tell those treasured stories to the children and just simply love and be with each other. Family is like a miniature church; we are there for support and kindness for each other. Each family helps make up the entire Church. We, as the family of God, will not be afraid, but will be people of hope for the future. Jesus will always be with us until the end of time, so do not be afraid. My prayer is that all of us can be strong and be that much needed light and hope in our community and in the world. Merry Christmas and a very Blessed New Year! ~ Fr. Ken Popp

LOOKING AHEAD:

- *Fr. Popp will be out of town from Monday, Dec. 28th - Wednesday, Dec. 30th.
- *Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 31st and Friday, Jan. 1st.

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES: The grade school children's envelopes for St. Joseph's and St. Michael's should have been sent home with the students. Grades 7th-11th collection envelopes for St. Joseph's will be in the back of the church south side and for St. Michael's they will be in the pew along the wall in the side entry of the church.

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.

THANK YOU! Thank you to John Blissenbach for donating trees and pine boughs to St. Michael's and St. Joseph's Church.

FROZEN MEALS FOR SENIORS: Catholic Charities Senior Dining is offering healthy frozen meals that meet 1/3 of the recommended daily allowance for seniors, and are in oven-safe containers that are easy to heat in the oven or microwave. Meals are available in quantities of 10, up to 30 per calendar month. Participants must be 60+ years old to be eligible, and all clients must complete an annual registration form. There is no cost to participate; however, donations will be accepted. Locations: Pierz: Friday, Jan. 29, 10 am to 12 pm at Fellowship Bible Church, 12876 MN-25, Pierz, MN 56364. Little Falls: Friday, Jan. 8, 10 to 11 am at Little Falls Senior Center, 510 7th St NE, Little Falls, MN 56345.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

FRI., January 1st @ 10:00 a.m. – New Year's Day

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Connie Kieffer & Jill Hoheisel

SUN., January 3rd @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

Communion Ministers: Mary Kay Zilka & Carolyn Andres

USHERS FOR JANUARY: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

THANK YOU! Thanks to everyone who volunteered and helped decorate St. Michael's Church for Christmas Mass.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN NEWS:

*We are in need of a new treasurer. The duties of treasurer are posted at the parish office or at St Michael's Church in Buckman. For more information, call Patty at 468-2487.

*Meeting on Thurs. Jan. 21, 2021 at 1 p.m. at St. Michael's parish center.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: Baby items, 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 church. Any questions, call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 468-6148.

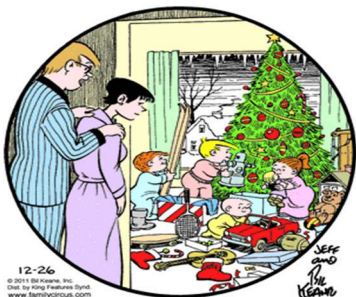
**If you would like to be on the prayer line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

* Students and staff are on Christmas break from December 23 through January 4. Please call (320) 468-6446 before stopping by for coffee and other items during this time.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School.

*Happy New Year. May God bless your families throughout the year and always.



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but their BEST gifts are the
memories they're making."

BLOOD DRIVE: The first Red Cross Bloodmobile of 2021 will take place at First United Church, 1000 1st Street SE, Little Falls, on Monday, Jan. 4 from 1-7pm, Tuesday, Jan. 5 from 12-6pm and Wed. Jan. 6 from 8:30am-2:30pm. We ask that you make an appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or call Sister Julien Dirkes: 320-632-0663. Because of social distancing guidelines, walk-ins will not be accepted. If you are at least 16 years of age (with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are considered to be in good health, you may be eligible to donate blood. Please bring along a photo I.D. First-time donors are welcome—encourage a friend to donate!

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

THURS., December 31st @ 4:30 p.m. – New Year's Eve

Lector: Al Pekarek

Communion Ministers: Courtney Kroll & Kristie Kroll

FRI., January 1st @ 8:00 a.m. – New Year's Day

Lector: Mark Fyten

Communion Ministers: Marvin Kimman & Pat Hartmann

SAT. Jan. 2nd @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Jan. 3rd @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Lector: Jan Dahmen

Communion Ministers: Sat. Jan. 2- Barb Zajac & Mary Schraut, Sun. Jan. 3- Chris & Rachel Young

LECTORS FOR JANUARY:

Sat. – Tony Sauer, Sun. – Mark Fyten

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: Elaine (Block) Grittner passed away on Friday, December 18th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, December 21st at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

TREAT BAGS: In honor of the Holy Innocents Feast, Christian Mothers will be handing out treat bags after Mass on Saturday, December 26th and Sunday, December 27th. Children are invited to come up after mass.

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

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN NEWS (CORRECTION):

*We are still looking for someone to take the Vice President position for 2021. It is only a one-year position followed by one year as president. It would be greatly appreciated if someone would step up and help us out. Please contact Barb Zajac at 320-310-3267 with any questions you may have. *There will be a CM/W meeting on Wednesday, January 6th, 2021, starting with mass at 6:00pm and meeting to follow at the parish **OFFICE**.

Christ Child Baby Shower: A basket will be placed by the side front altar for baby items. Needed are diapers, blankets, clothes, donations, etc. Items will be given to families in need and Pierz food shelf. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Questions call (320) 468-6070 – Thank you.

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: Tying and stitching will be put on hold until after the latest shut downs are lifted. Any questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Karen Gross at 468-6818.

From the staff at St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Church, we would like to wish everyone a safe and healthy New Year!

