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## Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord

January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018

All Nations walk by His light!

**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	Jan. 7	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Jan. 8	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service ( <b>NO MASS</b> )
		Villa	10:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Jan. 9	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service ( <b>NO MASS</b> )
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service ( <b>NO MASS</b> )
Thursday	Jan. 10	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service ( <b>NO MASS</b> )
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Jan. 11	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Paul Solinger
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Dennis Kahlhamer
Saturday	Jan. 12	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Wayne Meyer (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Jan. 13	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes/Jim Spiczka (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Emily Dehler

**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 hope everyone had wonderful Christmas. Christmas is a great time to spend with family and friends and I hope you enjoyed this time with them. We are still in the Christmas season and I ran across this great quote from Pope Paul VI, I wanted to share with you. *"We consider Christmas as the encounter, the great encounter, the historical encounter, the decisive encounter, between God and mankind. He who has faith knows this truly; let him rejoice. ~ Pope Paul VI"*  
Have a very blessed week. ~ Fr. Ken Popp.

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

\*Jan. 7-10<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Popp will be attending a priest retreat.

\*Jan. 13-16 - Four Parish Mission Retreat

\*Jan. 17-25<sup>th</sup> - Fr. Popp will be on vacation.

**CHILDREN ENVELOPES** will be in the back of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's Church. Please pick up your envelopes. *Thank you!*

**FOUR PARISH MISSION:** Sun., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> - Wed., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>. Our four area parishes will be hosting a time of renewal, one evening in each parish. Our speaker, Glen Gauer.

**\*Coffee & Donuts, St. Joseph's Church - Pierz,** after 8 a.m. Mass on Sun., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>. Hosted by Confirmation students!

**MARCH FOR LIFE:** The annual "March for Life" bus to the State Capitol will depart from the north parking lot of Coborn's, Little Falls, on Tues., Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 7:30 a.m., from St. Joseph's parking lot in Pierz at 8:00 a.m., and Buckman at 8:20 a.m. Bring your sack lunch and call Floyd Richmond in Little Falls at 632-2880 or Dale Beierman at 468-6225 by Jan. 19<sup>th</sup> to reserve a space. There will be a Service at the Cathedral at 10:30 and the program at the Capital at noon. We will leave about 3:00 p.m. and be back about 4:30 p.m. This is your chance to let the Legislators know of your support for the Pro-Life message.

### **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*On the Epiphany, January 8, 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 the travelers, as we should too.

\*Toddler classes will begin again at 6:00 pm on Wednesday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4 to this fun interactive evening.

\*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.

### **\*\*HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS\*\***

Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>-Scott Happke, Jan. 1<sup>st</sup>-Amelia Kowalczyk, Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Brandon Winscher, Jan. 3<sup>rd</sup>-Chris Wietzema, Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>-Dave Saehr, Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>-Pearl Wilson (\$35 winners) Jan. 6<sup>th</sup>-Jeanette Perleberg (\$75 Winner)

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** Retreat *Following Jesus: The Path of Holiness—Joyful and Challenging*, Mon-Fri, Jan 14-18, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. For more info, or to register by January 3, contact the Franciscan Life Center at (320) 632-0680, [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org)

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$4394.00
High School	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 12.00
Plate	<u>\$ 434.25</u>
	\$4845.25

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

<b><u>St. Joseph's:</u></b>	
Sat. 4:30 -183	Sun. 8a.m. -251
Mon. 31 <sup>st</sup> 4:30p.m. -300	1 <sup>st</sup> 8a.m. -119
<b><u>St. Michael's:</u></b>	
Sun. 10a.m. - 397	
Tues. 1 <sup>st</sup> -10a.m. -159	

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$5692.00
High School	\$ 34.00
Elementary	\$ 28.50
Plate	<u>\$ 346.70</u>
	\$6101.20

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**SUNDAY - Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Lector** - Ron Kahl

**Communion Ministers** - Dean Rocheleau, Bob Lochner, Alice Nordmann, Kay Pappenfus, Donna Solinger

**Servers** - Mason Herold & Ben Leidenfrost

**January Ushers** - Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

**UPDATED CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** \$19,999.66

**THANK YOU**, to everyone, who help decorate and donated their time to get our church ready for our Christmas celebration.

**PARISH FINANCE AND COUNCIL MEETING:**

Thurs., Jan. 10 - Finance at 7:30p.m. and Parish Council at 8:00p.m.

**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** Baby items and money donations are needed for families in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions, call Cindy at 320-630-8410.

**CM/W MEETING**, on Jan., 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Parish Center, at 1p.m. Groups 7 & 8 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions call Patty at 468-2487.

**Catholic United Financial Membership Dinner** will be on Sun. Jan. 6<sup>th</sup> after the 10am Mass. At St. Michael's Parish Center.

**PAINTING PROJECT:** If anyone has been missed for a pledge card or has any question, please contact Bill at 630-1471 or Roger at 630-6191. *Thank you!*

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**THANK YOU** to John Blissenbach for donating trees and Pine boughs to St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parish.

**SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY**, at the Pierz Villa Chapel on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4p.m. We will pray for our country. All are welcome. Any questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

**FREE THROW CONTEST:** Jason Sadlovsky from the Nights of Columbus, will be doing the 2018-19 free throw contest again this year but we will not be going into individual practice like the past couple years. If you would like to participate in the contest please come to the gym Sun., Jan. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 12-3 p.m. or Wed., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup> 5:30-7:30 p.m. You must be 9-14 years old as of Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> 2018 to participate. Any questions call or text Jason 320-360-0001. Thank-you!

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS:** Little Falls on Jan 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Marge Benusa at [pmbenusa@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbenusa@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 320-631-5660.

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

**SAT. Jan. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. 13<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.- Isabel & Madison Gross

Sun.- Morgan Litke & Joleen Weyer

**Weekday Lector:** Joan Kapsner

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY:**

Sat.-Marvin Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Keith Marshik.

Choir-Michelle Litke. Sun.-Doris Thyen, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek .

**LECTORS FOR JANUARY:** Sat.-Tony Sauer

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

**UPDATED CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:** \$27,483.51

A big **THANK YOU** to Bob Loidolt of Loidolt Lumber for the donation of the posts used in our Nativity scene and for the numerous times he has donated lumber for various decorating causes. It is greatly appreciated.

**PARISH FINANCE AND COUNCIL MEETING:**

Tues., Jan. 8 - Finance at 6:30p.m. and Parish Council at 7:30p.m.

**"St Joseph's Quilt Circle"** will start quilting the afternoon of January 7 starting at 1 pm. We will have 2 quilts for stitching. We will be doing the border on one and then will start a new one. Anyone interested in learning is welcome to join us. Like last year it will be come when you can stay as long as you wish.

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

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**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!

**Theology on Tap:** Start the new year off by committing to grow in your faith. Come build connections with others and join young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. Our next Theology on Tap will be on Thursday, January 17 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7:00. Our speaker Joe Molitor will give a talk titled "Angels: Charming Cherubs and Mighty Warriors" at 8:00. Come learn more about angels and how they help us.

**PARISH OFFICE UPDATE:** THE OFFICE COMPUTER NEEDED TO BE REPLACED AND UPDATED. THERE MAY BE DELAYS IN MAILING.

*~Thank You for being patient from the office staff!*

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE:** Do you have 1hr a 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 1yr term, praying for 1hr any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

**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!

**Upcoming Faith in Action Events:**

**Caregiver Support Group:** Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wed of Every Month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.