

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th, 2021E-mail: stjoes@midco.net, Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org

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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.**Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chettoor**

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 SEPTEMBER 14th – SEPTEMBER 19th 2021**Tuesday, September 14**8:00 a.m. Pierz +Joe Koltes
9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Wednesday, September 15**8:00 a.m. Buckman +Laura Kapsner
6:00 p.m. Pierz Youth Group Mass (Fr. Doug Liebsch)
7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration**Thursday, September 16**8:00 a.m. Buckman +The Recipients of Prayer Blankets
9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Friday, September 17 - Pierz HT School Mass: Mr. Wolter's 6th Grade Class**8:30 a.m. Pierz +Edward & Elaine Grittner
8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Villa **NO MASS SCHEDULED**
3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration**Saturday, September 18**1:30 p.m. Buckman **Wedding:** Stacie Stewart & Alex Helmin
4:30 p.m. Pierz +Jeanne & Martin Stang**Sunday, September 19 – St. Michael's Bazaar**8:00 a.m. Pierz +Leonard & Eleanor Kasper
10:00 a.m. Buckman +Stephanie Fyten-Malinowski**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**Adult \$ 3,601.00
High School \$ 27.00
Elementary \$ 12.25
Plate \$ 228.35
\$ 3,868.60*Thank you for your generosity!*Mass attendance **Sept. 5th Sunday:** 191**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**Adult \$ 6,376.94
High School \$ 24.00
Elementary \$ 9.25
Plate \$ 266.18
\$ 6,676.37*Thank you for your generosity!*Mass attendance **Sept. 4th Saturday:** 144Mass attendance **Sept. 5th Sunday:** 183**CONFESSIONS:** Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.
Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS****September 6** – Colin & Cathy Boser, **September 7** – Darrell Smude, **September 8** – Frank & Apryl Hoheisel, **September 9** – Michael Janson, **September 10** – Mike Kahlhamer, **September 11** – Andy Leidenfrost - (\$35 Winners).
September 12 – Lisa Smude (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: "It is better to light a candle than it is to curse the darkness," is an ancient Chinese Proverb that is the motto of the Christophers. It is also found flowing from the heart and lips of a U.S. Ambassador praising Eleanor Roosevelt at her memorial. It is something we need very much today in our words and actions. We are living in a time when health care workers, teachers, first responders to fires, floods and other disasters, can be stretched to the max. It is a time when people who run almost any type of business are caught in a seemingly endless search for workers. This is a time of so much confusion, distrust, rudeness and belittlement of people who see things differently from us. During these trying times each of us needs to light that candle of help, hope and warmth. We need to offering a helping hand to someone. We need to give a smile and a compliment to someone, anyone. We need to praise the good that we see happening around us. We need to continue to praise God for all He has done for us both in prayer and in conversation. We need to praise God publicly and regularly in our conversations with others for His continual loving presence among us. This can bring others to the light of light, the source of truth, hope and peace. I have seen many beautiful people, in their own way, being people of light. We need more light in these moments of darkness. We need to be that light of help, hope and warmth to others. We need to ask, "Am I a blessing or a curser?" It is more blessed to bless. ~~~ **Michael Pekar ~ Don't forget St. Michael's Bazaar next Sunday. Have a blessed day!**

Adult Education Groups: The Sunday Night group will have its first meeting on Sunday night, September 19th, at 7 PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. The video/discussion program will be "Jesus: The Way, The Truth and The Life", filmed on location in the Holy Land. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220. The Tuesday afternoon group will begin meeting on September 21st, at 3 PM also in the parish office meeting room. The video/discussion program will be Bishop Robert Barron's "The Sacraments". For more information call Hilde at 468-2649.

PLEASE RETURN: Whoever took the four parish directories that were on the table by the quilt display in church, please return them. Thank you!

Steak & Wine Dinner and Auction: Holy Trinity School's Steak & Wine Dinner and Auction will be held on October 9th at Frosty's Bar in Pierz. We are currently looking for donations of auction items. Please call Steve (320-630-5303) or Kristin (320-630-5354) Andres if you have any items you would like to donate. Thank you.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., SEPT. 19 @ 10:00 a.m. - BAZAAR

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Jill Hoheisel & Nicole Lochner

Servers: Logan Brisk & Westin Hoheisel

Ushers for October: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

III. BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding September 18th):

Stacie Stewart & Alex Helmin

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH BAZAAR GRAND RAFFLE: If anyone is in need of ticket books, please give the parish office a call at (320) 468-6033. **REMINDER: All tickets sold or unsold must be returned on or before Sunday, September 19th.** Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection PRIOR to Bazaar, at the church office in Pierz, or brought to the raffle stand the day of Bazaar. Thank you!

ADORATION: Because there is so much need for prayer in our country and in the world, on Wednesday, October 13th from 8AM to 8PM we are having adoration at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. We need people to sign up for one hour slots. You can sign up on the sign-up sheet in St. Michael's entrance or by calling Patty at 468-2486.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Employment opportunities: PT Music Teacher. FT Childcare Director/Paraprofessional. Reading Corp tutor for K-Readiness. Contact the school office for more information.

*Holy Trinity continues to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*Wednesday, September 15th - Mass @ 6pm with Fr. Doug Liebsch (Vocations Director) followed by outdoor movie night for Junior & Senior High students. Anyone is welcome to attend the Mass with Fr. Doug!

*Wednesday, September 22nd – CONFIRMATION RETREAT for all 11th graders from 6pm-10pm at FPSR.

AREA NEWS:

***Church of the Holy Spirit's Fall Festival – St. Cloud, MN,** Breakfast on Sun. Sept. 12. 2405 Walden Way St. Cloud, MN.

***St. Mary of Mt. Carmel Parish Bazaar,** Sept. 12.

***Catholic United Financial of Grey Eagle,** Pancake and Sausage Breakfast Sept. 12.

***Pelican Lake Ballroom Bouja Feed,** Sept. 12 St. Anna MN.

***St. Michael's Church – Buckman,** Parish Bazaar will be held on Sept. 19 with a polka mass at 10 a.m.

***Holy Family Fall Festival,** Sept. 19. 18777 Riverwood Drive, Little Falls.

***St. Anthony Parish,** Sunday Breakfast 8-12p.m. Sept. 19th. 25th Ave & 1st St N, St. Cloud.

***Benefit for Jerry Brill – Pierz Ballroom,** Sept. 25th. Sloppy joe dinner at 4:30 p.m.

***St. Joseph's Church – Morril,** Pancake & Sausage Breakfast Sept. 26th.

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church – Swanville, Craft/Raffle Sat., Oct. 2nd.

***St. John Nepomuk – Lastrup,** Polka & Country Memorial Mass by LaVerne & the Starlites. Sun. Oct. 17th at 10:45 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: Sept. 14th: Jan Dahmen

SAT. SEPT. 18 @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. SEPT. 19 @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. Sept. 18 – Mary Schraut,

Christie Virnig, Jan Dahmen, ***Choir*** – Grace Stumpf

Sun. Sept. 19 – Leroy Swanson & Dan and Lois Waytashek

Servers: Sat. Sept. 18 – Rachel & Kahlee Kasper

Sun. Sept. 19 – Camren Waytashek & Mason Hoheisel

Lectors for October: Sat. - Colleen Lucking, **Sun.** - Gwen Gruber

Ushers for October: Sat.- Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, & Jon Stumpf. **Sun.-** James Gruber, Gerard Kimman, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

DONUTS & COFFEE: Donut Sunday will be returning the first Sunday of every month, with the first one being on Sunday, October 3rd, after the 8 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's. Please join us for donuts and fellowship. We are looking forward to seeing you all again!

Walk With Ease Group Sessions: Starting Mon. Sept. 13 at Horizon Health in Pierz. For six weeks, Three times per week (Mon, Wed, & Fri) from 9-10a.m. It is a trained group exercise leaders begin each session with a pre-walk discussion covering a specified topic related to exercise and arthritis, followed by a 10-to40-minute walk that includes a warm-up and cool-down. Plan to wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Register online at <https://crowwingenergized.org/events/> for more info. Contact: Karen Johnson at 218-828-7443 or karen.johnson@essentiahealth.org.

Theology on Tap: Come join us for a fun night out at Theology on Tap on Thurs., Sept. 23 at Falls Ballroom in Little Falls. Social hour begins at 7. Join us for pizzas to order and drinks from a full bar. At 8 Michael Haney will give a talk: My Broken Path to Jesus. Michael will share his testimony of growing closer to Jesus and the importance of being a strong spiritual father. All adults are welcome! Contact amy.schlichting11@gmail.com with any questions.

St. Cloud DCCW 67th Fall Conference: "The year of Saint Joseph." September 18th at St. John's Parish, Foley. Sister Elise Saggau, OSF will present: "Saint Joseph: A Saint for Our Times". Registration: \$15, after Sept. 7, \$20. Please send registrations to: Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice MN 56367, 320-393-2701. Make checks payable to St. Cloud DCCW. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next dates are Oct 8-10, 2021, in Buffalo, MN and Oct 15-17, 2021, in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Brent & Tracy at applications@twincitieswwme.org or 612-756-8720.

Golf Scramble: Heartland Symphony's 1st annual HSO Symphony Scramble at Cragun's Resort in Brainerd, MN, is on Sun., Sept. 19th with a 2 p.m. shotgun start. This is an 18-hole scramble and the cost is \$100 per golfer, \$400 per team. www.heartlandsymphony.com