

THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

November 17th, 2019

“I place my hope in God!”

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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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 8:45 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 18th – NOV. 25th

Monday Nov. 18

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Nov. 19

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Laura Kapsner

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Nov. 20

Buckman 8:00 a.m. St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Catherine Meyer

Thursday Nov. 21

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Cleora Herold

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Nov. 22

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Leone Timmons & Thomas (Max) Reimer / HT Mass

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Bev & Jerry Stumpf & Kathy Prescott

Saturday Nov. 23

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Millie Gruber (Adult Choir)

Sunday Nov. 24

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Ed & Hildegard Kimman (Folk Group)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2853.00

High School \$ 7.00

Elementary \$ 23.00

Plate \$ 338.00

\$ 3221.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Deer Hunters Mass **Nov. 9th Sat.** - 154

Mass attendance **Nov. 10th Sun.** – 175

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4728.00

High School \$ 5.00

Elementary \$ 26.00

Plate \$ 237.62

\$ 4996.62

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Nov. 9th Sat.**- 268,

Nov. 10th Sun.- 187

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Nov. 11 –Karen Gruber, **Nov. 12** –Patty Enger,

Nov. 13 –Kevin & Alicia Tax, **Nov. 14** –Brit

Hanneken, **Nov. 15** –Wallace Skiba, **Nov. 16** –

Michelle Cheney (\$35 Winners).

Nov. 17 – Derek Hoffman (\$75 Winner).

Confessions: Buckman – Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz – Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Adoration at the Pierz Villa on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR: In honor of World Day for the Poor, November 17th “Jesus tells us what the ‘protocol’ is, on which we will be judged. It is the one we read in chapter 25 of Matthew’s Gospel: I was hungry, I was thirsty, I was in prison, I was sick, I was naked and you helped me, clothed me, visited me, took care of me. Whenever we do this to one of our brothers, we do this to Jesus. Caring for our neighbor; for those who are poor, who suffer in body and in soul, for those who are in need. This is the touchstone.” Quote from Pope Francis. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

PARISH REMINDERS:

***Second collection** during mass on November 23rd & 24th for the Archdiocese for the Military Services. There are envelopes to use for your donations at the ends of the pews.

***Catholic Charities envelope** will be included in the bulletin next weekend for you to make donations to the organization, which was spoken about on November 10th Masses.

ADORATION: there will be no Holy Hours on Thanksgiving Day – enjoy time with your families.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING For St. Michael’s & St. Joseph’s, both parishes could use more Liturgical Ministers. Those training for Buckman can go to the Pierz training and visa versa. The one session trainings are on the following dates: **Sun. Dec 1st, PIERZ:** 12:30p.m.-Lectors, 1p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 2p.m.-Servers, **Tues Dec 3rd, PIERZ:** 6p.m.-Servers, 7p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 8/8:30p.m.-Lectors, **Sat Dec 7th, PIERZ:** 12:30p.m.-Lectors, 1p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 2p.m.-Servers. **Sun Dec 8th, BUCKMAN:** 4p.m.-Server, 5p.m.-Eucharistic Min, 6/6:30p.m.-Lectors.

PIERZ AMERICAN LEGION POST 341: Membership drive on Sat. Dec. 7th from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Pierz Public Library. With the passing of the Legion Act, Legion eligibility and benefits have changed to include those who have served from Dec. 7, 1941 to present day. Any questions please call Joe at 320-492-6264.

Dine & Discover Wed Nov 20, from 11:30 to 1: What will your journey entail? By: Nancy Matlock RN Director and Angie Athman LSW for Horizon Health The end of life journey...if you start taking notes, you get to decide what path you want. To reg. contact Horizon Health 468-6451 option 8.

Support Group for Parents Grieving their Children: It is an informal group made up of people who have experienced the death of a child at any age. Meetings at 6:30 pm at St. Francis Convent the third Thurs of every month. Next meeting Thurs, Nov 21st. For information call Maryrose (320) 360 1468.

Hospice Lights of Hope: Fri. Nov. 22nd at 6p.m. Horizon Health and the Pierz Lions will be hosting a tree lighting event complete with cookies, hot chocolate, carolers and SANTA!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Nov. 24th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Carolyn Andres & Connie Kieffer

Servers: Westin Hoheisel & David Popp

November Ushers: John Grittner, Sam Seelen, & Mick Gruber

THANKSGIVING, WED. Nov. 27th @ 7:30p.m.

Servers: Jackson Kahl & Hunter Jacobson

Lector: Nathan Gruber:

Communion Ministers: Janice Janson & Cindy Scholl

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice Tues., Nov. 19th at 7:15 p.m.

Choir will sing on Sun. Nov. 24th.

CUF Meeting: Thurs. Nov. 21st at Brickyard at 6 p.m.

CUF Christmas Wreath Matching Grant Fundraiser:

Christmas Wreaths will be sold after 10:00 mass on Sun. Nov. 24th and every Sun. after until gone. They are \$15.

THANK YOU! To Jim Vickstrom & Scott Boser for helping with replacing the broom brushes on the snow blower.

PARISH CENTER NEWS: (Buckman Hall) If anyone is interested in booking the hall for Jan 2020, please call the parish office and get your name on the list. Dec. 1st we will call and let you know if you got your date. If there are two or more signed up on a date, we will have to do a drawing for that date.

PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE: our painting and renovation project is going well, the completion date will be around Christmas, due to more repairs and plastering needed. So, if anyone has their pledges outstanding please mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off your payment in the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Nov. 21st at 7:30 p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Nov. 21st at 8 p.m.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Grades 3-6 students will be attending reconciliation the week of Nov 18th. Second grade students will be attending their First Confession the week of Nov 18th at their parishes.

*Family Life living in the Top 20 will be an adult event held at Holy Trinity School gym from 6:30-8:00 on Wed, Nov 20th. The event is for HT parents and other community members who would like to attend.

*Holy Trinity sponsored meat raffle at Honey Badgers in Buckman on Friday, November 22nd beginning at 6:00pm.

*Raffle calendars are on sale. Contact a school parent or the office to purchase a calendar. They make great Christmas gifts.

Holy Trinity PTO St Nick Nite Boutique: Holy Trinity PTO is hosting the St Nick Nite Boutique on Wednesday December 4th from 3:30-7:30pm in the school gym. We have 49 crafters and vendors and concessions available. School is handicap accessible for everyone to enjoy. Hope to see you there.

FATHER PIERZ SCHOOL OF RELIGION - FPSR

***Wed. Dec. 4th:** We are looking for a few volunteers to help wrap gifts on St. Nick night, Shift times would be 3:30-5:30pm or 5:30-8 pm. If you are interested please contact Mark Hoheisel at (320) 468 2640. Thanks!

Area Catholic Community: Meeting Tue Nov 26 at 7:45p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Nov. 23rd @ 4:30 p.m., SUN. Nov. 24th @ 8:00 a.m.,

Servers: Sat. – Mason Zajac & Kayla Virnig

Sun. – Ellie Fischer & Catherine Wehseler

Weekday Lector: – Al Pekarek

THANKSGIVING, THURS Nov. 28th @ 8:30 a.m.

Servers: Braiden Maus & Jack Prokott

Lector: Karen Gross

Communion Ministers: Linda Welle, Marvin Kimman, & Leroy Swanson.

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: Thurs. Nov. 21st @ 10am.

YOUTH/CHILDREN CHOIR: will practice on Tues, Nov 19th from 6-7. We will sing on Sun, Nov 24th at 8am. All children ages 4 and up are welcome to join us - *and bring a friend!* If you would like to be added to the text remind list for youth choir, please text or call Jenny at 320-360-6650.

St Joseph's Quilt Circle: It is that time of year to turn our thoughts to quilting for next year. We do have lots of new material downstairs, please feel free to go take a look. Again, we will be asking for help for cutting, sewing tops, binding, etc. We will be ready to start stitching and tying quilts after the first of the year. Watch for our yearly letter coming out soon.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: Bishop Robert Barron's *Advent Gospel Reflections Journal*. It contains full Gospel readings for each day, questions for reflection, and journal pages. **The books are available now** for \$2/copy. Please contact Mary Kay Pekar at 468-2316, email at 02mmpekar5@gmail.com, or in person to get your copy today.

AREA NEWS:

***St. Mary's Christmas Bazaar, Little Falls:** Sat Nov 23rd 8am to 6:30pm – A variety of food will be available Sun Nov 24th 9am to 12pm – breakfast with Helen's Rolls. Fun for the whole family all weekend: 50/50 raffle, bake sale, cake walk, cash bingo, games of chance, silent auction, crafts sale & trinkets & treasures. Christmas drawing at 12pm on Sunday.

***Fall Harvest Breakfast & Bake Sale, St. Joseph-Morrill:** Sun Nov 24th from 8:30am-12pm. All you can eat! French toast, sausage, scrambled eggs and more. Will be collection eye glasses for lions, food for Thanksgiving food drive and new toys for Cross Center.

***Community Thanksgiving Service, St. John's-Lastrup:** The Annual Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving service on Mon Nov 25th at 7p.m., with social to follow in the parish center. Please join us if you can for prayer, song and fellowship. A free-will offering during the service will go to our local food shelf.

***Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Annual Cookie, Candy and Gift Sale Sat Dec 7th, 9:30am-6pm. You fill the provided container with your assortment of cookies and candy for \$7/pound. Browse for special gifts from the vendors present including handmade creations.

Theology on Tap: Come join young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. Our next meeting is Thurs, Nov 21 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with begins at 7p.m. Our speaker April Bechtold will give a talk titled "His plans are better: Trusting in Jesus" at 8p.m. Contact Amy Schlichting at amy.schlichting11@gmail.com with any questions. Hope to see you there!

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

St. Joseph's Church - 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!

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

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!

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

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

GERMANY 2020 TRIP: We have some openings for our 11-day trip to Germany, Belgium and Luxemburg from June 7-17, 2020. If you are interested, please call Horst Hanneken @ 1-320-745-2641 for details.

St. Rita's Church, Hillman: looking for old pictures and memories to be shared for our centennial celebration next May. We are working on publishing a history of the parish. You can email memories to strita@brainerd.net, Lestie Rueter at lmrueter@yahoo.com or Mel Buesseler at melnetty@littlefals.net by Jan 1.