

THE SOLEMNITY OF THE MOST  
HOLY TRINITY  
June 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
"Praise the Trinity; undivided  
unity!"

**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 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

**Holy Cross Church of Harding** -Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

**St. Rita's Church of Hillman** - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUN. 17<sup>th</sup>- JUN. 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**Monday Jun. 23**

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

**Tuesday Jun. 23**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Millie Gruber

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

**Wednesday Jun. 23**

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Ray & Victor Stangl & Regina Bisch

**Thursday Jun. 23**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Ashley Schraut

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

**Friday Jun. 23**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Maureen Watercott

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Harvey Otreмба

**Saturday Jun. 23**

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel (Adult Choir)

**Sunday Jun. 23 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi)**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Sue Hoheisel (Folk Group)

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

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

Adult \$ 2826.00

High School \$ 9.00

Elementary \$ 8.00

Plate \$ 129.50

\$ 2972.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Jun. 9<sup>th</sup> Sun.** - 268

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

Adult \$ 4527.00

High School \$ 9.00

Elementary \$ 11.50

Plate \$ 446.36

\$ 4993.86

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Jun. 8<sup>th</sup> Sat.**-170

**Jun. 9<sup>th</sup> Sun.**-280

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Jun. 10-** Julie LaFlamme, **Jun. 11-** Dennis Kelzenberg, **Jun. 12-** Toni Pulak, **Jun. 13-** Jeff Boser, **Jun. 14-** Vince Popp, **Jun. 15-** Rueben & Madeline Hoheisel (\$35 winners). **Jun. 16-** Sue Anderson (\$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.*

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** Let us reflect on our first reading from Proverbs 8:22-31. It is a bit different way of writing and sometimes when we hit something that is very different, we tend to skip over it. Here it is "Wisdom" speaking. She explains, "The LORD possessed me, the beginning of his ways," If something is with God from the beginning, then it is a part of God. Translation: God is and always has been and always will be wise. Can we ever think of God being stupid, or foolish? No. So, we can trust in our mysterious God because God is wise. Wisdom then explains, "From of old I was poured forth, **at the first**, before the earth." Wisdom is poured forth from God on all that God creates. "When the Lord established the heavens, I was there." Wisdom is also in the creation of the Earth and us. "Then was I beside him as his craftsman, and I was his delight day by day, playing before him all the while, playing on the surface of his earth; and I found delight in the human race." We and the Earth are not created in foolishness, or chaos, or randomness, but God's Wisdom. What does this mean for us? Translation: it means that all the sciences that depend upon things being true, logical (there can be laws of physics etc.) and dare I say it wise, can exist. It means that our bodies, our very being, our world has an innate and continuing connection to God and His Spirit of Wisdom. Bottom line, there is a wisdom and a mysterious connection between God, and God's Creation of the everything, the Earth, and us. Our planet and bodies were/are created in wisdom. There is a reason we feel peace, feel close to God, when we STOP and are STILL, surrounded by the beauty and truth of Nature. Do we treat our body and the planet with wisdom or foolishness? Do we remain true to our nature (Creative Grace) and be wise, or do we sadden Wisdom with foolishness and foolishly treat our bodies and planet with disrespect and perhaps even ridiculing God's wisdom by trying to "regenderize" ourselves? Let us be true to our nature and true to our God and be wise and not foolish. ~~~ Michael Pekar

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**FUN, FOOD, AND FUND DAY:** The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women is sponsoring a Fun, Food and Fund Day, Tuesday, June 25th from 9:00AM-2:15 at St. Augustine Catholic Church, 442 2nd St. SE, St. Cloud, sponsored by the Foley/Princeton Deanery. Registration (\$15.00) is due by June 17th to Janis Fagin, 14585 31st.St. Clear Lake. All are welcome!

**ATTENTION This Year's 1<sup>st</sup> Communion Children Pierz & Buckman** - The weekend of June 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>, is the feast of the Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi). We will celebrate this feast by having a Procession of the Blessed Sacrament at all the Masses that weekend. We ask that any of this year's 1<sup>st</sup> communion children who wish to dress in their 1<sup>st</sup> communion attire, join Fr. Ken Popp in this procession. The children may participate at either Parish.

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

**\*SUN., Jun. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**Communion Ministers:** Nicole Hoheisel & Alice Nordmann

**Servers:** Quinn Gruber & Avery Gruber

**June Ushers:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

**CM/W NEWS:** For St. Michael's CM/W, if you are planning on attending the FUN, FOOD, FUND DAY on June 25<sup>th</sup>, your registration will be paid. You will need to call Patty at 468-2487 by June 15<sup>th</sup>.

**PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE:** Unfortunately, due to maintenance painting and replacement of carpet, we cannot book any events at St. Michael's Parish Center from July 10<sup>th</sup> – to completion of project. The maintenance and painting crews are hoping to complete the project by early December. We cannot guarantee that the project will be completed and available for the event that you and your family may have scheduled in December of 2019. I am sorry for this inconvenience, please let me know if you want to hold onto your schedule date for this year 2019, or if you plan to cancel. Thank you for your understanding of the situation.

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**AREA EVENTS:**

**\*\*St. Rita's Church in Hillman Vascular Dementia:** Wed. June 19<sup>th</sup> at 9:30-11 a.m. Gain insight on what tools you need to support individuals on their journey.

**\*\*St. Elizabeth Annual Parish Festival-Brennyville:** Sun., June 23<sup>rd</sup>. Beginning with a Mass at 10a.m. Entertainment for all: Prize Bingo, Basket Raffle, Fancy Stand, Children's games called Beth's Basement Bash, Food stands and much more; Youth Softball games, Gun Raffle, Quilt Auction at 2:30p.m. and Grand Raffle drawing at 4:30p.m.

**\*\*St. Augustine's Catholic Church-St. Cloud - Fun, Food, & Fund Day:** Tues., June 25<sup>th</sup> from 9a.m. - 2:15p.m. at Registration is at 9a.m. To register, contact Janis Fagin at 14585 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Clear Lake, or call 612-202-1591.

**Upcoming Faith in Action Events:**

- **Vascular Dementia:** June 19 at 9:30 to 11 at St. Rita's Church in Hillman Gain insight on what tools you need to support individuals on their journey.

**Let's Have a Picnic!:** Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> 5 to 7 pm Sauk Rapids Municipal Park 1001 River Ave North. Come savor a beautiful evening outdoors while enjoying live music by Christy Freeman, lawn games, a summer meal (hot dogs, watermelon, chips, lemonade) and fun activities for the kids – face painting and park playtime. For more information call 320-252-4150 or email natalie@elevatestcloud.org. All are Welcome - Bring the Family!

**Monday, June 17 ♦ Bishop's Golf Tournament** - Do you have your team yet? Come golf with Bishop Kettler to benefit the Seminarians Education Fund at Territory Golf Club. Pre-register \$75.00 per person by contacting Alice at [acoudron@CatholicFoundation.info](mailto:acoudron@CatholicFoundation.info) or call 320-258-7656.

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

**\*SAT., Jun. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. Jun. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Sat. – Maraya Boser & Courtney Kroll

Sun. – Madelyn & Garrett Kessler

**Weekday Lector:** – Joan Kapsner

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Liam Glen, son of Nathan Young and Hannah Schaut was baptized on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> and Zoey Ann, daughter of Adam and Kelsy Poster was baptized on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**UPDATE GRAND RAFFLE:** We will need to print the grand raffle tickets soon. So, if you are planning on donating please have your donation in by Tues, June 17<sup>th</sup>. If you are unable to get your donation in by that date please call the parish office 468-6033. Thank you!

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

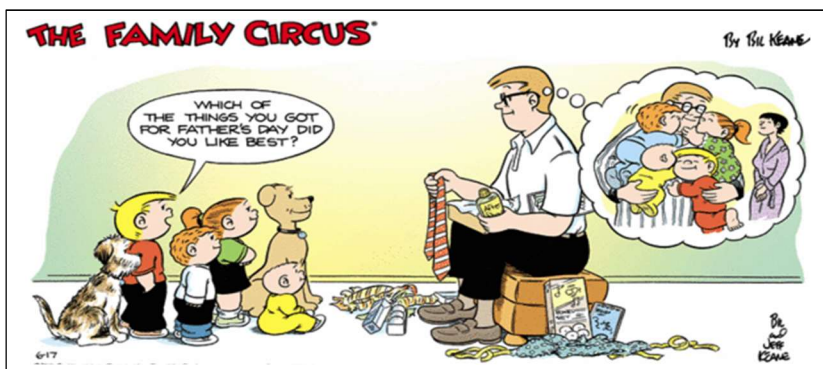
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**2019 SUMMER VOCATION EVENTS** We offer the following events for young men: June 18 – 20: Bus Tour, Alexandria (men in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>), June 24 – 26: Avon Camp (Mead residence) (men in grades 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>) August 3: Paschal Challenge, Sauk Centre (men in grades 9<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup>) Registration is on-line at <http://vocations.stcdio.org/events/>.

**Religious Freedom Week - June 22-29:** Religious freedom gives us the space to carry out the mission that Jesus has entrusted to the Church. Beginning June 22, the Feast of Saints Thomas More and John Fisher, the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops celebrates Religious Freedom Week. In the midst of our current challenges, join us as we seek the kingdom and find Strength in Hope. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek](http://www.usccb.org/ReligiousFreedomWeek). Set aside a moment to **pray, reflect, and take action** on religious liberty.

**LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Next week's meetings Sat. June 22<sup>nd</sup> will be held at 1 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!*

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls-The American Red Cross** has scheduled a **Bloodmobile** at St. Francis Convent (St. Francis Hall), Little Falls on Monday, June 17, 1-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 12 noon-6 p.m., and Wednesday, June 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Anyone who is at least 16 years of age (please bring a parental consent), weighs at least 110 pounds and is considered to be in good health may be eligible to donate blood. There is no upper age limit and the time commitment is minimal. Please bring your photo identification. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, contact Sister Julien Dirkes at (320)632-0663



### **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!

### **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!

**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.

**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!*

### **The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls**

**Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina** - The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to join them for **Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina** (Sacred Reading) on Thursday, June 20, 6-7 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Centering Prayer is an ancient and contemporary way of prayer. In a small group, persons gather for 20-30 minutes to pray in quiet, listening with openness to God's presence and action in our lives. Centering Prayer is experiencing a relationship with God as well as a discipline to foster that relationship. It is a movement beyond conversation with God to communion with God. That is followed by "Lectio Divina," a reflection on the coming Sunday Scriptures. Come, the third Thursday of the month, gather with sisters and members of all faiths to ponder God's presence in your life, and open yourself to receive the gift of a closer union with God. No need to pre-register. For more information, please call (320)632-0668 or email: [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org); [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

**American Red Cross** - The **American Red Cross** has scheduled a **Bloodmobile** at St. Francis Convent (St. Francis Hall), Little Falls on Monday, June 17, 1-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, 12 noon-6 p.m., and Wednesday, June 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Anyone who is at least 16 years of age (please bring a parental consent), weighs at least 110 pounds and is considered to be in good health may be eligible to donate blood. There is no upper age limit and the time commitment is minimal. Please bring your photo identification. For more information or to make an appointment to donate blood, contact Sister Julien Dirkes at (320)632-0663

**2019 Green Fair Folk Festival** - The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to attend the **2019 Green Fair Folk Festival** on Wednesday, August 7, from 4-8 p.m., on the west lawn at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Lots of family fun, interesting displays, fantastic music and vendors—all with a green message—are the highlights of this event. This is the 13<sup>th</sup> year for the Green Fair Folk Festival, which welcomed over 900 people in 2018, including 50+ vendors and various food booths. This year promises to bring new vendors, exhibitors and new activities. "Green exhibitors/vendors" are invited and encouraged to attend. Levi Pelzer will be performing along with various bands from the URock Camp held at St. Francis Music Center. The Green Fair Folk Festival, an afternoon and evening of music along with environmentally friendly ideas, is free and open to the public and is sponsored by the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls. For more information, or to **pre-register by July 11 to become a booth exhibitor (or consider becoming a food vendor—permit and proof of liability required)**, contact Elise Carey at [gfff@fslf.org](mailto:gfff@fslf.org) or call (320)632-0634 or visit [www.fslf.org/GreenFair](http://www.fslf.org/GreenFair). Look for us also on Facebook.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend**, is a private weekend for married couple to grow in their love. The next available Weekends are Sep 20-22, in Alexandria, MN and Jul 12-14, 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.