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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.

<p>MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30th – DECEMBER 6th, 2020</p> <p><u>Monday, November 30</u> 11:00 a.m. Pierz Funeral for Judy Riley</p> <p><u>Tuesday, December 1</u> 8:00 a.m. Pierz +Theresa Peine</p> <p><u>Wednesday, December 2</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Cecilia Przybilla 7:00 p.m. Pierz Knights of Columbus Mass 7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, December 3</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Ervin M. Girtz</p> <p><u>Friday, December 4</u> – <i>Pierz HT School Mass: Mrs. Przybilla's 5th Grade Class</i> 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Celesta "Sally" Meyer, and +Ken Konen 8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, December 5</u> 4:30 p.m. Pierz +Alice Stangl</p> <p><u>Sunday, December 6</u> 8:00 a.m. Pierz +Jim & Mary Austin 10:00 a.m. Buckman For the People of the Parishes, and +Richard Boser</p>	<p><u>ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u></p> <table> <tr><td>Adult</td><td>\$ 1951.00</td></tr> <tr><td>High School</td><td>\$ 2.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Elementary</td><td>\$ 10.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Plate</td><td>\$ 103.00</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>\$ 2066.00</td></tr> </table> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> Mass attendance November 22nd Sunday: 164</p> <hr/> <p><u>ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u></p> <table> <tr><td>Adult</td><td>\$ 3859.00</td></tr> <tr><td>High School</td><td>\$ 7.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Elementary</td><td>\$ 19.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Plate</td><td>\$ 24.25</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>\$ 3909.25</td></tr> </table> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> Mass attendance November 21st Saturday: 85 Mass attendance November 22nd Sunday: 116</p> <hr/> <p><u>CONFESSIONS:</u> Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m. Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.</p>	Adult	\$ 1951.00	High School	\$ 2.00	Elementary	\$ 10.00	Plate	\$ 103.00		\$ 2066.00	Adult	\$ 3859.00	High School	\$ 7.00	Elementary	\$ 19.00	Plate	\$ 24.25		\$ 3909.25
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HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

November 23 – Mitch Czech, **November 24** – Nick Miller, **November 25** – Steve Muntifering, **November 26** – Tim Brisk, **November 27** – Catherine Kippley, **November 28** – Cindy Meyer (\$35 Winners). **November 29** – Monica Kapsner (\$75 Winner).

FROM THE PASTOR: As we start our Advent season, I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe. I know most of you have had to make different plans this year for celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends. In these challenging times, we are learning on how to get more creative in staying connected with our loved ones. Remember God is with us during all of this. I do hope that everyone had a very good Thanksgiving. I would also like to thank everyone for remembering your parish in your contribution support during these difficult times, **Thank You!** I will be sending my Advent/Christmas letter and Confessions schedule out next week for you. God Bless ~ Fr. Ken Popp

LOOKING HEAD:

Tues., December 8th is Feast of Immaculate Conception, a Holy Day of Obligation. Masses at Pierz-8:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m., Buckman-7:30 p.m.

CONFESSIONS SCHEDULE FOR ADVENT:

Thurs, Dec. 10th 7:30 a.m. St. Michael's-Buckman
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Stewardship as a Way of Life: "Take heed, watch and pray; for you do not know when the time will come." — Mark 13:33

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our time, our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Thank you for your support for our Giving Tree. If you purchased items or would like to donate money, please turn them into Holy Trinity by Friday, December 4.
 *Raffle calendars are on sale. Contact a school parent or the office to purchase one. They make great Christmas gifts.
 *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

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

***We have a DATE set for CONFIRMATION 2021:**
 Sunday, April 18th 2021 @ 2:00pm at St. Michael's in Buckman, for students from Buckman, Harding, and Lastrup parishes. Sunday, April 25th 2021 @ 2:00pm at St. Joseph's in Pierz, for students from Pierz, Hillman, Onamia, Wahkon, & Vineland parishes. **BOTH CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE WITH BISHOP DONALD KETTLER.**

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Dec. 6th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Leo Pohlkamp

Communion Ministers: Janice Janson and Jill Hoheisel

TUES., Dec. 8th @ 7:30 p.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

Communion Ministers: Megan Herold and Deb Hall

USHERS FOR DECEMBER: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Lloyd M. Fiegen* passed away on Saturday, November 21st. Burial services were in the parish cemetery on Tuesday, November 24th. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

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.

SECRET SANTA: Buckman Area Lions do a Secret Santa and surprises a family in need. This year they are asking for your help to finding that family. Located in the Parish Center entryway is a Christmas tree. Please take a paper ornament from the basket and inside write the family's information, then seal the ornament shut and then hang it on the tree. The ornaments will be collected daily. Thank You for Your Help!

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.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Dec. 5th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Dec. 6th @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Lector: LeRoy Swanson

Communion Ministers: Sat. Dec. 5- Mary Schraut & Barb Zajac, Sun. Dec. 6- Marvin Kimman & Pat Hartmann

LECTORS FOR DECEMBER:

Sat. -Al Pekarek, Sun. - Keith Marshik

USHERS FOR DECEMBER:

Sat.- John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll, Sun.- Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, & Jason Sadlovsky

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Dorothy Burich* passed away on Thursday, November 19th. Burial services were in the parish cemetery on Friday, November 27th. *Louene Kobilka-Walz* passed away on Saturday, November 21st. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, November 28th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

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.

RAFFLE: St. Stanislaus Church in Sobieski is having a cash/gun raffle at \$5.00 a ticket. Drawing is Dec. 31, 2020 at 6pm, prizes totaling \$6,400. Make checks payable to "St. Stanislaus Church", in memo put "cash/gun raffle". Address: 9406 Church Circle, Little Falls, MN 56345. Lived streamed @ www.triparishcatholiccommunity.org



ADVENT MESSAGE WEEK ONE: The History of the Advent Wreath: The Catholic church adopted this tradition during the Middle Ages, as a way to prepare the hearts and minds for Christmas. The word advent itself comes from the Latin word “**adventus**” meaning “arrival.” We prepare for the arrival of Christ. The wreath itself represents eternity and everlasting life, a circle that never ends (**John 3:16**). We’ll focus on the first purple candle: **The Candle of Hope**. Like the prophets in the **Old Testament**, we hope for a Messiah to save us from the sin in the world (**Isaiah 9:6-7**). We anticipate our Savior’s arrival. Also known as the “**prophecy candle**,” this candle assures us we can have hope that God will fulfill the prophecies declared in the Old Testament about Jesus. Hope doesn’t disappoint us (**Romans 5:5**). Hope is an important thing. It helps us during significant trials or times of distress. It offers us security that God will arrive and though we cannot see him now, we will see him face to face one day (**Hebrews 11**). In lieu of advent, it helps us to recognize the hope the Israelites experienced throughout the Old Testament, especially during the time of the prophets, such as Isaiah. They yearned for a Messiah to save them from their enemies, and ultimately, the greatest enemy: their sin. **Advent Wreath Prayer Week 1 — Hope:** “*Heavenly Father, Advent is a time for remembering and reflecting on the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Father, I pray that you will turn our hearts toward you as Christmas approaches. Let us not get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season this year and miss the chance to celebrate the gifts of hope, peace, joy, love, that you sent to us on that first Christmas. Father God, every word in scripture points to the gift of hope that we have because of Christ Jesus. The Christmas story wasn’t the beginning of that message of hope because the old testament is full of glimpses of your plan to redeem your people and restore them into a relationship with you, but we are able to truly begin to see and understand just how great your love for us is when we read the story of Jesus’ birth in scripture. You showed us a glimmer of that hope as you chose to send your son into this earth through a family tree that was a little bent and scarred. We glanced it again as you chose a tribe that was small and a city that was lowly. It can be seen when we recognize that you don’t send your Son to be birthed in a fancy palace among the wealthy and the elite, but our King of Kings and Lord of Lords was born among common shepherds and livestock in a barn. Help us to see that you are with us. Nothing is too difficult, too messy, or too dirty for you. Jesus came to give us the gift of eternal life through the **salvation** that only you, our Heavenly Father, can give when we believe on your Son, repent of our sins, and confess Jesus as our Lord and Savior. That first Christmas, you gave us the gift of hope wrapped in swaddling clothes and laid in a manger. Thank you, Father, for your immeasurable gift. In Jesus’s name, we pray. Amen*”