

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 1st, 2019

“The earth will yield its increase!”

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

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Office Hrs.: Buckman, Thurs., 2-4 p.m.

Office Hrs.: Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m., Tues. 9a.m.-2p.m.

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8:00p.m. & Sundays at 10:45a.m. **Holy Cross Church of Harding** -Sundays at 8:45a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DEC 2nd – DEC 8th

Monday	Dec. 2	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec. 3	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Roland “Rollie” Hartmann
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Dec. 4	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Laura Kapsner
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Clyde M. & Lucille Stangl
Pierz	7:00 p.m.	No Knights of Columbus Mass
Thursday	Dec. 5	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Marie & Colette Pohlkamp
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Dec. 6	
Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Sally Meyer & Leonard Kasper
Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+James Andres
Saturday	Dec. 7	
Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+ Relatives of Norbert Jansen (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Dec. 8 - Presentation of Confirmation Students Youth Mass	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Walter & Rita Stumpf

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 2845.00
High School	\$ 9.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00
Plate	\$ 205.00
	\$ 3081.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Nov. 24th Sun.** - 218

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 4965.00
High School	\$ 18.00
Elementary	\$ 15.50
Plate	\$ 519.00
	\$ 5517.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Nov. 23rd Sat.**- 226,

Nov. 24th Sun.- 314

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Dec. 25 –Toots Przybilla, **Dec. 26** –Steven Albrecht, **Dec. 27** –Mary Jo Young, **Dec. 28** –Mike Lillemo, **Dec. 29** –Steph Gall, **Dec. 30** –Kari Anderson (\$35 Winners).
Dec. 1 – Steve Kimman (\$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: Once again we come to the Season of Advent, a time of preparing to celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ – as a baby in the manger at Christmas and at his second coming at the end of time. We can prepare ourselves by spending more time in prayer. It's also an opportunity to take advantage of the sacrament of penance to receive God's mercy and forgiveness. *May you have a blessed Advent!* ~ Fr. Ken Popp

NOTE: Immaculate Conception (Dec. 8th) falls on an Advent Sunday, which takes precedence over a holy day, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception will be observed on Mon. Dec. 9th. Although the obligation to attend Mass is lifted this year, Catholics are highly encouraged to take time to worship the Lord. Mass time on Dec. 9th will be 8 a.m. at Pierz.

LOOKING AHEAD: Bishop Kettler will be at St. Joseph's on Sun. **Dec. 15th** for the institution of acolytes and readers of the St. Cloud Diocese. Mass times for that weekend will be switched: Buckman will be at 8a.m. and Pierz will be at 10a.m.

Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary – Villa: Join us on Sun. Dec. 8th at 4 p.m. in the Pierz Villa chapel, as we pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary for our country. Call Patty with any questions 468-2487.

Adoration at St. Michael's: there will be adoration on Wed. Dec. 11th from 7-8 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. All are welcome. Call Patty with any questions 468-2487.

AREA NEWS:

- ***Quilt & Ham Bingo, St. Joseph's-Morrill:** Sun. Dec. 1 at 1p.m. Lunch provided. In the St. Joseph's Parish Hall.
- ***St. Nick Nite in Pierz:** Wed. Dec. 4th, from 3:30-7:30p.m. Trolley rides, cookie decorating, Santa, live Nativity Scene all at St. Joseph's Church-Pierz, Boutique at Holy Trinity gym from 3:30-7:30p.m. So much FUN! for the whole family.
- ***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.
- ***St. Ann's Christian Mothers Christmas Bazaar & Bake Sale:** Sat. Dec. 7th & Sun. Dec. 8th. Homemade donuts and shopping for the family. Raffle tickets for \$1 for a chance at some money or gift items. Homemade chicken noodle soup. 9 am to 2:30 pm. Raffle drawing Sun. after the 10:30am Mass
- ***Breakfast, St. Anthony Parish Center-St. Cloud:** Sun, Dec 15, serving from 8a.m. to 12p.m. Menu, smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with fruit toppings, fresh fruit, rolls, hash browns, coffee, and milk or orange juice. Adults \$8, Students grades K-12 and preschool eat for free this month!



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Dec. 8th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Donna Solinger, Todd Caddy, Connie Kieffer, Jill Hoheisel, Nicole Hoheisel, & Megan Herold

Servers: Jady Dorn & Kaylee Gruber

December Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice Tues. Dec. 3rd at 7:15p.m. Choir will sing on Sun. Dec. 8th for the Youth Mass.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Micah Charles*, son of Isaac and Kayla Gruber was baptized on Sunday, November 24th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

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 Parish Center. Any questions, please call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410

CUF Christmas Wreath Matching Grant Fundraiser: Christmas Wreaths will be sold after mass today and every Sun. after until gone. They are \$15.

PAINTING PROJECT: 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.*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Raffle calendars are on sale for \$25. Contact a school parent or the office to purchase your calendar. Last day for purchase is on Dec. 17th. They make great Christmas gifts.

*The annual Giving Tree project is set up ready for gift givers to select tags, purchase gifts, bring to school unwrapped or make a cash donation. Everyone is welcome to assist with this project.

*Mark your calendars for the annual Christmas program on Wed., Dec. 11th with performances at 1 pm and 7 pm in the school gym.

*Dec. faith formation activities include weekly Advent prayer services and a visit from St. Nicholas.

*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.

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.

FPSR / YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640

Sun., Dec., 1st: from 1-3pm TOY BINGO @ FPSR in the Holy Trinity Gym! Come support the students going to Steubenville!

Wed., Dec., 4th: *Bonfire & Smores-5:30pm-7:30pm @ FPSR! St. Nicks Night JH/SH Youth Group @ FPSR.

***St. Nick's Night Shopping Spree** for children 3:30pm-7:30pm @ FPSR; come buy gifts for mom and dad and have them gift wrapped! ***St. Nick's Night Raffle** at 6PM in the Holy Trinity Gym!

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Dec. 7th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Dec. 8th @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Reagan & Reese Winscher

Sun. – Anna & Adam Hoheisel

Weekday Lector: – Mary Kimman

ADULT CHOIR PRACTICE: Thurs. Dec. 5th @ 10am.

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER:

Sat.- Mason Zajac, Barb Zajac, Loretta Przybilla, Tracy Voigt

Sun.- Leroy Swanson, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek

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

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Olivia James*, daughter of Andrew and Stephanie Cutkay was baptized on Saturday, November 23rd. *Beckett Mark*, son of Mike Schirmers and Taylor Dobis was baptized on Saturday, November 30th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

St. Joseph's Christ Child Baby Shower: During Advent a basket for babies and young children items will be by the front side altar. Donations of diapers, clothes, toys, money, etc. are needed. Items will go to the Pierz food shelf and go to the Pierz food shelf and families in need. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Call 468-6070 with questions.

2020 Bazaar Dish towels are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the parish office. Thank You!

Christian M/W: we are looking for someone to step up for the Vice President roll. Please prayerfully consider if this something you could do! Contact Rachel Young with any questions regarding expectations or to volunteer, 630-3630.

Central Minnesota TEC: celebrates 41 years of hosting Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreats. It is the largest TEC retreat program in the United States, with more than 38,000 participants. TEC is geared towards youth (age 16+) as well as adults. As Pope Francis invites us to “Moments of Encounter” with our God and each other, TEC provides the perfect three-day retreat experience to do just that. Consider taking time over the coming months to participate in an *encounter* retreat like Central Minnesota TEC. You won't regret it. Check out the monthly TEC retreat schedule at www.cmtec.org.

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.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY TRAINING For St. Michael's & St. Joseph's for both parishes. The one session trainings are on the following dates: **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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: The next Weekends are Feb 7-9, 2020 in Buffalo and Feb 7-9, 2020 in Windom. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

St. Rita's Church, Hillman: We are looking for pictures and memories of St. Rita's Parish for our centennial celebration next May. We are working on publishing a history of the parish and are looking for old pictures and memories to be shared. As we have been around for so long, perhaps you have attended Mass or on of our fundraisers and have an interesting story or memory to share. We would like to hear all of them. All the "do you remember this?...or..."remember when?"... those are the stories we are looking for...pictures too! You can email it to strita@brainerd.net, Lestie Rueter at lmrueter@yahoo.com or Mel Buesseler at melnetty@littlefals.net by January 1, 2020. Original pictures will be returned.

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.

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

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!