

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**SUNDAY, MARCH 19th, 2023**

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor: 320-468-6033, Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate contact information: 468-2316 or 320-221-1134****Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:30 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.

<https://stjohnslastrup.org/> 320-468-2111<https://hardingchurch.org/> 320-468-2111**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 21st – MARCH 26th****Tuesday, March 21**8:00 a.m. Pierz +Laura Opatz
9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Wednesday, March 22**8:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members
7:00 p.m. Buckman Stations of the Cross
7-9:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration**Thursday, March 23**8:00 a.m. Buckman +Audreen Nagel
9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Friday, March 24**8:30 a.m. Pierz +Joan Kronenberg
8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Villa +Richard Virnig (*Mass only for Residents*)
4:00 p.m. Pierz Stations of the Cross & Benediction**Saturday, March 25**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Leon Leidenfrost, & For the People of the Parishes

Sunday, March 26 – Holy Trinity School Carnival (Mass Times Switch)8:00 a.m. Buckman +Ervin Marshik
10:00 a.m. Pierz +Lea Marie Block (*Folk Group*)**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**Adult \$ 2,700.00
High School \$ 11.00
Elementary \$ 18.25
Plate \$ 309.50
\$ 3,038.75***Thank you for your generosity!***Mass attendance **March 12th Sunday:** 274**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**Adult \$ 5,894.00
High School \$ 7.00
Elementary \$ 13.50
Plate \$ 226.35
\$ 6,140.85***Thank you for your generosity!***Mass attendance **March 11th Saturday:** 216Mass attendance **March 12th Sunday:** 121**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**3/12/23 \$75.00 Keith Schlichting
3/13/23 \$35.00 Glenn Seelen
3/14/23 \$35.00 Molly Cush
3/15/23 \$35.00 Brenda Girtz
3/16/23 \$35.00 Amy Gadacz
3/17/23 \$35.00 Mike & Linda Brezinka
3/18/23 \$35.00 Nathan Janson

From the Pastor: We are almost finished with the Lenten season and I want to encourage everyone to go to confession. May God bless you all as you continue your journey of Lent moving towards Easter. ~ **Fr. Ken Popp**

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:Tues. March 21st @ 7:00 p.m. Pierz
Thurs. March 23rd @ 7:30 a.m. & @ 12:00 p.m. Buckman
Fri., March 24th @ 3:00 p.m. Pierz
Sat. March 25th @ 10:00 a.m. Buckman
Sat. March 25th @ 3:30 p.m. Pierz**EASTER TRIDUUM MASS TIMES:***Thursday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m. in Pierz
*Friday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m. in Pierz & 7:30 p.m. Buckman
*Saturday, April 8th at 8 p.m. in Pierz
*Sunday, April 9th at 8 a.m. in Pierz and 10 a.m. in Buckman**2023 MN FoodShare Campaign:** The Pierz Area Food Shelf staff thanks you for your support of food and/or money to the March FoodShare Campaign. Continued support throughout the year is gratefully appreciated not only during the month of March but throughout the year. God Bless You!**MASS SERVER PARTY:** There will be a Mass servers party on Thursday, March 30th from 3:15-5p.m. at the Pierz Bowling Center. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this party for all servers from Pierz, Buckman, Lastrup, and Harding. All food, drinks, games and bowling are paid for.**PIERZ LIONS FISH FRY:** Friday, March 24 from 4:30-7p.m. (or when the fish run out) at Frosty's Bar in Pierz. Deep-fried fish, Lions famous potato salad, Captain Ken's baked beans, coleslaw, homemade macaroni and cheese, bread, dessert and beverage. Adults \$14, Kids 5-12 \$7, 5 and under free. Takeout/pickup orders encouraged. Call or text Mike Poser at 320-282-3037. Proceeds go towards helping make Pioneer Elementary School Playground handicapped accessible.**LITURGICAL MINISTRY:** If anyone is interested in helping their parish by becoming an usher, eucharistic minister, server, or lector, please call the office at 468-6033 or email us at stjoes@midco.net.**Invitation To The Pilgrimage Of The Holy Family:** The Christian Mothers/Women invite your household to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. The host family invites the blessed Holy Family picture into their home and commits to praying the chaplet of the Holy Family each day for a week. The chaplet takes about seven minutes. To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at 320-290-1579.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN. MAR. 26 @ 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Leo Pohlkamp

Communion Ministers: Nicole Lochner & Janice Janson

Servers: Abby Posch & Ellie Hoheisel

Ushers for Apr.: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl & Todd Caddy

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Copies of the March-June lector, eucharistic minister, and server schedules are located at both entrances of the church.



SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO: At St. Michael's Parish Center on Thursday, March 23rd after the 8 a.m. Mass. Put on by Catholic United Financial.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 16th and we are planning a gathering from 1-4p.m. We are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to help plan it and also for someone to share their faith journey. If interested, call Patty at 468-2487. Thank you!

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

***STATE OF THE SCHOOL-** The community is invited to the annual HTCS State of the School meeting on Monday, March 20, 2023 at 6:30pm in the HTCS Gym.

***SPRING PLAY-** Performances will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm in the HT Gym.

***CARNIVAL RAFFLE AND CLASSROOM QUILT TICKETS ARE ON SALE!** HT families have raffle tickets for our carnival in March! \$5/ticket for the raffle and for the quilts. Tickets are also available in the school office.

***ANNUAL CARNIVAL-** Sunday, March 26, 2023. 11:00 am - 3:00 pm in the HT gym. Games, Raffles, Food, Sweet Shop. Grand Raffle begins at 3:00pm.

***CAMP FOLEY PANCAKE BREAKFAST-** Sunday, April 2, 2023, 8:30am-12:00pm, Buckman Parish Hall.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

***Wed., March 22 – SH Pizza Ranch Fundraiser 4:30-7:30 p.m.**

AREA NEWS:

***Fish Fry-St. Elizabeth Church, Brennyville, March 24th.** 4:30-6:30 P.M. Deep fried fish, potato, vegetable, dinner roll, coleslaw, dessert. Free will offering. Take-out orders available. Phone orders: 320-355-2459.

***Fish Fry-Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Gilman,** March 31st. Dine-In or Take-out. Free Will Offering. \$10 per meal @ Drive Thru 4-6:30. Fish, potato, veggies, fresh bread, salad & dessert.

STUDENT DAY AT THE CAPITAL: Students in grades 7-12, join us for MCCL's Student Day at the Capitol on March 23. Come learn and advocate for the pro-life cause at the Minnesota Capitol at a time when several extreme pro-abortion bills continue to advance. Register now at mccl.org/studentday. 9:30-2 p.m. A \$15 suggested donation covers the cost of lunch and other expenses. MCCL will provide adult supervision, so parents do not need to stay for the program (although they are welcome to).

MARRIAGE RETREAT: Mar 25-26, 2023 in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more info visit northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: March 21st & 24th: Joan Kapsner

FRI., MAR. 24 - Stations of the Cross @ 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Catherine & Maria Wehseler

SAT. MAR. 25 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. MAR. 26 @ 10:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. – Linda Welle, Rachel & Chris Young. **Choir** – Kristie Virnig

Sun. – Leroy Swanson, Wanda Kapsner & Beth Fischer

Servers: Saturday – Joelle & Travis Young

Sunday (10 a.m.) – Morgan & Danny Litke

Lectors for April: Sat. – Tracy Voigt, **Sun.** – Karen Gross

Ushers for April: **Saturday** – Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, Joe Kasper & Jon Stumpf. **Sunday** – James Gruber, Gerard Kimman, Dan Loscheider & Jeff Virnig

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: **Luella Ann**, daughter of Nicholas & Elizabeth Lefebvre, was baptized on Sunday, March 12th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: We will be having parish council elections April 22nd and 23rd. If you are interested in being on the parish council, please inform the parish office by April 17th. Thank you!

ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting on Monday, March 20th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, March 23rd at 9 a.m. Come and go as you can. As Spring is nearing (we hope), we would like to get a count of finished quilts. If you have some done at home and have not brought them in yet, please do so soon or let Eileen 320-360-2434 or Chris 320-468-2164 know how many you have for us. Thank you very much.

Annual Building & Maintenance Raffle & German

Dinner: Friday, April 14th, 2023, at the Pierz Ballroom. Social hour is 5-6:30p.m. Authentic German Dinner at 6:30p.m. Dinner is \$25 per person and includes 2 drinks. Raffle drawing follows dinner. Raffle and dinner tickets are available at the parish office, select local businesses, as well as after weekend Masses. The cutoff day to buy dinner tickets is April 2nd/Palm Sunday. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

ST. JOSEPH'S CD & BOOKLET KIOSK: There have been many new booklets and CDs added in the kiosk on the wall opposite the elevator in the south entrance to the church.

BAZAAR: We are looking for new or gently used items for the Country Store as well as cash donations for the Kids Games. Any questions, please ask Michelle Herold at 468-2461.

THEOLOGY DAY: The biblical idea of "the image and likeness of God" is fundamental to Christian doctrine, since Christ is the revelation not only of the Word of God, but also of the Image of God. In the presence of actual icons, we will explore the ways in which Theology in line and color, in gestures and gazes, invites not only contemplation but participation in God's closeness, vulnerability, and total involvement with us. March 31, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Registration required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

TEC RETREATS: What is a TEC Retreat? How Do I sign up?

TEC – Together Encountering Christ is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery - the Easter message of death, resurrection and sending forth. Youth will often credit TEC for giving meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend. For information and registration details, visit the website at www.cmtec.org or call (320)532.4455.

FOSTER CARE NEEDED: Morrison County is in need of foster care and respite providers. For more information, contact Krista Theisen 320-632-0229 or Kim DeZurik at 320-632-0278. kristat@co.morrison.mn.us, kimd@co.morrison.mn.us.

GIRLS SUMMER CAMP: Girls, God and Good Times, 3G, is a Benedictine summer camp, offered by the Sisters at Saint Benedict's Monastery. It will be offered June 19-21 for girls currently in 4th - 5th grade and July 17-19 for girls currently in grades 6th - 12th. It's an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, spend time with Sisters and have fun! For more information and to register visit:

<https://sbm.osb.org/ministries/3g-camp/>