

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

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022**E-mail: [stjoes@midco.net](mailto:stjoes@midco.net) Website: [www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org](http://www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org)

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**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 SEPTEMBER 20<sup>th</sup> – SEPTEMBER 25<sup>th</sup>****Tuesday, September 20**

8:00 a.m. Pierz Thanksgiving  
 9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)

**Wednesday, September 21**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Jim Bauer  
 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, September 22**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Marvin & Delores Blaszak  
 9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)

**Friday, September 23 – HT School Mass: Ms. Cherne's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Dennis Seelen  
 8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service  
 9:30 a.m. Villa +Jackie Preimesberger (*Mass only for Residents*)  
 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, September 24**

1:30 p.m. Buckman *Wedding:* Amber Girtz and Adam Kloss  
 4:30 p.m. Pierz +Marcy Broschofsky (*Adult Choir*)

**Sunday, September 25**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Corinne Fischer Bahe, & For the People of the Parishes  
 10:00 a.m. Buckman +Robert Oldakowski

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult	\$ 5,433.00
High School	\$ 57.05
Elementary	\$ 14.25
Plate	\$ 525.00
	\$ 6,029.30

***Thank you for your generosity!***Mass attendance **September 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 250**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult	\$ 5,781.00
High School	\$ 24.25
Elementary	\$ 23.30
Plate	\$ 252.75
	\$ 6,081.30

***Thank you for your generosity!***Mass attendance **September 10<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 183Mass attendance **September 11<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 237**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

9/11/22	\$75.00	Billie Warzecha
9/12/22	\$35.00	Dave & Cindy Delaney
9/13/22	\$35.00	Mike & Lavern Talberg
9/14/22	\$35.00	Adam Schlichting
9/15/22	\$35.00	Jacob & Allyson Kloss
9/16/22	\$35.00	Cindy Pohlkamp
9/17/22	\$35.00	Sherri Skochenski

**CONFESSIONS:** Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m. Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** Seven things. 1) A prayer I have found very helpful for me lately is that when I listen to the news or read it, to pray for the situation right then and there. Then I feel like I have done something because I know that God hears all prayer. For me, it's sure a lot better than just complaining about it. 2) I hope Buckman has a great festival. Thank you to everyone who is helping out. Come one, come all. 3) The Lord sure has been calling a lot of folks home recently. Please be sure to visit, or give a friendly call a few weeks and months down the road after the funeral to folks who are grieving. 4) There are a lot of families who are rolling with the punches that they have received. That speaks a lot to their faith. Keep the faith. Keep praying and trusting in God. 5) Take a chance and invite someone who seems to be searching to Mass. The worst they can say is no. 6) Have a good week. 7) Pray every day.~~~**Michael Pekar**

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**END OF LIFE WORKSHOP:** Attend a

free, timely Adult Education workshop about End of Life Planning & Estate Planning from a Catholic Perspective sponsored by Catholic United Financial. Some End of Life topics that will be addressed include: Must medical treatment always be continued? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? and How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Greg Gall, Regional Sales Director of Catholic United, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. Both workshops will take place on Monday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at St. Michael Parish Hall in Buckman at 9:00 a.m. (End of Life Decisions) & 6:00 p.m. (Estate Planning) – refreshments will be provided. Contact local Representative Dave Stang for more details or to RSVP: [dstang@catholicunited.org](mailto:dstang@catholicunited.org) or call (320) 469-4735. *RSVPs are appreciated but not required.*

**LANNERS FAMILY BENEFIT:** Nick Lanners Benefit will be

on Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> starting at 2 PM at the Pierz Ballroom. Silent Auction 2-5 PM. Meat Raffles starting at 2 PM. Sloppy Joe Dinner 4-6 PM. Live Auction 7 PM. Gun Raffles. Donations and drop off locations contact: Lacey (320)224-2816, Laura (320)469-6482, JR (320)630-5039, Mary Kaye (320)290-9801. To follow Nick's progress, go to [CaringBridge.org](http://CaringBridge.org). Accounts have also been set up at GoFundMe.com and Unity Bank in Genola.

**DRINK DEEP:** All area Catholic Women are invited to St. Michael's in Buckman, MN, on October 8th, Saturday for an event sponsored by the Eastern Deanery Council of Catholic Women. No registration fee. The day begins at 8:30 a.m., with Mass and concludes with a (free will offering) luncheon at noon. By Oct. 4th, register for the lunch head count; Call, text, or email [nitahayes@live.com](mailto:nitahayes@live.com) (320) 630-0388.

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

**SUN., SEPT. 25 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Karen Stangl

**Communion Ministers:** Debbie Hall & Janice Janson

**Servers:** Abbie & Nathan Posch

**Ushers for October:** Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, & Todd Caddy

## **III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding September 24<sup>th</sup>):**

Amber Girtz & Adam Kloss

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Dakota Dale*, daughter of Eric Annie Vannurden, and *Carter Allen*, son of Eric Annie Vannurden, were baptized on Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Gordon Brixius* passed away on September 7<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. *Lucille "Lucy" Kelzenberg* passed away on September 11<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, September 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Thursday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Finance council @ 7:30 p.m. and parish council @ 8 p.m. at the parish center.

**THANK YOU:** To everyone who helped with Gordon Brixius' and Lucy Kelzenberg's funeral lunches. Wonderful job!

**FUNERAL COOK NEEDED:** We are looking for someone to take over cooking for funerals. If you are interested or have any questions, call the parish office at 468-6033. Thank you!

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## **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

**\*MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION-**Friday, September 23, 2022, 1:30pm. Bishop Kettler will be here to give a blessing to all those in attendance. ECE families are invited to join us for the walk, but will take a shorter route than our K-6 students.

**\*STEAK & WINE FUNDRAISER-**10th Annual Steak & Wine Fundraiser will be held on Saturday, October 8. Tickets are available at the Holy Trinity School Office. \$40/ticket. Reserve your table of 8 for \$400. Please contact Steve Andres (320) 630-5303 to donate.

## **AREA NEWS:**

**\*Bazaar – St. Michael's Church, Buckman,** Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Polka Mass at 10 a.m. Grilled sweet corn, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers and hotdogs, coffee cakes, pie & ice cream, caramel apples, cotton candy, beverages, bake sale, farmers market, fancy work, country store silent auction, cash bingo, grand raffle, gun & quilt raffle, fish pond, cake paddles, games, and much more!

**\*Rocktoberfest – Downtown, St. Joseph,** Saturday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 4pm to midnight. Celebrating the deep German heritage in Central Minnesota. Enjoy a variety of German and Minnesota brews and delicious German food in a heated tent. Stein holding contests, axe throwing, Bavarian Musikmeisters and Rhino. This is a 21+ event is a night.

**\*Breakfast – St. Joseph Church, Morrill,** September 25<sup>th</sup>, 8:30 a.m. to noon. Scrambled Eggs Pancakes Thielen Sausage Monkey Bread Blueberry Topping Syrups Coffee, Apple Juice or Milk Adults \$12, ages 10-5 \$7.00, ages 4 & under free.

## **ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**

**Weekday Lector: Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>:** Al Pekarek

**SAT, SEPT. 24 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN, SEPT. 25 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Communion Ministers:** Sat. – Mason Zajac, Barb Zajac & Grace Stumpf. **Choir** – Kristie Kroll

**Sun.** – Courtney Kroll, David Stumpf & Marvin Kimman

**Servers:** Sat. – Faith Bridewell & Sophie Leidenfrost

**Sun.** – Joelle & Travis Young

**Lectors for October:** Sat.- Colleen Lucking, **Sun.-** Karen Gross

**Ushers for October:** Sat. – Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, & Jon Stumpf. **Sun.** – James Gruber, Gerard Kimman, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

## **I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding October 8<sup>th</sup>):**

Alyssa Boser & Derek Siebert

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**GRIEF GROUP:** Cherishing Memories Support Group Dates: Sept. 19, Sept. 26, Oct. 3, Oct. 10, Oct. 17 from 6 – 8:00 P.M. at Emblom Brenny Funeral Service, 900 1st Street SE, Little Falls, MN. Please call to register: 320-632-4393. All are welcome to attend!

**COMMUNITY ED:** Pierz Community Education is offering a family bus trip to the Children's Museum on October 7<sup>th</sup>. This is a teacher workshop day for the Pierz District but open to all area families. The bus will leave Pierz at 8:10 am to arrive at the Museum at 10 am. Families will have 3.5-4 hours to tour the museum and a reserved place for lunch. The fee is \$10 per child with one adult attending for free. The bus will return to Pierz at about 4pm. To register, visit [www.pierzschoolspayonline.org](http://www.pierzschoolspayonline.org) and you can search for Children's Museum or look under Youth Enrichment in Community Education. Call Sarah at 320-468-6457 ext 7 for more information or help to register.

**CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:** BE NOT AFRAID! Of course, you don't have to have a faith crisis to attend a Koinonia retreat, some of us just like to meet new people and share our gifts and talents. Maybe that is what you like to do too. CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults. The next weekend is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

**BLESSING OF ANIMALS:** The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls and First Lutheran Church, Little Falls, invite all animal lovers and their pets to a traditional Blessing of Animals on Sunday, October 2, at noon, in Washington Park, 113 NE 4th Street, Little Falls (across from Carnegie Library). Bring your furry, feathered or scaly friends large or small for an individual blessing during a simple service. Whether they have two, four, a hundred legs or none at all, every pet is welcome. This event is held each year in honor of Saint Francis of Assisi, patron saint of animals and all creation. For more information, contact the Franciscan Life Center by emailing Christi Hartwell at [chartwell@fslf.org](mailto:chartwell@fslf.org) or calling (320) 632-0680.

**\*38th Craft/Raffle – St. John the Baptist Church, Swanville,** Saturday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. If you want to set up a booth for this event to display your crafts, please call Charee Pelzer at 320-573-4271 OR [cpelzer@leedstone.com](mailto:cpelzer@leedstone.com).

**\*150 Year Celebration – Peter & Paul Church, Gilman,** Sun. Oct. 2. Mass at 10AM. Hamburgers, Hotdogs, Fries & Pulled Pork Sandwiches.

**\*Harvest Celebration – Church of St. Augustine, St. Cloud,** Sunday, October 2. Breakfast of sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, and fresh homemade donuts will be served from 7:30 am until noon. Adults \$10, Children ages 5-12 \$5, ages 4 and under eat for free. Garden Market and Bake Sale will have homemade and homegrown goodies for sale, and a new and used Jewelry Sale will have something special for you or a loved one.

**THEOLOGY DAY:** Growing Rural Hope Where Anger Flourishes. The current political and social ethos of rural America is widely characterized by anger, outrage, and resentment. Sociologists have also noted that these communally-manifested emotions seem to respond more readily to rituals (such as political rallies) than to policy change, argument, or data presentation. Join us as we engage these currents of rural American life and explore the liturgical and sacramental cultivation of one antidote to a toxic political and social climate conditioned by anger: the Christian virtue of hope. **Sept. 29, presentation from 6pm-9pm. Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria. Free event. Registration is required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).**

**INVITATION TO THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE HOLY**

**FAMILY:** The Christian Mothers/Women invite you to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. This spiritual journey is a journey of the host family in union with prayer partners. 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. Prayer partners in union with the host family petition the Holy Family to intercede for the intentions of the host family, by praying the chaplet each day. To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at 320-290-1579.