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**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 17TH, 2020**

The Lord has freed His people, alleluia!

Office Hrs.: Office will be closed to the public until further notice.

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup and Holy Cross Church of Harding all weekend Masses will be suspended until May 18, 2020

Fr. Popp will be celebrating **PRIVATE MASSES ONLY**. We are recording them and putting them on different outlets (our website and YouTube). We are ringing the bells of the church before each Mass. Fr. Popp will be saying the Mass for the intention on that day and for all the people in our local area. As time goes by, more information will be available. Thank you for your understanding!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF May 19-24, 2020

Tuesday May 19 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Ken & Dolores Schmitt

Wednesday May 20 - Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Delphine Gall

Thursday May 21 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members

Friday May 22 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Bernardine Kroll, Reiny & Ceil Przybilla

Sunday May 24 – Private Mass Only (Recording on Website)

11:00 a.m. +Roger "Hulio" Hoheisel, Art Leikvoll, Elaine A. Meyer, & For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEK STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 3,155.00
Students	\$ 20.00
Holy Days	\$ 320.00
Easter	\$ 350.00
	<u>\$ 3,845.00</u>

Thank you for your generosity!

**Collection from the week of 5/4 to 5/10, 2020*

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 8,288.66
Students	\$ 16.00
Easter	\$ 325.00
	<u>\$ 8,629.66</u>

Thank you for your generosity!

**Collection from the week of 5/4 to 5/10, 2020*

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

May 11 –Jan Kimman, **May 12** – Jeremy Wagner & Whitney Swenson, **May 13** – Cory Boser, **May 14** – Amanda Leidenfrost, **May 15** – Robbie Skiba, **May 16** – Tony & Saralyn Andres (\$35 Winners). **May 17** – Karen Stangl (\$75 Winner).

CONFESSIONS: Fr. Ken Popp and Fr. David will not be hearing confessions during this time until further notice due to Bishop Kettler's request.

FROM THE PASTOR: As I am at home, I have my go to prayer book "Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Daily Prayers", that was given to me while I was in the seminary. I happened to open it today (May 13, 2020) and the daily prayer hit me on how perfect this was for the time we are in right now. I want to share it with you today. "Keep your heart at rest. Never can you find a surer way of obtaining all your desires than that of leaving all to God, who delights to grant the wishes even for this life if you are full of confidence." I feel that especially now, we really need to trust in God and believe that he is always with us. Here is a very special Novena Prayer to Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton. "Oh, God our Father, glorify here upon earth your servant, Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton, by manifesting the power of her intercession through the favor I now implore. (*Here mentions your intention.*) We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen."

Trust in God, he is here with us! God Bless! ~ Fr. Ken Popp

PRAYER CHAPLETS: Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. We pray with praise, petition and thanksgiving. We pray to the saints to intercede for us to God in heaven for our needs. The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. Chaplets are private devotions prayed on beads. They should be prayed every day. There is Power in Prayer.

HOLY WATER: Is available in the parish office entryway.

CANDLES FOR SALE: If you are in need of votive candles, please call the parish office 468-6033 and we will make arrangements for you to come and pick them up.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION: Is in St. Joseph's Church on Fridays from 3-6pm. Those who do adoration at the Pierz Villa and others who would like to make a Holy Hour are encouraged to come during those times. Jesus and Our Blessed Mothers so need your prayers now more than ever. If you have any questions, please call Jan K. at 468-2578.

PARISH ELECTIONS UPDATE: For St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Church: Fr. Ken Popp has asked the members of the Parish Council to add one year to their term due to the current events happening during the Coronavirus Pandemic.

JUBILARIANS 2020, CONGRATULATIONS TO:
*(Most Reverend) Bishop Donald J. Kettler (Ordained May 29, 1970). Celebrating 50 years. Congratulations Bishop Kettler!
*Fr. David Maciej (Ordained June 13, 1980), Celebrating 40 years. Congratulations Fr. David!

PRAYER BLANKETS: Looking for a great gift? Prayer blankets are available in the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. They can give comfort to the sick & suffering. Questions, call Kathy at 468-2105.

BULLETINS: You can pick up a bulletin at the parish office entry way in Pierz, or by the entry of St. Michael's Parish Center. You can also see the bulletin on the parish website.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

Important Guidelines to follow for the opening of the church:

*Church will open Friday, May 8, 2020
Church hours are: Monday – Wednesday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM
Thursday 12:00-8:00 PM, Friday – Sunday 8:00 AM-4:00 PM.
*Adoration: Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 AM, Thursdays 7:00-8:00 PM
*If are ill do **NOT** enter the church. *Only the handicapped door of the Parish Center will be open to the outside. *Please use the button that opens the door automatically. *Please sanitize or wash hands before entering **AND** upon leaving the church. *Bathrooms will be open. *Hand sanitizer is available by the north entrance of the church. *No more than 10 people in church at a time. *Do **NOT** enter the areas that are roped off. *Do **NOT** enter the sacristy area. *10 White folding chairs placed 6' apart & 2 Kneelers available. *You must bring your own matches or lighter to light candles. *Do **NOT** leave your lighter or unused matches in church. *No lap-walking. Thank you for your understanding and we will all get through this together. ~ God Bless

PRAYER LINE:

**If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski 468-6148.
**If you would like to be on the pray line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*2020-21 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, www.holytrinitypierz.org or you can contact the school office.

Listening to the Word of God

*Readings can be found on:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/051720.cfm>

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Peter 3:15-18 / John 14:15-21

Oral reading of the passages:

http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20_05_17.mp3

*Reflection on the passages from USCCB & Bishop Barron
USCCB.ORG & WORDONFIRE.ORG

Discussion Questions for different ages from google Loyola Press.com > Sunday Connections > grade levels

First Reading Acts 8:5-8, 14-17

1. Remember the Jews and Samaritans did not get along, yet when they accept the message of Christ they are welcomed. When we open up the church again, how will we be welcoming to newcomers, even with new limitations that may come?

2. It is not enough to believe; the Church leaders responded at once to the Samaritans' faith in Jesus Christ and acted so that they would receive the Holy Spirit. How has the Holy Spirit been active in our life?

Second Reading 1 Peter 3:15-18

1. Evangelization 101 --- STEP 2 : Always be ready to gently give an explanation of why you personally believe in Jesus Christ. If someone were to ask me why I was a Catholic or Christian, what would I tell them? What story of my life might I tell?

(P.S. STEP 1 is to pray.)

Gospel John 14:15-21

1. If you love me keep my commandments. How did I do last week at loving Jesus?

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Important Guidelines to follow for the opening of the church:

*Church will be open from 10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. NO more than 8 hours. *Anyone feeling ill should not come into the church. *No more than 10 People may be inside of the church. *Social distancing guidelines must be followed. *Hand sanitizer will be available for your use in the south entry of the church. Please use before and after you stay. *Chairs will be available for you to sit on. *Adoration will be on Fridays from 3:00 – 6:00 p.m. The health and safety of our parishioners is our priority. We do believe these measures will help keep people safe while allowing them to again begin to worship in our church. Thank you for your understanding and we will all get through this together. ~ God Bless

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Dorothy Schraut* passed away on May 1st. A private family graveside service was held at St. John's Catholic Cemetery in Lastrup, with a memorial service to be held at a later date. We extended our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

Attention Christian Mothers/Women:

The Food, Fun, Fund Day hosted by the Little Falls Deanery at Belle Prairie on June 2nd, has been canceled. Any questions contact Barb Zajac @320-310-3267. Thank you!

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE:

We postponed the raffle drawing to June 19th, and canceled the German Dinner. People who purchased dinner ticket will receive a refund. Thank you for your understanding.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH TRUSTEES:

As we are all aware, the recent Coronavirus Pandemic has discontinued all of our Masses and church activities until further notice. However, all of our financial responsibilities still need to be taken care of. It is of the utmost importance that our parishes maintain regular weekly incomes so we can continue paying all our regular monthly bills. We are asking all of our parishioners to continue their financial support of their parish using their regular Sunday and Easter envelopes and mailing them to the parish office at St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Parish Office, P.O. Box 428, Pierz MN 56364 or you can set up electronic fund transfers. You can go to our website to find the form or you can pick one up in the entries of both churches and parish office. Thank you for your support! ~ St. Joseph's (Harold Meyer & Joanne Broschofsky) & St. Michael's (Bill Andres & Roger Janson) Trustees.

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class, November 12, 13, 19, 20. Grace United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, Program Fee - \$450, Scholarships available, registration Deadline: 7 days prior to class, Cancellation deadline: 7 days prior to class. The Health Ministries of Central Minnesota Committee is offering scholarships of up to \$250. To apply for a scholarship or for questions about the class, please contact Annette Jesh prior to payment. Your payment will depend upon approval of a scholarship. Annette.Jesh@centracare.com or (320) 249-0280