

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
MAY 24TH, 2020

Lord, hear my voice, for I have called you!

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 further notice.

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 26-31, 2020

Monday May 25 (Memorial Day) – Recording on Website

11:00 a.m. +Alice Stangl

Tuesday May 26 – Recording on Website

11:00 a.m. +Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God

Wednesday May 27 - Recording on Website

11:00 a.m. +Ron Pick, Dorothy Schraut

Thursday May 28 – Recording on Website

11:00 a.m. +Mathew J. Motschke

Friday May 29 – Recording on Website

11:00 a.m. +Leona Gruber, Helen & Jerome Sczublewski

Sunday May 31 – Recording on Website

11:00 a.m. +Henry Preimesberger Jr., Father Al Stangl,
& For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEK STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2,430.00
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Thank you for your generosity!

**Collection from the week of 5/11 to 5/17, 2020*

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEK STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4,445.00
Easter \$ 150.00
\$ 4,595.00

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HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

May 18 – Glenn & Lavonne Seelen, **May 19** – Cheryl & Ken Brambrink, **May 20** – Lilian Boser, **May 21** – Rodney & Pam Kopp, **May 22** – Keith Thielen, **May 23** – Donna Plante (\$35 Winners). **May 24** – Joe Lanners (\$75 Winner).

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz, Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

From the Pastoral Associate: For many parents, children, youth and teachers' graduations, along with many other things, have certainly been a different experience this year. Everybody is trying to be flexible, reasonable and yet also wanting to celebrate an important achievement of graduating from Holy Trinity School Sixth, or from Pierz-Healy High School or other surrounding schools. It kind of reinforces what has become our unofficial Pekar family motto: "Remember life is an adventure, and that is OK if you remember who is in control, (and will give you peace) if you let Him." A big reminder of who actually is in control and who is the BIG mover and shaker of the world and everything is, of course, the HOLY SPIRIT. We will celebrate Pentecost next Sunday. I encourage everyone, in addition to what we have been doing on Sunday during this unique time, to pray deeply for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit now. Invite the Holy Spirit to be spread among all Christians with the life-giving gifts of love, healing, power, wisdom, faith, courage and many more gifts. May the world come to see how infectious and wonderful our God of life, peace and security truly is. We are in a time when many people are looking for those things, but do not know where to find them, but we as children of the Father are privileged to know these things. With this knowledge comes the mission to share with those who are searching. Come Holy Spirit Come. Let us celebrate the presence of the Living God among us. ~~~ Michael Pekar

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!

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

Important Guidelines to follow for the opening of the church:

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, we will all get through this together. God Bless

THANK YOU, to Mike Winscher for grounding up the stumps around the church, Dennis Herold for taking down a couple of trees by the church, and Meiny Pohlkamp for helping Dennis Herold with the trees. *Thank you!*

Listening to the Word of God - The Ascension of the Lord Readings can be found on:

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/052420.cfm>

Oral reading of the passages:

http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20_05_24-ascension.mp3

Reflection on the passage 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 1:1-11

1. When was the last time you had to wait for some wonderful and yet you were not sure what it was going to be?
2. The Holy Spirit is given to believers, not just for themselves, but to declare the Good News of Jesus. How has the Holy Spirit helped me spread the Good News of Christ in my life?

Second Reading Ephesians 1:17-23

1. May we too be given the Spirit of Wisdom from the Holy Spirit. What other Spirits / or gifts of the Holy Spirits do I need right now from the Holy Spirit? Remember all good gifts come from the Holy Spirit.
2. The Church is the Body of Christ. All of us who are Baptized are a part the Body of Christ. We are brought together and transformed by the Holy Spirit. Often Church is identified with our buildings, for this is where we worship and where the Sacramental Body of Christ is kept. However, we have always known that the Church is more than buildings. Have the limitations of the pandemic influenced our thoughts about the Body of Christ, the Church?

Gospel Matthew 28:16-20

1. Make disciples of all nations and Baptize all people in the name of the Trinity. How are we doing in our mission given to us by Jesus Christ?



From the staff at St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Church, we want to wish everyone a very blessed and safe Memorial Day!

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: *Mary Jo Loscheider* passed away on April 2nd. Private prayers and blessings were held. Mass of Christian Burial will be held once current restrictions are lifted. *Marvin Dorn* passed away on May 15th. A private family visitation and graveside service took place at St. Joseph's Catholic Cemetery in Pierz. A memorial Mass of Christian Burial scheduled 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 upmost 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.