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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Fri. - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish office number 468-6033.

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes:

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.

<p>MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 12th – JANUARY 17th, 2021</p> <p><u>Tuesday, January 12</u> 8:00 a.m. Pierz +Sister Corrine Millner</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 13</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman The recipients of prayer blankets 7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 14</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members</p> <p><u>Friday, January 15 - Pierz HT School Mass: Mrs. Becker's Kindergarten Class</u> 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Theresa Peine 8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 16</u> 4:30 p.m. Pierz +Ione Koltas</p> <p><u>Sunday, January 17</u> 8:00 a.m. Pierz +Al & Rose Wiechman 10:00 a.m. Buckman +Duane Przybilla</p>	<p><u>ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u></p> <table> <tr><td>Adult</td><td>\$ 2035.00</td></tr> <tr><td>High School</td><td>\$ 24.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Elementary</td><td>\$ 11.25</td></tr> <tr><td>Plate</td><td>\$ 99.00</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>\$ 2169.25</td></tr> </table> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> Mass attendance January 3rd Sunday: 215</p> <hr/> <p><u>ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u></p> <table> <tr><td>Adult</td><td>\$ 3765.00</td></tr> <tr><td>High School</td><td>\$ 1.00</td></tr> <tr><td>Elementary</td><td>\$ 1.25</td></tr> <tr><td>Plate</td><td>\$ 87.00</td></tr> <tr><td></td><td>\$ 3854.25</td></tr> </table> <p><i>Thank you for your generosity!</i> Mass attendance January 2nd Saturday: 140 Mass attendance January 3rd Sunday: 149</p> <hr/> <p><u>CONFESSIONS:</u> Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m. Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.</p>	Adult	\$ 2035.00	High School	\$ 24.00	Elementary	\$ 11.25	Plate	\$ 99.00		\$ 2169.25	Adult	\$ 3765.00	High School	\$ 1.00	Elementary	\$ 1.25	Plate	\$ 87.00		\$ 3854.25
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HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

January 4 – Missy Block, **January 5** – Rosemary Schuster, **January 6** – Patrick Stangl, **January 7** – Marne Stuckmayer, **January 8** – Mary Caughey, **January 9** – Nicole Finnegan - (\$35 Winners). **January 10** – Dale Saehr (\$75 Winner).

FROM THE PASTOR: This weekend we reflect on the Baptism of the Lord. As we think about Jesus being baptized, we also want to think about our own baptism. We know that the Holy Spirit came in a unique way upon Jesus at his baptism, and this same Holy Spirit has come to us in our own baptism. Jesus and the Holy Spirit flow from the great mystery of the Holy Trinity-Father, Son and Holy Spirit- and at our baptism, each of us entered into that mystery as the Holy Spirit came upon us. We as the baptized make up the living church. Your baptismal candle was lit from an Easter candle. Remember at every Catholic funeral mass, the Easter candle is present by the person who died. Let us stay faithful to our own baptismal journey staying close to the light of Christ until death. Then we can enter into that eternal light and see the fullness of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

NEW YEAR/SOLEMNITY COLLECTION & MASS COUNT:

St. Joseph's - \$1,314, **Dec. 31st 4:30 p.m.** – 98, **Jan. 1st 8:00 a.m.** – 71. Christmas: \$2,365.

St. Michael's - \$1,298, **Jan 1st 10:00 a.m.** – 133. Christmas: \$13,895.

CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES: The grade school children's envelopes for St. Joseph's and St. Michael's should have been sent home with the students. Grades 7th-11th collection envelopes for St. Joseph's will be in the back of the church south side and for St. Michael's they will be in the pew along the wall in the side entry of the church.

FROZEN MEALS FOR SENIORS: Catholic Charities Senior Dining is offering healthy frozen meals for seniors. Meals are available in quantities of 10, up to 30 per month. Must be 60+ years old to be eligible, and all clients must complete an annual registration form. There is no cost to participate; however, donations will be accepted. Pierz: Friday, Jan. 29, 10am-12pm at Fellowship Bible Church, 12876 MN 25, Pierz. Little Falls: Fri., Jan. 8, 10 to 11 am at Little Falls Senior Center, 510 7th St NE, Little Falls, MN 56345.

THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH: In December, Pope Francis announced a Year of St. Joseph, in honor of the 150th anniversary of the saint's proclamation as patron of the Universal Church. Pope Francis said he was establishing the year so that "every member of the faithful, following his example, may strengthen their life of faith daily in the complete fulfillment of God's will." Pope Francis said the coronavirus pandemic has heightened his desire to reflect on St. Joseph, as so many people during the pandemic have made hidden sacrifices to protect others, just as St. Joseph quietly protected and cared for Mary and Jesus. He also said he wanted to highlight St. Joseph's role as a father who served his family with charity and humility, adding, "Our world today needs fathers." Why does the church honor St. Joseph? Catholics do not worship saints, but ask for their heavenly intercession before God and seek to imitate their virtues here on earth. The Catholic Church honors St. Joseph as the foster father of Jesus. He is invoked as the patron saint of the Universal Church. He is also the patron of workers, father, and a happy death.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Jan. 17th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Kay Pappenfus & Donna Solinger

Ushers for January: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN NEWS:

*We are in need of a new treasurer. The duties of treasurer are posted at the parish office or at St Michael's Church in Buckman. For more information, call Patty at 468-2487.

NOTE Due to the governor's restrictions regarding COVID, we are *canceling* our January 21st, 2021 meeting.

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 church. Any questions, call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Toddler Class Grab N Go Bags are available at no cost to families with a child age 2-4. Visit

www.holytrinitypierz.org/toddler-class.html to register for your bag. Bags will be available to pick up on January 13.

*HTCS is so thankful for your continued support of the students, staff and school. To continue your support, you can donate to HTCS at givergy.us/holytrinitygiving.

*The end of the second quarter is on Friday, January 22. This will be a no school day with teachers having a workshop at the school.

*Holy Trinity will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. We will have a supply on hand. Holy Trinity will make \$3 on each bag sold and \$10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

Vespers for Life: Sunday, January 17, 2021, at the Church of St. Anthony, 2405 1st St. N, St. Cloud. Rosary at 3:30p.m. and Vespers (evening prayers) at 4:00p.m. Bishop Donald Kettler will preside at the Vespers service. The service includes music, prayer, scripture, and reflection for the over 61 million children who have been aborted since 1973.

Theology Day: What Mass Means: How Sacrifice and Real Presence Are Life-Changing. We tend to think of "sacrifice" and "real presence" as doctrines to believe in, but the logic of the liturgies of the various Christian traditions is that our liturgical sharing in Christ's dying and rising is meant to transform us individually and communally. The implications are huge! Friday, January 22, Webinar presentation from 9:00-11:00 a.m. Event is Free. Registration is required (register at least five days in advance of the event); please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Best Lent Ever: It's time again to help parishioners experience their BEST LENT EVER! BEST LENT EVER is a free email program that sends daily inspirational videos directly to your parishioners' inboxes. This acclaimed program will help parishioners prepare their hearts and minds during the season of Lent for the coming of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Don't give up chocolate this Lent. Unlock your God-given potential with BEST LENT EVER! Please sign up at Best Lent Ever (dynamiccatholic.com).

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT. Jan. 16th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Jan. 17th @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Lector: LeRoy Swanson

Communion Ministers: Sat. Jan. 16- Kristie Kroll & Courtney Kroll, Sun. Jan. 17- Dan & Lois Waytashek

LECTORS FOR JANUARY:

Sat. – Tony Sauer, Sun. – Mark Fyten

USHERS FOR JANUARY:

Sat. – Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, & Jon Stumpf.

Sun. – Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

CONGRATULATIONS! To Courtney Kroll who was installed as a Eucharistic Minister. We thank you for being willing to participate in this parish ministry.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN NEWS:

*Please use the January pink envelope in your St. Joseph's parish weekly envelopes for Christian M/W annual dues (\$5 per year) and place them in the drop box at the parish office or feel free to drop in the regular collection basket. Thank You.

Christ Child Baby Shower: A basket will be placed by the side front altar for baby items. Needed are diapers, blankets, clothes, donations, etc. Items will be given to families in need and Pierz food shelf. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Questions call (320) 468-6070 – Thank you.

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: Tying and stitching will be put on hold until after the latest shut downs are lifted. Any questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Karen Gross at 468-6818.

Natural Family Planning Classes: A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered: **Little Falls:** Tuesday, February 2 at 7:30p.m. **Long Prairie:** Monday, January 25 & February 22 at 7p.m. **Rice:** Monday, February 1 at 6:30 P.M. **Sauk Centre:** Monday, January 18 & February 15 at 6:30p.m. **St. Cloud:** Monday, January 11 & Thursday, February 18 at 6:30p.m. For info/registration, visit www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp or contact Sheila Reineke at sreineke@gw.stcdio.org or at 320-252-4721, ext. 308.

40 Days for Life: St. Cloud Lenten Campaign February 17 to March 28, 2021. Daily prayer vigil held from 7a.m.-7p.m. Monday through Friday on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. We welcome/encourage parish, student, or family groups any hours that work for them. For more info or help lining something up, contact Judy Haag at judy4life@meltel.net or 320-453-7592.

Catholic Men's Conference: This year our annual Men's Conference will still occur, but will be held virtually on Saturday, February 27th from 9a.m. to noon. We will have different men briefly present the Gospels from the six Sundays in Lent. Each of their presentations will last about 15-20 minutes and then reflection questions will be provided for prayer and contemplation after each presentation. Bishop Kettler will welcome us and open in prayer, and he will also conclude the morning and close our conference with prayer. The conference will have the feel of a small retreat, and the goal is for the participants to have a better understanding of the Lenten Sunday Gospels.