

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 26th, 2019

“The Lord has freed His people, alleluia!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:45 a.m.

Holy Cross Church of Harding -Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

St. Rita’s Church of Hillman - Saturdays at 4:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:30 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27th – JUN. 2nd

Monday May 27

Pierz 9:30 a.m. Memorial Day Mass
Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday May 28

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Millie Gruber
Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday May 29

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Gerald Hoffman
Villa 9:30 a.m. +Helen Sczblewski

Thursday May 30

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Celestine & Lorraine Mischke
Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday May 31 (Time change to summer time for St. Joseph’s-Pierz)

Pierz **8:00 a.m.** +Phil & Cora Thielen
Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Villa 9:30 a.m. +Joe Malinowski

Saturday Jun. 1

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Fr. Bernard Kahlhamer (Adult Choir)

Sunday Jun. 2

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Donald & Doloria Wuellner
Buckman 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3204.00
High School \$ 9.00
Elementary \$ 76.50
Plate \$ 221.00
\$ 3510.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 19th Sun.** - 238

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 6076.00
High School \$ 16.00
Elementary \$ 26.50
Plate \$ 540.44
\$ 6658.94

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 18th Sat.**- 240,
May 19th Sun.-358

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

May 20- Russ & Cindy Marshik, **May 21-** Jefdf Myrum, **May 22-** Katie Bell Waller, **May 23-** Brandon Gunderson, **May 24-** Alan Carmona, **May 25-** Ginny Seelen (\$35 winners) **May 26-** (\$75 Winner) Kent & Stacy Happeke.

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

Adoration at the Pierz Villa on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

From the Pastoral Associate: The times of life are suddenly upon us. Always suddenly and yet they have been long awaited with hope and concern. We are now graduated! Summer and High School, or college, or fulltime work awaits and ____? We are now adults (kind of) and ____? It is springtime (kind of) for the farmers and ____? We are now married and ____? We just had a major change and ____? There is a major illness we suddenly must battle and ____? We are going to have a baby and we now are parents oh my that means ____? Moving to assisted living is a huge change and ____? <> We all experience the joy, fear, hope, and uncertainty, of these times. Fear of uncertainty and the push of society and even friends urge us to hurry and get things together. Get it organized. Be busy about it. Go show everyone and have them see you soar. Yet at these times I believe God wants us to be the opposite. Before Jesus chose his disciples, as the crowds were going to make him king after the multiplication of loaves, before he allowed himself to be arrested, Jesus did not hurry, but went out and prayed. So before, and as we enter these times of our lives, we need to “be still and know that I am God.” We need to pray. We need to embrace God, who is always patiently waiting in the wings to comfort, to heal, to give courage and to guide us, if we just stop and ask for His help. If we permit the Spirit of God to take control sometimes God will guide us to where we thought we would never be, because we are following His will for us and not our own plans. The paths, the storms, the next adventure awaits. Are we walking it alone? Are we doing it my way? Are with walking it with God? Are we asking God to lead the way? Oh, it takes **time** to pray. Do we have the **time**? The world and Satan hope our answer to that question is “no”, but our loving God is patiently thirsting for our prayers. As the farmers wait for the planting weather, and as the birds wait for the dawn, so does our God wait on us to acknowledge and accept His presence, His love, His gifts and His path for us. ~~~ Michael Pekar

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of April 26, 5,754 parishioners have donated \$849,080 in gifts and pledges. That is 65% of the Diocese’s goal of \$1,300,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like respect for life and the diaconate, and is not used for any other purpose.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN., Jun. 2nd @ 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Minister: Alice Nordmann & Megan Herold

Servers: Gabe Stangl & Jackson Kahl

May Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Zoey Ann, daughter of Adam and Kelsy Poster was baptized on Sunday, May 19th.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

Christian Mothers/Women has established a Spiritual Committee. We discussed making prayer chaplets. Also, starting adoration on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's in Buckman. Our first adoration evening is June 12th at 7 p.m. If you want to help, please call Patty at 468-2487.

CONGRATULATIONS! to Mick Gruber on his first term in parish council. Also, thank you to Cindy Scholl and Clint Poster on returning for a second term with parish council.

CONGRATULATIONS: To the senior class! Thank you to our speaker, Leo Pohlkamp who shared his time with us. Thank you to the junior class and parents who helped with the breakfast. ~ St. Michaels Christian Women

AREA EVENTS:

****St. Elizabeth Annual Parish Festival-Brennyville:** Sun., June 23rd. Beginning with a Mass at 10a.m. Entertainment for all: Prize Bingo, Basket Raffle, Fancy Stand, Children's games called Beth's Basement Bash, Food stands and much more; Youth Softball games, Gun Raffle, Quilt Auction at 2:30p.m. and Grand Raffle drawing at 4:30p.m.

****St. Augustine's Catholic Church-St. Cloud - Fun, Food, & Fund Day:** Tues., June 25th from 9a.m. - 2:15p.m. at Registration is at 9a.m. To register, contact Janis Fagin at 14585 31st Street, Clear Lake, or call 612-202-1591.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

Being, Belonging, Becoming in our Benedictine

Community. Would you like to learn about what life is like at Saint Benedict's Monastery? If you are a single, catholic woman under the age of 45, you are invited to come and spend a day with us, on Sat., June 22, July 20, or Aug. 10. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. We will begin with a tour, followed by celebrating the Eucharist and experiencing a meal in our dining room. You will also have the opportunity to ask questions. If you would like to register, please contact Sister Lisa Rose at lrose@csbsju.edu or 320-363-7180.

FREE COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT: Join us in our local effort to raise awareness about elder abuse and neglect in our community. Wed. June 12th. 10a.m.-3p.m. at Pierz Villa. Presentations by Brian Meddendorf – Morrison Cnty Attorney and Martin Fleischhacker – MN Dept. of Commerce. There will be a brief question and answer after each presentation. Also, there will be Vendors, Fellowship, Facility tours and Food available.

ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?

If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the office at 468-6033 and leave us a message of when you are going to be admitted. Thank you!

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***MON., May 27th @ 9:30 a.m., SAT., Jun. 1st @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Jun. 2nd @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Mon. (Memorial Day) – Kami & Brooke Athman
Sat. – Isabel & Allison Gross
Sun. – Joelle & Laura Young

Weekday Lector: – Harvey Kimman

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JUNE: Sat.-Choir-Kristie Kroll, Marilyn Dorn, Loretta Przybilla & Jan Dahmen. Sun.– Jan Kimman, Wanda Kapsner, & Marilyn Virnig.

LECTORS FOR JUNE: Sat. - Al Pekarek & Sun. - Keith Marshik

USHERS FOR JUNE: Sat. - John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll. Sun. - Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel & Janson Sadlovsky.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Liam Glen, son of Nathan Young and Hannah Schaust was baptized on Saturday, May 18th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

III BANNES OF MARRIAGE (June 8th):

Elizabeth Tomala & Nick Lefebure

Thank you to Mike Virning, Sarah Fyten Leo Wehseler and John Smude for returning for a second term with parish council.

PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS:

PARISHIONERS, we are very excited to say the Parish Bazaar will have changes coming this year. Please attend our meeting May 28th in the church basement at 6:00pm. Hear our new plans, sign up for a new position or wait to be assigned. Please call Crystal Ratke 630-89652 if you have any questions.

Grand Raffle: St. Joseph's Grand Raffle is now accepting cash donations. We appreciate every donation received to help make our grand raffle one of the best. You may drop the donation off or contact the Parish office at 468-6033. *Thanks!*

Silent Action: Is looking for new or gently used items for making up baskets. If you would like to donate please drop off items at the parish office marked Silent Action. *Thank you!*

2019 SUMMER VOCATION EVENTS We offer the following events for young men: June 10 – 12: Bulldog Lake Camp, Hillman, MN (men in grades 7th – 10th) June 18 – 20: Bus Tour, Alexandria (men in grades 7th – 12th), June 24 – 26: Avon Camp (Mead residence) (men in grades 7th – 10th) August 3: Paschal Challenge, Sauk Centre (men in grades 9th – 12th) Registration deadline is Monday, July 29 to guarantee a t-shirt. Registration is on-line at <http://vocations.stcdio.org/events/>.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: The next available weekends are Jul. 12-14, in Buffalo and Sept. 20-22, in Alexandria. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITIES GROUP: Meeting Tues. May 28th at 7p.m. Parish Office Meeting Room, Pierz.

2019 Humanae Vitae Award: July 25th will mark the 51st Anniversary of Humanae Vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception on Thurs., July 25th @ Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud. For more information visit: www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp
Questions? Contact Sheila Reineke @ sreineke@gw.stcdio.org or 320-252-4721 x308.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 week to spend in prayer? Please consider joining the Seven Sisters Apostolate. We have an active group at St. Josephs/St Michaels praying for Fr. Popp, and the diocese is starting a group of 21 women to pray specifically for Bishop Kettler. You would commit for a 1 yr. term, praying for 1 hr. any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

SJ'S PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Karen at 468-6818. Thank you!

St. Joseph's Church - HEARING ASSISTANCE: If you are having difficulty hearing and understanding the spoken word during Mass, ask an usher for help connecting to our loop system. This is compatible with most modern hearing aids, simply set your hearing aid to "T coil". Don't have hearing aids? We have handheld units you may use. Hear what you've been missing!