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## Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4, 2018  
O come, let us worship God!

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### FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

### MICHAEL PEKAR - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Michael's office hours are Tues, Pierz 2-4p.m. & Wed., Buckman 2-4p.m.

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### MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Feb. 5	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Pierz	10:30 a.m.	Funeral - For Harvey Otremba
Tuesday	Feb. 6	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Jim & Patricia Happke
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Feb. 7	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Francis Suess
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Frances K. Rastetter
Thursday	Feb. 8	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Mark Bauer
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Feb. 9	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Jim Spiczka / School Mass
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Roland Schreiner
Saturday	Feb. 10	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Mike & Adult Choir)
Sunday	Feb. 11	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Family of Albert & Alma Maus (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Pamela Weitalla

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

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

**From the Pastor:** This weekend we celebrated the blessing of Saint Blaise this has been a long tradition in the church. It comes at a important time of the year and why do I say that? In my pastoral work I have come to realize that January and February can be a hard time especially for our Elderly. This weekend as we celebrate the blessing of Saint Blaise let us also pray for our Elderly those who are shut-ins and living in our nursing homes or assisted living places. Often times the long February days can be very hard and lonely for the Elderly. I want to say that if any person would like a visit from me or a blessing please give me a call . ~ Fr. Ken Popp

### AREA EVENTS:

#### **\*\*HTCS Camp Foley Pancake Breakfast & Bake Sale:**

Sunday, Feb 11 - 8:30am to 12noon, St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman Adults: \$8, Ages 5-12: \$5, Ages 4 & under: Free. Family of 5 or more (immediate family): \$25.00

**\*\*Buckman Area Lions Breakfast:** Sunday, February 18, from 8a.m.-12noon. At the Buckman Parish Center, French toast, Thielen Sausage and Full Buffet. Ages 12 & up \$9, ages 4 to 11 \$5, under 3 FREE.

**\*\*Catholic United Financial Ham Bingo:** on Sun. March. 4, starting at 1p.m. at the St. Michael's Parish Center.

### FPSR 468-2640:

\*\*All parents who have children making First Communion in Buckman, Pierz, Lastrup or Harding are mandated to attend a planning meeting on Wednesday February 7th at 6:00pm in the church basement in Pierz. Children need not attend.

### PRAY THE SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY

On Feb. 11, 2018, we will pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary at the Pierz Villa Chapel at 4:00 P.M for peace in the world. Please join us. All are Welcome.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Commitment Weekend is Feb. 17-18. Please support our Diocesan Mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice.

### HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS 468-6446

Now that our celebration of National Catholic Schools Week has ended, the pastors, administrator, staff, and students wish to thank the families, parishioners and friends who helped make our week special. We appreciate the time you spent learning how students at Holy Trinity Catholic School learn, serve, lead, and succeed.

\*On Wed, February 7<sup>th</sup> the students that are the top spellers from grades 3-6 will compete for a chance to attend the regional spelling.

\*Let your friends and family with 2-4 year-olds know about the Toddler Class 6-7:30 pm Wed., February 7th at HTCS.

\*The school carnival will be Sun, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are for sale. Donations are being taken for silent auction items, bingo, toy walk, shake-rattle-roll, and country store. Items can be left at door #1 entrance into school.

### **\*\*HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS\*\***

Jan. 29- Linda Borg, Jan. 30-Marilyn & Bob Virnig, Jan. 31- Kim Toops, Feb. 1-Diane Virnig, Feb. 2-Joe Then, Feb. 3-Paul Cekalla (\$35 winners) Feb. 4-Chuck & Karen Gruber (\$75 winner)

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

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$2865.00
High School	\$ 14.00
Elementary	\$ 34.07
Plate	\$ 213.50
	\$3126.57

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

**St. Joseph's:**

Sat. 4:30p.m. - 288

Sun. 8:00a.m. - 203

**St. Michael's:**

Sun. 10:00a.m. - 408

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$4670.00
High School	\$ 28.00
Elementary	\$ 21.50
Plate	\$ 285.50
	\$5005.00

Thank you for your generosity!

**SUNDAY - February 11 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector-Todd Caddy**

**Communion Ministers-Dean Rocheleau, Cindy Scholl, Kay Pappenfus, Carolyn Andres, & Alice Nordman**

**Servers-Braden LeBlanc & Sophie Kasella**

**Ushers-John Grittner, Sam Seelen, & Jerry Posch**

**CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MEETING:** Thurs. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, 7:00p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center

**FUNERAL GROUPS:** Copies of the groups are at all enters of the church.

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**Join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101.:**

On **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, and **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, gather with fellow MN Catholics at the State Capitol to experience the lawmaking process, learn how you can plug in as a faithful citizen, and pray for your legislators. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register visit [MNCatholic.org](http://MNCatholic.org). A free-will offering will be accepted.

**ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMAN :** under the age of 45? Would you be interested in spending a day at Saint Benedict's Monastery? We are offering the following opportunities for this experience. All the dates are scheduled on a Sat, Feb 10, Mar 10, & April 14, 2018. The time is from 9-3:30 pm. There is no cost for this one day experience. If you are interested, please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or email her at [lrose@csbsju.edu](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu).

**Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian**

**Families:** Feb 10 & 11, here, to ask for your help for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. Due to recent events in the Middle East, it has caused these families to face devastating economical strain, and caused the population to decrease to less than 2% in the Holy Land. So we have come to the USA to try to help support these families by bringing their artifacts here to sell. All the proceed from sales will be send back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide for their families. The last few years were very tough for the Christian families, and this is the only source of income for them.

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** invite the public to join them for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Thurs, February 15, at 6-7 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. No need to pre-register. For more information, please call (320)632-0668 or email: [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org); [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**  
**Sat. & Sun. February 10 & 11, Weekend:**

**Servers:** Mason Zajac & Courtney Kroll

**Sun.-Sara & Anna Hoheisel**

**Weekday Lector:** Mary Kimman

**LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY:** Sat.-Geri Kasper.

Sun.-Gary Poser.

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY:** Sat.-Choir- Tracy Voigt, Sara Stumpf, Barb Zajac, Jan. Dahman. Sun- Mary Tschida, Rachel Young, Beth Fischer.

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:** Sat.-Dale Przybilla, Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner. Sun.-Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Tom Albrecht, Bob Thielen.

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** Harvey Otremba passed away on January 30. Mass of Christian Burial will be held here on February 5, with burial at parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**PARISH FESTIVAL CHAIRS:** There will be a meeting Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6p.m. in the church basement to go over the 2018 festival. Any questions please call Crystal Ratke at 630-8952

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE:** tickets available for sale after all masses. Also in the parish office, from parish council members & local businesses

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**The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class** is being held at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Cloud, April 16-20, through a CentraCare Foundation Grant. The St. Cloud Hospital & the Diocese of Saint Cloud began a partnership to bring faith community nurses of all denominations, area churches, and service agencies together. The goal is to increase the number of faith community nurses in churches; promoting the well-being of faith community members by helping them to access health care with the support of clergy, the faith community nurse, and the church ministry team. \$450 Scholarships are available. The course is required for currently licensed RN's who want to practice as Faith Community Nurses. Call St. Cloud Hospital Parish Health Ministries Program, 320-249-0280 for information.

**Natural Family Planning, Little Falls:** on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Marge Benusa at [pmbenusa@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbenusa@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 320-631-5660. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls and the Franciscan Associates** invite you to join them for a Lenten

**K-YES Catholic Radio:** @1180AM, Learn more about your Catholic faith.

Day of Reflection entitled “Holy Saturday: The Space Between Death and Resurrection” on Saturday, March 10, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., in St. Francis Hall at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Participants will explore spirituality at the end of life and consider the themes of humility, hope, gratitude and passion while transcending our life work. How do we harvest the fruit of lessons learned through various “deaths” in our own life situations? Pure listening plays a part in reaching a true understanding of the sacredness of Holy Saturday. Just as Saint Francis taught by example many lessons of dying to oneself in order to serve God, what can be gleaned from our own life lessons? Presenter, Michele Roshia, is a board certified chaplain at St. Gabriel’s Health and Hospice and a Franciscan Associate. There is no cost to attend; free-will donations will be accepted. For more information or to register by March 1, contact Joan Wingert at (320)632-0693 or [jwingert@fslf.org](mailto:jwingert@fslf.org).

### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**

“Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands.” Let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next weekend is Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org).

**Parishioners of St Michael’s and St Joseph’s church:** The Buckman Christian Women/Mothers would like to offer Matthew Kelly’s book, Perfectly Yourself to anyone interested. Please find copies at each entrance of the church. We hope this encourages you in your faith journey and helps you discover the incredible dream God has for everyone of you. This book will be used in “The Best Advent Ever” devotionals from Dynamic Catholic. Learn more at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com) Blessings from Buckman

### **ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?**

Even if you sign the paper that you would like a visit by the parish, we rarely get called. **If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the church at 468-6033** and leave us a message where or when you are going to be admitted. *Thank you!*

**ST JOSEPH’S PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers, please call Karen 468-6818. *Thank you!*

**HELP! WE ARE UPDATING OUR MEMBERS FILES:** If you have changed your phone number from a land line to a cell number, moved out of parish or would like to join our parish, please contact Karen at 468-6088 or Parish office 468-6033. *Thank you for your help!*

**Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team** will be hosting it's 3rd annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser on March 10, 2018.

Doors open at 5PM at The Pierz Ballroom. Presale tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and can be purchased from any Pizzazz Dancer. There will be games, music, split the pot, and much more! To enter a soup or donate an auction item, contact Jackie @ [320-232-0539](tel:320-232-0539).

### **Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology**

**Day** For some in the church, living out the sacrament of marriage has proven to be a challenge. The reasons for this vary, but oftentimes when such an occurrence takes place, many couples resort only to filing for a legal civil divorce to receive necessary legal protection. The church understands this need, yet at the same time, she too has her own way of handling the dissolution of the marriage sacrament—the annulment process. Either way, this kind of journey almost always involves feelings of hurt, regret, betrayal, and perhaps even a deep sense of disconnect with the Church and her teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Join us for a grace-filled conversation as we first explore the dimensions of the marriage sacrament and the purpose of the annulment process. This session also has a second aim, and that is, to name the real-life struggles that can exist within a marriage and why we need to rethink the way we think and speak about this sacrament. In addition, we will discern ways we as a church community can and should (better) walk alongside those experiencing marital stress and the impending reality of divorce. **Feb. 23rd, check-in from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and presentation from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville.** Free event. Lunch is provided following presentation. Registration is required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).