

PALM SUNDAY, MARCH 28th

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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.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 29th – APRIL 4th, 2021

Tuesday, March 30

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Dorothy Buirch

Wednesday, March 31

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Lydia Hoheisel

7:00 p.m. Buckman Stations of the Cross

7-9:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, April 1 - Holy Thursday

7:30 p.m. Pierz +Walter & Julia Fyten

7:30 p.m. Buckman +Donald R. Marshik

Friday, April 2 - Good Friday (No School Mass)

1:00 p.m. Pierz

1:00 p.m. Buckman

7:30 p.m. Pierz

Saturday, April 3 - Holy Saturday

8:00 p.m. Pierz +Jeanne & Martin Stang

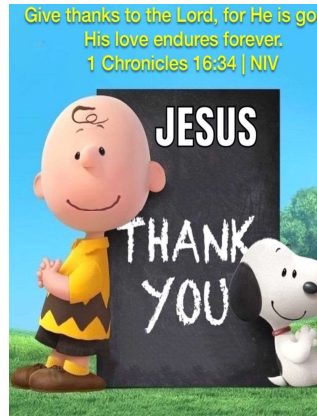
8:00 p.m. Buckman St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday (Pierz Mass recorded & posted to website)

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Ardelle Wentworth, & +Catherine Meyer

10:00 a.m. Pierz +Gladys Lanners, & +Michael Lanners

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Jean Wehlage



ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4,843.00

High School \$ 37.00

Elementary \$ 46.25

Plate \$ 206.00

\$ 5,132.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 14th Sunday:** 233

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 6,542.00

High School \$ 9.00

Elementary \$ 30.00

Plate \$ 106.00

\$ 6,687.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 13th Saturday:** 147

Mass attendance **March 14th Sunday:** 156

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.

Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

March 22 – Sally Virnig, **March 23** – Carrie & Eric Gall, **March 24** – Joshua Rocheleau, **March 25** – Maranda Seagroves,

March 26 – Dylan Kummet, **March 27** – Mary Seelen - (\$35 Winners). **March 28** – Lisa Klein (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: One liturgical year ago, the Bishop of our Diocese made what I am sure for him was a very difficult decision, he canceled Holy Week Liturgies because of the Covid 19 Epidemic. Now here we are one liturgical year later and as the Church we are planning to celebrate together in worship the central core of our faith, the heart of our life: the life, suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. This is the central event in the history of the world in which God, in the person of Jesus, atones for our sin. Jesus, the Son of God, reconciles us to Himself, the Father and the Holy Spirit and opens up a new life for us here on Earth. Now our life on Earth can be fully joined with the Holy Spirit by our Baptized union with the resurrected Christ. We now live in the years of the Lord, Anno Domini. Now these years of the Lord will continue forever for those who are faithful. All of this is possible because of what we celebrate together this Holy Week. Yes, we will still wear masks. Yes, there will be some changes and simplifications because of the Covid bugger. But, so what. We are gathered together (live or via internet) to celebrate, remember and give thanks to our wonderful loving God. And for St. Michael's parishioners, we finally get to celebrate Holy Week in our newly painted and refurbished church. No matter how we do it this Holy Week, let us all celebrate with all our heart and soul our Lord's love for us and His victory over death by going through it, in obedience to the Father for our salvation. ~~~ Michael Pekar

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:

Sun. March 28th @ 7:00 p.m. Pierz

MISSALETES, will be available at the entrances of St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Church, for use during Mass starting next weekend. Please return them when you leave. Please do not leave them in the pews. Thank you!

2021 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign: The Pierz Area Food Shelf staff thanks you for your support of food and/or money to the March FoodShare Campaign. Continued support throughout the year is gratefully appreciated not only during the month of March but throughout the year. God Bless You!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Sunday, April 11th from 1-4 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Confessions available from 2-4 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung. We will have speakers, benediction, prayers, quiet time, and testimonies. Come for the times that work for you. All are welcome. Any questions, call Patty at 468-2487 or Candace at 320-282-9073. Speaker will be Patrick Norton, he was rescued from the streets of India by Mother Teresa and placed in an orphanage.

***NOTE*:** There is an updated letter from Bishop Kettler about the current Covid-19 vaccines posted on our website:

www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***THURS. Apr. 1st @ 7:30 p.m. (Holy Thursday)**

Lectors: Jane Funk & Nathan Gruber

Communion Ministers: Cindy Scholl & Connie Kieffer

***FRI. Apr. 2nd @ 1:00 p.m. (Good Friday)**

Lectors: Bob Lochner & Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Janice Janson & Kay Pappenfus

***SAT. APR. 3rd @ 8:00 p.m. (Holy Saturday)**

Lectors: Randi Kranz & Jane Funk

Communion Ministers: Alice Nordmann & Cindy Scholl

***SUN. Apr. 4th @ 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)**

Lectors: Nathan Gruber & Bob Lochner

Communion Ministers: Connie Kieffer & Jill Hoheisel

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

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Paxton Francis*, son of Patrick and Kelly Stangl, was baptized on Sunday, March 21st.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

COFFEE CAKES SALE: C M/W are selling coffee cakes again after the Palm Sunday Mass, March 28th, @ 10a.m. Around 130 cakes made, plus quilts and sets of dishtowels will be for sale. Benefits towards Christian Mothers as a fundraiser.

OPENING ON Parish Council: One spot open! If anyone is interested in being a part of the parish council, please call parish office (468-6033) to have your name added to the ballot.

St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women Meeting: Thurs., April 15th at 6:30p.m. in the parish center. If you have an item for the agenda or questions, call Patty at 320-468-2487.

COUNTRY STORE ITEMS: Please wait on bringing items for the country store to the church basement due to Covid we cannot store them and not sure what we are going to have for a Bazaar this year. Thank you for your understanding!

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*2021-22 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, www.holytrinitypierz.org or contact the school office.

*Holy Trinity PTO is currently hosting a Flower and Thirty-One Tote Bag sale. Please reach out to a Holy Trinity family to order. Visit www.holytrinitypierz.org to view products and contact the school office if you would like to order.

*The 3rd Annual Daddy/Daughter Dance has been rescheduled to Thursday, May 13 from 6-8pm. Please visit www.holytrinitypierz.org to register.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*Senior High March 4 Life at Planned Parenthood/Buffalo Wild Wings on Wednesday, March 31st from 5:30-9:30p.m.

Good Friday Walk for Peace: The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite you to participate in a Good Friday Silent Walk for Peace on Friday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. Participants will walk starting from the west entrance at St. Francis Convent, in a silent procession, stopping to pray at various designated places throughout LFs, including St. Gabriel's Hospital, Morrison County Jail and Government Center, Bank Square, Veteran's Memorial, Maple Island Park and a few others. The walk concludes back at the convent at about 11 a.m. While we will be outdoors, we will maintain social distancing and follow current coronavirus safety protocols (masks are encouraged!). If bad weather, this event will be cancelled. For more info, contact 632-0668 or franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector March 30th: Jan Dahmen

LECTORS FOR APRIL:

Sat. – Tracy Voigt, **Sun.** – Gwen Gruber

USHERS FOR APRIL:

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

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

***THURS. Apr. 1st @ 7:30 p.m. (Holy Thursday)**

Lector: (*Narrator*) Geri Kasper

Communion Ministers: Marvin Kimman, Jan Kimman, & Leroy Swanson

***FRI. Apr. 2nd @ 1:00 p.m. (Good Friday)**

Lector: (*and voice*) Mark Fyten (*Narrator*) Debbie Gruber

Communion Ministers: – Marvin Kimman, Pat Hartmann, & Jan Dahmen.

***FRI. Apr. 2nd @ 7:30 p.m. (Good Friday)**

Lector: (*and voice*) Keith Marshik (*Narrator*) Colleen Lucking

Communion Ministers: David Stumpf, Jo Loidolt, & Courtney Kroll

***SAT. APR. 3rd @ 8:00 p.m. (Holy Saturday)**

Lector: (*main lector*) Tony Sauer (*extra readings*) Al Pekarek

Communion Ministers: Kristie Kroll, Barb Zajac, & Mason Zajac, **Choir** - Courtney Kroll

***SUN. Apr. 4th @ 8:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)**

Lector: Gwen Gruber

Communion Ministers: Pat Hartmann, David Stumpf, & Sara Stumpf.

***SUN. Apr. 4th @ 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)**

Lector: Leo Wehseler

Communion Ministers: Beth Fischer, Jo Loidolt, & Matt Kessler

ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: We will be tying and stitching quilts Tuesday, March 30th and Monday, April 5th from 9-11 a.m. We now have one quilt to hand stitch set up. We will continue to work on quilts every other Monday and Tuesday, watch Bulletin for dates. If people want to stay longer, they are welcomed to. We will use social distancing. Also, if anyone has quilts, they haven't turned in yet, let Eileen know so we can get a count of what we have. Questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN MEETING: Our next meeting will be held on April 7th in the St. Joseph's church basement at 6:30pm. There will not be a salad supper this year due to Diocesan regulations. Guidelines to follow will require a mask with distancing. Please contact Barb Zajac with any new agenda items that you may have @320-310-3267.

Cemetery Clean-up (St. Joseph's Cemetery) is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 28th**. Please have everything out of the cemetery that you wish to put back up when the clean-up is finished. Please call the Parish Office with any questions (320) 468-6033. Thanks for your cooperation!

Pierz Area Townships Clean-up Day is on April 10th at the Rich Prairie Livestock parking lot area from 8 am-noon. Loren Meyer 468-6503

