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Feast of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31, 2017

Grant that we may imitate the Holy Family.

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

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

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8a.m.-4p.m. & Wed. 10a.m.-5p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Jan. 1	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Delores Herold (Folk Group)
New Year's Day		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Robert "Bob" Brenny
Tuesday	Jan. 2	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Matt & Irene Luberts Jr.
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Jan. 3	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Mary Dirks
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Ernie Popp (For Good Health)
Thursday	Jan. 4	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Valery "Larry" Gruber
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Jan. 5	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Nathan J. Winscher / School Mass
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Clyde Stangl
Saturday	Jan. 6	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Greg Kruschek (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Jan. 7	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Children's Choir)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Irene Brogdon

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 Pastoral Associate: This Sunday we focus on the Holy Family and our families. Family life brings so many joys and paths to holiness, but it also brings pain and sorrow, successes and failure, support and misunderstanding. We see some of this in what little we know of the Holy Family. Mary and Joseph had their child (which God had many years to plan) in a stinking stable because they were homeless travelers. Did Mary and Joseph struggle with this? There are so many homeless families in the world. The Holy Family flees for their lives and Jesus is an alien in the foreign land of Egypt. There are so many families fleeing for their lives across the world. Mary and Joseph lose Jesus in the temple, truly every parent's nightmare. Mary sees her Son face an unjust sentence, suffer and die a cruel death. Many parents today see their children suffer the cruelty of childhood diseases, accidents, addictions and violent acts get done to them from by others. When our children hurt, we hurt and it does not matter whether the cause was self-inflicted, random acts of violence, accidents, or disease. Yet we know that our God has experienced pain and suffering. We know that Mary and Joseph also experienced the pains and joys of parenting. We need to never forget that we have a God, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, who is the giver of life. We need to never forget that we have a who loves us as the most loving parent there is and is more than willing to help us out with our families if we ask. ~~~ Michael Pekar

****LOOKING AHEAD**** Fr. Popp will be gone on a retreat from January 9-11, 2018.

AREA EVENTS:

****Knights of Columbus Breakfast-Holy Cross, Harding:**

Jan 7th from 8:30 to 12:30. We will be serving sausage-French toast -scrambled eggs - and THOSE freshly made donuts. Free will offering. Proceeds go to pay for the bus trip to St. Paul for the "Rally for Life " on Jan 22 .

YOUNG PEOPLE / CHILDREN ENVELOPES: Are on the North side back of the church (by the stairs) for St. Joseph's and in the middle aisle on the bench of St. Michael's church. Please pick up your envelopes. Thank you!

SEVEN SORROW OF MARY ROSARY: Sun. Jan. 14, 2018, we will pray the Seven Sorrow of Mary Rosary in the chapel of the Pierz Villa for peace in the world. Please join us at 4p.m. All are welcome. Questions call Patty 468-2487.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS 468-6446

*Thank you for purchasing 2018 Holy Trinity Raffle Calendars! Blessings on having a winning calendar, but most of all, thank you for supporting the school.

****HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**:**

Dec. 25-Crystal Ratke, Dec. 26-Russ & Cindy Marshik, Dec. 27-Dale & Susie Vogtlin, Dec. 28-DeDe Litke, Dec. 29-Bob Kummert, Dec 30-Stacy Pearson, (\$35 winners), Dec. 31-JoJo Wagner (\$75 winner).

The Holy Trinity PTO will be sponsoring a family Ice Skating/Snowshoeing event on Sat, Jan 27th at the Buckman ice skating rink from 10am-2pm. There will be snowshoes available on a first come first serve basis but bring your own skates if you have them. Hot chocolate, coffee, and hot dogs will be provided for a free will donation. Come spend time with Holy Trinity family and friends while enjoying the winter season! In the event of bad weather, we will try for the next day, Sun, Jan 28th from 12pm-3pm.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3145.00
High School	\$ 13.00
Elementary	\$ 10.00
Plate	<u>\$ 194.00</u>
	\$3362.00

Christmas Adult	\$22,176.07
Christmas Children	<u>\$ 115.25</u>
	\$22,291.32

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:**St. Joseph's:**

Sat. 4:30p.m. - 310
Sun. 8:00a.m. - 249
Christmas Eve - 214
Christmas Day - 405

St. Michael's:

Sun. 10:00a.m. - 375
Christmas Eve - 590
Christmas Day - 243

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$5973.00
High School	\$ 24.00
Elementary	\$ 78.25
Plate	<u>\$ 516.03</u>
	\$6591.28

Christmas Adult	\$18,800.73
Christmas Children	<u>\$ 176.00</u>
	\$18976.73

Tank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**SUNDAY - January 7 @ 10:00 a.m.**

Lector-Leo Pohlkamp

Communion Ministers-Megan Herold & MaryKay Zilka

Servers-Madison Talberg & Ben Leidenfrost

Ushers-Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, & Todd Caddy

****Choir:** No choir practice this week. Choir will sing on Mon, Jan 1st, 10a.m. Mass. Choir will also sing on Sun, Jan 7th, 10:00 a.m. Mass. **Dwight Pryzbilla's Choir** is still looking for more members to join. Please call or text 320-248-7824 for questions or information.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Stephanie Brill & Joseph Wimmer

Catholic United Financial Membership Dinner: Sunday, January 14, 2018 after the 10:00a.m. Mass in St. Michael's Parish Center.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: We are accepting donations of baby items such as blankets, diapers, new and gently used clothing and monetary donations in the basket on the front, side altar. Items are donated to Morrison County for distribution to those in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions, call Cindy at 320-630-8410

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, Jan 13, 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 lorose@csbsju.edu.

Natural Family Planning, Little Falls: Tues, Jan 2 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 or call 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!

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Please consider a year-end gift to the appeal. Your gift supports our shared Mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice in the Diocese of St. Cloud. www.stcdio.org/appeal, call Anna at 320-258-7654, or mail to Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**Sat. & Sun. January 6 & 7, Weekend:**

Servers: Sat.-Austin Becker & Michael Leidenfrost

Sun.-Ashley Kimman & Joleen Weyer

Weekday Lector: Jan Dahmen

LECTORS FOR JANUARY 2018: Sat.-Tony Sauer, Sun.-Gene Poser

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR JANUARY 2018: Sat.-Marvin Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Doris Thyen, Choir-Kerri Kasper. Sun.- Matt Kessler, Wanda Kapsner, Leroy Swanson.

USHERS FOR JANUARY 2018: Sat.-Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger & Jon Stumpf. Sun.-Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider & Jeff Virnig.

ST JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR: will practice on Wednesday, January 3rd from 4:30-5:30p.m. and we will sing on Sunday, January 7th at 8am. All ages 4 and up are welcome to join us.

THANK YOU! To the following businesses for providing treats for the bags in honor of the feast of the Holy Innocents: Hartmann's, Thielen Meats, Pierz Foods, Red's Auto & Bait, Thrifty White Drug, Vet's Super Stop, & Super America Pierz. St. Joseph's Christian M/W.

A HUGE THANK YOU, To everyone that helped decorate the Church for Christmas. *Thank you!*

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN, meeting will be on Wed. Jan. 3rd with mass at 6p.m. and the meeting to follow in the church basement installation of officers will be held.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: a basket is by front side altar for baby items; blankets, diapers, food, new and gently used clothes and money donations, etc. Items will be given to families in need and the Pierz food shelf. Sponsored by Pierz CW/M. Questions call 468-6070.

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

LOOKING FOR A NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTION? We are looking for Communion Ministers! If interested please contact the parish office at 468-6033. *Thank you!*

PARISH FINANCIAL MEETING: Tue, Jan. 9 at 6:30p.m.,

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tue, Jan. 9 at 7:30p.m.

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LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING: Thurs, Jan. 4 at 7p.m. in St. Joseph's parish office meeting room.

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

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!*

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 weekends are Feb 2-4, 2018 in Hermantown, MN and Apr 13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

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!*