

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)
 April 28th, 2019
 Give thanks to God, for His mercy endures!

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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.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APR. 29th – May. 5th

Monday	April 29	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	April 30	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Dolores Schmitt
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	May 1	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Romell Welle
Pierz	7:30 p.m.	Knights of Columbus Mass
Thursday	May 2	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	May 3	
Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel
Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Tony Medek
Saturday	May 4	
Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Sally Meyer (Adult Choir)
Sunday	May 5	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes
Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Colette & Marie Pohlkamp
Pierz	10:30 a.m.	First Communion (Folk Group)

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 1278.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 219.00
Good Friday	\$ 560.00
Holy Saturday	\$ 114.00
Easter	\$ 15610.00
High School	\$ 12.00
Elementary	\$ 37.13
Plate	\$ 725.00
	<u>\$18,555.13</u>

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Apr. 18th – 21st** Holy Thurs.-210
 Good Fri.-263, Holy Sat.-187 Easter-555

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 620.00
Holy Thursday	\$ 1341.00
Good Friday	\$ 1492.00
Easter	\$ 18821.00
High School	\$ 31.00
Elementary	\$ 55.00
Plate	\$ 1126.24
	<u>\$23,456.24</u>

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Mass attendance **Apr. 18th-21st** Holy Thurs – 307
 Good Fri – 444 Holy Sat.- 201 Easter - 611

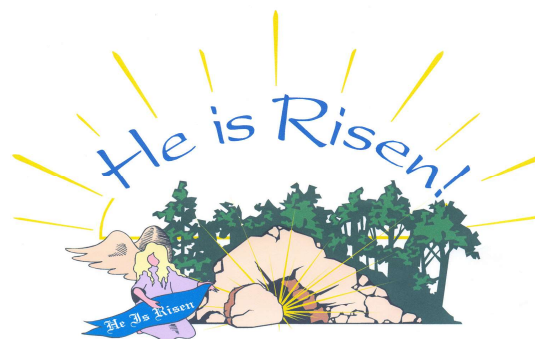
From the Pastoral Associate: Receiving the Lord Jesus Christ for the first time in the Eucharist is a very special event. It should always humble all of us to realize that our God, the Creator of the universe and all that is in it, humbled Himself to become, human. God humbled Himself, went through a painful death, and rose so that death would not separate us from Him. God is all about life and He has nothing to do with death and sin which separate us from Him. God took on our sins and went through death, thus pushing down the wall, the mountain, that separate us from life and turned it into pathway to life. For where God has been, is, and will be is life and life-giving. Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. The Resurrection of Christ is for our life after death. The Eucharist is for our life before death. To truly live with God before death, God furthermore humbles Himself and comes to us in the form of Bread and Wine so that we may consume Him. Why? Why? Why does God do these crazy things? Because God wants us to be with Him. God wants us to have life and have it in the fullest because we are living with Him and in His Spirit. Come, let us celebrate that in Buckman and soon in Pierz our second graders will now begin to share in the life of Christ by consuming Him at Mass. Let us show the world that Christ is alive and alive in us. Happy Easter! ~~~ Michael Pekar

2019 BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP: Join Bishop Kettler, Joe McTighe, former executive director of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) and other Catholic school supporters from throughout the diocese, on Wed. May 1st from 8-9am, Gorecki Center, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph. Interested in reserving a seat, or hosting a table? Please contact Alice at 320-258-7656 or acoudron@gw.stcdio.org.

MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE: Just a reminder of the Birthline's Carnation Sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 11-12th!

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Apr. 22-Steven Gall, **Apr. 23**-Rob Clemons & Ruth Virnig,
Apr. 24-Nate Carper, **Apr. 25**-Bill & Sandy Virnig,
Apr. 26-Eric Boser, **Apr. 27**- Joel Zimmerman (\$35 winners)



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN. May. 5th @ 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Nathan Gruber

Communion Minister: Connie Kieffer & Kay Pappenfus

Servers: Quin Gruber & Emily Leidenfrost

May Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

CHOIR NEWS: We have NO practice this week, but will sing on Sun. May 5th.

NOTE, Fr. Larn Virnig will be celebrating the 10:00am mass on May 5th.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Herb Britz passed away on April 18th. Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, April 23rd with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU: To group 8 and all the extra help there was for the Herb Britz funeral. *A job well done!*

BAZAAR NEWS: Please do NOT bring Country Store items and Books to the church basement until one week before the Bazaar. We need that space to store items that are in the church while it is being painted. *Thank you!*

ORGAN PLAQUE: The Plaque listing the names of those who contributed to the Organ Restoration Project is now hanging in the back of the church beside the Window Restoration plaque. We thank Joe Virnig for making the Board, Jason Gruber for the wood, St. Michael's Choir and St. Michael's Parish for paying for the lettering, etc. Our Organ is playing beautifully and was a project needed to ensure our Organ is able to be played to provide beautiful music for generations to come. *Thank you so much!*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Registration is open for the 2019-20 school year.
*Congratulations to the children who are receiving 1st Communion this weekend at Holy Cross, St. John's, and St. Michael's churches. May God fill you with the spirit and make you one with Christ in peace and love. Blessings on your 1st Communion!
*Grandparents' Day is Friday, May 3rd. Grandparents will be joining us for liturgy and a fun activity at the school gym. Hooray for grandparents!
*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, hosting the 12th annual Franciscan Girls Camp, Tues., June 4th, 10a.m. – Thurs., June 6th, 6p.m. in Assisi Park, located at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities, campfire, prayer and singing. For more info., call Sr Ange Mayers @ 320-632-0680.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: The next available Weekends are Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN and Jul 12-14, 2019 in Buffalo, MN. 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.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***SAT. May. 4th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN May. 5th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat. – Reagan & Reese Winscher

Sun. – Colton Kasper & Alana Rocheleau

Weekday Lector: – Joan Kapsner

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MAY: Sat.- Marvin Kimman, Keith Marshik, Sara Stumpf, Choir-Michelle Litke, Sun.-Jo Loidolt, Lois and Dan Waytashek.

LECTORS FOR MAY: Sat.-Colleen Lucking
Sun.-Karen Gross

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

ATTENTION: A ring was lost this past Saturday Mass. If anyone has found a ring, please call the Parish Office 468-6033! ~Thank You!

ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE is in need of a book shelf. If you have one you wouldn't mind donating or if someone is willing to make one, please contact Michelle at the parish office 468-6033. There is one in the basement to look at to know what we are looking for. *Thank you!*

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL is looking for 1-2 people to be part of a committee. This committee meets 3 times per year to come up with ideas for Catholic United Financial. Must be a member of CUF. Interested candidates should contact Mark Hoheisel @ 320-468-2640. ***CUF** will meet on May 15th @10:30 a.m. in Father Pierz School of Religion. All are welcome to attend.

FOLLOW UP MEETING - Parish festival Chairs and Co-chairs and anyone that is interested in help planning. It will be this Tues., April 23rd at 6pm in the church basement. Please let me know if you are able or unable to attend. Thank you, Crystal Ratke 320-630-8952 or crlitkesvet@gmail.com

SPRING DEANERY MEETING: Council of Catholic women of Little Falls Deanery Spring meeting at Holy Cross Church-Harding. Saturday, May 18th registration at 8:15am, Rosary-8:30a.m., Mass-9am, and meeting and speaker - "We are born to be holy – Nita Hayes at 10a.m. and will lunch to follow. Spring plant exchange, bring extra plants you may be clearing from your flower gardens to share with someone else. FREE WILL OFFERING! For more information contact: Cheryl Pick at 320-355-2214.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Taize Prayer on Thurs, May 2, at 6 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Gather for an hour with the beauty of lighted candles, the San Damiano Cross, songs, chants, scripture readings, petitionary prayers and contemplative silence to experience Christ's presence. In the sacred space of contemplative silence God often touches us deeply, and healing and transformation happen. This unique style of prayer originated at the ecumenical community in Taize, France, and has spread around the globe. Taize Prayer is open to the public; people of all Christian traditions are welcome to attend. The prayer of Jesus "that all may be one" is your special invitation to come. For more information, contact the Franciscan Life Center at (320)632-0668 or email: franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.



Prayer Team Volunteers Needed at the St. Cloud Hospital

– Prayer Team volunteers work in conjunction with hospital chaplains to bring intercessory prayer to pre-determined patients and their families. We meet Tues and Thurs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Please prayerfully consider being a Prayer Team volunteer. Contact the Spiritual Care Office at 320-251-2700, ext. 54621 or email, wiehoffb@centracare.com for more information.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.) Victim Assistance Advocate for St. Joseph is Tom Klecker: (320) 253-2866.

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

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.

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!

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!

