

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT
March 22nd, 2020
 “Rejoice Jerusalem, and all who love her!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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Office Hrs.: Office will be closed to the public.

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup and Holy Cross Church of Harding all weekend Masses will be suspended until April 13, 2020

Starting soon Fr. Popp will be celebrating **PRIVATE MASSES ONLY**. We are going to be recording them and putting them on different outlets (our website and YouTube). We will also be ringing the bells of the church before each Mass. Fr. Popp will be saying the Mass for the intention on that day and for all the people in our local area. As time goes by, more information will be available. Thank you for your understanding!

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 23-MARCH 29, 2020

Tuesday Mar. 24 – Pierz / Private Mass Only

10:00 a.m. +Doris Langer

Wednesday Mar. 25 - Pierz / Private Mass Only

10:00 a.m. Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God

Thursday Mar. 26 – Buckman / Private Mass Only

10:00 a.m. St. Michael’s Catholic United Financial Members

Friday Mar. 27 – Pierz / Private Mass Only

10:00 a.m. +Marlene E. Ruegemer

Saturday Mar. 28 – Pierz / Private Mass Only

4:00 p.m. +Mary Austin

Sunday Mar. 29 – Pierz / Private Mass Only

10:00 a.m. +Stephanie Malinowski

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3758.00
High School	\$ 3.00
Elementary	\$ 31.00
Plate	\$ 230.00
	\$4022.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 15th Sun.** - 119

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$4658.00
High School	\$ 8.00
Elementary	\$ 27.55
Plate	\$ 190.01
	\$4883.56

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 14th Sat.** - 197

March 15th Sun. - 181

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Mar. 16 –Maxine Bauer, **Mar. 17** –Cathy Boser, **Mar. 18** –Nick Campbell, **Mar. 19** –Heidi Kapsner, **Mar. 20** –Elder Carmona, **Mar. 21** –Angela Kimman (\$35 Winners). **Mar. 22** –Ramona Hanneken (\$75 Winner).

UPDATE ON CONFESSIONS: Fr. Ken Popp will not be hearing confessions during the Lenten session until further notice due to health concerns.

FROM THE PASTOR: As pastor, I just want to say “Do Not Be Afraid”. St. Pope John Paul II said this often. So, this is my thought, when you pass the Catholic Church here in Pierz or Buckman remember the Lord is present in the Eucharist, Jesus Body and Blood is present in the tabernacle. As you pass the church going for food or helping a neighbor etc., you might want to make the sign of the Cross asking Jesus in the Eucharist to help all of us. We are asked to stay in our homes as much as possible. However, as you get food or doing something very necessary in your car, you can make the sign of the cross asking Jesus in the Eucharist to help all of us in the days ahead. Also remember to pray to Mary asking her son Jesus to help all of us and if you cannot get out you can pray the rosary or other devotions at home. God Bless and remember that God is with us ~ Fr. Ken

NOTE: Holy water has been removed by all entrances in the church due to the Virus outbreak.

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:

Fr. David will hear confessions at Lastrup and Harding:

Thurs. March 26th @ 6:30 p.m. St. John Nepomuk-Lastrup

Sat. March 28th @ 3:00 p.m. Holy Cross-Harding

Sun. March 29th @ 6:30 p.m. St. John Nepomuk-Lastrup

DIVINE MERCY NOVENA, will start on Good Friday, April 10th to Divine Mercy Sunday, April 19th. The Red Novena Prayers are on the benches by the North and South doors in church!

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL 468-6446

*As the school moves to distance learning, Holy Trinity Facebook page and website will be sources of information for families and community. Our goal is to provide faith based, academic, and fun events to engage families. This is a work in progress as we journey through the time ahead.

*All events planned at this time are postponed.

*2020-21 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, www.holytrinitypierz.org or contact the school

**Loving and healing God*, we, the people turn to you in prayer, confident that you are with us and with all people in every moment. We stand before you as people of hope, trusting in your care and protection. May your faithful love support us and soothe the anxiety of our hearts.

ATTENTION: The Pierz Villa is limiting all visitors.

Therefore, there will be no adoration, masses, word/communion services open to the public until further notice. If you wish, you can use the church to make your **Holy Hour**.



CARVED WOOD CROSS:
 Drawing will be postponed and will be set for a later date. More information will come.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Benjamin Gordon*, son of Donald and Melissa Hall, was baptized on Sunday, March 14th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

ST. MICHAEL'S C M/W MEETING: will meet on Thurs., April 16th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center meeting room. Groups 5&6 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

WANT TO FIND A MASS? Pre Saint-Cloud Diocese Website Local Access Cable Channels: All "viewers in our diocese and beyond can watch the Mass on KSTC-TV at 11:00 a.m. each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number).

- *Benton Cable Channel 19 – Airs 10:30 a.m. Sundays
- *Charter Spectrum Cable (St. Cloud Area) Channel 17 (KSTC) at 11:00 a.m.
- *LA-TV Channel 10 – Airs 1 p.m. Thursdays
- *Runestone Telephone Channel 6 – Airs 5:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Sundays and Wednesdays
- *Community Connection (Arvig) Channel 14 – Airs 10:30 a.m. Sundays
- *Tri-City Cable Channel 10 – Airs 10:30 a.m. Sundays
- *WRAC Channel 8 – Airs 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Wednesdays and 10 a.m. Sundays
- *Eternal Word Television Network (EWTN) - Midco - Channel 73, Mediacom - Channel 094, Dish - Channel 261, DirecTV - Channel 370

Radio Stations:

- KLTF Radio 960 AM – 9:00 a.m. Sunday
- KYES Radio 1180 AM – 9:00 a.m. Sundays
- WVAL Radio 800 AM – 10:30 a.m. Sundays
- KEYL Radio 1400 AM – 10:00 a.m. Sundays

PRAY BLANKETS: Looking for a great gift! Pray Blankets are available in the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. They can give comfort to the sick & suffering. Questions, call Kathy at 468-2105.

PRAY CHAPLETS: Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. We pray with praise, petition and thanksgiving. We pray to the saints to intercede for us to God in heaven for our needs. The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office-Pierz entryway and St. Michael's church-Buckman in the side entry. Chaplets are private devotions prayed on beads. They should be prayed every day. There is Power in Prayer.

Listening to the Word of God – Looking for way to

*Reflection on the passages from USCCB & Bishop Barrons USCCB.ORG & WORDONFIRE.ORG

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZXUd3XNyEvc&list=PLpTzvCOJa7DAoMqHc4moKtTJSI6gsth32&index=24>

<https://www.wordonfire.org/resources/homily/a-man-after-gods-own-heart/26901/>

*Discussion Questions for different ages from Loyola Press.com > Sunday Connections > grade levels

<https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/sunday-connection>

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Simon Dennis*, son of Scott and Nicole Wacker, was baptized on Sunday, March 14th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

APRIL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S MEETING

The decision has been made to cancel our Christian Mothers/Women's April 1st Salad Supper/meeting. At this point, I am unsure if we will reschedule. If not, please mark your calendars for our next meeting to be held on Wednesday, July 8th. If we reschedule the April meeting, I will be sure and let you know. Any questions feel free to text or call me, Barb Zajac at 320-310-3267. Peace and God's blessings to all during this difficult time.

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER: We postponed the raffle drawing to June 19th, and canceled the German Dinner. People who purchased dinner ticket will receive a refund. Thank you for your understanding.

DONUTS & COFFEE: Thank you to everyone that helped with our Donut Sundays. We will be ending our season early this year. We will be looking forward to seeing you again starting in September. If there are any groups interested in serving, please contact Kathy Etzel @ 468-2105.

CANCELLATIONS:

*Festival of Forgiveness, St. Mary's Little Falls and Holy Cross, Onamia on Fri Mar. 27th

*Catholic United Financial Ham Bingo, St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman on Sun. Mar. 29th.

Readings Of The Mass For March 22nd

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings/032220.cfm> or
http://ccc.usccb.org/cccradio/NABPodcasts/2020/20_03_22.mp3

First Reading First Samuel 16:b, 6-7, 10-13a

1) Why do you think the Lord did not just tell Samuel from the start that it was David?

2) The oil was a sign that this was the one that God had chosen or anointed to be King. Why do you think that God often chooses the lowly, the weakest, or the least expected to be His instrument?

Second Reading Ephesians 5:8-14

1) What is something or someone that has brightened up your week?

2) All of us have done something foolish or sinful that we hide in **darkness** but then later ask for forgiveness from God and the person and we are forgiven. We come to the **light**. How does it feel to move from the darkness to the light?

Gospel Reading John 9:1-41

1) As the passage goes on the blind man sees more and more of who Jesus really is. His faith grows. How has your faith grown over the last year / years?

2) If you had been in the crowd and did not know who Jesus was, would you be more attentive to what Jesus said or the other leaders? Why?

BULLETINS WILL BE AVAILABE IN BOTH CHURCHES AND ALSO THE PARISH OFFICE ENTERYWAY.