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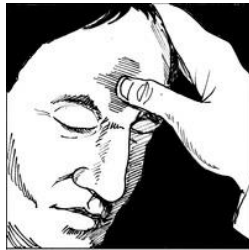
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Office Hrs.: Mon., Wed. & Thurs.
 9a.m.- 4p.m., Tues. 9a.m.-2p.m.

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 MAR. 4th – MAR.10th

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| Monday | March 4 |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service |
| Tuesday | March 5 |
| Pierz | 8:00 a.m. +Nick & Agnes Kuklok (<i>Anointing of the Sick Mass</i>) |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service |
| Wednesday | March 6 (<i>Ash Wednesday</i>) |
| Pierz | 8:30 a.m. +Urban Stangl (Holy Trinity School Mass) |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. +Romell Welle |
| Pierz | 5:30 p.m. +Paul Solinger (Folk Group) |
| Buckman | 7:30 p.m. +Catherine "Katie" Boser |
| Thursday | March 7 |
| Buckman | 8:00 a.m. +Leon Leidenfrost |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service |
| Friday | March 8 |
| Pierz | 8:30 a.m. + Rose Wiechman |
| Buckman | 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service |
| Villa | 9:30 a.m. +Dennis Kahlhamer |
| Pierz | 4:00 p.m. Station of the Cross |
| Saturday | March 9 |
| Pierz | 4:30 p.m. +Jeanne Stang |
| Sunday | March 10 (<i>Holy Trinity Carnival</i>) |
| Buckman | 8:00 a.m. +Elaine Gall |
| Pierz | 10:00 a.m. +Regina Bisch (Folk Group) |



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

March 3rd, 2019

It is good to give thanks to the Lord!

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 Thurs. in Buckman 2-4p.m.

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ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

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| Adult | \$3083.00 |
| High School | \$ 20.00 |
| Elementary | \$ 43.00 |
| Plate | \$ 271.00 |
| | \$3417.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Feb 24th Mass attendance – Sunday 10a.m - 320

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

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| Adult | \$8026.00 |
| High School | \$ 39.00 |
| Elementary | \$ 42.71 |
| Plate | \$ 286.50 |
| | \$8394.21 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Feb. 24th Mass attendance – Sat. 4:30p.m. -228
 Sun. 8:00a.m. -236

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Feb. 25 -Jo & Bob Loidolt, **Feb. 26** -Samantha & Mark Seelen, **Feb. 27** -Paul & Cindy Pulak, **Feb. 28** -Tony Kummet, **Mar. 1** -Russ & Cindy Marshik, **Mar. 2** -Tom Kummet (\$35 winners) **Mar. 3** -Lisa Schultz (\$75 Winner).



Dear Parishioners,

The parishes of the Diocese of St. Cloud are setting aside this weekend, as Safe Haven Sunday in order to give focused time and resources to address the harmfulness of pornography and other online threats to marriages, family life and culture.

Today's awareness day is celebrated through prayer and a reflection within the context of the Mass. After Mass, you may pick up a copy of Covenant Eyes' book, *Equipped: Smart Catholic Parenting in a Sexualized Culture* or the pamphlet, *Raising Chaste Children*. The book, *Equipped*, includes a unique seven-day text-to-opt-in program: The Equipped 7-Day Challenge. This Challenge provides practical tips any caring adult can take to create safer digital environments for themselves and our young people.

My Easter letter will be coming out this week. So please take a good look at it and keep the Easter schedule somewhere you can see it for the times of Masses and confession.

Have a Blessed weekend ~ Fr. Ken Popp

***LOOKING AHEAD MASS CHANGE:** Next weekend Sunday masses, March 10th will be flipped. 8a.m. in Buckman and 10a.m. in Pierz.

AREA EVENTS:

- *Women's Silent Lenten Retreat** -Mar 5th-7th or Mar 19th-21st
- *Holy Trinity Carnival-Pierz**, Sun. Mar. 10th, Fun for the whole family! Food, games (bingo), items for sale. LOTS!
- *Men's Silent Lenten Retreat** -March 8th-10th. Theme is "Be Patient in Affliction" @ Christ the King Retreat center in Buffalo, MN www.kingshouse.com
- *Koinonia Retreat in Little Falls** on March 22nd-24th. For more info., email cmkoinonia@gmail.com

***St. Joseph's Coffee & Donuts** after the 8am Mass Sun. March. 17th. ***Date change due to HT carnival.**

BEST LENT EVER: Lent comes every year. It's meant to be a time we invite God to help us become the-best-version-of-ourselves. But for many of us, Lent isn't a transformative experience. It's just a time when we give up chocolate or something else we enjoy, then go back to on Easter. This year, you can change that to the BEST LENT EVER. Each day of Lent, you'll receive a short inspirational video that will help you find areas of growth, build better habits, and spark lasting change in your life. All you have to do is sign up at BestLentEver.com from Dynamic Catholic.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***WED. Mar. 6th @7:30 p.m. (ASH WEDNESDAY)**

Servers: Charles Pekar & David Popp

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Minister: Connie Kieffer & Jill Hoheisel

***SUN. Mar. 10th @8:00 a.m.:**

Lector: Todd Caddy

Communion Minister: Megan Herold, Nicole Hoheisel, Carolyn Gall, Debbie Hall, Janice Janson, Alice Nordmann

Servers: Carissa & Brenna Andres

March Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Paisley Paige, daughter of Brandon Tresco and Claire Reardon, was baptized on February 24th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

Quilt Bingo/Raffle sponsored by St. Michael's CM/W on Sunday, March 17 at the Parish Center at 1 pm. All are invited!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: The Bishop's Annual Appeal brings His Word to our loved ones who are homebound through the weekly televised Mass.

Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team, 4th annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser, Sat. March 9th. Pre-sale tickets, \$10-adults, \$5-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. Thank you so much!

PIZZA PARTY: Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Sr. Michelle L'Allier invites high school youth in religious education to a pizza party and conversation with the Sisters, followed by a prayer service, Wed. Mar. 13th at St. Francis Convent in St. Francis Hall from 6:15 to 7:45p.m. Please email Christi Hartwell, chartwell@fslf.org by Feb. 28th. **Thank you!**

March is FoodShare Month: Pierz Area Food Shelf is requesting our area churches to help our local families in need. Please help us to promote FoodShare Month by providing opportunities for donations of money and/or food to be collected and delivered to the Pierz Area Food Shelf located behind the Pierz Fire Hall. If you are unable to make deliveries during the hours of 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM on Mondays, please call 320-468-7134 to arrange an alternate delivery time. Thank you for joining in the efforts to end hunger in our community.

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a spring Lenten Retreat, "Dignity of Women", Sat, March 16th at Seven Dolores Catholic Church in Albany starting at 8:30 with Rosary and Mass. Registration (\$15.00) is due by March 1st and should be mailed to Linda Borgerding, 33504 Shorewood Drive, Avon, MN 56310. They now have arranged for confessions to be heard before Mass and also if writing a check for the registration it should be written to DCCW. Thank you!



**Ash
Wednesday**

Ash Wednesday; Time to reflect and share our thanks, for this is the time that we remember the greatest sacrifice.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***WED. Mar. 6th @5:30 p.m. (ASH WEDNESDAY)**

Servers: Adam and Anna Hoheisel

***FRI. Mar. 8th @4:00 p.m. (Stations of the Cross)**

Servers: Leo Voigt & Cody Kimman

***SAT. Mar. 9th @4:30 p.m. & SUN. Mar. 10th @10:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat.- Simon & Louis Gruber

Sun.- Jayden Zajac & McKenna Hoheisel

Weekday Lector: – Joan Kapsner

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH:

Sat. –Jo Loidolt, Keith Marshik, Marvin Kimman

Choir –Rachel Young, *Sun* –Matt Kessler, Mary Tschida, Ryan Stangl ***ASH WEDNESDAY March., 6th @ 5:30** – Jo Loidolt, Keith Marshik, Marvin Kimman

LECTORS FOR MARCH: *Sat.* - Mark Fyten

Sun.- Harvey Kimman

USHERS FOR MARCH: *Sat.*-John Kurtz, Neal Kimman,

Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll

Sun.-Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

ST JOSEPH'S SE CITY GROUP will be tying quilts on Friday, March 8th from 9-2 in the parish office basement. Everyone is invited to help. There will be a light noon lunch. Call Gerri Boser @ 320-260-4817 for more information.

SJ's Finance Council Meeting: Tue. Mar. 12th @ 6:30p.m.

SJ's Parish Council Meeting: Tue. Mar. 12th @ 7:30p.m.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S LENTEN GOSPEL

REFLECTIONS: There is still time to get a copy of this resource to help you "go deeper" into God's Word this Lent. For a copy, contact Mary Kay Pekar, \$3 each, call; (320)468-2316 or via email @ 02mmpekar5@gmail.com.

Michael Pekar will Introduce The Catholic Approach to the Bible: March 3rd, 17th, 24th, 31st, April 7th and 14th at 7 p.m. at Pierz parish office lower level. Session will run approximately 90 min. Catholic High School students interested in learning about the Church's approach to the Bible are also welcome to participate. For more information please contact Michael at (320) 221-1134. (April 14th will be at 5 p.m. or a different date, or double up on the 7th) **Thank you! Come and learn more about your faith!**

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Registration for the 2019-20 school year begins in March. There will be an open house at 6pm on Tuesday, March 12th for preschool and new enrollees who would like to know more about Holy Trinity School. For more information call the school office 468-6446.

*The school carnival will be Sunday, March 10th. 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.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY: On Sun., Mar. 10th @ 4 p.m., we will pray for our country at the Pierz Villa Chapel. All are welcome. Questions, call Patty @ 468-2487.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 hour a 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.

SM'S PRAYER LINE: Those needing prayers, please call Mary Malinowski at 468-6148 or Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781. Those willing to pray for people can call Mary Brenny.

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County is accepting applications for Habitat homeownership program. Completed applications must be returned no later than March 14th by 4p.m. You must have currently lived in Morrison County for at least 1 year. Call the Habitat office @ 320-616-2084 for more info. or an application. Thank You!

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your location EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2019 to be processed for benefits for the 2018-2019 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>.

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.

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!

GRIEF GROUP: There is a group for parents grieving their child(ren). It is an informal group made up of people who have experienced the death of a child. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Convent, dates are Thurs: Mar. 21st, Apr. 18th, May 16th, June 20th, and July 18th. For further info or questions, call Maryrose @ 320-360-1468