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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 22, 2018

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth!

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Wed & Thurs, 8a.m.-4p.m.**

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 Tues, Pierz 2-4p.m. & Wed., Buckman 2-4p.m.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	April 22	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	April 23	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Howie Braun
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	April 24	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Gerald Hoffman
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Lewis & Susan Eller Family Members
Thursday	April 25	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Kevin Copa-Sobieck
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	April 26	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Jim Spiczka (School Mass)
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Victor Boser, Lorraine Voigt & Wendy Voigt
Saturday	April 27	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+For the People of the Parishes (Adult Choir)
Sunday	April 28	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Richard Meyer (Children Choir)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Joe Malinowski (First Communion)

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: Two unrelated thoughts. **It is almost Spring.** How well do we wait? How well we wait for things may tell a lot about our spiritual depth or lack of it. If in waiting for a BIG celebration, a BIG event, or for the fields to finally be ready fills us with anxiety and worry, chances are our level of faith needs to grow and we need to beg the Holy Spirit to increase our faith. If we are calm and wise, while still doing prudent things that need to be done while waiting, then we probably have some spiritual depth to us. We do put our faith in the Lord. **It is Easter.** During the Easter season while reading from the Book of Acts you will notice often they state that a person is filled with the Holy Spirit and then they said or did a certain action, which often led to people becoming Christian. If we are to bring people to Christ and the Church of Christ we need to be sure to do this first step first. This Easter Season let us ask the Holy Spirit to come fill us with His gifts so that the Spirit of God will be present in our words and deeds. We will then be God's instrument in bringing people to Christ. (REMINDER: This is the # 1 mission of a Catholic. According to the 2010 U.S. Census 33% of the people in Morrison County do not claim to belong to any Religious affiliation. They do not go to any Church, Mosque, Synagogue, or Temple. There is more than one field that needs to be planted in the spring of 2018. My the Harvest of both fields be bountiful. ~~~ Michael Pekar

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS (Office #-468-6446)

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open. Variable Tuition is available. Go to www.holytrinitypierz.org for more information on variable tuition.

*Grandparents Day is Friday, April 27th. 8:30 liturgy; 9:30-10:30 family bingo in the gym.

*There will be a preschool and new family open house at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 24th. This is an opportunity for parents and children to visit the school and find out more information about Holy Trinity School.

*The week of April 23-27 the students will participate in a food drive for the Pierz Food Shelf.

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

Apr. 16-Pat Britz, Apr. 17-Anthony Kummet, Apr 18-Kurt Kelzenberg, Apr. 19-Gracie Saehr, Apr. 20-Russ & Cindy Marshik, Apr. 21-Grady & Kelly Nouis, (\$35 winners) Apr. 22-Kent & Stacy Happke (\$75 Winner)

AREA EVENTS:

***Pierz Lions Pancake & Sausage (Thielen) Breakfast, Pierz:** Sun. April 22, from 8:30am-12pm. At St. Joseph's Church, Basement. Adults \$9, Children 6-12 \$6, and children under 5 Free.

***Nurses Annual Workshop** presented by Central MN Faith Community Nurses: **Tuesday, June 5** at the CentraCare Plaza, Windfeldt Room 9:30 am to 4 pm. \$35

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION

STUDENTS: Small yellow sheets are available at the entrances with the names of the students that will be making their First Holy communion on April 29th (Buckman) and May 6th (Pierz). Please feel free to take sheet and put it somewhere to remember to pray for these students and their families! Thank you!



ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$1927.50
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 21.00
Plate	\$ 168.25
	\$2117.25

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

<u>St. Joseph's:</u>
4/10 Confirmation - 557
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 278
Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 221
<u>St. Michael's:</u>
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 248

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$5221.00
High School	\$ 18.00
Elementary	\$ 26.32
Plate	\$ 312.75
	\$5578.07

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY - April 29 (1st Communion) @ 10:00 a.m.:

- Lector**-First Communicants
- Communion Ministers**- Bob Lochner & Debbie Hall
- Servers**- Britney & Kaylee Gruber
- April Ushers**- Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Joseph "Joe" Malinowski passed away April 8th. Mass of Christian Burial was held here on April 12th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the family and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU! To group 11 and all the extra help on the Joe Malinowski funeral meal. *A job well done! Thank you!*

BACCALAUREATE PLANNING MEETING: St Michael's Seniors are asked to attend the Baccalaureate mass planning on Wed., April 25 at 6pm in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Baccalaureate Mass will be on Sun, May 20 at the 10am mass. Luncheon will follow. St. Michael's Juniors and their parents, we ask for your Help to work at the luncheon. For questions regarding the mass, please call Kristi at 320-360-0626. For questions regarding the luncheon, please call Cindy at 320-630-8410.

RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: *We still need lots of help with the Rural Life Celebration, so if anyone would be interested, please contact the parish office at 468-6033.* We are also looking for monetary contributions, you can either drop it off at the parish office or put in the collection basket marked Rural Life Celebration. God Bless you for your support.

COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN OF LITTLE FALLS DEANERY: SPRING MEETING: At Sacred Heart Church, Flensburg. Sat. May 5th registration at 8a.m., rosary at 8:30a.m., mass at 9a.m. and meeting & speaker with lunch to follow at 10a.m. Will be having a spring plant exchange. Free will offering! For more info call Cheryl Pick at 320-355-2214.

BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP: Join Bishop Kettler, Dr. Tom Burnford, and a host of old and new friends at this year's Breakfast with the Bishop. Make a gift to CATHOLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND, an endowed fund to assist Catholic students grades 1 through 8. Interested in reserving a seat, or hosting a table? Call Alice Coudron at 320-258-7656, or email: ACoudron@gw.stedio.org

Upcoming Faith in Action & Horizon Health Events:
Mon. April 30th: Class on Dementia.....Now what happens 1 to 3pm in Pierz at Horizon Health. Call Melissa to register at 320-468-6451.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

April - Sat. 28 @ 4:30p.m. & Sun. 29 @ 8:00a.m.:

- Servers:** Sat.-Austin Becker & Louis Gruber
- Sun.-Ashley Kimman & Anna Hoheisel
- Weekday Lector:** LeRoy Swanson

Youth Choir: will practice on Thurs, April 26th from 6-7 and sing Sunday, April 29 at 8am. All boys and girls ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE: Michael Olson & Jenna Andres

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Gerald "Jerry" Fischer passed away April 6th. Mass of Christian Burial was held here on April 12th with burial in the parish cemetery. Viola T. Stangl passed away April 12th Mass of Christian Burial was held here on April 16th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the family and assure them of our prayerful support.

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, just ask. Hear what you've been missing!

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

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls-11th annual Franciscan Girl Camp entitled, "Faith and Fun with Franciscans," on Tues. June 5 (10am) Thurs. June 7 (6pm) in Assisi Park, located on the grounds at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with and learn about the Franciscan Sisters. For more information or to register by May 1, contact Sister Ange Mayers at 320-632-0680.

" Theology of the Body": Join us! Nic Davidson is back to lead us through a 6 week series on Theology of the Body. Weekly sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, beginning May 15th, through June 19th, at 6:30pm-8:00pm at the St. Michaels Parish Center in Buckman. Contact Sara Stumpf with any questions 320-493-7062"

Bishop's Annual Appeal Help fulfill our mission to be His heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. Please prayerfully consider a gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. ALL donations are used exclusively to support the ministries of the Diocese of St. Cloud. Bishop's Annual Appeal PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN
Tues. June 12th: Dementia Bootcamp at the Little Falls Senior

Center from 1 to 3pm. Please call 800-224-6451 or email Melissa at outreach@horizonhealthservices.com to reserve your seat today!

SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:

37th Annual Conference on Aging at Central Lakes College Staples campus, Thurs., May 24, from 8:30am-1:15pm. For more info. Call Horizon Health at 1-800-224-6451 (Horizon Health does not have a bus going this year.)

August 24th: Whacky Hacker golf tournament with proceeds going to Faith in Action

August 25th: Hospice Run with proceeds going to Horizon Health's Hospice patients

Exciting News: Horizon Health has received a grant to provide classes on Dementia to caregivers to enable them to better take care of their loved one. If you have a group at church or socially that you belong to that would like a presentation at your location call Melissa Prozinski at 320-468-6451. These classes are free of charge, but we do set out a free will donation basket. Minimum requirement of 10 caregivers in attendance.

We are now on TV and the web! The Dine & Discover's are scheduled for broadcast every Tuesday at noon and Friday night at 8pm on local cable channel 180. They will also be posted out the GRA/GRTV Youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fW_lp870KMRE56tp0-MHA/featured

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available **Weekends** are Sep 14-16, 2018 in Alexandria, MN and May 4-6, 2018 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.

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!

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. When one receives a blanket, they know they aren't alone but are covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then they are blessed by our Pastor. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105.

FPSR (Office # 468-2640):