

**TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

September 8th, 2019

"Treat us with your love, O Lord!"

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8p.m. and Sundays at 10:45a.m. **Holy Cross Church of Harding** -Sundays at 8:45a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPT. 9th – SEPT. 15th

Monday Sept. 9

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Sept. 10

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Leo Brezinka

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Sept. 11

Buckman 8:00 a.m. Protection of Our Nation

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Therese Thommes

Thursday Sept. 12

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Roger "Hulio" Hoheisel

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Sept. 13

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Relatives of John & Donna Dominic

Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Villa 9:30 a.m. +LeRoy Gulden

Saturday Sept. 14

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Harvey Hoheisel

Buckman 7:30 p.m. Jeanne Thommes / Worker's Mass

Sunday Sept. 15– St. Michael's Parish Festival

Pierz 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel (Polka Mass)

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 1665.00

High School \$ 1.00

Elementary \$ 27.00

Plate \$ 90.00

\$ 1783.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Sept. 1st Sun.** - 141

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 6483.00

High School \$ 10.00

Elementary \$ 8.75

Plate \$ 422.00

\$ 6923.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Aug. 31st Sat.**- 229,

Sept. 1st Sun.- 229

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Sept. 2–Allyson Gohl, **Sept. 3**–Garrett Doucette,

Sept. 4 – Dennis Dzieweczynski, **Sept. 5** –

Warren Carmona, **Sept. 6** – Lisa Cheney,

Sept. 7 – Debra Meyer-Myrum (\$35 Winners).

Sept. 8 – Becky Wiltermuth (75 Winner).

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.

FROM THE PASTOR: How was the first week of school? I hope everything went well. Remember again if families are feeling a lot of stress then parents need to sit down with their children and talk about the family stress. This is where parents cannot try to be their children's friends, they need to be parents. Take leadership and have the conversations and think about the priorities that you as parents want in your home. Again, I believe if families are starting each week out with Sunday Mass and having meals together you will be surprised how much stress will leave the home. Also, what is wrong asking the children to pray at least a rosary once every two weeks. Try it and you might say as a family let's do this more often. The world is filled with so many distractions parents and as your pastor I want to help you in this and I know you will pray about what I have said in this letter. Be prayerful parents or parent and take charge and try to be happy as you do this. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

LOOKING AHEAD:

Fr. Larn Virnig will be celebrating the 4:30p.m. Mass at St. Joseph's Church on Sept. 14th.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY 2019: Various Catholic groups are uniting to pray the rosary, Wed., Sept., 11 at 12:45p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz. The Hearts of Faith, local Christian Women groups, Legion and Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, and students of Holy Trinity School will each lead a decade of the rosary. We also will be praying for all of our government officials. All are welcome to join us in prayer.

Spiritual and self-care workshops: Diocesan Ministry Day Sept. 30 at St. John's University will feature sessions on topics such as ministry burnout, mental health, forgiveness, prayer styles, personal well-being, navigating change and living with integrity in a culture of extremes. For more information about these and other DMD workshops and to register, visit stcdio.org/dmd2019.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of last August, the diocese raised \$1,060,440 in gifts and pledges. That is 81.5% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. This is made possible through the donations of 7,188 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Join others around the diocese in making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail it to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN., Sept. 15th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Mary Kay Zelka

Communion Ministers: Ron Kahl & Debbie Hall

Servers: Abby Posch & Tylar Brisk

September Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

CHOIR NEWS:

*No choir practice this week. Choir is off for Bazaar weekend.

*If you love Southern Gospel music, please join us for Sunday Mass on Sept. 29th.

ADORATION September 11th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Please come and join us. Any questions please contact Patty at 468-2487.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Students will join the area organizations at 12:45 pm on Wednesday, September 11th to pray the Patriotic Rosary.

*Please join our student liturgy @ Holy Cross at 9am on Friday, September 13th. The liturgy is led by Mrs. Fischer and the 5th grade students.

***MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS** – 1:45 PM ON Friday, September 27th. Mark your calendar to join us or donate to the annual Knights of Columbus endorsed marathon to support Catholic education. Students will begin asking for donations this week. THANK YOU for your support.

*HT Kids Place Child Care Program is hiring part-time assistant teachers & aides. Employee averages 5-10 hours per week. Send a letter of application with references to Holy Trinity School, 80 Edward St. S. or stop by HT Kids Place.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School.

ACT-OBERFEST! Sun, Sept 22nd, at Sauk Centre High School Auditorium for entertainment for the entire family. Bishop Kettler, Fr. Marv Enneking, Fr. Ron Dockendorf, the "Our Fathers", youth groups and community members will perform musical and comedy acts in a variety show from 2-4:30. Admission is free. There will also be a 50-50 raffle, live auction, food and beverages available for purchase. **All proceeds benefit Diocesan youth retreats and programs.** Brought to you by The Catholic Foundation and the Diocesan Council for Catholic Women. For more information, call The Catholic Foundation (320) 258-7656.

HT Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction UPDATE: Holy Trinity School is planning for the Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction to be on Sat., Oct. 12th at the Brickyard Bar in Pierz. Tickets for the meal will go on sale Mon., Sept. 9th at the school. **NO TICKET NEEDED TO ATTEND AUCTION.** Questions call Becky Dehler 360-3721 or Kristin Andres 630-5354.

Theology on Tap: Come start off the fall season and learn more about your faith by joining young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. Our next Theology on Tap will be on Thursday, September 19 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7p.m. Then at 8:00 we will have Steven Bishop give a talk titled "Why Does God Allow Suffering." We hope to see you there!

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

*** SAT. Sept. 14th @4:30 p.m., & SUN. Sept. 15th @8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat. – Brandon & Joey Stuckmayer

Sun. – Mason & McKenna Hoheisel

Weekday Lector: –

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *James "Jake" Litke* passed away on August 19th Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday August 27th with burial in the parish cemetery. *Marcella M. Flicker* passed away on August 28th Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, August 31st with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

II BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding September 28th):

Sarina Konen & Landon Bemboom



DOUGHNUT SUNDAY, will be starting on Sun, Sept. 22nd. We look forward to welcoming everyone back!

AREA EVENTS:

****Holy Cross Church Onamia Fall Fun Fest 2019:** Is on Sun Sept 8th, Dinner and activities from 12-3 pm.

****St. Michael's Parish Bazaar, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15th** Outside Polka Mass at 10am. Chicken dinner with all the trimmings. Kids games, Bingo, Lots of different foods booths, Country Store, and so much more. Fun activities for the whole family.

The Sunday Night Adult Education Group will have its first meeting on Sunday night, September 15, at 7PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. The video/discussion program will be "Genesis to Jesus", a journey through Scripture. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study: The Tuesday afternoon bible study will begin again on Tuesday, September 17th at 3 pm in the parish office. We welcome back those who have studied with us before and especially welcome anyone new that would like to join us. We will begin the year with Bishop Barron's "Pivotal Players: St. Augustine and St. Benedict" followed by a study of the book of Romans. If you have any questions please call Hilde Flicker, 468-2649 or Jan Kummet, 468-6684.

2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar: Mission Doctors Association will offer the **2019 Midwest Retreat/Seminar, Sept 13 -15, 2019** for Catholic Physicians, Dentists, Nurse Practitioners and Physician Assistants, and their spouses, considering Short-term mission service in Africa or Latin America. This will be held at Loyola Stritch Medical School, Chicago. Information and Accreditation Statement (for the 11 AMA PRA Category 1 Credit(s)) are available on the web site: www.MissionDoctors.org or by calling the office for more information (213) 368-1872.

Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class: being held at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Cloud, Nov. 7,8,14,15, 2019 with 30 hours of onsite and 8 of online class work. Class fee \$450. Scholarships of \$250 are available from the Central MN FCN Committee and other sources. The course is required for licensed RN's who want to practice as Faith Community Nurses. Call Annette Jesh, at 320-249-0280 for information or email; Annette.Jesh@centracare.com

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.

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

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!

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.

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!