

**THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

November 10th, 2019

“The Lord is my Shepherd!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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Thurs. from 2-4 p.m.

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

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

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOV. 11th – NOV. 17th

Monday Nov. 11

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

Tuesday Nov. 12

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Harvey Otremba

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

Wednesday Nov. 13

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Regina Bisch (*Anointing Mass*)

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Charles & Anne Lochner

Thursday Nov. 14

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Roy Gall

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

Friday Nov. 15

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Sherry (Bolster) Shaft / HT School (*Anointing Mass*)

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Betty Jane Bayerl

Saturday Nov. 16

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Jeanne Stang (Adult Choir)

Buckman 8:00 p.m. +Leon Leidenfrost (*Deer Hunters Mass*)

Sunday Nov. 17

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

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Roy Gall

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4428.95

High School \$ 5.00

Elementary \$ 15.00

Plate \$ 282.85

\$ 4731.80

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Nov. 3rd Sun.** - 248

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 6861.93

High School \$ 31.00

Elementary \$ 34.64

Plate \$ 558.00

\$ 7485.57

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Nov. 1st Fri. (8:00am)** - 345,

Nov. 1st (5:30pm) - 122, **Nov. 2nd Sat.** - 446,

Nov. 3rd Sun. - 359

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Nov. 4 –Peggy Zimny, **Nov. 5** –Mark Kahl,

Nov. 6 –Eric & Alexys Hanneken, **Nov. 7** –Tim

Scapanski, **Nov. 8** –Doug Veillette, **Nov. 9** –

Parker Talberg (\$35 Winners).

Nov. 10 – Shawn Caughey (\$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 Pastoral Associate: Today’s Gospel states the truth that our God is the God of the living, not of the dead. God has nothing to do with death or things that lead to death or a life that is dead in spirit. Our virtuous God has nothing to do with the evils of bad drugs, over drinking, over eating, over working or an immoral sex life, all of which lead to living days full of regret, pain, lies, sin and the suffocation of a beautiful soul created in God’s image being forced to change into darkness. Our loving God is always waiting to forgive and bring us back to the joys of life. Things that lead to a full bright life are prayer, wisdom, truth, peace, love, joy, moderation, caring for others, seeing beauty in others and in nature, seeing a sunrise, or experiencing the birth of a new baby. These are all things that bring us life and therefore have a bit of God in them. This is why I would ask all of our hunters in the midst of the comradeship, and other enjoyments of hunting, to take time in the silence to just enjoy the beauty, (even though it is a bit cold). Take time alone in the woods to pray some silent prayers to the Lord, (and not just for the “big one” to come by). Take time to listen for deer and for the Lord. The Lord spoke to Moses while he was herding sheep, so who knows what might happen if we are attentive to and waiting for the Spirit of God as much as we wait for the sight and sounds of a buck? May this not only be a time of good and safe hunting, but a time to breathe in the Spirit of God, while in the quiet of nature. “Be still and know that I am God.” --- Ps 46:11 Please come to me Father, Son and Holy Spirit! Please come to me deer! And Go Pierz! Keep your focus and stay on target to gain what you are looking for. ~~~ Michael Pekar

St. Rita’s Church, Hillman: looking for old pictures and memories to be shared for our centennial celebration next May. We are working on publishing a history of the parish. You can email memories to strita@brainerd.net, Leslie Rueter at lmrueter@yahoo.com or Mel Buesseler at melnetty@littlefals.net by Jan 1.

AREA NEWS: * **Turkey Bingo, St. Stanislaus Church-Sobieski.** Sun. Nov. 17 in the church basement at 1p.m. Pinata for kids, turkey dinner for adults and bake sale. Come join us!

HAPPY 67th BIRTHDAY! To Fr. Kenneth Popp this coming Thursday, November 14th.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS: Advent begins on Dec. 1st. Bishop Robert Barron's Advent Gospel Reflections Journal for 2019 is a wonderful resource that contains all-new reflections and the full Gospel readings for each day, questions for reflection, and journal pages. Copies of this resource will be available in Nov. for \$2/copy. Please contact Mary Kay Pekar at 468-2316 or via email at 02mmpekar5@gmail.com to reserve your copy today.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Nov. 17th @ 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Megan Herold & Debbie Hall

Servers: Ben Leidenfrost & Gabe Stangl

November Ushers: John Grittner, Sam Seelen, & Mick Gruber

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice Tue. Nov. 12th at 7:30p.m. Choir will sing on Sun. Nov. 17th

PARISH CENTER NEWS: (Buckman Hall) If anyone is interested in booking the hall for January 2020, please call the parish office at 468-6033 and get your name on the list. On Dec. 1st we will call and let you know if you got your date. If there are two or more signed up on a date, we will have to do a drawing for that date. Thank you!

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Maddox James*, son of Shawn and Michaela Cielinski was baptized on Saturday, November 2nd. *George Thomas*, son of Jordan and Anna Schutz was baptized on Sunday, November 3rd. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

ADORATION November 13th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Please come and join us. Any questions please contact Patty at 468-2487.

CUF Meeting: Thurs. Nov. 21st at Brickyard at 6:00

CUF Christmas Wreath Matching Grant Fundraiser:

Christmas Wreaths will be sold after 10:00 mass on Sun. Nov. 24th and every Sun. after until gone. They are \$15.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

- *During the November *Month of Remembrance*, the school children will be praying for those who are deceased. Families decorated paper candles that are place in the school.
- *Parent/Teacher conferences are on Wed. & Thurs. this week.
- *PTO is sponsoring a family movie night, Dumbo. It begins at 6pm in the school gym. All are welcome to attend.
- *HT is hiring a paraprofessional to assist in the classroom and supervise children during lunch/recess. The hours are 8-12:30 Mon.-Thurs. and 9:30-12:30 Fri. Contact Debra Meyer Myrum at 320-468-6446 or email: dmm@holyltrinitypierz.org.

CALENDAR RAFFLE: will be sold after Mass at St. Joseph's next Sunday, November 17th after the 8 a.m. Mass.

FATHER PIERZ SCHOOL OF RELIGION - FPSR

***Wed, Nov 13th**, Pizza Ranch Fundraiser from 4:30-7:30pm! Please come and support the students going to Steubenville!

***Thurs, Nov 14th**, Youth Group will be serving Oasis Share A Meal on along with the secular Franciscan Sisters. Meet at FPSR 4:30pm returning 8:00pm.

GERMANY 2020 TRIP: We have some openings for our 11-day trip to Germany, Belgium and Luxemburg from June 7-17, 2020. If you are interested, please call Horst Hanneken @ 1-320-745-2641 for details.

Nov 12 or Dec 10th 2019 Dementia Training: Michele Henifin on understanding of Dementia, strategies for communication and much more. 8a.m.-4:30p.m. with lunch included. Free to caregivers. To register Marie at 468-6451 option #2.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Nov. 16th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. Nov. 17th @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. (4:30 pm) – Brandon & Joey Stuckmayer

Sat. (8pm) – Michael & Sophie Leidenfrost

Sun. – Simon & Louis Gruber

Weekday Lector: – LeRoy Swanson

COMMUNION MINISTERS/DEER HUNTERS MASS 8pm:

Kristie Kroll, Keith Marshik, & Mason Zajac.

CHOIR NEWS: Adult choir practice Thurs. Nov. 14th at 10a.m.

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Olivia James*, daughter of Kennith and Jennifer and *Lucas James*, son of Eric and Kari Maus were baptized on Saturday, November 2nd. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Marlene E. Ruegemer* passed away on October 22nd Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, November 2nd at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in the St. Joseph's parish cemetery. *Marian J. Brisk* passed away on October 28th Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, November 6th at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in the St. Joseph's parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

DONUTS & COFFEE: Join us for Donuts, Coffee and fellowship Sunday Nov. 17th after the 8 a.m. Mass here at St. Joseph's. Hope to see you there!

St Joseph's Quilt Circle: Last year was another good year. *Thank you all!* The Bingo did really well. It is that time of year to turn our thoughts to quilting for next year. We do have lots of new material downstairs, please feel free to go take a look. Again, we will be asking for help for cutting, sewing tops, binding, etc. We will be ready to start stitching and tying quilts after the first of the year. Watch for our yearly letter coming out soon.

QUILT BINGO RESULTS: Net profit was \$7029.17. Thank you to Michelle Litke, C W/M and all who helped to make our Quilt Bingo a success. *Great job everyone and Thank you!*

FINANCIAL COUNCIL MEETING: Nov. 12th at 6:30p.m.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Nov. 12th at 7:30p.m.

St. Francis of Assisi Secular Franciscan's will be meeting on November 12, 2019 at the St. Otto Center in Little Falls. Fellowship will begin at 6:00 in the Heritage Room, (bring your own lunch) and meeting following. Come and join us.

Free Event: The Journey of Loss & Grief Fri. Nov. 22,

Check in, 8:30am - 9am, presentation, 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, St. John's Univ., Collegeville. Lunch provided. Grief is a normal response to loss, yet grief is chaotic and hard, so much so that we want to avoid it. But grief is the only way through loss. Registration is required: theologyday@csbsju.edu, www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, or 320-363-3560.

BEST ADVENT EVER: Please join your fellow parishioners for Dynamic Catholic's *BEST ADVENT EVER*, which is all about the amazing possibilities of your life. Every day during Advent you'll receive an email with a short video from Matthew Kelly and the Dynamic Catholic team. Free and easy to sign up. All you have to do is go to bestAdventEver.com and enter your name and email address. I encourage you to invite your family and friends once you sign up.

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!

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!*