

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019

“Let the King of Glory enter!”



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

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**Office Hrs.:** Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m., Friday Office will be Closed

**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor**

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**Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate**

**468-2316 or 320-221-1134**

Office Hrs.: Buckman, Thurs., 2-4 p.m.

**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 DEC 23<sup>rd</sup> – DEC 29<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday Dec. 23**

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

**Tuesday Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve**

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Charles & Maureen Watcott & Pam Woitalla

Buckman 4:30 p.m. +Lambert, Marie, & Colette Pohlkamp

Pierz 8:00 p.m. +Leon Leidenfrost

**Wednesday Dec. 25 - Christmas Day**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Margaret Tschida

Pierz 10:00 a.m. +Frank Schirmers (Folk Group)

**Thursday Dec. 26**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. Word/Communion Service (*NO MASS*)

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

**Friday Dec. 27**

**Pierz 8:30 a.m. NO MASS or WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE**

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Marion Brisk

**Saturday Dec. 28**

Pierz 4:30 p.m. Special Intention (Adult Choir)

**Sunday Dec. 29**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Ardell & Lea Waytashek (Folk Group)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Herb Britz and For the People of the Parishes

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 2685.00

High School \$ 11.00

Elementary \$ 3.00

Plate \$ 83.00

\$ 2782.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Sun.** - 212

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 5063.00

High School \$ 15.00

Elementary \$ 18.00

Plate \$ 483.25

\$ 5579.25

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> Sat.** - 198,

**Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> Sun.** - 203

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Dec. 16** –Kurt Kliber, **Dec. 17** –Beth Muntifering,

**Dec. 18** –Kaleb Solinger, **Dec. 19** –Amy Drew, **Dec.**

**20** –Nicole Finnegan, **Dec. 21** –Jan Kummert (\$35

Winners). **Dec. 22** – Nate Carper (\$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:** This weekend we have celebrated the last Sunday of Advent. It is hard to believe that this week we as a church will celebrate Christmas. I know that this can be a very busy time for families. I ask that the children be as much help as you can to make your family home run smoothly. Make your beds, do dishes without being asked and clean your rooms. Kids help Mom and Dad out by asking them can we pray together before the lights are out in the home. Bringing prayer to the *CHRISTMAS SEASON* is so important. Ask our *Savior Baby Jesus* to give peace to your families. It is a great joy that we can celebrate Christmas in the newly painted church of St. Michael's in Buckman. I want to thank the entire parish in helping to make this happen. May the Christ Child bless all the parishioners of St. Joseph's and St. Michael's. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

**CONFESSIONS TIMES DURING ADVENT:**

**Sun. Dec. 22:** Harding @ 6:30p.m.

**Mon. Dec. 23:** Communal Penance Service @ Pierz - 6:30p.m.

**OFFICE HOURS FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 23<sup>RD</sup>-27<sup>TH</sup>**

Mon. Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> 9a.m.-3p.m., Tue. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> 9a.m.-12p.m.,

Wed. Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup>-OFFICE CLOSED, Fri. Dec.

27<sup>th</sup> 9a.m.-4p.m. *Have a blessed & safe Holiday! From the*

*Staff of St. Joseph's & St. Michael's.*

**BULLETIN NEWS,** if you want information in the bulletin for the weekend of December 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> please get the information to the office by Thurs, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>.

**CONGRATULATIONS,** Leo Wehseler, a member of St. Joseph's parish, Vincent Charles and Bob Craven, members of the St. Cloud Diocese, who were installed last Sunday by Bishop Kettler as readers in their journey to become permanent Deacons.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Fr. Ken Popp will be gone on Thurs. Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> and Friday Dec. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**AREA NEWS:**

**\*Christmas at the Pipe Organ, Little Falls,** at Our Lady of Lourdes Church. Sun. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 3p.m. Bill Messerschmidt will be playing contemporary & traditional works. Free will offering to support Oasis Central MN. Refreshments served following the concert!

**\*Soup & Sandwich Supper, St. Elizabeth-Brennyville,** Fri. Jan. 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30-7p.m. Dessert & beverages included, free will offering. Take-outs available. All proceeds will go towards upkeep of the church. *Come and enjoy a variety of soups!*



**MERRY CHRISTMAS**

**ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**

**TUES, December 24<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. – Christmas Eve**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**Communion Ministers:** Janice Janson & Deb Hall

**Servers:** Clare & Quinn Gruber

**WED, December. 25<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m. – Christmas Day**

**Lector:** Randi Kranz

**Communion Ministers:** Alice Nordmann & Cindy Scholl

**Servers:** Eden & Carissa Andres

**SUN, December. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Sun. – Leo Pohlkamp

**Communion Ministers:** Sun. – Randi Kranz & Nathan Gruber

**Servers:** Sun. – Brittney Gruber & Emily Leidenfrost

**December Ushers:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

**CHOIR NEWS:** No choir practice this week.

**\*\* Christmas Eve Mass,** please join us at the 4:30p.m. Mass in our newly redecorated church! We will begin singing at 4:10p.m.

**\*\* Christmas Day,** Adam & Friends will sing on at the 8:00a.m. Mass. *May everyone have a blessed Christmas!*

**St. Joseph's Christ Child Baby Shower:** During Advent a basket for babies and young children items will be by the front side altar. Donations of diapers, clothes, toys, money, etc. are needed. Items will go to the Pierz food shelf and go to the Pierz food shelf and families in need. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Call 468-6070 with questions.

**CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL,** membership dinner. Sunday, Jan. 5, 2020 after the 10:00a.m. Mass in the St. Michael's Parish Center.

**PAINTING PROJECT:** If anyone has their pledges outstanding please mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off your payment in the parish office. ***Thank you for your generosity.***

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*Thank you for purchasing a 2020 Holy Trinity calendar! Blessings on having a winning calendar, but most of all thank you for supporting the school.

\*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.

\*May you be filled with the wonder of Mary, the obedience of Joseph, the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the determination of the magi, and the peace of the Christ child. Almighty God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit **ble**ss you now and forever. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

**Central Minnesota TEC:** celebrates 41 years of hosting Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreats in the diocese of St. Cloud. It is the largest TEC retreat program in the United States, with more than 38,000 participants. TEC is geared towards youth (age 16+) as well as adults. As Pope Francis invites us to "Moments of Encounter" with our God and each other, TEC provides the perfect three-day retreat experience to do just that. Consider taking time over the coming months to participate in an *encounter* retreat like Central Minnesota TEC. You won't regret it. Check out the monthly TEC retreat schedule at [www.cmtec.org](http://www.cmtec.org).

**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**

**Christmas Eve - Tues, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 8:00p.m.**

**Lectors:** Tracy Voigt

**Communion Ministers:** Choir-Linda Welle, NCF-Keith Marshik, NBF-Michelle Litke, SBF-Fr. Ken Popp, SCF-Tracy Voigt, NCB-Marvin Kimman, NBB-Jan Dahmen, SBB-Rachel Young, SCB-Kristie Kroll.

**Servers:** Simon & Louis Gruber

**Christmas Day – Wed, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00a.m.**

**Lector:** Gary Poser

**Communion Ministers:** NCF-Dan Waytashek, NBF-Lois Waytashek, SBF-Fr. Ken Popp, SCF-Leroy Swanson, NCB-Marvin Kimman, NBB-Doris Thyen, SBB-Kerri Kasper, SCB-Beth Fischer.

**Servers:** Caden & Natalie Knutson

**SAT. Dec. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Dec. 29<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Sat. – Jack Prokott & Teagan Przybilla

Sun. – Joelle & Laura Young

**Weekday Lector:** – Harvey Kimman

**CHOIR NEWS:**

**\*Adult choir** will start singing at 7:30p.m. on Christmas Eve. Anyone interested in singing or listening to Christmas carols, please join us!

**\*Folk Group,** will be singing at the 10a.m Mass on Christmas Day. They will start playing music at 9:45a.m. Come early and enjoy the music!

**\*Youth/Children Choir** will sing at 8am on Sunday, January 5th. We will practice from 6-7 on Thursday, January 2nd. All children ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

**III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding December 31, 2019)**

Mackinzie Meyer and Matthew Brezinka

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**2020 Bazaar Dish towels** are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the parish office. Thank You!

**CHRISTIAN M/W NEWS:**

**\*\*Our next meeting date has changed.** Join us at 5:30pm for mass with a meeting to follow in the church basement on Tuesday, January 14th.

**\*\*We are looking for someone to step up for the Vice President roll.** Please prayerfully consider if this something you could do! Contact Rachel Young with any questions regarding expectations or to volunteer, 630-3630.

**4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER:** Is scheduled for Fri. April 17, 2020 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available beginning the weekend of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033. *The Raffle Tickets can make great Christmas Gifts!*

*From the staff of St. Joseph's & St. Michael's Church, we wish everyone a safe and blessed holiday with family and friends.*

**Save A Marriage.** Are you or someone you know, living in the pain of a marriage in trouble? Retrouvaille can help. The next program starts Jan. 24, 2020 @ Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, MN. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website [www.helpourmarriage.org](http://www.helpourmarriage.org) for more information. Preregistration is required. Space is limited.

**St. Rita's Church, Hillman:** We are looking for pictures and memories of St. Rita's Parish for our centennial celebration next May. We are working on publishing a history of the parish and are looking for old pictures and memories to be shared. As we have been around for so long, perhaps you have attended Mass or on of our fundraisers and have an interesting story or memory to share. We would like to hear all of them. All the "do you remember this?...or..."remember when?"... those are the stories we are looking for...pictures too! You can email it to [strita@brainerd.net](mailto:strita@brainerd.net), Lestie Rueter at [lmrueter@yahoo.com](mailto:lmrueter@yahoo.com) or Mel Buesseler at [melnetty@littlefalls.net](mailto:melnetty@littlefalls.net) by January 1, 2020. Original pictures will be returned.

**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!