

**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor, Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate contact information: 468-2316 or 320-221-1134**

**Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Fri. - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish office number 468-6033.

**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 NOVEMBER 23<sup>rd</sup> – NOVEMBER 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Tuesday, November 24**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Virginia C. Bayerl

**Wednesday, November 25 – Pierz HT School Mass: Mrs. Lanners' 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class**

8:30 a.m. Pierz Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God

7:30 p.m. Buckman +Ted & Leona Funk & Family Members

**Thursday, November 26 – Thanksgiving Day**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Henry Preimesberger Jr.

**Friday, November 27**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Jim Becker

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

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, November 28**

4:30 p.m. Pierz Don & Mary Tschida for their 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

**Sunday, November 29**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Florentine & Leander Hartmann

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Raymond “Ray” Kahl, and For the People of the Parishes



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

Adult	\$ 3025.00
High School	\$ 1.50
Elementary	\$ 12.00
Plate	\$ 206.00
	\$ 3244.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **November 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 112

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

Adult	\$ 4194.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 9.50
Plate	\$ 40.00
	\$ 4249.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **November 14<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 80

Mass attendance **November 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 74

**CONFESSIONS:** Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.

Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**November 16** – Avery Lillemoe, **November 17** – Steven Gall, **November 18** – Athena Janson, **November 19** – Tiphani Massmann, **November 20** – Randy & Jessie LeBlanc, **November 21** – Jason Tollefson (\$35 Winners). **November 22** – Eileen Espelien (\$75 Winner).

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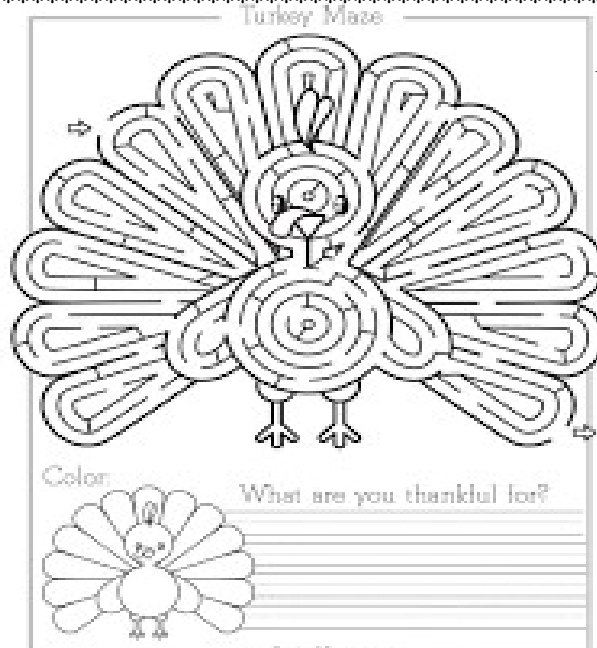
**FROM OUR PASTOR:** We all know that restrictions are going to again be placed on everyone and already are happening as you read my letter. I know that these are challenging times for all of us but with faith and hope we can all get through these days. I know that families are readjusting how they will come together for Thanksgiving and Christmas. I think we can all agree we need to keep everyone safe especially the elderly and people with underline issues. I ask that all families pray about how they will attend Mass on the weekends either physically present at church or viewing it on T.V. Soon my Christmas letter will come out with the confession and Christmas Mass schedules. If things change, we will keep you informed, so please check out our website we will be posting any changes that we make to it. Keep praying and trusting that the Lord will be with us and He will never abandon His church. Parents let your children know you will guild them and that we will make it through these challenge times. Also, not to be afraid and pray. Let us keep everyone in our prayers that may be dealing at this time with Coronaviruses or COVID-19. God Bless everyone and please stay healthy ~ Fr. Ken Popp

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**MISSALETTES:** New missalettes are available in the front entrance of the Parish Office in Pierz and the on the table in the side entrance of St. Michael's Church-Buckman for those who are interested in having one for their use.

**NEW OFFICE HOURS:** With the increase of Covid cases in our area, the office will be closed to the public until further notice. Please feel free to call the office or email us. We will be checking our telephone messages and emails, plus our Drop Box on a daily basis. You may use the Drop Box located on the wall by the office door to leave us messages also. If you need to, you can call the office to make a scheduled appointment with us. We will be more than happy to help you. Thank you for your understanding. Office: 468-6033 or Email: [stjoes@midco.net](mailto:stjoes@midco.net).

**WEEKLY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:** Michael Pekar's weekly discussion questions are posted on our parish website.



Wishing everyone a safe and Happy Thanksgiving!

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

**THANKSGIVING MASS: (Wed., Nov. 25th @ 7:30 p.m.)**

**Lector:** Jane Funk

**Communion Ministers:** Connie Kieffer & Nicole Hoheisel

**SUN., Nov. 29th @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Todd Caddy

**Communion Ministers:** Carolyn Andres & Bob Lochner

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

**NEW LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST:**

is located on the table in the side entrance of St. Michael's Church for those needing one.

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Kenneth John Mueller* passed away on Wednesday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. A private Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, November 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**SECRET SANTA:** Every year the Buckman Area Lions does a Secret Santa and surprises a family in need. This year they are asking for your help to finding that Family. Located in the Parish Center entryway is a Christmas tree. Please take a paper ornament from the basket and inside write the Family's information, then take a sticky dot(s) to seal the ornament shut and then hang it on the tree. The ornaments will be collected daily. Thank You for Your Help!

**PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 468-6148.

\*\*If you would like to be on the prayer line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

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**DROP BOX AVAILABLE:** There is now a locked drop box located on the wall in the breezeway of the parish office for you to leave messages, contributions/church envelopes, or anything else that needs to be dropped off for the secretaries to take care of. This will be checked every day.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*A Thanksgiving Prayer: O Gracious God, we give you thanks for your overflowing generosity to us. Thank you for the blessings of the food we eat. Thank you for our home and family and friends, especially for the presence of those gathered here for Thanksgiving. Thank you for our health, our work, and our play.

\*Raffle calendars are on sale. Contact a school parent or the office to purchase your calendar. They make great Christmas gifts.

\*The annual Giving Tree project provides support to local families with gifts for Christmas. This has been a tradition at Holy Trinity for many years. This year there are four families we are supporting with the Giving tree. Since we are not able to have parents physically pick tags off the tree in the building, go to [www.holytrinitypierz.org](http://www.holytrinitypierz.org) to see the list of items needed and pick your "tag" today.

\*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.

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

**THANKSGIVING MASS: (Thurs. Nov. 26th @ 8:30 a.m.)**

**Lector:** Karen Gross

**SAT., Nov. 28th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN., Nov. 29th @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Weekday Lector:** Harvey Kimman

**Communion Ministers:** Sat. Nov. 28- Kerri Kasper & Kristie Kroll, Sun. Nov. 29- Chris & Rachel Young

**LECTORS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat. -Al Pekarek, Sun. - Keith Marshik

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat.- John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll, Sun.- Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, & Jason Sadlovsky

**CONGRATULATIONS!** To Stephen & Bethany (Halverson) Maus, who were married this weekend.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Lyla Laurette*, daughter of William Waytashek and Brooke Gammon, was baptized on Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Herbert "Herb" Stumpf* passed away on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, November 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**ST. JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE:** The Parish Center basement is again open for quilting using safe distancing. Any groups that need to do their tying can reserve the basement by calling the Parish Office. Some of you have been working on quilts on your own during this stay at home time. If you have quilts that haven't been turned in please call Eileen at 320-360-2434 so we can get a rough count of what we will have.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION:** Is at St. Joseph's Church every Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. There is such a need for prayers in America and in the world at this time. Please give this some consideration; you can stop in anytime between those hours, you can spend an hour, or you can drop in and say "Hi, Jesus. I love you." It is our church and we need your support. Jesus and our Blessed Mother need YOU!

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**ORATORY CONTEST:** The Morrison County Chapter of MN Citizens Concerned for Life ( MCCL) is having an oratory contest for youth in grades 6-12. The theme this year is "Life - Critical At All Stages". The rules are at least one typed page, double spaced, supporting the listed theme. Students are to include their name, address and phone number where they can be reached. The deadline is Dec. 15th. There will be 3 entries chosen and each will receive a \$75 cash prize. Entries may be mailed to Gerri Klimek at 508 10th ST. SW Little Falls, MN 56345, dropped off, or call 320-632-8215 for pick up or for any questions. Youth chosen are asked to present their speech during the MCCL dinner usually held the last Sunday of Jan. at the LFs Ballroom and would receive 2 free tickets. This year there may be some adjustments as to how the youth will present their speech as decisions are still being made regarding the dinner. We are hoping there will be a few who will take the time to put their thoughts to paper on this critical issue of protecting life at all stages from conception to natural death.