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## The Third Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Great is the Holy One of Israel!

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**FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR**  
Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.  
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Michael's office hours are Thurs, Buckman 2-4p.m.

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### **MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday	Dec. 17	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Dec. 18	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Howie Braun
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Dec. 19	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Delphine Gall
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Reconciliation of Our Nation back to God
Thursday	Dec. 20	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	St. Michael's Catholic United Financial
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Dec. 21	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Relatives of Hildegard Kapsner (Holy Trinity School Mass)
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+LaVonne Kolles
Saturday	Dec. 22	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Phil & Cora Thielen (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Dec. 23	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+ Harvey Otremba (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes / +Jerry & Shannon Fyten
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Dec. 24</b>	<b>Villa</b>	<b>9:30 a.m.</b>	+Charles & Maureen Watercott & Pam Weitalla
<b>*Christmas Eve</b>	<b>Pierz</b>	<b>4:30 p.m.</b>		+Margaret Tschida (Folk Group & Children & Youth Choir)
		<b>Buckman</b>	<b>9:00 p.m.</b>	+Joe Malinowski
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Dec. 25</b>	<b>Pierz</b>	<b>8:00 a.m.</b>	+Deceased Members of King & Andrea Families (Adult Choir)
<b>*Christmas Day</b>		<b>Buckman</b>	<b>10:00 a.m.</b>	+Frank Schirmers

**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 PASTOR:**

We are already into the third Sunday of Advent and I can't believe Christmas is this close. As your pastor, I hope your advent is spiritually meaningful. Perhaps as a family you are saying a prayer at the dinner table as you light each candle on the advent wreath, or a discussion is taking place about confession and how family members would want to fulfill the practice of going before Christmas. This is a wonderful time of the year, when parents can talk with their children about how important faith is in the life of the family. This is when Grandparents can share how faith was an integral goal part of the family structure when growing up. I want to conclude by saying again, do not miss these moments of discussing those important aspects of our Catholic faith with family members. Life changes so fast. Treasure the holy times of family life as you try to imitate the Holy Family during this time of the year. May you continue to have a holy advent season preparing for Christmas. What will your family photo albums look like? Will there be pictures of faith life in your families?  
~ Fr. Ken Popp

### **LOOKING AHEAD:**

\*If anyone has information for the bulletin the week of the 24<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> please have it to us by Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. Thank you!  
\*Fr. Popp will be gone Wed., Dec. 26<sup>th</sup> & Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**EXTRA CONFESSIONS DURING ADVENT:** Tue. Dec. 18 at Pierz, 7:30-8p.m., Wed. Dec. 19 at Buckman, 8-8:30p.m., Thurs., Dec. 20 at Pierz, 12-12:30p.m., Fri., Dec. 21 at Buckman, 10-10:30a.m., Sat., Dec. 22 at Pierz, 10-10:30a.m.  
**Sun., Dec. 23, Communal Penance Service at St. Joseph's, 7p.m.**

### **AREA EVENTS:**

**\*CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL** meeting Wed., Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>, 10a.m. at the offices of Father Pierz School of Religion. Please join us.

**FOUR PARISH MISSION:** Sun., Jan. 13 - Wed., Jan. 16<sup>th</sup>.

Our four area parishes will be hosting a time of renewal, one evening in each parish. Our speaker, Glen Gauer.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*Raffle Calendars are on sale in the HTCS office.

\$25/calendar. Last day to purchase is December 18<sup>th</sup>.

\*Holy Trinity will be selling gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala as a world mission project and to support Holy Trinity. Thank you for the support!

\*Advent waiting....Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a hunger for peace: peace in the world, peace in my home, peace in myself. Come, long-expected Jesus. Excite in me a joy responsive to the Father's joy. I seek His will so I can serve with gladness, singing and love.

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

Adult	\$4466.00
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 46.40
Plate	\$ 483.55
	\$4996.95

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

<b><u>St. Joseph's:</u></b>
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 225
Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 278
<b><u>St. Michael's:</u></b>
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 185

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

Adult	\$4933.00
High School	\$ 16.00
Elementary	\$ 21.75
Plate	\$ 332.25
	\$5303.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**SUNDAY - Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Lector** - Bob Lochner  
**Communion Ministers** - Dean Rocheleau & Cindy Scholl  
**Servers** - Emily Herold & Brenna Andres

**MON. Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE @ 9:00 p.m.**

**Lector**- Karen Stangl  
**Communion Ministers**- Rosemary Mischke, Connie Kieffer, Jill Hoheisel, Leo Pohlkamp, Debbie Hall  
**Servers**- Avery & Clare Gruber

**TUES., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector**- Jane Funk  
**Communion Ministers**- Carolyn Andres & Alice Nordmann  
**Servers**- Jake Andres & Carissa Andres

**CHOIR PRACTICE:** Tues., Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 p.m. Choir will sing on Sun., Dec. 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Stella James, daughter of Michael & Kari Solinger was baptized Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**CHRISTMAS WREATHS** for sale after 10a.m. mass.

**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:** Baby items and money donations are needed for families in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions, call Cindy at 468-6070.

**CM/W MEETING,** on Jan., 17<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Parish Center, at 1p.m. Groups 7 & 8 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions call Patty at 468-2487.

**PAINTING PROJECT:** Most of the pledges have been sent out. There is still time to send them in. We would like to have them back by Christmas. *Thank you!*

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**LECTOR BOOKS:** Are available in both churches for the lectors to pick up. *Thank you.*

**FPSR 468-2640 NEWS**

**THANK YOU** to everyone who bought St. Nick raffle tickets last week. Our raffle was a huge success. Congratulations to the following winners: \$500- Diane Hoheisel, \$200- Lucas Scott, \$100- Grace Boser, \$100- Dave Rocheleau, \$100- Doug Brown, \$100- Jill Kessler, \$50- Tanner Young, \$50- Doug Kloss, \$25- Galen Stumpf, \$25- Melissa Tschida. We are blessed!

**SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY,** at the Pierz Villa Chapel on Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>, 4p.m. We will pray for our country. All are welcome. Any questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

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

**SAT. Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.- Kami & Brooke Athman  
Sun.- Mason Hoheisel & McKenna Hoheisel  
**Weekday Lector:** Harvey Kimman

**MON., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS EVE @ 4:30 p.m.**

**Servers:** Joey & Brandon Stuckmayer  
**Communion Ministers:** NCF-Loretta Przybilla, NBF-Barb Zajac, SBF-Father Popp, SCF-Marvin Kimman, NCB-Rachel Young, NBB-Sara Stumpf, SBB-Kristie Kroll, SCB-Linda Welle

**TUES., Dec. 25<sup>th</sup> - CHRISTMAS DAY @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Rachel & Kahlee Kasper  
**Communion Ministers:** NCF- Beth Fischer, NBF-Ryan Stangl, SBF-Father Popp, SCF-Keith Marshik, NCB-Jan Kimman, NBB-Tracy Voigt, SBB Marilyn Virnig, SCB-Leroy Swanson, Choir-Kerri Kasper.

**\*FOLK GROUP PRACTICE:** Thurs., Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 p.m.

**\*CHILDREN & YOUTH CHOIR PRACTICE:**  
Thurs. Dec., 20<sup>th</sup> @ 6 p.m. We will be singing for the Christmas Eve mass at 4:30 p.m.

***\*Music will start at 4 p.m. for the Christmas Eve Mass.***

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Asher Alvin, son of Alvin & Kari Kimman and Hank Mark, son of Mark & Sharon Brixius were baptized Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**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, money, etc. are needed. Items will go to Pierz Food Shelf and families. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Questions, call 468-6070.

**DECORATING THE CHURCH** will take place on Mon., Dec. 24<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>- Ken Pohlkamp, Dec. 11<sup>th</sup>- Gregg & Kristi Marshik, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup>- Yvonne Kisor, Dec. 13<sup>th</sup>- Nick Miller, Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>- Paul & Cindy Pulak, Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>- Madeline Hoheisel (\$35 winners) Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>- Ellie Holm (\$75 Winner)

**NASHVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Mary of Lourdes School will be hosting a Nashville Country Christmas Concert on Dec. 26th at the Falls Ballroom, featuring Kenny & Diana Janson & many of their musician friends. Tickets on sale after weekend Masses, parish & Mary of Lourdes School offices, as well as Little Falls Radio Station, Radio Shack, and Pine Country Bank. Please call 632-5408 with any questions.

**SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE:** Do you have 1hr a 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 1yr term, praying for 1hr any day of the week you choose. Call Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289.

**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!

**Hands of Hope Resource Center:** Volunteers are needed to work with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and general crime on our 24-hour hotline. There will be a free volunteer advocate training starting in October. For more information, call Amanda at 320-632-1657

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;” Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love. The next weekends are: Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more info visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact us at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS:** Little Falls on Tues, Dec 4 and Jan 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel’s Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Marge Benusa at [pmbenusa@yahoo.com](mailto:pmbenusa@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 320-631-5660.

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

**PRAYER BLANKETS:** Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients, they are also blessed by our Pastor. Questions, call Kathy Etzel, 468-2105

**ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH FESTIVAL ITEMS:** We are already looking for new items or completed baskets. You can drop it off at the parish office. \*Seasonal items make great baskets!

**Caregiver Support Group:** Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of Every Month at 2pm at First United Church in Little Falls in the Fireside Room. We will be enjoying each other’s company and supporting one another, as we face difficult tasks and decisions, while being a dedicated caregiver. For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

**We have added a second monthly Caregiver Support Group!** Join us on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of every month at Horizon Health in Pierz! For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

**Kristine Hoheisel Senior Resources Director Horizon Health, Inc. Pierz 56364 320-468-6451 Fax: 320-468-6463**

**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:**

**Wed. Dec 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:30a.m. - 1p.m.**- Info on Veterans Benefits Presentation given by Kathy Marshik, Morrison County Veterans Service Officer. Contact Kristine Hoheisel, Senior Resources Dir. Horizon Health, 468-6451 Fax: 320-468-6463.

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** Retreat *Following Jesus: The Path of Holiness—Joyful and Challenging*, which will be held Mon-Fri, Jan 14-18, 2019, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Father David Knight, retreat director, will help participants focus on their call to holiness. For more information, or to register by January 3, 2019, contact the Franciscan Life Center at (320)632-0680, [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org) or visit [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

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