

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord

January 12th, 2020

Give comfort to my people, says your God!

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

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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 JAN 13th – JAN 19th

Monday Jan. 13

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

Tuesday Jan. 14

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Ervin M. Girtz

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

Wednesday Jan. 15

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Ed & Ceal Malinowski

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Laura Kapsner

Thursday Jan. 16

Buckman 8:00 a.m. **NO MASS & WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE**

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

Friday Jan. 17

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Dorothy Thielen

Buckman 8:30 a.m. **NO MASS & WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE**

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Robert Bayerl

Saturday Jan. 18

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +JoAnn Maus (Folk Group)

Sunday Jan. 19

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Henry Preimesberger Jr.

Buckman 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3152.00

Elementary \$ 20.15

Plate \$ 276.00

\$ 3448.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Jan 5th Sun.** - 326

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4742.00

High School \$ 1.00

Elementary \$ 10.30

Plate \$ 363.00

\$ 5116.30

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Jan. 4th Sat.** - 220

Jan 5th Sun. - 263

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Jan. 6 –Kenny Allen, **Jan. 7** –Adam Gulden, **Jan.**

8 –Ann Buselmeier, **Jan. 9** –Jeanette Janson, **Jan.**

10 –Martha Woitalla, **Jan. 11** –Rita Kunkel (\$35

Winners). **Jan. 12** –Steve Hoheisel (\$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:

Our Christmas Season tells us quite a bit about our unique God; a God who does things so differently than how we would probably do them. It is for this reason that I believe we (myself included) often miss or misunderstand our Loving God. In last week's reading, if I was God, Herod and his soldiers would have been turned to cheese-cake in a pre-emptive strike and given to Mary and Joseph to eat, but the Real God respects our free will and warned Mary and Joseph to flee at the last moment. Our Real God stayed with them as they lived as aliens in a foreign land and perhaps the gifts the Wisemen gave them paid for their journey and living expenses for a while. Now as we hear in today's Gospel reading John the Baptist is totally confused. He, the sinner, should be baptized by the who is Righteous, not the other way around. Yet Jesus wants it done this way, because this is the way His Father desires it to be done. Sometimes in our lives, God will ask us to do things that may not make sense, but then we need to be like John the Baptist and trust in our Creator and Redeemer. ~~~ Michael Pekar ~~~ P.S. SKOL Vikings

SUNDAY NIGHT ADULT DISCUSSION GROUP,

will be studying St. Paul's Epistle to the Romans. We meet in the parish office meeting room at 7 PM. The first meeting is on January 5th, 2020. All are invited. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY – Villa:

Join us on Sun. Jan. 12th at 4 p.m. in the Pierz Villa chapel, as we pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary for our country. Call Patty with any questions 468-2487.

Bus trip to St. Paul for the March for Life,

Wed. Jan 22, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, will be leaving from St. Joseph's-Pierz Parking Lot at 8 a.m. The bus will stop at St. Michael's-Buckman Parking Lot at 8:10. We will arrive at the St Paul Cathedral for an Ecumenical Service, and after will march to Capitol. Bus will return home about 3:30-4 pm. Please bring a bag lunch and a friend. For reservations, call Rich Langer at 320-630-4820, or Dale Beierman at 320-360-7100.

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. Popp will be on vacation Jan 16th – 24th. Fr. David Maciej will be celebrating Mass on Sat. Jan 18th and Fr. Larn Virnig will be celebrating Mass on Sun. Jan 19th.

DATE CHANGE: ADORATION: Please join us on Wed. Jan. 15th, from 7-8 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center in Buckman for adoration to the Blessed Sacrament. Questions, please call Patty at 468-2487. Everyone is welcome!

Tuesday Faith Formation Bible Study Group will start up again on Tues. Jan. 7th at 3 p.m. "Genus to Jesus". Any questions, please call Hilde at 468-2649.

CALLING ALL MEN! A One-Day Men's Retreat, Sat, Jan 25, 8am-4pm at Holy Family, Little Falls. We discuss matters that affect us as catholic men in today's society. **To Register or for more information call:** Dcn. Craig 320-360-1177, Luke Waltman 320-282-4404, Tony Miller 320-980-6074. There will be a free-will donation (\$20 suggested) Pre-registration is helpful but same day registration is available

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Jan. 19 @ 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Ron Kahl

Communion Ministers: Jill Hoheisel & Megan Herold

Servers: Noah Solinger & Gabe Stangl

January Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Noah Francis*, son of Grant and Katie Stangl who was baptized on Sun. January 5th.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

CONGRATULATIONS! To Matthew & Mackenzie Brezinka on their Wedding on December 31st.

THANK YOU to Group 2 and all the extra help with the Ambrose Janski funeral lunch. *A job well done!*

SILENT AUCTION: After mass, there will be a number of odds and ends, pews, fans, etc. set up in the basement that will be on silent auction. The auction will end Jan 29th at noon.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: Baby items-teens, including new & gently used clothing, coats, hats, mittens & diapers are being collected, along with monetary donations for area families in need. Sponsored by the Buckman CW/M. Basket in the Parish Center. Any questions, please call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410

C M/W NEWS: We will meet on Thurs. Jan 16th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center. We will discuss the quilt bingo. Groups 3 & 4 will bring and serve refreshments. If you have an item for the agenda or questions please call Patty at 468-2487.

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

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Toddler classes will begin again at 6:00 pm on Wednesday Jan. 8th. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4 to this fun interactive evening.

*The school carnival date has been moved from the second Sunday in March to the first Sunday in March. The date is Sunday, March 1st. Please mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are available for sale.

*Holy Trinity will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. We will have a supply on hand. Holy Trinity will make \$3 on each bag sold and \$10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

Theology on Tap: Come and join young adults in their 20s and 30s. Our next Theology on Tap is on Thurs, Jan. 16 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour begins at 7:00. Our speaker is Father Doug Liebsch and he will give a talk titled: AM I FOLLOWING JESUS: LIVING THE CATHOLIC FAITH IN A POLARIZED CULTURE. This talk will focus on the shifting and polarizing cultural dynamics and how these conditions allow for our personal, heart-felt faith to grow amidst these circumstances. We will consider ways for each of us to grow in a personal relationship with Christ in the variety of vocations Jesus has called us to. Fr. Doug Liebsch was ordained in 2016. He currently serves as the chaplain at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud and is the assistant vocations director. We hope you join us for this great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Jan. 18 @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Jan. 19 @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Morgan Litke & Addison Marshik

Sun. – Alana Rocheleau & Faith Bridewell

Weekday Lector: – Mary Kimman

THANK YOU: I truly enjoyed my time at St. Joseph's and would like to thank everyone for all of the help and support I received while working as custodian/groundskeeper. ~ Rex

THANK YOU, To Dale Przybilla and Tom Albright for the many years of Ushering here at St. Joseph's. *Thank you!*

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Esther Poser* passed away on January 2, Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, January 6, at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in parish cemetery. *Leona T. Gruber* passed away on January 3, Mass of Christian burial was held on Wednesday, January 8, with burial in parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

DONUTS & COFFEE: Sunday, Jan. 19th after the 8 a.m. Mass. Please join us for donuts and fellowship.

C 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.

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!

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: Our next group quilting day will be Mon Jan 20 starting at 9 am. We have two quilts set up one for stitching and one for tying. We also have a sewing machine and cutting utensils. If you are willing to help in any way or wanting to learn any of these skills, we will teach so please join us. Anyone is welcome to go down and sew anytime the parish office is open. Any questions call 320-360-2434.

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINT. RAFFLE & GERMAN

DINNER: Is scheduled for Fri. April 17, 2020 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available beginning the weekend of Dec. 14th & 15th at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

AREA NEWS:

***St Anthony Parish Center-Breakfast, St Cloud,** Sun, Jan 19, serving 8a.m. to Noon. in the, 2410 1st St N., The menu features fresh and smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with fruit toppings, fresh fruit, rolls, hash browns, coffee, and milk or orange juice. Adults \$8, 6-12 Years Old \$3, and Preschoolers eat free.

Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team will be hosting its 5th annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser on Saturday, January 18, 2020. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and can be purchased from any Pizzazz Dancer. There will be games, music, split the pot, and much more! To enter a soup or donate an auction item, contact Jackie @ 320-232-0539.

FREE THROW CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus will have their local free throw competition for all boys and girls ages 9-14 as of Jan 1st, 2020 on Sunday, January 19th and 26th in the MAC gym at the high school from 11am-1pm. If you have any questions, contact Jason Sadlovsky @ 320-360-0001.

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!