

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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Secretary office hrs: Mon,

Wed & Thurs, 8a.m.-4p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	April 9	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	April 10	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Jim & Patricia Happke
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Pierz	7:00 p.m.	Confirmation Mass (Folk Group)
Wednesday	April 11	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Emily Dehler
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Alvin Stangl
Thursday	April 12	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Gerald Hoffman
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	April 13	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Amy Jansen (school mass)
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Reinhard Langer
Saturday	April 14	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Dellie Brausen (Adult Choir)
Sunday	April 15	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	The People of the Parish
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Carol, Claude, & Shelly Theis

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: I would like to ask everyone to pray for people who are preparing themselves to receive the Sacraments. This week we have our high school Candidates who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this Tuesday Night. The Holy Spirit now seals the Baptismal relationship with the Father and Son and stirs up the full outpouring of the gifts of the Spirit. Sometimes this sealing and stirring is felt in the person's spirit immediately and other times it is made more apparent as the youth grows in faith. Pray for those who are being Confirmed. Please pray for those who are preparing to receive the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. Pray for their families that this deepening bond with Jesus Christ that the child is approaching will not only fill the families with joy, but also act as a catalyst for a spiritual renewal in the family as each family and we all reflect on our closeness to the Lord in word, prayer and deed. We also have many people who are engaged and are preparing for Marriage. During this time of "Engagement" please pray for our couples for the gift of discernment to be sure this is what they want to do, and also for the increase of any other gifts of the Spirit they need to be ready to make this life-long commitment in the Sacrament of Marriage. Pray for these people and continue having a Blessed Easter. --- Fr. Ken Popp

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS (Office #-468-6446)

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open. Variable Tuition is available. Go to www.holytrinitypierz.org for more information on variable tuition.

*There will be a preschool and new family open house on at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 24th. This is an opportunity for parents and children to visit the school and find out more information about Holy Trinity School.

*On Friday, April 20th from 9:30-11:30 a.m. the 4th grade students will present their Science Fair projects and the 5th grade students will present their Robotics projects. Community members are invited to attend.

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

Apr. 2-Tanya & Matt Thielen, Apr. 3-Margie M. Loidolt, Apr 4-Bob & Becky Jansen, Apr. 5-JoJo Wagner, Apr. 6-Julie LaFlamme, Apr. 7-Luke Kasella, (\$35 winners) Apr. 8-Todd Block (\$75 Winner)

Second Sunday of Easter Divine Mercy

April 8, 2018

Give thanks to God!

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

MICHAEL PEKAR - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Michael's office hours are Tues, Pierz 2-4p.m. & Wed., Buckman 2-4p.m.

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FPSR (Office # 468-2640):

***CONFIRMATION** is on Tuesday, April 10th at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Students need to be there at 5:30 p.m. for the rehearsal and sponsors need to be there at 6:30 p.m. in the Church basement.

***10th GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING** is on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Gym for all 10th graders and their parents.

***STEUBENVILLE MEETING** for all students attending Steubenville is on Wednesday, April 18th at 5:45 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Gym.

RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: Will be hosted at Galen & Karla Stumpf's farm on August 12, 2018. Many volunteers are needed. If anyone is interested in helping with this celebration, please contact the parish office at 468-6033. God Bless you for your support.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Holy Thursday \$ 1060.00
Good Friday \$ 1074.00
Easter \$ 16892.56

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

St. Joseph's:
Thurs. 280, Fri. 480,
Sat. 236, Sun. 607

St. Michael's:

Thurs. 244, Fri. 224,
Sat. 248, Sun. 506

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Holy Thursday \$ 1253.79
Good Friday \$ 2009.03
Easter \$ 19437.78

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY - April 15 @ 10:00 a.m.:

LECTOR:-Janice Janson

COMMUNION MINISTERS:- Leo Pohlkamp & Dean Rocheleau.

SERVERS:- Braden LeBlanc & Madison Talberg.

APRIL USHERS:- Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

CHOIR PRACTICE: Thursday April 12th at 7:00 p.m. Choir will sing on Sunday, April 15th.

CM/W MEETING: on Thurs. April 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at St. Michael's Church. Groups 11 & 12 are to bring and serve refreshments. Questions please call Patty 468-2487.

HELP NEEDED: Help is needed to prepare and serve a meal for the Bishop and priests before confirmation on Tues., April 10th. If you can help, please call Patty at 468-2487. *Thank you!*

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MEETING: Thurs. April 12th at 7:30 p.m. St. Michael's Parish Center.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The next weekend is Apr. 13th-15th in Baxter. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. When one receives a blanket, they know they aren't alone but are covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then they are blessed by our Pastor. Donations can be left with the parish secretary. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105.

AREA EVENTS:

***Pierz American Legion Auxiliary-Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale-**Sun. April 15th, from 8:30- 12:30 p.m. St. Michael's Parish Hall, Buckman. Adults \$9.00, Children 5-10 \$5.00, Children 4 and under free.

***Ramey Morrill Lions-French Toast Breakfast-**Sun. April 15th, from 8:30- 12:00 p.m. St. Joseph Parish Hall in Morrill.

***Our Lady of Lourdes- Turkey Dinner-**Sun. April 15th, from 9:00- 12:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls.

***St. Ann's Christian Mothers Quilt Bingo-** Sun. April 15th, 1:00 p.m. St. James church, Randall.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

April - Sat. 14 @ 4:30p.m. & Sun. 15 @ 8:00a.m.:

Servers: Sat.-Reagan Winscher & Brooke Athman
Sun.-John Brisk & Thomas Mayer

Weekday Lector: Jan Dahmen

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL: Sat.-Sara Stumpf, Loretta Przybilla, Jan Dahmen, Choir-Barb Zajac. Sun.-Marilyn Virnig, Mary Tschida, Pat Hartmann.

LECTORS FOR APRIL: Sat.- Tracy Voigt & Sun.-Gwen Gruber.

USHERS FOR APRIL: Sat. - Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, Jon Stumpf. Sun.- Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, Jeff Virnig.

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, just ask. Hear what you've been missing!

CM/W MEETING: on Wed, April 11th at 6:00 p.m.. This is the annual salad supper meeting! Members, please bring a salad to share! The salad supper meeting will be held in the church basement. Catholic Women who are not yet members, please prayerfully consider joining us for the evening and becoming members. You don't have to bring anything! Call Michelle Litke at 218-780-8560 if you have questions.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL: is looking for 4 new council members to take over for those who have finished serving their term. Please call the parish office if you are interested. Elections will be held April 21st and 22nd before Mass.

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

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!