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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.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 1ST – MARCH 7TH, 2021		<u>ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u>	
<u>Tuesday, March 2</u>		Adult	\$ 2,343.00
8:00 a.m. Pierz	+Joe Koltas	High School	\$ 6.00
<u>Wednesday, March 3</u>		Elementary	\$ 6.25
8:00 a.m. Buckman	+Ray Kahl	Plate	\$ 152.00
7:00 p.m. Pierz	Knights of Columbus Mass		\$ 2,507.25
7:00 p.m. Buckman	Stations of the Cross	<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
7-9:00 p.m. Buckman	Eucharistic Adoration	Mass attendance February 17th Wednesday:	107
<u>Thursday, March 4</u>		Mass attendance February 21st Sunday:	190
8:00 a.m. Buckman	+Marie Pohlkamp	<u>ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u>	
<u>Friday, March 5 - Pierz HT School Mass: Mrs. Gangl's 3rd Grade Class</u>		Adult	\$ 6,240.00
8:30 a.m. Pierz	+Janet Cheney	High School	\$ 4.00
8:30 a.m. Buckman	Word/Communion Service	Elementary	\$ 10.30
3-4:00 p.m. Pierz	Eucharistic Adoration	Plate	\$ 287.47
4:00 p.m. Pierz	Stations of the Cross		\$ 6,541.77
<u>Saturday, March 6</u>		<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
4:30 p.m. Pierz	+Carol C. Hoheisel	Mass attendance February 17th Wednesday:	191
<u>Sunday, March 7 (Pierz Mass Recorded & posted to website)</u>		Mass attendance February 20th Saturday:	227
8:00 a.m. Pierz	+Edward Stangl, and For the People of the Parishes	Mass attendance February 21st Sunday:	171
10:00 a.m. Buckman	+Gerald Perleberg	<u>CONFESSIONS:</u> Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.	
		Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.	

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

February 22 – Russell Voitalla, **February 23** – Gerard Virnig, **February 24** – Kate Dottenwhy, **February 25** – Heather Jurek, **February 26** – Neil Meyer, **February 27** – Greg & Cheryl Gangl - (\$35 Winners). **February 28** – Marcy Zilkowski (\$75 Winner).

FROM OUR PASTOR: Saint Mother Teresa is the Saint of Mercy. She dedicated her entire life to God and Prayer. As we still are facing these challenging times, we should pray and trust in God, as Mother Teresa did. Here is one of her daily prayers:
 “Dear Jesus, help me to spread Thy fragrance everywhere I go. Flood my soul with Thy spirit and love. Penetrate and possess my whole being so utterly that all my life may only be a radiance of Thine. Shine through me and be so in me that every soul I come in contact with may feel Thy presence in my soul. Let them look up and see no longer me but only Jesus. Stay with me and then I shall begin to shine as you shine, so to shine as to be a light to others. Amen.” As Mother Teresa did, we too should be praying every day. God Bless ~ Fr. Ken Popp

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:

- Thurs. March 4th @ 7:30 a.m. Buckman
- Thurs. March 4th @ 5:30 p.m. Buckman
- Thurs. March 4th @ 8:00 p.m. Pierz
- Sat. March 6th @ 3:30 p.m. Pierz

2021 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign: March is FoodShare Month and the Pierz Area Food Shelf is requesting our area churches to help our local families in need since many of these people are from our own neighborhood. Please help us to promote FoodShare Month by providing opportunities for donations of money and/or food to be collected and delivered to the Pierz Area Food Shelf located at 220 South Main Street in Pierz. If you are unable to make deliveries during the hours of 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM on Mondays, please call 320-468-7134 to arrange an alternate delivery time. Thank you for joining the efforts to end hunger in our community.

Mass Update: This Sunday’s Mass (Feb. 28th) will not be recorded, so it will not be on our website.

Lenten Bible Study on Salvation History: Looking for something to do this lent? Want to learn the Big Picture of the Bible, from Genesis to Jesus? Join our weekly Lenten Bible study on Mondays at 7 pm at St John’s Parish Center in Lastrup. We will meet until May 10. If can’t make a week, they will be recorded or can watch live from home. If interested or want more information, contact Mark Loidolt at 701-388-2323 or mark.loidolt@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Next week our parish will take up The Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at www.usccb.org/catholic-relief.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., MARCH 7th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Alice Nordmann & Donna Solinger

Ushers for March: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

CONGRATULATIONS! To Jessica & Chris Lardy, who were married this weekend.

CUF MEETING: There will be a Catholic United Financial meeting on Thursday, March 4th at 7 p.m. in St. Michael's Parish Center.

BUCKMAN HALL RENTAL: If you are interested in renting the St. Michael's Parish Center for this coming December, you may do so after March 1st. As of now there are still restrictions on what we can allow. Hoping by December those restrictions will be removed. When calling office to set up dates we will inform you more. Thank you!

DISH TOWELS: Dish towels are stamped, ready to embroider and be picked up, in the middle pews on the south side of the church. Please sign them out on the sheet if you take a set. Thanks!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE: On Wednesdays during Lent, St. Michael's will have Stations at 7 P.M. followed by seven minutes of adoration, a blessing, quiet dismissal for those who want to leave and then continued adoration where folks can leave when they are finished. Adoration will end at 9 P.M. You must take the booklets home and return with them the next week. The booklets will be collected up after Stations during Holy Week.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*2021-22 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, www.holytrinitypierz.org or contact the office.

*The next Toddler Grab N Go Bag Pick Up is Wednesday, March 10. Please contact Mrs. Litke at mlitke@holytrinitypierz.org to register for your bag.

*The Early Childhood Education program open house is March 9th from 5:30-7pm. To register for a spot at Open House, please contact the school office at (320) 468-6466 or email Trista Kowalczyk at tkowalczyk@holytrinitypierz.org. Holy Trinity offers two programs: preschool ages 3.5 - 4 and Kindergarten readiness age 4 by September 1.

*The annual Holy Trinity School carnival will be held VIRTUAL this year. Raffle Tickets are available for purchase. Tickets are \$5 each. Please reach out to a Holy Trinity School family or contact the school office at (320) 468-6446 to purchase your tickets. Prizes to Donate for the Carnival: Silent Auction (new items): large craft items, quilts, gift certificates, gift baskets, etc.

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

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*Senior High Bowling Night in Little Falls on Wednesday, March 3rd from 6-8pm.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT. Mar. 6th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Mar. 7th @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Lector March 9th: Al Pekarek

Communion Ministers: Sat. Mar. 6 - Kristie & Courtney Kroll, ***Choir*** - Michelle Litke, Sun. Mar. 7 - Jan Kimman & Marvin Kimman

LECTORS FOR MARCH:

Sat. – Al Pekarek, Sun. – Harvey Kimman

USHERS FOR MARCH:

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

ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: We will be tying Tuesday, March 2nd and Monday, March 8th from 9-11 am. We will continue to work on quilts every other Monday and Tuesday till further notice, watch the Bulletin for dates. If people want to stay longer, they are welcomed to. We have 2 quilts set up for tying. We will use social distancing. Questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & STATIONS UPDATE:

During the Lenten season, Eucharistic Adoration will be from 3-4 p.m. on Fridays followed by the Stations of the Cross and a blessing. There will be no singing.

Blood Drive: The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at First United Church, 1000 1st Street SE, Little Falls, on Mon., March 1, 8:30am-2:30pm, Tues., March 2, 12-6pm and Wed., March 3 from 1-7pm. Anyone at least 16 (bring parental consent). There is no upper age limit and the time commitment is minimal. Please bring ID and if you've received your COVID-19 vaccination, bring that documentation as well. For more info or to schedule an appt to donate, contact Sister Julien Dirkes at (320)632-0663 or visit www.redblood.org to make an appointment online.

Theology Day: Trauma and its aftermath are viewed as something to "get over" as soon as possible. We forget: the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma, and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. Thurs., Mar. 4, Webinar presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Event is Free. Registration is required at least 5 days in advance. Please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

Safe Haven Sunday—Equipping the Family: Safety Through Connection The constant flood of influence that comes through the internet and social media in all of its various forms, along with social pressures from peers make it difficult for children to live virtuous and holy lives. In the digital age, it's not a matter of if your child will see something inappropriate online. It's only a matter of when. And regrettably, internet pornography is teaching our children how and what to think about sex and marriage. Next weekend, Mar. 6th & 7th. Diocese of St. Cloud will be celebrating our third annual Safe Haven Sunday. This weekend of awareness will provide free resources to you to give you confidence for how to talk to your children about internet dangers, as well as their personal online and offline choices. Please join us with your prayers and presence as we prepare for this unique event.