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**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 O lord, I trust in your merciful love!

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**Office Hrs.:** Mon., Wed. & Thurs.  
 9a.m.- 4p.m., Tues. 9a.m.-2p.m.

**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 Thurs. in Buckman 2-4p.m.

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**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.*

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

Adult	\$1904.00
High School	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 8.00
Plate	<u>\$ 271.00</u>
	\$2188.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Feb 17<sup>th</sup> Mass attendance – Sunday 10a.m - 310**

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

Adult	\$5353.00
High School	\$ 9.00
Elementary	\$ 10.75
Plate	<u>\$ 375.00</u>
	\$5747.75

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> Mass attendance – Sat. 4:30p.m. - 208  
 Sun. 8:00a.m. - 272**

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

**Feb. 18-Jeff & Linda Pohlkamp, Feb. 19-Beth Thomsen, Feb. 20-Bill & Lynn Athman, Feb. 21-Clint & Jan Kimman, Feb. 22-Mark Virnig, Feb. 23-Jeanette Hiemenz (\$35 winners) Feb. 24-Alan & Tracy Brixius (\$75 Winner).**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEB. 25<sup>th</sup> – MAR.3<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Feb. 25</b>
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Feb. 26</b>
Pierz	8:00 a.m. Reconciliation of our Nation back to God
Villa	9:30 a.m. +Paul Solinger
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Feb. 27</b>
Buckman	8:00 a.m. +Herman Stangl
Villa	9:30 a.m. +Harvey Otremba
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Feb. 28</b>
Buckman	8:00 a.m. +Marie Pohlkamp
Villa	9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Mar. 1</b>
Pierz	8:30 a.m. +Harvey Hoheisel (Holy Trinity School Mass)
Buckman	8:30 a.m. +Freda Schmitt
Villa	9:30 a.m. +Donald & Doloria Wuellner
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Mar. 2</b>
Pierz	4:30 p.m. +Leander & Florentine Hartman (Folk Group)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Mar. 3</b>
Pierz	8:00 a.m. +Kevin Copa - Sobieck
Buckman	10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

**MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP:** "We are a Church today that faces some serious challenges, and I remain committed to efforts that foster healing, improve accountability and maintain safe environments for everyone. These challenges, however, don't diminish the good and much-needed ministry being done in our diocese.

The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports these ministries, which include vocations, Catholic education, faith formation, marriage preparation, family life, pastoral planning, multicultural ministries, ministry to the divorced, and the TV Mass for the homebound. I'm very grateful for every gift made to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These gifts support ministries at the core of our Church's mission." ~ Bishop Donald J. Kettler

**LOOKING AHEAD:**

\*Lent starts March 6<sup>th</sup>, Ash Wednesday!

**The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** will conduct a spring Lenten Retreat, "Dignity of Women", Saturday, March 16th at Seven Dolors Catholic Church in Albany starting at 8:30 with Rosary and Mass. Registration (\$15.00) is due by March 1st and should be mailed to Linda Borgerding, 33504 Shorewood Drive, Avon, MN 56310.

\***Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** on March 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, April 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Menu includes: coleslaw, baked potato, baked beans, dinner rolls & beverages. Prices: Adult-\$9, children 12 and under-\$5, under 4-free. Hours: 5-7p.m. Takeout orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7:30).

**\*\*Representatives from Catholic Bethlehem Christian Families,** If you would like to purchase an item please call Jane Alatrash @ (810) 965-0916 or email: [www.holylandcrafts.net](http://www.holylandcrafts.net)

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL –**

\*Holy Trinity State of the School address will be at 6:30 pm on Mon., Feb. 25th, along with registration for the 2019-2020 school year. The school board will report on the school's strategic plan and finances. All stakeholders are invited to attend.

\*Toddler class will be CANCELLED due to conferences rescheduled.

\*Registration for the 2019-20 school year begins in March. There will be an open house at 6pm on Tues., Mar. 12th for preschool and new enrollees who would like to know more about Holy Trinity School. For information call the school office 468-6446.

\*The school carnival will be Sun., March 10th. Raffle tickets are for sale. Donations are being taken for silent auction items, bingo, toy walk, shake-rattle-roll, and country store. Items can be left at door #1 entrance into school.

\*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.

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

**\*SUNDAY – Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Lector:** Ron Kahl

**Communion Minister:** Janice Janson, Alice Nordmann

**Servers:** Sophie & Ellie Kasella

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

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** Marie T. Pohlkamp passed away on February 11<sup>th</sup> Mass of Christian burial was held on Saturday, February 16<sup>th</sup> with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**CM/W:** Members going to the retreat, call Patty @ 468-2487 by Thursday Feb., 27<sup>th</sup> to register and have the fee paid. Thank You!

**Quilt Bingo/Raffle** sponsored by St. Michael's CM/W on Sunday, March 17 at the Parish Center at 1 pm. All are invited!

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**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** The Bishop's Annual Appeal supports the Tribunal Office, where people experiencing broken relationships receive mercy and healing.

**AREA EVENTS:**

\*Women's Silent Lenten Retreat - Mar 5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> or Mar 19<sup>th</sup>-21<sup>st</sup>

\*Men's Silent Lenten Retreat - March 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. Theme is "Be Patient in Affliction" @ Christ the King Retreat center in Buffalo, MN [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com)

\*Koinonia Retreat in Little Falls on March 22<sup>nd</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. For more info., email [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com)

**Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team,** 4<sup>th</sup> annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser, Sat. March 9<sup>th</sup>. Pre-sale tickets, \$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. Thank you so much!

**Safe Haven Sunday-March 2/3** is a weekend set aside by dioceses and parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way. Within the context of the Mass, dioceses and parishes are able to provide teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages and families in making all homes a safe haven.

**PIZZA PARTY:** Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Sr. Michelle L'Allier invites high school youth in religious education programs to a pizza party and conversation with the Sisters, followed by a short prayer service Wed. Mar. 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Francis Convent in St. Francis Hall from 6:15 to 7:45p.m. Please email Christi Hartwell, [chartwell@fslf.org](mailto:chartwell@fslf.org) by Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>. **Thank you!**

**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 behind the Pierz Fire Hall. 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 in the efforts to end hunger in our community.

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

**\*SAT. Mar. 2<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. 3<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.- Adam & Sara Hoheisel

Sun.- Jack Prokott & Mason Hoheisel

**Weekday Lector:** – Al Pekarek

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR MARCH:**

**Sat.** –Jo Loidolt, Keith Marshik, Marvin Kimman

**Choir** –Rachel young **Sun** –Matt Kessler, Mary Tschida, Ryan Stangl

**\*\*ASH WEDNESDAY:** Feb., 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 – Jo Loidolt, Keith Marshik, Marvin Kimman

**LECTORS FOR MARCH:** **Sat.**- Mark Fyten

**Sun.**- Harvey Kimman

**USHERS FOR MARCH:** **Sat.**-John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll

**Sun.**-Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Mark Matthias, son of Leo and Maggie Wehsler, was baptized on February 17.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**St Joseph's Quilt Circle** will be stitching and tying quilts Wed. Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> starting at 1 p.m. Anyone is welcome to work on quilts anytime on their own. Instructions will be available how each is being sewn or tied. New sewers are welcome. We will teach. It really is quite easy. We make it a fun social event.

**RAFFLE TICKETS** are out! for St. Joseph's Church-Pierz, for its Maintenance & Building fund! Dinner tickets are also available (German Dinner being planned), if you buy 5 tickets, you get 2 dinner tickets **free**. There are only 350 dinner tickets available. You may purchase any of these tickets in the parish office, from a parish council member, or in some of the local community stores.

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**BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S LENTEN GOSPEL**

**REFLECTIONS:** There is still time to get a copy of this resource to help you "go deeper" into God's Word this Lent. The booklet includes the Gospel reading for each day along with a reflection from Bishop Barron and a reflection question to connect the Gospel message to our lives today. Mary Kay Pekar has copies available, \$3 each, call; (320)468-2316 or via email @ [02mmpekar5@gmail.com](mailto:02mmpekar5@gmail.com).

**GRIEF GROUP:** There is a group for parents grieving their child(ren). It is an informal group made up of people who have experienced the death of a child. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Convent, dates are Thurs: Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>, Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>, May 16<sup>th</sup>, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and July 18<sup>th</sup>. For further info or questions, call Maryrose @ 320-360-1468

**Michael Pekar will Introduce The Catholic Approach to the Bible:**

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup>, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Pierz office lower level. Session will run approximately 90 min. Catholic High School students interested in learning about the Church's approach to the Bible are also welcome to participate. For more information please contact Michael at (320) 221-1134. (April 14<sup>th</sup> will be at 5 p.m. or a different date, or double up on the 7<sup>th</sup>) **Thank you! Come and learn more about your faith!**

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

**SM'S PRAYER LINE:** Those needing prayers can call Mary Malinowski at 468-6148 or Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781. Those willing to pray for people can call Mary Brenny.

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

**HABITAT FOR HUMANITY:** Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County is accepting applications for Habitat homeownership program. Completed applications must be returned no later than March 14<sup>th</sup> by 4p.m. You must have currently lived in Morrison County for at least 1 year. Call the Habitat office @ 320-616-2084 for more info. or an application. Thank You!

**Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc.** would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your location EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2019 to be processed for benefits for the 2018-2019 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>.

**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.

**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!

**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!