

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

“Lord, do not delay in your coming!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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Office Hours: Office will be closed to the public until further notice. Messages and emails will be checked Monday-Friday from 9 am to 2 pm.

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 AUGUST 3rd – AUGUST 9th, 2020

Tuesday, August 4

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Dolores Popp

Wednesday, August 5

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Regina R. Grittner, and +Jim & Patricia Happke

7:00-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, August 6

8:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael’s Catholic United Financial Members

Friday, August 7

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Matt Luberts Jr., and +Albert & Lorene Servaty

8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service

3:00-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, August 8

1:30 p.m. Pierz **Wedding** – Katie Kimman & Ryan Schleper

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Tom Hoheisel and +Sue Hoheisel

Sunday, August 9

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Annette Block

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

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 1,954.00

High School \$ 1.00

Elementary \$ 7.00

Plate \$ 442.00

\$ 2,404.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 26th Sunday:** 168

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3,310.00

High School \$ 2.00

Elementary \$ 9.50

Plate \$ 126.00

\$ 3,447.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 25th Saturday:** 90

Mass attendance **July 26th Sunday:** 149

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.
Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

July 27 – LaVern Talberg, **July 28** – Jeanette Perleberg, **July 29** – Steve Mann, **July 30** – Kayla Neu

July 31 – Karen Lenz, **August 1** – Theresa Aschenbrenner (\$35 Winners). **August 2** – Chuck Gruber (\$75 Winner).

FROM THE PASTOR: I found the following reflections to be moving: *Be Like Jesus* ~ author unknown ~ The Life led by Jesus Christ was the perfect life. It does not take long to locate in the gospels the teachings and examples of his personal qualities. He was humble. He was deliberately poor and uncomplicated. He was pure and taught purity of mind as well as body. He was hard working and dedicated. He was tough and blunt. He was always patient. He was given to constant daily prayer. He told his followers to stay away from negative judgments about others. He told them to be childlike in their simplicity. He taught his followers to be unselfish, always forgiving, to be forgetful of self and concerned about all others, and to carry the cross every day of life.

Happiness ~ Mother Theresa ~ May, today, there be peace within you. May you trust God, that you are exactly where you are meant to be. May you not forget the infinite possibilities, that are born of faith. May you use those gifts that you have received, and pass on the love that has been given to you. May you be content knowing that you are a child of God. Let His presence settle into your bones, and allow your soul the freedom to sing, dance, and to bask in the sun. It is there for each and every one of you.

~ Fr. Ken Popp

MASKS REQUIRED: Effective 12 a.m. on Saturday, July 25, 2020, Bishop Donald Kettler of the St. Cloud Diocese is requiring masks to be worn by people coming to mass, during mass, and when exiting the building. The mask should be removed only for the reception of Communion. Exceptions are children 5 and under and people with special medical conditions. Masks are available by the entrance, but if you have your own please wear them. Thank you.

****NOTICE**:** In order to continue to keep our parishioners and others safe, the parish office will remain closed to the public until further notice. Emails, messages, and office dropbox will be checked daily from 9a.m.- 2p.m. Mon.-Fri. If you need to speak directly with Michelle, an appointment needs to be set up prior to meeting. You can set up an appointment by calling the office (320) 468 6033. Thank you!

PATRIOTIC ROSARY: Saturday, August 15th at 9 am in St. Joseph’s Church. We will be using social distancing. Bring your own booklets along and take them home with you again to use next month. This is the rosary we pray on the 15th of each month until the elections in November.

THE FIFTEEN PROMISES OF MARY GRANTED TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY:

Number 7: Whoever shall have a true devotion for the rosary shall not die without the sacraments of the Church.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTO: Please join the local KCs as we pray the Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway) at 8 PM on Wednesdays. Please join us as we pray for our crops, families, community, and country. Everyone is welcome: families, couples, non-members, etc! We will maintain social distancing.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Aug. 9th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Jane Funk

Communion Ministers: Todd Caddy & Deb Hall

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Azrael James*, son of Jason and Amber Wimmer, was baptized on Sunday, July 26th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN RECOGNITION:

St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women would like to recognize the following women for their years of membership as of 2020: **65 Years:** Esther Britz, **55 Years:** Rosemary Janorschke, Sandy Poster, and Kathy Przybilla, **50 Years:** Marcella "Sally" Block, Babs Funk, Renee Gall, Eileen Kloss, and Lori Kloss, **45 Years:** Mary Malinowski, **40 Years:** Darlene Gall, Violet Herold, Janel Meyer, and Gladys Brixius* (*41 yrs)

St. Michael's Parish Bazaar – Grand Raffle Donations:

If you would like to contribute to the grand raffle and have your name or your business recognized on the raffle tickets, please send your donation to Donna & Dave Solinger, 25723 103rd St. Pierz, MN 56364. We appreciate your support.

ST. MICHAEL'S CM/W Will meet on Thursday, Aug 6th at 6:30pm in the parish hall. There will be no refreshments. We will social distance. If there is an item for the agenda call Patty at 468-2487. Because there was no bingo, we will need to discuss what we will pay for in the future. A letter was sent out to all members of St. Michael's Parish. Please be sure to read.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 468-6148.

**If you would like to be on the prayer line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

DROP BOX AVAILABLE: There is now a locked drop box located on the wall in the breezeway of the parish office for you to leave messages, contributions/church envelopes, or anything else that needs to be dropped off for the secretaries to take care of. This will be checked every day.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

* Holy Trinity's Early Childhood Education Programs are open for registration for the 2020-21 school year. Children ages 42 months through age 5 are eligible for the Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Programs. For more information, contact office@holytrinitypierz.org or call (320) 468-6446.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee available at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Ground or Whole Bean bags available. \$13 a bag or \$14 for decaf. Please contact (320) 468-6446 for available office times to pick up. The purchase of the coffee supports both the farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity Catholic School.

* "Camp Creation: Day by Day with God," a free online Vacation Bible School, is being offered for parishes and families in the Diocese of St. Cloud during the week of August 3-7 from 9am-noon. Visit holytrinitypierz.org for more information and how to access VBS.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Aug. 8th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Aug. 9th @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. Aug. 8- Pat Hartmann & Kristie Kroll, Sun. Aug. 9- Chris & Rachel Young

LECTORS FOR AUGUST:

Sat. – Geri Kasper, & Sun. – Karen Gross

USHERS FOR AUGUST:

Sat.-Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner, Mathew Stumpf
Sun.-Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Bob Thielen, Steve Maus

CONGRATULATIONS! To Mathew & Grace (Studniski) Stumpf, who were married this weekend.

III BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding August 8th):

Katie Kimman & Ryan Schleper

ST. JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: The Parish Center basement is again open for quilting using safe distancing. Any groups that need to do their tying can reserve the basement by calling the Parish Office. Some of you have been working on quilts on your own during this stay at home time. If you have quilts that haven't been turned in please call Eileen at 320-360-2434 so we can get a rough count of what we will have.

THANK YOU! The Adult Faith Formation group of St. Joseph's Church would like to extend our gratitude to the Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Cloud for the grant funding for our parish education program. It is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE: There will not be a Parish Festival or Grand Raffle this year. A formal letter will be sent out to the parishioners. If you have any questions, call Crystal at 320-630-8952.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Karen Gross at 468-6818.

Marriage Encounter Weekend: *Make plans for a fall getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up!*

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available weekends are Sep 25-27, 2020 in WINDOM, MN and Oct 9-11, 2020 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: The Diocese of St. Cloud, Case No. 20-60337

If you were sexually or physically abused by any priest, clergyman, or other person connected with the Diocese, or have any other claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **OCTOBER 21, 2020.**

For more information, visit <http://stcdio.org/> or call 520-770-8712. For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information, visit www.mnb.uscourts.gov. For advice about your rights, contact an attorney.