

**SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

December 8th, 2019

“Hail, full of grace!”

**ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH**

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**Office Hrs.:** Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m., Tues. 9a.m.-12p.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 DEC 9<sup>th</sup> – DEC 15<sup>th</sup>**

**Monday Dec. 9 The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Mary**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Alice Stangl  
Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

**Tuesday Dec. 10**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Sandra Kastanek  
Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

**Wednesday Dec. 11**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Jeanne Thommes  
Villa 9:30 a.m. +Harvey Otremba

**Thursday Dec. 12**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Marlene E. Ruegemer  
Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

**Friday Dec. 13**

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Henry J. Preimesberger Jr.  
Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service  
Villa 9:30 a.m. +Mary Austin

**Saturday Dec. 14**

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Richard Virnig (Adult Choir)

**Sunday Dec. 15 (Mass Switch)**

**Buckman 8:00 a.m.** +Roy Gall  
**Pierz 10:00 a.m.** For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)



**ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 2914.00  
High School \$ 27.00  
Elementary \$ 13.50  
Plate \$ 193.57  
Thanksgiving \$ 3148.07  
\$ 1054.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> Wed - 98**

**Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Sun. - 219**

**ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 5186.00  
High School \$ 20.00  
Elementary \$ 18.50  
Plate \$ 148.05  
Thanksgiving \$ 5372.55  
\$ 1345.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Nov. 28<sup>th</sup> Thurs. – 104**

**Nov. 30<sup>th</sup> Sat.- 120. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> Sun.- 205**

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Dec. 2** –Cheryl & Adam Hellickson, **Dec. 3** – Samantha & Mark Seelen, **Dec. 4** –Janel Meyer, **Dec. 5** –Jake & Lisa Hall, **Dec. 6** –Douglas Welcome, **Dec. 7** –Boser’s (\$35 Winners). **Dec. 8** – Nancy Stuckmayer (\$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.*

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**FROM THE PASTOR:** Let us pray for all those young men and women who are preparing to be confirmed in our Catholic faith. Let us pray that they will always treasure the greatest gift given to us and that is the Eucharist our Lord’s Body and Blood. May they always stay close to the church. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

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**CONFESSIONS TIMES DURING ADVENT:**

Tues, Dec. 10: Pierz @ 10:30a.m & Buckman @ 7:30p.m.  
Wed, Dec. 11: Harding (Holy Cross) @ 6p.m.  
Thurs, Dec. 12: Buckman @ 7:30a.m. & Pierz @ 7p.m.  
Fri, Dec. 13: Buckman @ 1p.m. & Lastrup (St. John’s) @ 7p.m. And Sat. Dec. 14: Harding @ 3p.m. & Pierz @ 3:30p.m.

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Bishop Kettler will be at St. Joseph’s on Sun. **Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>** for the installations of Deacons of the St. Cloud Diocese. Mass times for that weekend will be switched: Buckman will be at 8 a.m. and Pierz will be at 10 a.m.

**MILITARY COLLECTION:**

St. Joseph’s Sun., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> - \$913.00  
St. Michael’s Sun., Nov. 17<sup>th</sup> – \$523.00  
*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary – Villa:** Join us on Sun. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> 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.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*Raffle calendars are on sale for \$25. Contact a school parent or the office to purchase your calendar. Last day for purchase is on December 17th. They make great Christmas gifts.  
\*Annual Christmas program on Wed, Dec 11th with performances at 1pm and 7pm in the school gym.  
\*December faith formation activities include weekly Advent prayer services and a visit from St. Nicholas.  
\*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School.

**FPSR / YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640**

\*JH/SH Youth Group is going Shopping for the Giving Tree on Wednesday, December 11th 6pm-8pm. Please bring at least \$10 to help purchase a gift for the less fortunate. Bus leaves FPSR 6pm.  
\*JH/SH Snowtubing @ Ski Gull on Wednesday, December 18th! Bus leaves FPSR 5:15pm. Extra forms are in the office or FPSR.  
\*Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who helped with St. Nick’s Night on December 4th! We really appreciate all the extra help!!!

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

**SUN., Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Jane Funk

**Communion Ministers:** Carolyn Andres & Debbie Hall

**Servers:** Abby & Nathan Posch

**December Ushers:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

**CHOIR NEWS:** Practice- Tues, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:15p.m. Choir will sing on Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>.

**SAINT NICOLAS HERE!** St. Nicolas will be visiting St. Michael's Church on this Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup> after the 10a.m. Mass.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Elliott Douglas*, son of Timothy and Amber King and *Noah Rigley*, son of Chad and Miranda Lanners were baptized on Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Raymond "Ray" Kahl* passed away on November 29<sup>th</sup>, Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in St. Michael's parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**THANK YOU FROM, The Ray Kahl Family,** we would like to thank the St Michaels Christian Mothers/Women along with all the other workers for the wonderful luncheon. The food was amazing and your fellowship and attentiveness to every detail was noticed and much appreciated. Thank you and God Bless.

**THANK YOU,** to group 12 and all the extra help with the Ray Kahl funeral lunch. *Job well done, thank you!*

**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 CWM. Basket in the Parish Center. Any questions, please call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410

**CUF Christmas Wreath Matching Grant Fundraiser:** Christmas Wreaths will be sold after mass today and every Sun. after until gone. They are \$15.

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

**ADORATION** December 11<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Please come and join us. Any questions please contact Patty at 468-2487.

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**Women's Benedictine Community:** Sat, Dec 14. If you are a single, Catholic woman under the age of 45, you are invited to spend a day with us. From 10a.m.-3p.m. Have the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with the community and share a meal. There will be questions and dialogue with some sisters why we chose this life style. To register please contact Sister Lisa Rose, director of vocations, at [lrose@csbsju.edu](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu) or (320) 363-7180. for more information about our community [www.sbm.osb.org](http://www.sbm.osb.org).



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

**SAT., Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. Dec., 15<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Sat. – Morgan Litke & Addison Marshik

Sun. – Garrett & Madelyn Kessler

**Weekday Lector:** – Hilde Flicker

**CHOIR NEWS:**

**\*Folk Group Practice,** Tues, Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30p.m. If anyone is interested in joining us for the Advent Season please come to the practice this coming Tues Dec. 10<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome!

**\*Adult Choir Practice,** Thurs. Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10am.

**\*Folk Group,** will be singing at the 10a.m Mass on Christmas Day. They will start playing music at 9:45a.m. Come early and enjoy the music!

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat.- Mason Zajac, Barb Zajac, Loretta Przybilla, Tracy Voigt

Sun.- Leroy Swanson, Lois Waytashek, Dan Waytashek

**LECTORS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat-Al Pekarek & Sun.-Keith Marshik

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:**

Sat – John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll

Sun – Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, & Jason Sadlovsky

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Marian J. Brisk* passed away on November 23<sup>rd</sup>, Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>, at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in St. Joseph's parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**COFFEE & DONUTS:** Will be on Sun. Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> after the 10a.m Mass. (Mass time switch)

**FOURTH ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND**

**RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER:** Is scheduled for Fri. April 17, 2020 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available beginning the weekend of Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033. *The Raffle Tickets can make great Christmas Gifts!*

**St. Joseph's Christ Child Baby Shower:** During Advent a basket for babies and young children items will be by the front side altar. Donations of diapers, clothes, toys, money, etc. are needed. Items will go to the Pierz food shelf and go to the Pierz food shelf and families in need. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Call 468-6070 with questions.

**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!

**Christian M/W:** we are looking for someone to step up for the Vice President roll. Please prayerfully consider if this something you could do! Contact Rachel Young with any questions regarding expectations or to volunteer, 630-3630.

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**AREA NEWS:**

**\*Breakfast, St. Anthony Parish Center-St. Cloud:** Sun, Dec 15, serving from 8a.m. to 12p.m. Menu, smoked sausage, ham, scrambled eggs, pancakes with fruit toppings, fresh fruit, rolls, hash browns, coffee, and milk or orange juice. Adults \$8, Students grades K-12 and preschool eat for free this month

**Dementia Training Dec 10<sup>th</sup> - 8 Hour In-depth:** Michele Henifin will lead a full day class on the basic understanding of Dementia, strategies for communication, how to handle challenging behaviors and much more. Time: 8a.m. to 4:30p.m. with lunch included. Free to caregivers. To register call Marie at 468-6451 option #2.

**St. Rita's Church, Hillman:** We are looking for pictures and memories of St. Rita's Parish for our centennial celebration next May. We are working on publishing a history of the parish and are looking for old pictures and memories to be shared. As we have been around for so long, perhaps you have attended Mass or on of our fundraisers and have an interesting story or memory to share. We would like to hear all of them. All the "do you remember this?...or..."remember when?"... those are the stories we are looking for...pictures too! You can email it to [strita@brainerd.net](mailto:strita@brainerd.net), Lestie Rueter at [lmrueter@yahoo.com](mailto:lmrueter@yahoo.com) or Mel Buesseler at [melnetty@littlefalls.net](mailto:melnetty@littlefalls.net) by January 1, 2020. Original pictures will be returned.

**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!

**What is a TEC Retreat? How Do I sign up?** TEC – Together Encountering Christ is a three day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery - the Easter message of death, resurrection and sending forth. Youth will often credit TEC for giving meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. One adult indicated, "outside of my marriage and the birth of my children, TEC is the most important event of my life." Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend. For information and registration details, visit the website at [www.cmtec.org](http://www.cmtec.org) or call (320)532.4455

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." As we begin the waiting of advent, let us strive to become the work of his hands by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Weekends are Feb 7-9, 2020 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 7-9, 2020 in Windom, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org).