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The Fourth Sunday of the Season of Advent

December 23rd, 2018
"Behold the handmaid of the Lord"

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**Secretary office hrs: Mon,
Wed & Thurs, 9a.m.-4p.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, Buckman 2-4p.m.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Dec. 24	Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Charles & Maureen Watercott & Pam Weitalla
<i>*Christmas Eve</i>		Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Margaret Tschida (Folk Group & Children & Youth Choir)
		Buckman	9:00 p.m.	+Joe Malinowski
Tuesday	Dec. 25	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Deceased Members of King & Andrea Families (Adult Choir)
<i>*Christmas Day</i>		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Frank Schirmers (Adam & Friends Choir)
Wednesday	Dec. 26	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+James & Nathan Winscher
Thursday	Dec. 27	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service (NO MASS)
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Dec. 28	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	Special Intentions
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Roland Schreiner
Saturday	Dec. 29	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	For the Stumpf Family (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Dec. 30	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Robert (Bob) Brenny
Monday	Dec. 31	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Viola T. Stangl
Tuesday	Jan. 1	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Marcia M. Athman
<i>*(Solemnity of Mary)</i>		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Millie Gruber
<i>(Holy Day of Obligation)</i>				

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 want to again take the time to wish all of you a blessed Christmas! I hope everyone has their Christmas schedule at home where all can see it. This is a holy time for all families and for all who might not have family around. Whatever your situation may be, our savior Jesus Christ is always with you.

I want to thank all those who sent cards, prayers and gifts my way for Christmas. I will be spending time on Christmas day with one of my sisters and her family. May Our Savior bless all of you this Christmas season and New Year to come.

I want to remind people that we do have a communal Penance Service on December 23rd at 7p.m. at St. Joseph's. I hope the servers are looking at their schedule and looking in the bulletin for their times they will be serving for the Christmas masses.

~ **MERRY CHRISTMAS!** ~ Fr. Ken Popp

****CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES** will be in the back of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's Church. Please pick your envelopes. *Thank you!*

LOOKING AHEAD:

* Wed., Dec. 26th & Thurs. 27th - Fr. Popp will be gone.

* Jan. 7-10th - Fr. Popp at a priest retreat.

*If anyone has information for the bulletin the week of Dec. 31-Jan. 4th please have it to us by Mon., Dec. 24th. Thank you!

AREA EVENTS: *CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

meeting Wed., Dec. 19th, 10a.m. at the offices of Father Pierz School of Religion. Please join us.

LECTOR BOOKS: Are available in both churches for the lectors to pick up. *Thank you.*

FOUR PARISH MISSION: Sun., Jan. 13th - Wed., Jan. 16th. Our four area parishes will be hosting a time of renewal, one evening in each parish. Our speaker, Glen Gauer.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Thank you for purchasing 2019 Holy Trinity Raffle Calendars! Blessings on having a winning calendar, but most of all thank you for supporting the school.

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

***MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR! May your family receive many blessings throughout the coming year.**

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3554.00
High School	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 18.40
Plate	<u>\$ 137.50</u>
	\$3714.90

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

<u>St. Joseph's:</u>
Sat. 4:30 p.m. -236
Sun. 8:00 a.m. -280
<u>St. Michael's:</u>
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 207

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$7287.00
High School	\$ 19.00
Elementary	\$ 22.70
Plate	<u>\$ 374.67</u>
	\$7703.37

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***MON. Dec. 24th CHRISTMAS EVE @ 9:00 p.m.**

Lector- Karen Stangl
Communion Ministers- Rosemary Mischke, Connie Kieffer, Jill Hoheisel, Leo Pohlkamp, Debbie Hall.
Servers- Avery & Clare Gruber

***TUES., Dec. 25th CHRISTMAS DAY @ 10:00 a.m.**

Lector- Jane Funk
Communion Ministers- Carolyn Andres & Alice Nordmann.
Servers- Jake Andres & Carissa Andres.

SUNDAY - Dec. 30th @ 10:00 a.m.:

Lector - Janice Janson
Communion Ministers - Connie Kieffer & Nicole Hoheisel
Servers - Leah Scholl & Sophie Kasella

***TUESDAY - Jan. 1st @ 10:00 a.m. (Solemnity of Mary)**

Lector - Mary Kay Zilka
Communion Ministers - Traci Stangl & Bob Lochner
Servers - Charles Pekar & Emily Leidenfrost

****CHOIR PRACTICE:** No choir practice this week. Choir will sing on Sunday, Dec 30th.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHOIR: Please join us in Celebrating Jesus' Birth with a Music Concert on Mon., Dec. 24th, starting at 8:35 p.m. Our Christmas Eve Mass begins at 9:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS WREATHS for sale after 10a.m. mass.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: Baby items and money donations are needed for families in need. Sponsored by Buckman CW/M. Questions, call Cindy at 468-6070.

CM/W MEETING, on Jan., 17th at St. Michael's Parish Center, at 1p.m. Groups 7 & 8 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions, call Patty at 468-2487.

PAINTING PROJECT: Most of the pledges have been sent out. There is still time to send them in. We would like to have them back by Christmas. *Thank you!*

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY at the Pierz Villa Chapel on Jan. 13th, 4p.m. We will pray for our country. All are welcome. Any questions, please call Patty at 468-2487.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***MON., Dec. 24th - CHRISTMAS EVE @ 4:30 p.m.**

Servers: Joey & Brandon Stuckmayer
Communion Ministers: NCF-Loretta Przybilla, NBF-Barb Zajac, SBF-Father Popp, SCF-Marvin Kimman, NCB-Rachel Young, NBB-Sara Stumpf, SBB-Kristie Kroll, SCB-Linda Welle.

***TUES., Dec. 25th - CHRISTMAS DAY @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Rachel & Kahlee Kasper
Communion Ministers: NCF- Beth Fischer, NBF-Ryan Stangl, SBF-Father Popp, SCF-Keith Marshik, NCB-Jan Kimman, NBB-Tracy Voigt, SBB Marilyn Virnig, SCB-Leroy Swanson, Choir-Kerri Kasper.

SAT. Dec. 29th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. 30th @ 8:00 a.m.:

Servers: Sat.- Mason Zajac & Simon Gruber
Sun.- Adam & Anna Hoheisel

Weekday Lector: LeRoy Swanson

KIOSK. Check by the elevator for new books and booklets (Christmas presents?).

****CMW MEETING** - Wednesday, January 2nd at the parish office at 6:30, with induction of officers followed by a mass at 7:30 with the Knights of Columbus.

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, money, etc. are needed. Items will go to Pierz Food Shelf and families. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women. Questions, call 468-6070.

DECORATING THE CHURCH will take place on Mon., Dec. 24th @ 9:00 a.m.

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

Dec. 17th- Marlene Smude, Dec. 18th-Lisa Leidenfrost, Dec. 19th-Deb Burns, Dec. 20th-Marne Stuckmayer, Dec. 21st- Leora Poster, Dec. 22nd-Brian & Nancy Mathiason (\$35 winners) Dec. 23rd-Joe Meyer (\$75 Winner)

NASHVILLE COUNTRY CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Mary of Lourdes School will be hosting a Nashville Country Christmas Concert on Dec. 26th at the Falls Ballroom, featuring Kenny & Diana Janson & many of their musician friends. Tickets on sale after weekend Masses, parish & Mary of Lourdes School offices, as well as Little Falls Radio Station, Radio Shack, and Pine Country Bank. Please call 632-5408 with any questions.



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE
STAFF OF ST. JOSEPH'S AND
ST. MICHAEL'S PARISHES.

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

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!

Hands of Hope Resource Center: Volunteers are needed to work with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and general crime on our 24-hour hotline. There will be a free volunteer advocate training starting in October. For more information, call Amanda at 320-632-1657

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;” Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love. The next weekends are: Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more info visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING CLASS: Little Falls on Tues, Dec 4 and Jan 8 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel’s Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Marge Benusa at pmbenusa@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 320-631-5660.

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

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients, they are also blessed by our Pastor. Questions, call Kathy Etzel, 468-2105

ST. JOSEPH’S PARISH FESTIVAL ITEMS: We are already looking for new items or completed baskets. You can drop it off at the parish office. *Seasonal items make great baskets!

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of Every Month at 2pm at First United Church in Little Falls in the Fireside Room. We will be enjoying each other’s company and supporting one another, as we face difficult tasks and decisions, while being a dedicated caregiver. For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

We have added a second monthly Caregiver Support

Group! Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Horizon Health in Pierz! For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

Kristine Hoheisel Senior Resources Director Horizon Health, Inc. Pierz 56364 320-468-6451 Fax: 320-468-6463

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!

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The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls Retreat Following Jesus: The Path of Holiness—Joyful and Challenging, which will be held Mon-Fri, Jan 14-18, 2019, at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Father David Knight, retreat director, will help participants focus on their call to holiness. For more information, or to register by January 3, 2019, contact the Franciscan Life Center at (320)632-0680, franciscanlife@fslf.org or visit www.fslf.org.

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