

**FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

July 14th, 2019

“Remain in me, says the Lord!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

P.O. BOX 428, PIERZ, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: stjosephsstmichaelschurchurchpierz.org

Office Hrs.: Mon., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m.,
Tues. 9a.m.-1p.m. Office is closed on Fridays.

Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor

Office Hrs.: Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

Michael Pekar – 468-2316

Pastoral Associate

St.michaelsbuckman@yahoo.com

Office Hrs.: Buckman,
Thurs. from 2-4 p.m.

Regular Mass times for Area Community Parishes:

St. John Nepomuk of Lastrup - Saturdays at 8:00 p.m. and Sundays at 10:45 a.m. **Holy Cross Church of Harding** -Sundays at 8:45 a.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUL. 15th – JUL. 21st

Monday Jul. 15

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Jul. 16

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Lind M. Zemotel-Bayer

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Jul. 17

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Roger “Hulio” Hoheisel

Thursday Jul. 18

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Lambert & Marie Pohlkamp

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Jul. 19

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Andrea, Gast, & King Families

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Catherine & Polly Wuellner

Saturday Jul. 20

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Jeanne Stang (Adult Choir)

Sunday Jul. 21

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Albert Wielinski (Folk Group)

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

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2358.00

High School \$ 28.00

Elementary \$ 9.00

Plate \$ 128.00

\$ 2523.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Jul. 7, Sun.** – 171

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 5669.00

High School \$ 3.00

Elementary \$ 18.75

Plate \$ 565.80

\$ 6256.55

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Jul. 6, Sat.**- 216,

Jul. 7, Sun.- 326

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Jul. 8- Maxine Bednar, **Jul. 9-** Mel

Schmidtbauer, **Jul. 10-** Tony & Saralyn Andres,

Jul. 11- Josh & Audra Stangl, **Jul. 12-** Darlene

Pick, **Jul. 13-** April Zimmer (\$35 Winners).

Jul. 14- Jake Andres (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.

From the Pastoral Associate: In today’s Gospel, the scholar of the law may be like us, for his knowledge of the law and its truth was correct. His question indicated that he knew that you did not earn your way to eternal life, but you are granted it by the loving grace of the Father who gives it to us as an inheritance. His answer to Jesus question about the law shows that he not only knows the Shema found in the Old Testament that a good Jew prayed 4-5 times a day, “You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your being, with all your strength, and with all your mind,” but he also adds to it the golden rule found also in the Old Testament (and in every major religion of the world today). Jesus approves of his answer. Where the scholar fails is the limitation that he places on his heart. For his love is only meant for certain people, perhaps friends, countrymen, other people who look or think like him. As mentioned in the second reading the Son of God has all of creation come through Him and for Him. God is the Father of all Creation, all the people of the Earth. God’s love is limitless, it is like and is God Himself limitless. If we are to be like-God, adopted children of Christ, to be given our inheritance of eternal life, then our love needs to try to be like our Father’s in Heaven, limitless. Our love for others needs to be without boundaries, no race, no creed, no gender, no sexual orientation, and no nationality can be a limit. Likewise, the degree of a person’s sin or holiness, wealth or poverty cannot be a hinderance for our love. In the name of Jesus, let us all beg the Holy Spirit to help us expand our love, so we will live as true children pleasing to God both now and forever. Amen. ~ Michael Pekar

2019 Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Reception: Join us for the annual Humanae Vitae Mass and Award Reception on Thursday, July 25th, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Saint Cloud. We will celebrate the Anniversary of Humanae Vitae with Mass at 7:00 PM with Bishop Donald Kettler, our president. A reception will follow, with the presentation of the 2019 Humanae Vitae Award to Mark & Lola Welle. We hope you will join us!

REUNION REMINDER: For former St. Mary’s Villa and Pierz Villa staff, there is a reunion planned for July 18th at the Red Rooster in Pierz, starting at 10:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

WELCOME AND THANK YOU! Fr. Larn Virnig who celebrates the Eucharist this Saturday with our parish while Fr. Ken Popp is attending a 50th Wedding Anniversary.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mason Zajac who is being installed this weekend as a Eucharistic Minister.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY: On Sun July 14 at 4pm. Pierz Villa Chapel. If you have any questions call Patty 468-2487

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO: Wed, July 17th at 8 p.m. In case of inclement weather, we will move to St. Joseph’s Church.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN., Jul. 21st @ 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Bob Lochner

Communion Ministers: Nathan Gruber & Cindy Scholl

Servers: Carissa & Brenna Andres

July Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE: John C. Kaisers Painting Co. will be coming on Mon. July 15th to start the process of our painting project and remodeling. We will start having Masses in the St. Michael's Parish Center starting this week Wed. July 17th and continue until the project is finished. There will be no scheduling of any events in the Parish Center or Church during the painting project. Also, please do not go into the Church while the painting and remodeling of the church is going on. *Thank you, from St. Michael's Parish Council!*

C M/Women: Will meet on Thursday July 18th at 6:30 pm at the parish center. Groups 11 & 12 are to bring & serve refreshments. We will be electing officer. If you would like to be an officer call Patty 468-2487.

GRAND RAFFLE: St. Michael's Grand Raffle is now accepting cash donations. We appreciate every donation received to help make our grand raffle one of the best. You may drop the donation off at the Parish office or contact one of the grand raffle committee members - Connie Kieffer at 320-420-2459 or Donna Solinger at 320-360-0533. *Thanks!*

AREA EVENTS:

****St. John's Bazaar-Foley:** Sun. July 21st, Mass at 10a.m. Many food stands, fun and games for everyone! All cash grand raffle drawing at 4:15p.m. in the Emmaus Trinity Center. All are invited to come and celebrate with us!

****Immaculate Conception Church-Rice:** Sun. July 21st, Mass under the pine trees at 10a.m. Music by Slew Foot Band. Plan on staying the rest of the day for great food & fun! Live music from 11:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

****Sacred Heart Church Bazaar-Flensburg:** Sun. July 21st, Polka Mass at 10a.m., followed by a parade at 11:30a.m. Gorka's Chicken dinner serving from 11a.m.-1:30p.m. Concession stand, cake walk, children's game, live action at 1:30p.m. & grand raffle at 3:30p.m.

****St. Rita's Parish Bazaar-Hillman:** Sun. July 28th, Mass at 10:30a.m. Homemade Chicken & Ham Dinner, air-conditioned & handicapped accessible, 11a.m.-2p.m. Bingo, Sportsman's raffle, Auction at 2:30p.m, Grand raffle at 5p.m. games for the whole family.

Celebrate Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week July 21-27, 2019! Plan now to celebrate NFP Week. This year's theme is, *"Love Naturally! Natural Family Planning, Cooperating With God's Design for Married Love!"* A colorful poster and other online resources are available at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/marriage-and-family/natural-family-planning/awareness-week/>. This is a great time to learn about NFP and God's plan for married love. If you have questions contact Sheila Reineke at 320-258-7609 or sreineke@gw.stcdio.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

*** SAT., Jul. 20th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Jul. 21st @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat. – Leo Voigt & Mason Zajac

Sun. – Braiden Maus & Jayden Zajac

Weekday Lector: – Jan Dahmen

CONGRATULATIONS! To Donald and Karen Boser who are celebrating their 50th Wedding Anniversary this weekend (Sunday July 14th).

PARISH BAZAAR NEWS: *Fancy Booth*-Could use items, you can drop items off at the parish office. *Silent Auction*-we are looking for new items or if you would like to donate a completed basket, you may drop either off at the parish office. *Thank you, for your generosity!*

PARISH BAZAAR FOR ST. JOSEPH'S is Sun., Aug. 4th, Mass at 10 a.m. featuring St. Joseph's Folk Group & Children/Youth Choir. Many attractions this year: kids' games, fancywork stand, country store, silent auction, gun raffle, quilt wheel, dunk tank and this year we will be having bingo in air conditioning in the church basement. Many different food booths, "Old Bank" pizza, hamburger & hot dog stand, corn feed & watermelon, walking tacos, doughnuts, & cheese curds. There will be outside music provided by Slewfoot band and "Soo Line" Band throughout the day. *Great fun for the whole family!*

LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP: Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

Marriage Encounter Weekend: *"The love of husband and wife is the force that welds society together."* - St. John Chrysostom. Grow deeper in that love! A **Marriage Encounter Weekend** allows a husband and wife to get away together and focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Sep 20-22, in Alexandria, MN and Aug 3-4, in Cedar, 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.

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls: Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Thursday, July 18, 6-7 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Centering Prayer is an ancient and contemporary way of prayer. That is followed by "Lectio Divina," a reflection on the coming Sunday Scriptures. Come, the third Thursday of the month, gather with sisters and members of all faiths to ponder God's presence in your life, and open yourself to receive the gift of a closer union with God. No need to pre-register. For more information, please call (320)632-0668 or email: franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

Little Falls Senior Center, Health Care Directive- Thurs. July 18th from 2-4 p.m. Learn what a Health Care Directive is and why it is important for you and your loved ones to have one. Understand how not planning for the end of life effects family members and can cause unnecessary conflicts to those you love. Learn how to have a conversation with your provider and loved ones. Confidently fill out your own health care directive and have it signed by a notary in this class.

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!

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!

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

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.

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.