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**Secretary office hrs: Mon,  
Wed & Thurs, 8:30a.m.-4p.m.**

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK:**

Monday	July 16	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	July 17	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Phil & Cora Thielen
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	July 18	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Don & Sue Schmolke
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Roman Kalhamer
Thursday	July 19	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Emily Dehler
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	July 20	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Maureen Watercott
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Robert "Bob" Brenny
Saturday	July 21	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Harvey Hoheisel (Adult Choir)
Sunday	July 22	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Florence (Stangl) Starr (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	People of the Parish (Roy Gall)

**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 Pastoral Associate:** Humble goodness. There are many people in our area, and therefore I believe throughout the world, who are quietly, without boasting or fanfare, doing acts of great love and are being instruments of God. There are people who are praying for people in need. There are people who are helping others, sometimes at great sacrifice to themselves. There are people dealing with great losses and grief and yet find the time to help others. There are people who have been asked to do difficult things at a moments notice, and have done the best they can, but have done so it so well because they did the actions with love and prayer. There are people who everyday take care of family members with situations that require a lot of attention, prayer, time and loving attention to detail. None of these people that I am thinking about (and I realize that there is a lot more good that is going on that I am not aware of) would consider themselves great, or holy. If they were to be asked, "Why are you doing what you are doing" most of them would simply say something like, "well this is what needs to be done." If you ever get down on the world, remember that God is working through His many humble, imperfect servants who are here and all throughout the rest of the world.

**WELCOME:** Fr. David Maciej who is here to say Mass at St. Joseph's on Saturday and Fr. Robert Harren who will be here for masses on Sunday at St. Michael's and St. Joseph's.

**AREA EVENTS:**

\***St. John's Church Bazaar, Foley:** Sun, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass - 10a.m., Food and Games through out the day.

\***St. Rita's Parish Bazaar, Hillman:** Sun, July 22<sup>nd</sup> Mass - 10:30a.m. Chicken & Ham dinner serving at 11a.m., Auction at 2:30p.m. Bingo, and so much more.

\***St. Joseph's Church Parish Festival, Pierz:** Sun. Aug. 5<sup>th</sup>, Polka Mass at 10a.m. Chicken dinner, games for kids, and so much more. Come and enjoy the day!!

**FRANCISCAN SISTERS:** The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to join them for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina on Thurs, July 19, 6-7 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Come. No need to pre-register. For more information, please call (320)632-0668 or email: [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org); [www.fslf.org](http://www.fslf.org).

**Franciscan Sisters Green Fair Folk Festival :** will be held on Wed, August 1, from 4-8 p.m., on the west lawn at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls.

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

July 15, 2018

Give joy to the souls of your servants, O God

**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, Pierz 11a.m.-12p.m. & Thurs, Buckman 2-4p.m.

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**ROSARY AT THE GROTTO:** Wed. July 18th at 8p.m. In case of inclement weather, we will move to the church.

**STEWARDSHIP DAY:** The keynote speaker is Eric McArdle, president and co-founder of Catholic Stewardship Consultants. McArdle works closely with parishes and diocese to develop spiritual-based stewardship programs that focus on communication, education, and evangelization. The day will also feature a panel discussion with local parish representatives sharing their experiences with stewardship. The event is Wed, August 22, 8:30 a.m.- 3 p.m., at St. Mary Help of Christians, St. Augusta. The cost is \$35 and includes lunch. Register online at: [www.stcdio.org/stewardship](http://www.stcdio.org/stewardship).

**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!

**THEOLOGY OF THE BODY CONTINUES!**

Our final sessions of Theology of the Body with Nic Davidson will continue on Tuesday August 7th, August 14th and August 21st at 6:30 pm. Buckman hall.

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

Adult	\$2953.00
High School	\$ 14.00
Elementary	\$ 25.00
Plate	<u>\$ 121.00</u>
	\$3113.00

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**SUNDAY - July 22<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.:**

**Lector-** Mary Kay Zilka

**Communion Ministers-** Leo Pohlkamp & Carolyn Andres

**Servers-** Cole Andres & David Gottwalt

**July Ushers-** Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Tucker Frank, son of Travis & Sarah Kahl was baptized last weekend. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHRISTIAN W/M:** Meet on the third Thursday of January, April, July and October. Our next meeting is Thursday, July 19<sup>th</sup> at the parish center at 6:30. Groups 1 and 2 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions call Patty at 478-2487

**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 103<sup>rd</sup> Street Pierz MN 56364. Donations received by 7/28/18 will be included on the raffle ticket. We appreciate your support.

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**REUNION REMINDER:** For Former St. Mary Villa and Pierz Villa Staff, there is a reunion planned for on July 19th at the Red Rooster in Pierz starting at 10:30 a.m. Hope to see you there!

**"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 14-16, 2018 in Alexandria, MN and Jul 27-29, 2018 in EAGAN, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496

**What's your SUPER POWER?** All are welcome to participate in VBS at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Royalton July 31- Aug. 2 from 9-12 for ages 4 and up. Discover your strength in God while learning about heroes in the Bible through music, activities and crafts. As part of our VBS, we will be collecting items for our military heroes at Eagle's Healing Nest in Sauk Centre. More info and registration can be found on [holyltrinityroyalton.org](http://holyltrinityroyalton.org) or Linda at 360-3802.

**RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION ON AUG. 12TH:** We are still looking for help. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office at 468-6033. We are also looking for monetary contributions. God Bless you for your support.

**MASS ATTENDANCE:****St. Joseph's:**

Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 180

Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 283

**St. Michael's:**

Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 271

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

Adult	\$5086.00
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 11.75
Plate	<u>\$ 363.41</u>
	\$5472.16

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**July - Sat. 21 @ 4:30p.m. & Sun. July 22 @ 8:00a.m.:**

**Servers:** Sat.-Isabel & Madison Gross

Sun.- Alana Rocheleau & Joleen Weyer

**Weekday Lector:** Jan Dahmen

**PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS:**

**\*\*Fancy Booth** needs hand made items (cards, pillow cases, etc.) for the Festival. Please drop donations off at the parish office, any questions contact Kathy Etzel at 468-2105.

**\*\*Country Store** is accepting donations of new or gently used items for the Festival. Please drop donations off at the parish office.

**\*\*Silent Action** needs items for the Festival. If you would like to donate please drop off items at the parish office marked Silent Action.

**\*\*NEED VOLUNTEERS:** Crystal Ratke is looking for multiple volunteers to help with this year's Parish Festival, Sunday August 5th. If you would be interested in helping out or know someone who would, please give Crystal a call at 630-8952. *Thank you and God bless!*

**ST JOSEPH'S PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers, please call Janet-468-6415 or Jan-468-6054, until July 8<sup>th</sup> and after July 8<sup>th</sup> call Karen-468-6818. Thank you!

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**DINE & DISCOVER NEWS:**

July 17<sup>th</sup>: 5pm to 6:30 pm **\*\*Evening Dine & Discover** on "Heart Disease in Men & Women: Same problem different Story" Presented by Cardiologist Dr. Eric Fenstad from Minneapolis Heart Institute. Meal will be provided.

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

July 9-Amanda Leidenfrost July 10-Al & Betty Pekarek, July 11-Travis & Sarah Kahl, July 12-Marvin Tretter, July 13-Dennis Dzieweczynski, July 14-Mary Aitkens (\$35 winners) July 15-Roger LeBlanc(\$75 Winner)

**Come & See: Discernment Retreat Weekends for single Catholic women** between the ages of 22-45, Saint Benedict's Monastery this summer. The dates are July 20-22, and August 10-12. The retreats begin on Friday at 4:30 pm and end on Sunday at 1:30 pm. This is a time to meet members of our monastic community and discern with other women who are considering religious life. There is no cost. If you are interested and want to register please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or at [lrose@csbsju.edu](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu).

**Upcoming Faith in Action & Horizon Health Events**

August 24<sup>th</sup>: Whacky Hacker golf tournament with proceeds going to Faith in Action

August 25<sup>th</sup>: Hospice Run with proceeds going to Horizon Health's Hospice patients

**Exciting News:** Horizon Health has received a grant to

provide classes on Dementia to caregivers to enable them to better take care of their loved one. If you have a group at church or socially that you belong to that would like a presentation at your location call Melissa Prozinski at 320-468-6451. These classes are free of charge, but we do set out a free will donation basket. Minimum requirement of 10 caregivers in attendance.

We are now on TV and the web! The Dine & Discover's are scheduled for broadcast every Tuesday at noon and Friday night at 8pm on local cable channel 180. They will also be posted out the GRA/GRTV Youtube channel.

[https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fW\\_lp870KMRE56tp0-MHA/featured](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fW_lp870KMRE56tp0-MHA/featured)

**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!

**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 as we prepare the blankets - then they are blessed by our Pastor. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105

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

**CATHOLIC FOUNDATION IRELAND PILGRIMAGE:**

Explore the most treasured shrines of Ireland as you visit the "Emerald Isle's" scenic lands and cultures of the Catholic faith. Follow in the footsteps of St. Patrick, the patron saint of Ireland. This customized tour is being offered by the Catholic Foundation St. Cloud Diocese and departs Oct. 17, 2018 with return Oct. 29, 2018. Fr. Jeremy Ploof is the spiritual leader accompanying the group. For a brochure with complete details and itinerary contact: Alice Coudron 320-258-7656 or email [acoudron@gw.stedio.org](mailto:acoudron@gw.stedio.org).

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS (Office #-468-6446)**

Holy Trinity School operates a child care program in the summer. Children are frequently on the playground. Please drive into the cemetery when visiting to provide safety for our children. Thank you for your assistance