

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH
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Palm Sunday of The Passion of the Lord
 April 14th, 2019
 Glory and honor and praise to you, Son of David!!

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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.

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

Monday	April 15	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	April 16	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Dorothy Thielen
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	April 17	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Donald C. Wuellner
Buckman	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Thursday	April 18 Holy Thursday	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Harvey (Jo) Block
Pierz	7:30 p.m.	+Sherry (Bolster) Schaft (Adult Choir)
Buckman	7:30 p.m.	+Celestine & Sylvester Mischke (Fr. Larn Virnig)
Friday	April 19 Good Friday	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Service
Pierz	1:00 p.m.	Service (Adult Choir)
Buckman	1:00 p.m.	Service (Fr. Larn Virnig)
Pierz	7:30 p.m.	Service (Folk Group)
Saturday	April 20 Holy Saturday	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Charles Watercott
Pierz	8:00 p.m.	+Jeanne Stang (Adult Choir)
Buckman	8:00 p.m.	Marie Pohlkamp (Fr. Larn Virnig)
Sunday	April 21 Easter Sunday	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Leonard & Margaret Braun (Folk Group)
Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Gladys & Michael Lanners

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3498.00
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 112.50
Plate	<u>\$ 295.00</u>
	\$3916.50

Thank you for your generosity!
 Mass attendance **Apr. 7th** – Sunday 10a.m-319

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$6615.00
High School	\$ 13.00
Elementary	\$ 25.50
Plate	<u>\$ 558.42</u>
	\$7211.92

Thank you for your generosity
Apr. 6th & 7th Mass attendance –
 Sat. 4:30 p.m.-306 Sun. 8:00 a.m.– 281

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Apr. 8-Janice Przybilla, **Apr. 9-**Jeff Johnson,
Apr. 10-Dennis & Barb Zajac, **Apr. 11-**
 Stephanie Fyten, **Apr. 12-**Dan & Katherine
 Bennett, **Apr. 13-**Ramona Hanneken (\$35
 winners) **Apr. 14-**David Funk (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: In the Stations of the Cross we often express thanks for God's mercy on us. Devine Mercy which is celebrated the 2nd week of Easter does as well. Here are some of the thoughts of Pope John Paul II given in his homily on the first Divine Mercy Sunday in 2001. "In the humiliated and suffering Christ, believers and non-believers can admire a surprising solidarity, which binds Him to our human condition beyond all imaginable measure. The Cross, even after the Resurrection of the Son of God, 'speaks and never ceases to speak of God the Father, who is absolutely faithful to His eternal love for man. ... Believing in this love means believing in mercy' (Rich in Mercy, 7). His "Sacred Heart" has given men everything: redemption, salvation, sanctification. Saint Faustina Kowalska saw coming from this Heart that was overflowing with generous love, two rays of light which illuminated the world. The two rays, [according to what Jesus Himself told her], denote blood and water (Diary, 299). The blood recalls the sacrifice of Golgotha and the mystery of the Eucharist; the water, according to the rich symbolism of the Evangelist John, makes us think of Baptism and the Gift of the Holy Spirit (See Jn 3:5; 4:14). Through the mystery of this wounded Heart, the restorative tide of God's merciful love continues to spread over the men and women of our time. 'Jesus, I trust in You!' A simple act of abandonment is enough to overcome the barriers of darkness and sorrow, of doubt and desperation. The rays of Your Divine Mercy restore hope, in a special way, to those-who feel overwhelmed by the burden of sin." God wants us to take His, mercy, take His gifts, and be one with Him, and follow Him and trust Him, with our lives. ~~~ Michael Pekar

Divine Mercy Service: April, 28th @ 2:00 p.m. @ Holy Cross Church, Harding. Fr. Greg Poser will be our speaker. The service also includes: Adoration, Song, The Divine Mercy Chaplet, Prayers for Healing, and the opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Everyone is Welcome!

60th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Marvin and Sylvia Burgraff are celebrating their 60th wedding Anniversary this Saturday, April 13th at the 4:30p.m. Mass. Congratulations on 60 wonderful years.

****Pope Francis** has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, helps to preserve sacred shrines and offer religious education. Please be generous!

CONFESSION TIMES:

Sun., Apr. 14 th @ 7:00 p.m. (Communal Penance Service)
Tues., Apr. 16 th @ 7:00 p.m. Pierz

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SAT. Apr. 20th @ 8:00 p.m. (Holy Saturday)**

Lector: Bob Lochner & Karen Stangl

Communion Minister: Nicole Hoheisel, Debbie Hall, Janice Janson, Alice Nordmann, Cindy Scholl, Kay Pappenfus

Servers: Charles Pekar, Nick & Leah Scholl, Ben Leidenfrost, Jackson Kahl.

***SUN. Apr. 21st @ 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)**

Lector: Ron Kahl

Communion Minister: Carolyn Andres, Donna Solinger

Servers: Wyatt Dingmann & Jadyrn Dorn

April Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

****NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Dawson Ezekiel, son of Cody & Valerie Neu was baptized on Sunday, April 7th.
Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

CHOIR NEWS: No choir practice this week. Choir will sing on Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday. Small choir will sing on Easter Sunday.

CHRISTIAN M/W: will meet on Thursday, April 25th in the parish center at Saint Michael's @ 6:30 p.m. Groups 9 & 10 will bring and serve refreshments. Questions, call Patty @ 468-2487.

CUF HAM BINGO: April 14th @ 1:00 p.m. @ the Buckman Parish Center, matching Grant Fundraiser.

FPSR (Father Pierz School of Religion): Is accepting donations for our garage sale, at the end of April. If you would like to donate please drop off donations at FPSR or contact Jesse Zajac @468-2640. All proceeds go toward Steubenville trip.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Registration is open for the 2019-20 school year.

*2019-20 Preschool Open House is Tuesday, April 16th @ 6pm in the preschool classroom. This event provides an opportunity for families to visit Holy Trinity and discover what the school can provide for your child and family.

*The 3rd grade students will be performing the "Living Stations" on Thursday, April 18th @ 8:45am with Adoration to follow at St. Joseph Church. All are welcome to join us.

*No school on Good Friday.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.

AREA EVENTS:

***French Toast Breakfast, St. Joseph's-Morrill**, on Sun., Apr. 14th from 8:30am-12pm. Stuffed & unstruffed french toast, Thielen's sausage and more.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, hosting the 12th annual Franciscan Girls Camp, Tues., June 4th, 10a.m. – Thurs., June 6th, 6p.m. in Assisi Park, located at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities, campfire, prayer and singing. For more info., call Sr Ange Mayers @ 320-632-0680.

ADDORATION CHAPEL: Will be closed on Thurs, Fri, & Sat., April 18, 19, & 20th for Holy Week, and will open again on Easter Sunday.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY: Sunday, April 14th, join us as we pray for our country at the Pierz Villa Chapel at 4p.m. All are welcome. Questions, call Patty at 468-2487.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***SAT. Apr. 20th @ 8:00 p.m. (Holy Saturday)**

Servers: Sat.- Austin Becker, Joey & Brandon Stuckmayer, Isabel & Madison Gross, Kami & Brooke Athman.

***SUN. Apr. 21th @ 8:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)**

Servers: Sun.- Morgan Like & Joelle Young

Weekday Lector: – Jill Kessler

DECORATION CHURCH FOR EASTER: Saturday, April 20th @ 9:00 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR, will sing on Sun., April 28th at 8am. We will practice on Wed., April 24th from 6-7pm. All boys and girls ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

Students interested in participating in the liturgy by reading or carrying up a gift should contact Rachel Young at (320) 630-3630 by 4/17. Mass practice will be right after choir practice on Wednesday, April 24th.

ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE: has finished their stitching for this year. We realize there are still groups working on their quilts. *A BIG THANK YOU* to all who helped in any way whether it was stitching, tying, making tops, binding, or making the complete quilt. We had another successful year and asked for your continued support for next year.

****St Joseph's Quilt Circle** is in need of a book shelf. If you have one you wouldn't mind donating or if someone is willing to make one you can contact Michelle at the parish center. There is one in the basement to look at to know what we are looking for.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND GERMAN DINNER:

2 dinner tickets are free with the purchase of 5 Raffle tickets or \$25 each. Dinner tickets are pre-sale only. NO tickets will be available at the door. Also, children under 12 can get a dinner ticket for \$5 but that will not include drink tickets. Dinner tickets will be sold up until Easter Sunday.

CEMETERY CLEANING: With warmer weather, the cemetery will be cleaned in the near future. Please remove any decorations/flowers you wish to keep. Thank you.

CLEAN UP DAY: Clean-up day for residents of Agram, Buckman, Buh, Granite, Hillman, Leigh, Mt Morris and Pierz Townships on April 27th 8 a.m. - noon. @ the Rich Prairie Livestock Yard.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of April 8, 5,572 parishioners have donated \$785,403 in gifts and pledges. That is 60% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like Catholic Education and TV Mass, and is not used for any other purpose.

PIERZ LION'S CULB EASTER EGG HUNT: Sat. April 20th at Pioneers Softball field (East side, behind school). Will start at 11a.m.

2019 BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP: Join Bishop Kettler, Joe McTighe, former executive director of the Council for American Private Education (CAPE) and other Catholic school supporters from throughout the diocese, on Wed. May 1st from 8-9am, Gorecki Center, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph. Interested in reserving a seat, or hosting a table? Please contact Alice at 320-258-7656 or acoudron@gw.stcdio.org.

Prayer Team Volunteers Needed at the St. Cloud Hospital

– Prayer Team volunteers work in conjunction with hospital chaplains to bring intercessory prayer to pre-determined patients and their families. We meet Tues and Thurs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Please prayerfully consider being a Prayer Team volunteer. Contact the Spiritual Care Office at 320-251-2700, ext. 54621 or email, wiehoffb@centracare.com for more information.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.) Victim Assistance Advocate for St. Joseph is Tom Klecker: (320) 253-2866.

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.

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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day." - *husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter*. Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 5-7, in Baxter and Sep 20-22 in Alexandria. 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.

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!

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!