

SUNDAY, AUGUST 15th, 2021E-mail: stjoes@midco.net, Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org

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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.**Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chattoor**

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 AUGUST 17th – AUGUST 22nd, 2021**Tuesday, August 17**8:00 a.m. Pierz +Math & Adeline Brausen
7:00 p.m. Buckman St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women Mass**Wednesday, August 18**8:00 a.m. Buckman +Lydia Hoheisel
7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration**Thursday, August 19**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Joseph "Joe" Herold

Friday, August 208:00 a.m. Pierz +Mary Ann Kimman
8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Villa +Lorraine Athman (*Mass only for Residents*)
1:30 p.m. Pierz **Wedding:** Lindsay Monson & Alex Harvey
3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration**Saturday, August 21**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Leonard, Eleanor, & Francis Kasper & +Eileen Zens

Sunday, August 228:00 a.m. Pierz +Albin & Irene Oldakowski
10:00 a.m. Buckman +Gloria Lanners**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**Adult \$ 3,687.00
High School \$ 15.00
Elementary \$ 15.00
Plate \$ 295.50
\$ 4,012.50*Thank you for your generosity!*Mass attendance **August 8th Sunday:** 225**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**Adult \$ 5,823.00
High School \$ 19.00
Elementary \$ 13.00
Plate \$ 291.55
\$ 6,146.55*Thank you for your generosity!*Mass attendance **August 7th Saturday:** 163Mass attendance **August 8th Sunday:** 218**CONFESSIONS:** Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.
Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS****August 9** – Alexander Gruber (Dawn Gruber), **August 10** – Ramona Hanneken, **August 11** – Brian & Nancy Mathiason, **August 12** – Helen Andres, **August 13** – Scott & Sarah Boser, **August 14** – Karol Weyer - (\$35 Winners). **August 15** – Grace Marshik (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: I have been bolstered by listening to some parishioners, who are farmers, that while they may not be happy with the current drought situation, they are still being very faithful to God in their participation in Church, in financially supporting their parish, and in their words about life, God and farming, and their determination. To be faithful and pleasant in tough times as well as the bountiful times is a mark of a good marriage and/or good relationship with our loving God. May we always praise God and thus point the way for those who are searching for their security and their peace to follow. May we, like Mary, point the way to Jesus Christ. ~~~ **Michael Pekar ~ Don't forget there are Scripture Reflection Questions on the Website.**

LOOKING AHEAD: Fr. Popp will be gone at a priest's retreat August 22nd-26th.**FINAL ROSARY AT THE GROTTA FOR THE SUMMER:**Please join the local KCs as we pray the last Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway) for the summer at 8 p.m. on Sunday, August 15th at 8 p.m. (Note: not the usual Wednesday) Thank you to everyone who participated this summer.**CONGRATULATIONS!** To Andy Kapsner who was installed as Grand Night of the local Knights of Columbus, St. Isidore's Council 3982.**Benefit for Jerry Brill & Family:** Jerry was diagnosed with stage 3 pancreatic cancer. The benefit will be September 25th at the Pierz Ballroom. Doors open at 2 p.m., sloppy joe dinner at 4:30 p.m., silent and live auction to follow. If you would like to donate, contact Jenny Lardy (320) 249 7162, Chris Lardy (320) 761 7690, or Amy Rybaski (320) 630 1032. Thank you from the Brill family!**Eucharistic Adoration:** In the 52nd Meditation Jesus says:

"My child, it is so easy to return here time and time again, if only you start coming. It is the first step that is the hardest. Why do I allow this first step to be the hardest? I do this for your own benefit. Nothing good comes easily. My cross was a very difficult one to carry." Come and add your prayers – adoration at St. Michael's on Wednesdays from 7-8p.m. and at St. Joseph's on Fridays from 3-6p.m.

American Red Cross Blood Drive: First United Church, 1000 1st Street SE, Little Falls, on Monday, August 23 from 1-7 p.m. and Tuesday August 24 from 12-6 p.m. Invite a friend and together make a big difference in the community while helping to save lives. Masks must be worn regardless of vaccination status. Due to pandemic guidelines of social distancing, the American Red Cross cannot accept walk-ins and asks that everyone schedule an appointment to ensure no one will be turned away. Please schedule your appointment online at www.redcrossblood.org or call Sister Julien Dirkes at (320)632-0663.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., AUG. 22nd @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Nathan Gruber

Communion Ministers: Cindy Scholl & Debbie Hall

Servers: Eden Andres & Quinn Gruber

Ushers for September: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women: On Tuesday, August 17th at 7:00 PM, St. Michael's Christian M/W will hold their honoree Mass and award ceremony. We will honor 60-year member Lorraine Hoffman; 50-year members Judy Fyten and Carol Posch; 40-year members Joanne Brezinka, Sandy Henry, and Marion Masog. Refreshments will follow in the parish center.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Employment opportunities: Music / Library Teacher.

Childcare Program Lead Teacher / Preschool Classroom Assistant. Reading Corp tutors for K-3. Contact the school office for more information.

*2021-2022 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to, www.holytrinitypierz.org or contact the school office.

Preschool and K-Readiness classrooms are almost full. Please return your registration to ensure a spot!

*2021-2022 Open Houses: Mrs. Litke will be sending parent letters out regarding the upcoming events.

*Holy Trinity continues to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

AREA NEWS:

***St. Francis of Assisi 65th Annual Fall Festival**, Sunday August 22. Mass at 10 am with music by LaVerne and the Starlites. Homemade chicken & ham dinner at 11am \$12 for adults, \$6 for kids 5-10, 4 & under free. Silent auction throughout the day. Located 10 miles north of Albany.

***Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Urbank** invites everyone to their Annual Bazaar on Sunday, September 5, 2021. Mass will be at 10:30AM followed with a Braised Beef & Ham dinner from 11:00 AM - 2PM. Games, silent auction, refreshments, 2PM concert by Connie Lee Stich and fun for the whole family!

***St. Stephen Parish Festival – St. Stephen MN** September 6th Labor Day Mass at 8 am. Live music by JJ's Band 11am-2pm & Laverne & The Starlites 2pm-7pm, break at 5:30pm for Raffle. Homemade Chicken and Ham Dinner 11am, adults \$10, children (4-10) \$5, children (3 and under) free. Country Auction Starts at 1 pm and continues after Quilt Auction (starts at 2pm, pre-sale of quilts until 1:30 pm). Grand Raffle at 5:30 pm \$5 a ticket Grand Prize \$16,000.

***Church of the Holy Spirit's Fall Festival – St. Cloud, MN** September 12th. Polka Mass at 10:30am on the grass featuring The Polka Beats (Outdoor Mass - weather permitting). All You Care to Eat Breakfast, Cake Spin, Kiddie Karnival, Cash Raffle. 2405 Walden Way | St. Cloud, MN 320-251-3764.

***St. Michael's Church – Buckman**, Parish Bazaar will be held on September 19th with a polka mass at 10 a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: Aug. 17th & 20th: LeRoy Swanson

SAT. AUG. 21st @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. AUG. 22nd @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. Aug. 21 – Taryn Dorn, Grace Stumpf, & Sara Stumpf, ***Choir*** – Christie Virnig

Sun. Aug. 22 – Jo Loidolt, Mary Tschida, & David Stumpf

Servers: Sat. Aug. 21st – Faith Bridewell & Addison

Marshik. **Sun. Aug. 22nd** – Caden & Natalie Knutson

Lectors for September: Sat. – Tracy Voigt, **Sun.** – Harvey Kimman

Ushers for September: Sat.- John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll. **Sun.-** Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, & Jason Sadlovsky

II. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding August 27th):

Shelbie Boser & Andrew Kapsner

III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding August 20th):

Lindsay Monson & Alex Harvey

St. Joseph's CM/W Oktoberfest Pie Booth: We are in need of workers on Saturday, August 28th making pies at 8am and on Sunday, August 29th down at the Pierz Park selling pies. To help on Saturday, call Eileen at 360-2434. To help on Sunday, call Jo at 630-6088. The CM/W are also accepting any cash donations for the cost of ingredients. You can bring your donation to the park, or put it in a marked envelope and put it in the collection basket. Thank You!

Marriage Help: Retrouvaille is a program that offers support and help to couples in hurting and strained marriages. With the many stresses and financial challenges facing couples today, many marriages are experiencing difficulties. The next weekend program in Central Minnesota starts Sept 17, 2021 @ Country Inn & Suites in St. Cloud, MN. Call 320-255-5314 or check the website www.helpourmarriage.org for more information. Preregistration is required. Space is Limited.

Catholic Charities Senior Dining Reopening: Congregate dining rooms will reopen August 2 across Central Minnesota for adults age 60+. Frozen Meal Distribution in Little Falls on Friday, August 13th from 10-11 a.m. Little Falls Senior Center 510 7th St NE Little Falls MN. And in Pierz on August 27th from 10-11:30 a.m. at Fellowship Bible Church, 12876 MN-25, Pierz.

Foster Grandparent Program: Currently there are openings here in Pierz. Adult's age 55 and over can receive an hourly tax-free stipend for volunteering as little as 8 hours per week (or more if they wish) assisting children with activities, reinforcing learning, helping with art projects, and more. This is a great opportunity if you have time to spare, love to be with children, and could use some extra non-taxable income. For more information, please call Jon at Catholic Charities at 320-229-4593 or toll-free at 1-866-895-7992.

St. Cloud DCCW 67th Fall Conference: "The year of Saint Joseph." September 18th at St. John's Parish, Foley. Sister Elise Saggau, OSF will present: "Saint Joseph: A Saint for Our Times". Registration: \$15, after Sept. 7, \$20. Please send registrations to: Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice MN 56367, 320-393-2701. Make checks payable to St. Cloud DCCW. Sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.