

MARCH 14th

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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Fri. - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish office number 468-6033.

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes:

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 MARCH 16th – MARCH 21st, 2021

Tuesday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Leonard & Eleanor Kasper, & Eileen Zens

Wednesday, March 17

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Gerald Perleberg

7:00 p.m. Buckman Stations of the Cross

7-9:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 18

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

Friday, March 19 - Feast of St. Joseph - School Mass: Mrs. Miller's 4th Grade Class

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Ray & Mary Bayer

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

3-4:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

4:00 p.m. Pierz Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 20

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Dennis, Roman, & Erika Kahlhamer

Sunday, March 21 (Pierz Mass recorded & posted to website)

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Mel & Leona Gruber, and For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Gloria Lanners

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2,490.00

High School \$ 9.00

Elementary \$ 19.25

Plate \$ 118.00

\$ 2,636.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 7th Sunday:** 189

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 9,641.73

High School \$ 22.00

Elementary \$ 10.00

Plate \$ 187.00

\$ 9,860.73

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 6th Saturday:** 197

Mass attendance **March 7th Sunday:** 143

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.

Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

March 8 – Chad Rentz, **March 9** – Jerry Funk, **March 10** – Nathan Carper, **March 11** – Conrad & Sandra Gruber, **March 12** – John Feist, **March 13** – Grace Dembouski - (\$35 Winners). **March 14** – Kim Lillemoe (\$75 Winner).

FROM OUR PASTOR: This Sunday is called "Laetare Sunday" in the Extraordinary Form of the Roman Rite since its mood and theme is one of hope and rejoicing that Easter is near. In the Ordinary Form, this Sunday is not different from the other Sundays of Lent even though the entrance antiphon for the day still begins with the Latin word "laetare" and the vestments worn by the celebrant are rose-colored, not violet. The day is important because it is the day of the second scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil. As we near closer to Easter, I would like for all of us to continue to pray for the people in our community that are suffering from all types of illnesses and especially those affected by the COVID-19 virus.

~Fr. Ken Popp

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:

Wed. March 17th @ 12:00 p.m. Pierz

Thurs. March 18th @ 7:30 a.m. Buckman

Sat. March 20th @ 10:00 a.m. Buckman

Sat. March 20th @ 12:00 p.m. Pierz

Sat. March 20th @ 3:30 p.m. Pierz

2021 Minnesota FoodShare Campaign: March is FoodShare Month. All donations received are increased by donation through Minnesota FoodShare. Will you please join the effort to help replenish our local food shelf during March? An extra can of soup, veggies, or cereal purchased during your weekly grocery shopping trip will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the Pierz Area Food Shelf and the address is P.O. Box 383, Pierz, MN 56364, and your donation is tax deductible. The Pierz Food Shelf hours are 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM on Mondays, or call 320-468-7134 for more information or to set up an appointment to drop off. Thank you!

Bible Study on Salvation History: Come learn the Big Picture of the Bible, from Genesis to Jesus and His Church; weekly at 7 PM on Mondays at the St John's Parish Center in Lastrup until May 10. If you can't make it, you can watch whenever at focusequip.org/lentenstudy2021. Questions: contact Mark Loidolt at 701-388-2323 or mark.loidolt@gmail.com.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Sunday, April 11th from 1-4 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Confessions available from 2-4 p.m. The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be sung. We will have speakers, benediction, prayers, quiet time, and testimonies. Come for the times that work for you. All are welcome. Any questions, call Patty at 468-2487 or Candace at 320-282-9073.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES: Thank you for your generous support of the Catholic Relief Services collection and for helping Jesus in disguise. Your contributions made a difference. If you missed the collection, it is not too late to give! Visit www.usccb.org/nationalcollections for more info.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:
SUN., MARCH 21st @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

Communion Ministers: Jill Hoheisel & Megan Herold

Ushers for April: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

**** New Team Members Needed! ****: St. Michael's Church needs some new team members to help with decorating the church, water the plants and moving things around to change with the seasons. As one of the Team volunteers, you can be a part of creating how our church looks year-round. When you attend services, you can take pride in knowing that you were part of the process. It's time to bring in fresh eyes, new perspectives and décor that appeals to all generations. If you are interested in being a Team member, please contact Mary (320)223-9783 or Kim (320)469-7352.

DISH TOWELS: Dish towels are stamped, ready to embroider and be picked up, in the middle pews on the south side of the church. Please sign them out on the sheet if you take a set. Thanks!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE: On Wednesdays during Lent, St. Michael's will have Stations at 7 P.M. followed by seven minutes of adoration, a blessing, quiet dismissal for those who want to leave and then continued adoration where folks can leave when they are finished. Adoration will end at 9 P.M. You must take the booklets home and return with them the next week. The booklets will be collected up after Stations during Holy Week.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*2021-22 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, www.holytrinitypierz.org or contact the school office.

*Sunday, March 14th is the last day to bid on the Holy Trinity School carnival's silent auction. Bidding closes at 4pm TODAY! Visit givevgy.us/holytrinitycarnival

*Holy Trinity Catholic School is a MN accredited school through Minnesota Nonpublic School Accrediting Association, MNSAA. In order to retain membership within MNSAA, every seven years the member school must undergo a comprehensive school improvement process. The process has three elements: self-study report, school strategic plan, and an on-site accreditation team visit. Holy Trinity has been preparing for its review over the past year. The on-site team will be here to visit on March 17th, 18th, and 19th. They will review the self-study to validate that the school has provided an accurate description. They also will review the strategic plan to ensure that it is a quality plan to guide the school over the next seven years. The information gathered will be written into a report, presented to the MNSAA board, and returned to Holy Trinity School for revision and adoption.

*Holy Trinity will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. Holy Trinity will make \$3 on each bag sold and \$10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*Senior High Girls Night/Guys Night will be Wednesday, March 17th from 5:30-7:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

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

Weekday Lector March 23rd & 26th: Hilde Flicker

Communion Ministers: Sat. Mar. 20 - Mary Schraut & Kristie Virnig, *Choir* - Kerri Kasper, Sun. Mar. 21 - Dan & Lois Waytashek

LECTORS FOR APRIL:

Sat. – Tracy Voigt, Sun. – Gwen Gruber

USHERS FOR APRIL:

Sat. – Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, & Jon Stumpf
Sun. – Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Mary Kay Waytashek* passed away on March 7th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, March 12th at St. Joseph's Church. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Eleanor S. Kasper* passed away on March 8th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, March 13th at St. Joseph's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: We will be tying Tuesday, March 16th and Monday, March 22nd from 9-11 am. We will continue to work on quilts every other Monday and Tuesday till further notice, watch the Bulletin for dates. If people want to stay longer, they are welcomed to. We will use social distancing. Questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION & STATIONS UPDATE:

During the Lenten season, Eucharistic Adoration will be from 3-4 p.m. on Fridays followed by the Stations of the Cross and a blessing. There will be no singing.

Good Friday Walk for Peace: The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite you to participate in a Good Friday Silent Walk for Peace on Friday, April 2, 9:30 a.m. Participants will walk starting from the west entrance at St. Francis Convent, in a silent procession, stopping to pray at various designated places throughout LFs, including St. Gabriel's Hospital, Morrison County Jail and Government Center, Bank Square, Veteran's Memorial, Maple Island Park and a few others. The walk concludes back at the convent at about 11 a.m. While we will be outdoors, we will maintain social distancing and follow current coronavirus safety protocols (masks are encouraged!). If bad weather, this event will be cancelled. For more info, contact 632-0668 or franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

Theology on Tap: Come join us for a fun night out at Theology on Tap on Thursday, March 25. We are excited to meet at our new location of The Falls Ballroom. Social hour begins at 7:00. A taco bar will be available for \$12.99 as well as a full bar. Our speaker Rita Trettel will begin at 8:00 and will give a talk titled "Let Go and Let God". She will share her journey in living with progressive multiple sclerosis for more than 20 years and how she has learned to trust in God and find joy during challenging times. All are welcome! Feel free to contact Amy at amy.schlichting11@gmail.com with questions.

