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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 17th, 2019
 Lead me, guide me for the sake of your name Lord!

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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. in Buckman 2-4p.m.

Office Hrs.: Mon., Wed. & Thurs.
 9a.m.- 4p.m., Tues. 9a.m.-2p.m.

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 FEB. 18th – 24th

Monday Feb. 18
 Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Feb. 19
 Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
 Pierz 5:00 p.m. +Edward & Regina Stumpf

Wednesday Feb. 20
 Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Leon Leidenfrost
 Villa 9:30 a.m. +Catherine M. Meyer

Thursday Feb. 21
 Buckman 8:00 a.m. St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members
 Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Feb. 22
 Pierz 8:30 a.m. + Kenneth Schmitt (Holy Trinity School Mass)
 Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
 Villa 9:30 a.m. +Alvin Janorschke

Saturday Feb. 23
 Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Phil & Cora Thielen (Adult Choir)

Sunday Feb. 24
 Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Sue Hoheisel (Folk Group)
 Buckman 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$2689.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 8.00
Plate	\$ 401.15
	\$3104.15

Thank you for your generosity!

Feb 10th Mass attendance – Sunday 10a.m - 298

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$5992.00
High School	\$ 24.00
Elementary	\$ 36.75
Plate	\$ 271.10
	\$6323.85

Thank you for your generosity!

Feb. 10th Mass attendance – Sat. 4:30p.m. - 237
 Sun. 8:00a.m. - 253

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

Feb. 11-Hannah Kahl, Feb. 12-Jeff & DeAnna Fuhrman, Feb. 13-Lori Gruber, Feb. 14-Delores & Henry Preimesberger, Feb. 15-Dennis Hoffman, Feb. 16-Karen Stangl (\$35 winners) Feb. 17-Courtney Kroll (\$75 Winner).

Dear Parishioners,

“For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit.” These are the words of St. Paul in his First Letter to the Corinthians. I'm very grateful for every gift made to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. These gifts support ministries at the core of our Church's mission. I ask you to please prayerfully discern a gift to the Appeal and join others around the diocese in supporting this important work. The need is great and your support – no matter the amount – makes a difference in the lives of so many others. Your gift goes directly to diocesan ministries and will not be used for any other purpose.

Thank you, and may God bless you and your loved ones.

Sincerely yours in Christ,
 Bishop Donald J. Kettler

The Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will conduct a spring Lenten Retreat, "Dignity of Women", Saturday, March 16th at Seven Dollars Catholic Church in Albany starting at 8:30 with Rosary and Mass. Registration (\$15.00) is due by March 1st and should be mailed to Linda Borgerding, 33504 Shorewood Drive, Avon, MN 56310.

AREA LENTEN FISH FRIES:



***Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** on March 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th, April 5th and 12th. Menu includes: coleslaw, baked potato, baked beans, dinner rolls & beverages. Prices: Adult-\$9, children 12 and under-\$5, under 4-free. Hours: 5-7p.m. Takeout orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7:30).

AREA EVENTS:

***Holy Trinity Pancake Breakfast,** Sun. Feb. 17th, 8:30am-12noon at St. Michael's Parish Center.

***Quilt or Cash Bingo, St. Rita's Parish-Hillman:** Sun, Feb. 24th at 1:30p.m. Door prizes! Free lunch after the games. Handicapped accessible.

***The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** have published a book on the history of their community from 1950 - 2018. Author, Sister Elise Saggau, will be signing books at a reception Feb. 22nd, 2-4 p.m., at St. Francis Convent, 116 8th Avenue SE, Little Falls. All are welcome!

***Catholic Men's Conference:** Sat. Feb. 23rd, at Sacred Heart Parish-Sauk Rapids. Guest speaker is Deacon Ralph Poyo. For more information, call 320-252-4721 or you can visit our website at www.stcdio.org/mensconference19.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUNDAY – Feb. 24th @ 10:00 a.m.:**

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Minister: Carolyn Andres & Donna Solinger

Servers: Hunter Jacobson & Ellie Kasella

February Ushers: John Grittner, Sam Seelen, & Jerry Posch

CM/W: Members going to the retreat, call Patty @ 468-2487 by Thursday Feb., 27th to register and have the fee paid. Thank You!

****NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Lucas Jeffrey, son of Joseph and Stephanie Skroch, was baptized February 10th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: Catholic schools and youth and adult faith formation within our parishes benefit from gifts made to the Bishop's Annual Appeal!

FPSR:

*Women's Silent Lenten Retreat - Mar 5th-7th or Mar 19th-21st

*Men's Silent Lenten Retreat - March 8th-10th. Theme is "Be Patient in Affliction" @ Christ the King Retreat center in Buffalo, MN www.kingshouse.com

*Koinonia Retreat in Little Falls on March 22nd-24th. For more info., email cmkoinonia@gmail.com

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*The school carnival will be Sunday, March 10th. Mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are for sale. Donations are being taken for silent auction items, bingo, toy walk, shake-rattle-roll, and country store. Items can be left at door #1 entrance into school.

*Holy Trinity has an opening for a Foster Grandparent. Qualifications: Age 55 years or older, commit 8 hours per week during the school year. For questions, please contact Jon Knopik at jknopik@ccstcloud.org or call Toll-free at 1-866-895-7992.

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

Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team will be hosting its 4th annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser on Sat. March 9th. Pre-sale tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and can be purchased from any Pizzazz Dancer. There will be games, music, split the pot, and much more! To enter a soup or donate an auction item, contact Jackie @ 320-232-0539. Thank you so much!

Safe Haven Sunday-March 2/3 is a weekend set aside by dioceses and parishes to directly address the harms of pornography in an appropriate way. Within the context of the Mass, dioceses and parishes are able to provide teaching and resources that will support and protect individuals, marriages and families in making all homes a safe haven.

PIZZA PARTY: Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, Sr. Michelle L'Allier invites the high school youth in religious education programs and youth groups to a pizza party and conversation with the Sisters, followed by a short prayer service Wed. Mar. 13th at St. Francis Convent in St. Francis Hall from 6:15 to 7:45p.m. Please email Christi Hartwell, chartwell@fslf.org by Feb. 28th. *Thank you!*

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

***SAT. Feb. 23rd @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. 24th @ 8:00 a.m.:**

Servers: Sat.- Kami & Brooke Athman

Sun.- Natalie & Caden Knutson

Weekday Lector: – LeRoy Swanson

****NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Emmett William, son of Stephen Maus and Bethany Halverson, was baptized February 9th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

****St Joseph's Quilt Circle** will be quilting Mon. Feb. 18th starting at 9am in the Parish Office basement. Anyone interested in learning is welcome to join us. Like last year it will be come when you can, stay as long as you wish. Bring your own lunch.

BISHOP ROBERT BARRON'S LENTEN GOSPEL

REFLECTIONS: There is still time to get a copy of this resource to help you "go deeper" into God's Word this Lent. The booklet includes the Gospel reading for each day along with a reflection from Bishop Barron and a reflection question to connect the Gospel message to our lives today. Mary Kay Pekar has copies available for \$3 each. She can be reached @ 468-2316 or via email @ 02mmpekar5@gmail.com. Lent begins March 6th. Request your copy today.

GRIEF GROUP: There is a grief group for parents grieving their child(ren). It is an informal group made up of people who have experienced the death of a child at any age. It is a support group. We meet at 6:30 p.m. at the St. Francis Convent. Upcoming dates are Thurs: Feb. 21st, Mar. 21st, Apr. 18th, May 16th, June 20th, and July 18th. For further info or questions, call Maryrose @ 320-360-1468.

RAFFLE TICKETS are out! for St. Joseph's Church-Pierz, for its Maintenance & Building fund! Dinner tickets are also available (German Dinner being planned), if you buy 5 tickets, you get 2 dinner tickets *free*. There are only 350 dinner tickets available. You may purchase any of these tickets in the parish office, from a parish council member, or in some of the local community stores.



THEOLOGY DAY: Michael Patella will present on the Gospel of Luke on Feb. 21st. Check-in is 6 - 6:30 p.m. & presentation is from 6:30 p.m. - 9 p.m., Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria, MN. Free event. Light refreshments provided. Call 320-363-3560 to register.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 hour a 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.

SM'S PRAYER LINE: Those needing prayers can call Mary Malinowski at 468-6148 or Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781. Those willing to pray for people can call Mary Brenny.

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

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY: Habitat for Humanity of Morrison County is accepting applications for Habitat homeownership program. Completed applications must be returned no later than March 14th by 4p.m. You must have currently lived in Morrison County for at least 1 year. Call the Habitat office @ 320-616-2084 for more info. or an application. Thank You!

Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs and furnace repairs for income-qualified households. Please contact your location EAP Service Provider to apply. For help finding your local EAP provider, call 1-800-657-3710. Applications must be received or postmarked by May 31, 2019 to be processed for benefits for the 2018-2019 program year. You can find more information online at the Minnesota Department of Commerce website at: <https://mn.gov/commerce/consumers/consumer-assistance/energy-assistance/>.

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.

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!

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!