

Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor: 320-468-6033, Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate contact information: 468-2316 or 320-221-1134
Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chettoor

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.
<https://stjohnslastrup.org/> 320-468-2111 <https://hardingchurch.org/> 320-468-2111

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 24th – 29th	
<u>Tuesday, May 24</u>	
8:00 a.m. Pierz	The Recipients of Prayer Blankets
9:30 a.m. Villa	Word/Communion Service <i>(only for Residents)</i>
<u>Wednesday, May 25</u>	
8:00 a.m. Buckman	+Bob Oldakowski
7-8:00 p.m. Buckman	Eucharistic Adoration
<u>Thursday, May 26</u>	
8:00 a.m. Buckman	+Ron Fyten
9:30 a.m. Villa	Word/Communion Service <i>(only for Residents)</i>
<u>Friday, May 27 – HT School Mass: Mrs. Przybilla's 5th Grade Class</u>	
8:30 a.m. Pierz	+Jared Tomala
8:30 a.m. Buckman	Word/Communion Service
9:30 a.m. Villa	+Marie Meyer <i>(Mass only for Residents)</i>
3-6:00 p.m. Pierz	Eucharistic Adoration
<u>Saturday, May 28 – The Ascension of the Lord</u>	
4:30 p.m. Pierz	+James Andres & Relatives
<u>Sunday, May 29 – The Ascension of the Lord</u>	
8:00 a.m. Pierz	+Helen Sczublewski, & The People of the Parishes
10:00 a.m. Buckman	+Robert Oldakowski

<u>ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u>	
Adult	\$ 5,323.00
High School	\$ 2.00
Elementary	\$ 4.25
Plate	\$ 305.00
	\$ 5,634.25
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
Mass attendance May 15th Sunday: 243	

<u>ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:</u>	
Adult	\$ 5,272.00
High School	\$ 17.00
Elementary	\$ 33.75
Plate	\$ 337.00
	\$ 5,659.75
<i>Thank you for your generosity!</i>	
Mass attendance May 14th Saturday: 146	
Mass attendance May 15th Sunday: 261	

<u>HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS</u>		
5/15/22	\$75.00	Jonathan Mayer
5/16/22	\$35.00	Russ & Cindy Marshik
5/17/22	\$35.00	Chris Banick
5/18/22	\$35.00	Jim Mell
5/19/22	\$35.00	Gail & Cole Young
5/20/22	\$35.00	Lisa Klein
5/21/22	\$35.00	Karla Crowe

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m. Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

From the Pastoral Associate: For all our students who are graduating from high school, we wish you well. Although as Catholics we wish more for you than that. My desire for you is the same desire I have for my three grown children, Ruth, Beth and Charles. I hope that you will always pray to God, and not just when things start going wacky. I hope that God/Jesus is or becomes your best friend on this adventure of life. I hope that your constant question in your constant prayer conversations with God is, "God/Jesus/Father what do You want me to do? Guide me." Sometimes the Lord may want to guide us with gifts He has given us and things we enjoy doing. Sometimes the Lord may have us take a road of suffering and trial. Sometimes the Lord may give us a guiding star of a person, His Word, thoughts in prayer, or with events that get us to where we are to be for our work for God. This is the purpose of our lives and it is and will be a grand adventure if you let God be in charge. My prayer for my children and our graduates is that you allow God to be in charge of your lives. ~~~ *Michael Pekar*

LOOKING AHEAD:

***Memorial Day Mass, Monday May 30th:** American Legion will be at Holy Cross Catholic Church – Harding this year for its annual Memorial Day Mass at 10:00 a.m.
 *The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 30th in observance of Memorial Day.

THE SYNOD: AT THE END OF MAY THE CHANCE TO HAVE THE HOLY SPIRIT HEARD THROUGH YOU TO THE SYNOD GOES AWAY. If we do not share our thoughts with the Synod, we can never say, "well they never ask my opinion" we can only say, "I did not respond to the invitation to share my thoughts." Please see our website (www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org) for more details on the synod and information on how to submit your responses online. Any questions ask Michael Pekar 320.468.2316.

CONGRATULATIONS: To Fr. Ken Popp who will be celebrating 39 years as a priest on May 28th.

INVITATION TO THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

The Christian Mothers/Women invite you to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. This spiritual journey is a journey of the host family in union with prayer partners. The host family invites The blessed Holy Family picture into their home and commits to praying the chaplet of the Holy Family each day for a week. The chaplet takes about seven minutes. Prayer partners in union with the host family petition the Holy Family to intercede for the intentions of the host family, by praying the chaplet each day.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., MAY 29 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Nathan Gruber & Randi Kranz

Servers: Logan Brisk & Jackson Kahl

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

L. BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding June 10th):

Theresa Stuckmayer & Travis Kasper

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Eli Louis*, son of Zachary & Brittany Kummet, was baptized on Sunday, May 15th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

THANK YOU: Thank you to Group 10 and all the extra people for the wonderful help with Leo Marshik's funeral. And a special thank you to the ladies who help at every funeral. ***Great job!***

GRADE SCHOOL REUNION: St. Michael's All Class Grade School Reunion will be Saturday, August 27th at 1 PM at Buckman Bank Tavern. Call Janice (320) 632-9332 or (320) 360-4353. Food & Beverages available for purchase.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

***May 23-27 - Last Week for ECE & Kindergarten** - This week is the last week of school for our students in Preschool, K-Readiness, and Kindergarten.

***Kindergarten Graduation** - Friday, May 27, 10:00am, in the HTCS gym.

***6th Grade Graduation** - Tuesday, May 31, 7:00pm, St. Joseph Church. This is also the last day of school for the 6th Grade students.

***Last Day of School Grades 1-5** - Wednesday, June 1.

***Coffee-** Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

***HT's PTO will be hosting Kickin' it for Veterans.** This free family kickball event will be located at the baseball fields behind Pioneer Elementary on May 22nd from 1-3 pm. Please come dressed to honor your favorite military branch or in red, white, and blue.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

***May 25th End of the Year Party** at the Pierz Park 5:30pm-7:30pm for 7th-12th graders!

***Summer Bible School** June 6th-10th 9am-11am @ FPSR!

***Valleyfair Youth Group** Trip 7th-12th Grade June 13th; extra forms are in the high school office or FPSR!

Pierz Community Education: Family bus trip to the Children's Museum on June 17. \$10 per person with a max of \$30 for a family of 4. To register or for more information, call the Community Education office at 320-468-6458 ext. 7.

FUN, FOOD, & FUND DAY: Thursday, June 16th at St. Mary's Parish (755 Kraft Drive, Melrose, MN 56352). The theme is "Take Jesus Home." Registration at 8:30 a.m. Music and silent auction begins at 9:30 a.m. Mass at 11 a.m. Noon lunch, then 1:00 p.m. silent auction ends and Father Derek Wiechmann speaks on "National Eucharist Revival." Closing prayer, winners announced, take home treat. Registration is \$15 before June 10th and \$20 after or at the door. **St. Michael's and St. Joseph's CM/W will pay the registration of their members. To register: from Buckman call Patty @ 468-2487, from Pierz call Marilyn @ 320-630-9321 by June 8th.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: May 24: Joan Kapsner

SAT, MAY 28 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN, MAY 29 @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. – Ruth Stuckmayer, Sara Stumpf, & Michelle Litke. ***Choir*** – Kelly Becker
Sun. – Tracy Voigt, Doris Thyen, & David Stumpf

Servers: Sat. – Addison & Joel Marshik

Sun. – Tyler Kimman & Mataya Pohlkamp

MONDAY MAY 30th MEMORIAL DAY @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Volunteers

Lector: Cari Stumpf

Lectors for June: Sat.- Al Pekarek, Sun.- Gwen Gruber

Ushers for June: Sat. – John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll. Sun. – Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

CONGRATULATIONS: To Derek & Katelyn (Becker) Schommer who were married this weekend!

PARISH FESTIVAL: There will be a meeting for the Parish Bazaar on Monday, May 23rd at 6:30. We are asking for a volunteer(s) to head the Country Store this year as well as still looking for a co-chair. Also, we are looking for musicians/musical groups who would be interested in playing for an hour or two that afternoon. If you know of anyone or would like to volunteer please contact Sarah Fyten at 320-237-2278.

GRAND RAFFLE: St. Joseph's Grand Raffle is now accepting cash donations. We appreciate every donation received to help make our grand raffle one of the best. You may drop the donation off or contact the parish office at 468-6033. ***Thank You!***

PRAYER LINE: If you have a prayer line intention, please call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.

AREA NEWS:

***Rummage Sale – St. Rita's Church, Hillman,** Thurs, June 2nd and Fri, June 3rd 8a.m.-6p.m., Sat, June 4th 8a.m.-5p.m.

***Breakfast – St. Joseph in the Heritage Hall,** Sun, June 5th, 8:30 am-12p.m. \$10 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12.

***Heritage Festival – Holy Family Church-Belle Prairie.** Celebrating 170 years during our Annual Heritage Festival on June 12 at 18777 Riverwood Dr. Little Falls, MN. Mass at 10:30AM and an afternoon of family activities, food and music by Alan Godage and Sundown. Grand Raffle with over \$13,000 in cash prizes. Questions, call the office at 632-5720.

FIRST ANNUAL BUTTERFLY & LANTERN RELEASE:

Food & Fellowship at Warner Lake County Park, 143 Cty Rd, Clearwater, MN on June 11th. Starts at 4 p.m. with prayer service and release at 6:45 p.m. Butterflies can be purchased for \$15 with loved one's name on them, lanterns are \$10. Contact Elevate to reserve. <https://elevatestcloud.org/>.

ROSARY AT THE GROTTA: Please join the local KCs as we resume praying the Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway) at 8 PM on Wednesdays starting June 1st. Please join us as we pray for our crops, families, community, and country. Everyone is welcome: families, couples, non-members, etc.