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Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy)

April 23, 2017 Jesus, I trust in you!

FR.KENNETH POPP - PASTOR MICHAEL PEKAR - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Fr. Popp's office hours are Wednesday from 1-3 p.m.

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from 8:30a.m.-4:30p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:							
Monday	Apr. 24	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service			
TuesdayApr. 25 Pierz		8:00 a.m. +Recon		nciliation of our Nation Back to God			
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service			
Wednesday	Apr. 26	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Dolores Herold			
		Pierz	8:00 a.m.	Word/Communion Service			
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Jeffrey Skroch			
Thursday	Apr. 27	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Joretta Hoheisel			
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service			
Friday	Apr. 28	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Harvey Hoheisel / School Mass			
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service			
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+David & Paul Lochner			
Saturday	Apr. 29	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Roger Geschwill (Adult Choir)			
Sunday	Apr. 30	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Terry Brisk (Folk Group)			

10:00 a.m.

Buckman

Confessions - Buckman, Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz - Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Adoration at the Pierz Villa Chapel on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

From the Pastoral Associate: Jesus is kind with us. Jesus wanted Thomas to believe and have faith in Him so much. Jesus did not ridicule him, disown him, or mock him for his not believing, but still trying to believe. Thomas had to feel a bit sheepish with his own lack of faith, (Yet that is nothing compared to what Peter might have felt, having sworn that he had never even known Jesus.) Jesus is willing to do whatever it takes to bring Thomas to the place where he can of his own freewill, come to believe. The same is true with us. Sometimes we have little faith. Sometimes we are not as faithful as adult Christians should be. Sometimes we do not pray as often as we should. Sometimes we know that in reality we have kept Jesus at a distance; close enough to say, "yeh I know who Jesus is", but far enough away where Jesus does not really have a dramatic affect on our lives. Many of us often try to live the life of a timid Christian: trusting ourselves more than Jesus and refusing to be carried away by the reckless adventure that is the security of God. (If you don't think that is true, look at all the "reckless, crazy, wild and wonderful adventures the disciples have after the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit.) When we turn and decide that, yes I really want more, I really want to believe, or be a deeper believer that is on fire for the Lord, Jesus, will not ridicule us like some rude egotistical brute, but in His Divine Mercy, Jesus will reach out and give us whatever we need to come closer to Him. ~~~ Michael Pekar

**BINGO: Ham & Quilt Bingo Sunday, April 23rd at 1:00p.m., Bethany Lutheran Church of Ramey. Beverages & snacks provided.

+The People of the Parish / Jim Readron

**PIERZ LIONS BREAKFAST: Sunday, April 30th at 8:30am - noon. St. Joseph's Church Cafeteria. Pancakes, eggs, sausage, sweet rolls, juice, milk & coffee. Adults \$9, 6-12 \$6, & 5 and under free.

**8TH ANNUAL TASTE OF ST. CLOUD, Mon. May 1st from 4:30-7:30p.m.- Territory Golf course, Coyote Moon Grille. Supporting the Franciscan Community Volunteers. **St. Ann's Christian Mothers 3RD ANNUAL Quilt & Cash Bingo. Sun. May 7th at 1:00p.m. at St. James, Randall New Church Hall. Bake Sale & Free Lunch provided. 20 games of bingo \$10, blackout for cash. Raffle tickets for a \$1. All proceeds will go to the kitchen fund. Come and have some fun!

THE PLAY THERESE: The Story of a Soul Play, Tues, April 25th, at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell. Tickets are at the parish office \$5 School bus transportation is FREE. You *must* make your bus reservation when you buy your ticket. The bus will load at 5 pm, Pierz north parking lot and Buckman parking lot around 5:15. You may bring a bag lunch for on the bus. Call parish office, 468-6033, with any questions.

<u>DIVINE MERCY SERVICE:</u> Sun, April 23rd at 2p.m. at Holy Cross Church in Harding. Fr. Ernie Martello, OSC will be the speaker and opportunity for confession. Please come and celebrate the feast day.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

AREA EVENTS:

YOUR STEWARDSHIP:	Weekly	
Adult	\$ 2,025.00	
High School	\$ 15.00	
Elementary	\$ 9.00	
Plate	\$ 1,139.50	
Holy Thursday	\$ 713.00	
Good Friday	\$ 563.32	
Easter	\$15,973.50	
	\$20,438.32	

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Holy Thursday - 203 Good Friday - 231 Holy Saturday - 228 Easter Sunday - 456

SUNDAY - April 30th

Lector-Paula Rocheleau Communion Ministers-Megan Hoheisel & Alice Nordmann Servers-Charles Pekar & Jackson Kahl

Ushers-Todd Caddy, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

CHOIR: practice Tues. April 25th at 7:00 p.m. This will be a short practice for First Communion.

BACCALAUREATE PLANNING: for high school seniors will be held on Monday, April 24 at 7pm at the Buckman Parish Center. Baccalaureate Mass will be on May 21 at the 10:00 mass. Luncheon will follow. Juniors and their parents are expected to work at this. If you have questions, please call Kristi Marshik at 320-360-0626.

<u>CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MEETING:</u> April 27th at 7:00p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Hall.

HOLY TRINITY NEWS 468-6446:

- **Now offering Variable Tuition for the 2017-18 school year! See www.holytrinitypierz.org for more information. Registration is open. Contact the school office for more information 468-6446.
- **On Friday, April 28th we will celebrate the school volunteers during and after liturgy. VOLUNTEERS are paid in six figures......"SMILES". Blessings on our volunteers for the school and lunchroom.
- **Grandparents' Day is Friday, May 5th. Grandparents and guests will be joining us for liturgy and an activity in the school gym.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS:

Apr 17-Lonna Becker, Apr 18-Eric & Carrie Gall, Apr 19-Julie Lahr, Apr 20-Helen Mattila, Apr 21-Bernie Nelson, Apr. 22-Bob & Vicki Talberg, (\$35 winners), Apr. 23-Bob Lochner (\$75 winner).

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

YOUR STEWARDSHIP:	Weekly
Adult	\$ 2,160.00
High School	\$ 81.00
Elementary	\$ 42.35
Plate	\$ 412.31
Holy Thursday	\$ 1,239.00
Good Friday	\$ 2,098.36
Easter	\$ 20,262.06
	\$ 26,295.08

MASS ATTENDANCE:

Holy Thursday - 270 Good Friday - 1p.m.-328, 7:30p.m.-141 Holy Saturday - 193 Easter Sunday - 435

<u>SERVERS:</u> Sat. - Michael Leidenfrost & Kami Athman Sun. - Mason Hoheisel & Robbie Schaefer

WEEKDAY LECTOR: Hilde Flicker

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

LEADERSHIP DAY: Parishioners and leaders are invited to the diocese's Leadership Day on Thursday, April 27th from 9:30-2:30 at the Church of St. Joseph in St. Joseph. Speaker Alejandro Aguilera-Titus of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops will speak on "Building Intercultural Competence for Ministers." It will be a great day to learn more about the Church in the United States and its needs, while growing in our own gifts of leadership. Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

A Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary

Theology Day: Pope Francis has urged the Church to become a model of compassionate love for the poor and for the earth. Our time together will be devoted to examining both the Scriptures and the science on which Francis relies in his pursuit of this vision. April 28th, check-in from 8:30 a.m. - 9 a.m. and presentation from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch provided following presentation. Registration is required: www.csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day, 320-363-3560 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day, 320-363-3560 or sot-sem@csbsju.edu/sot/theology-day, 320-363-3560

SPRING FANTASY: Please join us for a musical fantasy of classical music arranged for strings and percussion! Fri. April 28th at 7 p.m. Sacred Heart Chapel Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls. Admission is free. Everyone is welcome free-will offerings gratefully accepted.