

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**SUNDAY, MARCH 12th, 2023**

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org**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 MARCH 14th – MARCH 19th****Tuesday, March 14**

8:00 a.m. Pierz The Hearts of Faith Members, & +Alcuin Faust

9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Wednesday, March 15**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Dennis Welle

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

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

Thursday, March 16

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Walter & Julia Fyten

9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Friday, March 17 – HT School Mass: Mrs. Miller's 4th Grade Class**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Kay Voegtle

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

9:30 a.m. Villa +Marcella Flicker (*Mass only for Residents*)

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

Saturday, March 18

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Dennis Welle

Sunday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Marvin Dorn, & For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel, & +Tom Hoheisel

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult \$ 4,070.00

High School \$ 8.00

Elementary \$ 12.00

Plate \$ 170.00

\$ 4,260.00

Thank you for your generosity!Mass attendance **March 5th Sunday:** 245**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult \$ 7,687.00

High School \$ 10.25

Elementary \$ 9.55

Plate \$ 444.55

\$ 8,151.35

Thank you for your generosity!Mass attendance **March 4th Saturday:** 244Mass attendance **March 5th Sunday:** 232**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

3/05/23 \$75.00 Dave & Kathy Wickline

3/06/23 \$35.00 Larry Rudnitski

3/07/23 \$35.00 Linda Cherne

3/08/23 \$35.00 Wanda Lundblad

3/09/23 \$35.00 Rhonda & Jeff Thomas

3/10/23 \$35.00 Eunice Stachowski

3/11/23 \$35.00 Dave Ringwelski

From the Pastoral Associate: In our first reading the people were in dire straits. Not having any water in a desert is a big deal. Lots of things going on in the world today are a big deal too. The people complained to God through Moses, “Is the LORD in our midst or not?”. Sometimes we might be tempted to pray, “Lord, prove You are here to the World.” Let us amid the grief of the world not “test” the Lord. Let us rather offer prayers of thanks for what is mentioned in our second reading that, “the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.” We have the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit within our Baptized bodies. We also have freely heard the Word of God, drank the Blood of Christ and eaten His flesh to renew our drooping spirits. Let us not be groaners saying, “Is the Lord here, does God care, the world is going to ...” Let us rather be proclaimers of the goodness and presence of God. May God work through us to enlighten a darkened world. Let us be proclaimers, not groaners. ~ **Michael Pekar**

CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:Tues. March 14th @ 4:00 p.m. BuckmanThurs. March 16th @ 7:30 a.m. BuckmanSat. March 18th @ 10 a.m. BuckmanSat. March 18th @ 1 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Pierz

A NOTE FROM THE BISHOP: “This year the feast day of St. Patrick occurs on a Friday of Lent. In honor of my patron saint and to recognize that day as meaningful to so many Catholics of Irish heritage as well as other Catholics, I am dispensing all Catholics in the Diocese of St. Cloud from the obligation to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023.”

~**Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.**

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL: May this season of Lent provide you added time for prayer and reflection. We ask you to please take a moment to pray for the Bishop's Annual Appeal and the vital ministries it supports.

EASTER TRIDUUM MASS TIMES:*Thursday, April 6th at 7:30 p.m. in Pierz*Friday, April 7th at 1:00 p.m. in Pierz & 7:30 p.m. Buckman*Saturday, April 8th at 8 p.m. in Pierz*Sunday, April 9th at 8 a.m. in Pierz and 10 a.m. in Buckman

2023 MN FoodShare Campaign: March is FoodShare Month. All donations 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 it is tax deductible. The Food Shelf hours are 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM on Mondays, or call 320-468-7134 for information. Location on Main Street next the Pierz Fire Hall. Thank you for joining in the efforts to end hunger in our community.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN. MAR. 19 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Connie Kieffer & Bob Lochner

Servers: Andrew & Izzy Scheel

Ushers for Mar.: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Thursday, March 16th. Finance @ 7:30 p.m. Parish @ 8 p.m. at the parish center.



SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO: At St. Michael's Parish Center on Thursday, March 23rd after the 8 a.m. Mass. Put on by Catholic United Financial.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 16th and we are planning a gathering from 1-4p.m. We are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to help plan it and also for someone to share their faith journey. If interested, call Patty at 468-2487. Thank you!

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

***CARNIVAL RAFFLE AND CLASSROOM QUILT TICKETS ARE ON SALE!** HT families have raffle tickets for our carnival in March! \$5/ticket for the raffle and for the quilts. Tickets are also available in the school office.

***CAMP FOLEY PANCAKE BREAKFAST-** Sunday, April 2, 2023, 8:30am-12:00pm, Buckman Parish Hall.

***SPRING PLAY-** Performances will be held on Wednesday, March 22 at 1:30 pm and 6:30 pm in the HT Gym.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*Wed., March 15 - JH Skating Place 5:15p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

PIERZ COMMUNITY ED: Refresher course for those who are 55 and older to receive a 10% discount on their driving insurance. Taught by Rick Sczublewski on March 15 from 5:30-9:30pm. Call 320-468-6458 ext 7 to register. Fee is \$24.

LENTEN HEALING MASS: The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on Sunday, March 19, at 9 a.m. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls served after. For further information call the Crosiers at 320-532-3103. Reservations are not required. All are welcome!

AREA NEWS:

***Quilt Bingo/Raffle** - Sunday, March 19 at St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman, at 1 pm. Coffee cakes for sale, free lunch and door prize, in addition to many tied and stitched quilts for winners to choose from.

***Fish Fry-St Joseph Catholic Church, Foley/Morrill,** March 17. 4:30-7PM. Adults \$14, Children 6-10 \$7, Kids under 5 free. Dine-in or take out. Fried fish, potato, haluski, vegetable, cole slaw, dinner roll & dessert & beverages.

***Fish Fry-St. Elizabeth Church, Brennyville,** March 24th. 4:30-6:30 P.M. Deep fried fish, potato, vegetable, dinner roll, coleslaw, dessert. Free will offering. Take-out orders available. Phone orders: 320-355-2459.

***Fish Fry-Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Gilman,** March 31st. Dine-In or Take-out. Free Will Offering. \$10 per meal @ Drive Thru 4-6:30. Fish, potato, veggies, fresh bread, salad & dessert.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: March 14th: Jan Dahmen

FRI., MAR. 17 - Stations of the Cross @ 4:00 p.m.

Servers: Logan & Lilly Kimman

SAT., MAR. 18 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN., MAR. 19 @ 8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat.- Sara Stumpf, Barb Zajac &

Mason Zajac. ***Choir*** - Kristie Kroll

Sun. - Marvin Kimman, Jo Loidolt & Tracy Voigt

Servers: Saturday - Jacob Vang & Alison Gross

Sunday - Mataya & Brady Pohlkamp

Lectors for March: Sat. - Al Pekarek, **Sun.-** Keith Marshik

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

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Timothy Allan*, son of Timothy Woods and Sondra Rothstein, was baptized on Sunday, March 5th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Mary M. Konen* passed away on February 14th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday, February 20th at St. Mary's Church in Little Falls with burial in St. Joseph's Parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: Tuesday, March 14th. Finance council @ 9 a.m. and parish council @ 6:30 p.m. at the parish office meeting room.

ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting on Monday, March 13th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, March 16th at 9 a.m. Come and go as you can. As Spring is nearing (we hope), we would like to get a count of finished quilts. If you have some done at home and have not brought them in yet, please do so soon or let Eileen 320-360-2434 or Chris 320-468-2164 know how many you have for us. Thank you very much.

ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER: Is scheduled for Friday, April 14th, 2023, at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available at the parish office and after weekend Masses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

ST. JOSEPH'S CD & BOOKLET KIOSK: There have been many new booklets and CDs added in the kiosk on the wall opposite the elevator in the south entrance to the church.

REMINDER: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member. Contact Michael Pekar at 320-221-1134 to request, when making funeral arrangements.

BAZAAR: We are looking for new or gently used items for the Country Store as well as cash donations for the Kids Games. Any questions, please ask Michelle Herold at 468-2461.

PIERZ LIONS FISH FRY: Friday, March 24 from 4:30-7p.m. (or when the fish run out) at Frosty's Bar in Pierz. Deep-fried fish, Lions famous potato salad, Captain Ken's baked beans, coleslaw, homemade macaroni and cheese, bread, dessert and beverage. Adults \$14, Kids 5-12 \$7, 5 and under free. Takeout/pickup orders encouraged. Call or text Mike Poser at 320-282-3037. Proceeds go towards helping make Pioneer Elementary School Playground handicapped accessible.

LITURGICAL MINISTRY: If anyone is interested in helping out their parish by becoming an usher, eucharistic minister, server, or lector please let know us by calling the office at 468-6033 or emailing us at stjoes@midco.net.

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. 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. This would make a great Lenten activity for your family! To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at 320-290-1579.

MARRIAGE RETREAT: "It felt like a honeymoon... I couldn't wait to get home and see her at the end of the day."
- *husband who attended a Worldwide Marriage Encounter.*
Bring back the honeymoon in your marriage. The next available **Weekends** are Oct 28-29, 2023 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and Mar 25-26, 2023 in Owatonna, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

TEC RETREATS: What is a TEC Retreat? How Do I sign up?
TEC – Together Encountering Christ is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery - the Easter message of death, resurrection and sending forth. Youth will often credit TEC for giving meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend. For information and registration details, visit the website at www.cmtec.org or call (320)532.4455.

FOSTER CARE NEEDED: Morrison County is in need of foster care and respite providers. For more information, contact Krista Theisen 320-632-0229 or Kim DeZurik at 320-632-0278. kristat@co.morrison.mn.us, kimd@co.morrison.mn.us.

GIRLS SUMMER CAMP: Girls, God and Good Times, 3G, is a Benedictine summer camp, offered by the Sisters at Saint Benedict's Monastery. It will be offered June 19-21 for girls currently in 4th - 5th grade and July 17-19 for girls currently in grades 6th - 12th. It's an opportunity to grow in faith, make new friends, spend time with Sisters and have fun! For more information and to register visit:

<https://sbm.osb.org/ministries/3g-camp/>