

Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 27, 2020

“Remember your mercies, O Lord!”

ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH

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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 SEPTEMBER 28th – OCTOBER 4th, 2020

Tuesday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Pierz World/Communion Service (NO MASS)

Wednesday, September 30

8:00 a.m. Buckman +James Spiczka, and +Carol Bell

7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, October 1

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Gerald Perleberg

Friday, October 2

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Reuben & Helen Bayer, and +Doris Langer

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

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, October 3 Fireman’s Mass

1:30 p.m. Pierz **Wedding** – Rebecca Rettkowski & Bo Butler

4:30 p.m. Pierz Class of 1970, and +Harvey Hoheisel

Sunday, October 4

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Mathew J. Motschke, and For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Carol, Claude, & Shelly Theis

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3251.00

High School \$ 1.00

Elementary \$ 7.25

Plate \$ 118.00

\$ 3377.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **September 20th** Sunday: 146

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 6568.00

High School \$ 6.00

Elementary \$ 17.50

Plate \$ 109.29

\$ 6700.79

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **September 19th** Saturday: 110

Mass attendance **September 20th** Sunday: 153

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

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

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

September 21 – Gordon Brixius, **September 22** – Eric & Steph Andres, **September 23** – Duane Jonas, **September 24** – Conrad & Sandra Gruber, **September 25** – Alivia Leidenfrost, **September 26** – Adam Schlichting (\$35 Winners). **September 27** – Dave & Kathy Wickline (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: Comments of our time. “Well, we will see what happens.” “Hopefully we will still be in school.” “Things might work out where we can do this.” “I don’t know what the future holds.” “We will just have to see.” For people who do not believe in Jesus Christ, or God, these are uncertain times, and many people do not like uncertain times. Even we Christians have to at times relearn a lesson that we should already have embedded in our way of life. The Lesson or Truth is that we can only depend upon God. If God is the source of the way we live, the foundation upon which we stand, our security, our friend, our home, then this Covid 19 time just reaffirms and sharpens our faith and conviction that Jesus is the Way, the Truth and the Life. If, however, we have allowed other things like our job, 401K, government, our own God-given abilities, or _____ to become our security, our hope, what we truly put our trust in then, all of these things can swiftly be taken away. All of the things listed above are good things, and God-given directly or indirectly, but when they honestly become our security, our trust, then we need to relearn the Truth, that only in God are our souls at rest. In God is our hope and our salvation. Covid-19 gives us an opportunity to learn, relearn, or deepen our commitment to this Truth of the first Beatitude. It also gives us a wonderful opportunity to joyfully share this truth that sustains us with others who do not yet trust in God, know of Jesus, or know this Truth of life. We need to share our faith with others who are still holding onto the false gods. What a wonderful opportunity we have to change our community and the world. ~~~ Michael Pekar

THE FIFTEEN PROMISES OF MARY GRANTED TO THOSE WHO PRAY THE ROSARY:

Number 15: Devotion to my rosary is a great sign of predestination.

Congratulations, to our Confirmation Students that were confirmed in Buckman and Pierz! The mass count for Pierz was 224 and 165 in Buckman.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MASS:

KC Masses will be held at St. Joseph’s Church in Pierz on the first Wednesday of each Month. After the Mass there will be a meeting held in the Pierz parish office meeting room. Next KC Mass and meeting will be Wed. Oct. 7th at 7:00 p.m.

WELCOME! Fr. Raymond Nwabueze, who is here this weekend to celebrate Mass with us.

LAST TWO PATRIOTIC ROSARIES: The next patriotic rosary will be on Oct. 15th at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Church. The last month of the 9 months novena rosary will be held on election day, Nov. 3rd, after the 8:00 a.m. mass. Bring your own booklets, take them home with you to pray the Patriotic Rosary at home-it’s a beautiful and powerful rosary. We had an awesome group of people in Sept. and we thank the Hearts of Faith members for joining us.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Oct. 4th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Bob Lochner & Carolyn Andres

October Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, & Todd Caddy

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Joseph "Joe" Herold* passed away on September 13th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, September 18th at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

ST. MICHAEL'S RAFFLE UPDATE: Thank you to all who donated, bought and sold raffle tickets. Raffle winner lists are placed inside the bulletins or posted on the parish website if you would like to know who won. Thank you again!

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 468-6148.

**If you would like to be on the prayer line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*THANK YOU for your support for the MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS. It was a great success. Full amount fundraised will be out soon.

*HT Kids Place Child Care Program is hiring part-time aides and assistant teachers. Employees average 5-10 hours per week. Aides must be 16 years of age or older. Please send a letter of application and references to Holy Trinity School, 80 Edward St. S. or call (320) 468-6446.

*The 2020 Steak & Wine Fundraiser 2020 is VIRTUAL this year! Visit givergy.us/holytrinitysw to begin bidding on items on OCTOBER 1. On OCTOBER 10 at 8pm, there will be a LIVE online auction. All bidding will close October 10 at 9pm. We encourage you to get involved by hosting a viewing party for you and your closest friends on October 10. Thank you for your support!

*Custodian Appreciation is on Friday, October 2. A HUGE thank you to our wonderful custodial staff, Gunnar Popliek & Lois Leidenfrost, for everything you do for us at Holy Trinity.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

*1th Grade Confirmation Retreat on Wednesday, September 30th 6pm-10pm at FPSR.

*October 7th JH/SH Youth Group will be raking leaves in the Pierz community from 5:30pm-7:30pm.

*October 14th JH/SH Youth Group Mass with vocations director Fr. Doug Liebsch, Adoration, Confession, & Outdoor Movie Night 6:00pm-10:00pm. Families are welcome & encouraged to attend for all!! Mass will start at 6:15pm followed by adoration & confession.

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MINNESOTA**

In re: The Diocese of St. Cloud, Case No. 20-60337

If you were sexually or physically abused by any priest, clergyman, or other person connected with the Diocese, or have any other claim against the Diocese, you must file a claim by **OCTOBER 21, 2020**.

For more information, visit <http://stcdio.org/> or call 520-770-8712. For U.S. Bankruptcy Court for the District of Minnesota information, visit www.mnb.uscourts.gov. For advice about your rights, contact an attorney.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Oct. 3rd @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Oct. 4th @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Lector: Hilde Flicker

Communion Ministers: Sat. Oct. 3- Barb Zajac & Kelly Becker, Sun. Oct. 4- Jan Kimman & Mary Tschida

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER:

Sat. - Colleen Lucking, & Sun. - Gwen Gruber

USHERS FOR OCTOBER:

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

III BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding October 3rd):

Rebecca Rettkowski & Bo Butler

FALL COLLECTION: In your Adult Envelope packets, St. Joseph's Church has a Fall Collection envelope. Seen, we were unable to have our parish bazaar we are asking that you make a donation towards the Fall Collection to help fund our operational expenses. Thank you for generosity and understanding during these challenge times.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S MEETING:

Wednesday, October 7th at 6:30 pm in the church basement. We are in need of a new vice president to serve a one-year term, followed by a one-year term as president. Please prayerfully consider stepping up for this position. Contact Barb Zajac @320-310-3267 with any questions and agenda items you may have prior to the meeting.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Karen Gross at 468-6818.

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Your gifts to the Bishop's Annual Appeal bring His Word through the weekly televised Mass to our loved ones who are homebound or physically distancing. Programming reaches people in 60 counties and is available to all online at <http://worship.stcdio.org/tv-mass/>

Stewardship Week: Thank you to everyone who participated in "Stewardship Week: Gathered, Nourished and Sent." If you missed the presentations, we now have links to the individual presentations. Fr. Tom Knoblach: "The Spirituality of Stewardship": <https://youtu.be/YoKh52tk6l4>. Fr. Greg Paffel: "The Four Pillars in Your Community" <https://youtu.be/rV7Dtv3gLbI>. Tommy Rose: "Communicating Stewardship in the Digital Age" https://youtu.be/BMcAR9s_vJY. Panelists' Discussion - "Sharing Stewardship Best Practices from Our Parishes and ACCs" <https://youtu.be/BmVWkoHJUcU>.

40 Days for Life Fall Campaign: 40 Days for Life is starting its fall campaign - September 23 to November 1, 7am - 7 pm Mon.- Fri. In front of Planned Parenthood: 451 E St. Germain St., St. Cloud. 40 Days is a peaceful prayer vigil and educational presence outside of a Planned Parenthood Center. Help save lives by praying for an end to abortion.

PILLOW CLEANING: The Pierz American Legion Auxillary is sponsoring a pillow cleaning (any types) at Red Rooster Bar in Genola on Monday, October 5th from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. and will also have pillows of all types for sale if anyone wants one. Any questions, call 320-420-8323

WEEKLY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Michael Pekar's weekly discussion questions are posted on our parish website.

Mission Appeal: Dominicans in Africa are currently located in some 25 countries. Our Dominican Province of Nigeria & Ghana is the largest entity on the African continent. We are committed to bringing Christ in a relevant way to all the people that we minister unto. In his presentation, our representative will be making references to these ministerial engagements of ours. We would greatly appreciate your support and encouragement for a successful appeal.

OFFICE NEWS: Missalettes are available for those who would like one. They are in the parish office entry or you may call the office at 468-6033 to make arrangements to get one. They are for at home or Mass, but please remember that they are yours to keep so bring them home with you after Mass.

