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Fifth Sunday of Lent
 April 7th, 2019
 From His holy temple, the Lord has heard my voice!

FR. KENNETH POPP – PASTOR
 Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.
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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 APR. 8th – APR. 14th

Monday April 8
 Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday April 9
 Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Chuck Fuhrman
 Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday April 10
 Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Joe Malinowski
 Villa 9:30 a.m. +Edward Stangl
Buckman 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Thursday April 11
 Buckman 8:00 p.m. Special Intension for K & T
 Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday April 12
 Pierz 8:30 a.m. Leon Leidenfrost
 Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
 Villa 9:30 a.m. Viola T. Stangl
Pierz 4:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

Saturday April 13
 Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Math & Adeline Brausen (Folk Group)

Sunday April 14 Palm Sunday
 Pierz 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes (Adult Choir)
 Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Alvin & Tommy Funk
Pierz 7:00 p.m. Communal Penance Service

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$5335.00
High School	\$ 25.00
Elementary	\$ 32.00
Plate	<u>\$ 625.75</u>
	\$6017.75

Thank you for your generosity!
 Mass attendance **Mar. 31th** – Sunday 10a.m-332

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$6463.00
High School	\$ 17.00
Elementary	\$ 22.85
Plate	<u>\$ 393.55</u>
	\$6896.40

Thank you for your generosity
Mar. 30th & 31th Mass attendance –
 Sat. 4:30 p.m.-302 Sun. 8:00 a.m.– 229

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Apr. 1-Roger LeBlanc, **Apr. 2**-Ashley Toops,
Apr. 3-Arlene Smude, **Apr. 4**-Peter Hoffman,
Apr. 5-Karen Gruber, **Apr. 6**-Russ & Cindy
 Marshik (\$35 winners)
Apr. 7-David Gangl (\$75 Winner).

FROM THE PASTOR: I received this follow-up information announcement from Safe Haven Sunday. I wanted to share with you. "Prepare Children to Use Technology Responsibly"! Today parents face increasing challenges in teaching their children how to use the internet with virtue. Many parents feel ill-equipped to understand internet devices, apps and smartphone settings. And, now there's help! We invite all caring adults to sign up for *The Equipped 7-Day Challenge: A Digital Crash Course* by **texting SECRE to 66866** to receive seven days of emailed digital tips! ~ Fr. Ken Popp

AREA EVENTS:

***Fish Fry - Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** April 12th. Prices: Adult-\$9, children 12 and under-\$5, under 4-free. Hours: 5-7 p.m. Takeout orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7:30).
***Pierz Lions Fish Fry:** Doors open @ 4:30 on Friday, April 12th at the Brickyard.

PIERZ LION'S CULB EASTER EGG HUNT: Sat. April 20th at Pioneers Softball field (East side, behind school). Will start at 11a.m.



SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY: Sunday, April 14th, join us as we pray for our country at the Pierz Villa Chapel at 4p.m. All are welcome. Questions, call Patty at 468-2487.

CONFESSION TIMES:

Tues., Apr. 9th @ 8:00 p.m. Buckman
 Fri., Apr. 12th @ (after stations) Pierz
 Sun., Apr. 14th @ 7:00 p.m. (Communal Penance Service)
 Tues., Apr. 16th @ 7:00 p.m. Pierz

THE PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION:

Pope Francis has asked our parish to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide Catholic schools, helps to preserve sacred shrines and offer religious education. Please be generous!

CHRISM MASS:

Everyone is welcome to attend the Diocesan Chrism Mass @ St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, on Thursday, April 11th, @ 7:00 p.m. This is an inspiring evening in which the sacred oils used in the sacraments are blessed. It is a time in which the laity, deacons and priests renew their commitment as God's servants.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

***SUN. Apr. 14th @ 10:00 a.m.:**

Lector: Todd Caddy

Communion Minister: Megan Herold, Nicole Hoheisel, Carolyn Andres, Debbie Hall, Bob Lochner, Janice Janson

Servers: Jake Andres & Hunter Jacobson

April Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

CHOIR PRACTICE: Tues, April 9th at 7:15p.m. and will sing on Sun. April 14th.

UPDATE ON PAINTING PROJECT: We are looking at a start date of June 10th and hopefully finished by our church bazaar. We already have \$70,000 from previous donation towards Building and Maintenance for the church. From our pledge drive, we have \$198,520 pledged from 109 families and \$98,370 already cash deposited. The estimated amount of the Painting Project is \$310,000. We will be short \$41,480. *Thank you to the families that have already donated!*

CUF HAM BINGO: April 14th @ 1:00 p.m. @ the Buckman Parish Center, matching Grant Fundraiser.

ADDORATION CHAPEL: Will be closed on Thurs, Fri, & Sat., April 18, 19, & 20th for Holy Week, and will open again on Easter Sunday.

FPSR (Father Pierz School of Religion):

*The Youth Group is going to the movie Unplanned on Sunday, April 7th at Parkwood 18 in St. Cloud. Bus is leaving FPSR 12:00 and returning at 4:30pm.

*Steubenville meeting is on Wednesday, April 10th 5:45pm in the Holy Trinity Gym for Steubenville students and parents.

*The 10th Grade Confirmation meeting is Wednesday, April 10th at 6:30pm in the Holy Trinity Gym for all 10th grade students and their parents.

*we are now accepting donations for our garage sale to be held at the end of April. If you would like to donate please drop off donations at Father Pierz or contact Jesse Zajac @ 320-468-2640. All proceeds go toward our Steubenville trip in July.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*Registration is open for the 2019-20 school year.

*Toddler class is Wednesday, April 10th @ 6pm in the preschool classroom. Children ages 2-4 are invited to attend with an adult.

*2019-20 Preschool Open House is Tuesday, April 16th @ 6pm in the preschool classroom. This event provides an opportunity for families to visit Holy Trinity and discover what the school can provide for your child and family.

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

Food for Kidz Mobile Food Packaging Event. Join Holy Trinity Church of Royalton and Holy Cross of North Prairie in our efforts to raise funds and package meals for starving kids. Sat, April 13 from 11-3 at the American Legion in Royalton. We are able to provide nutritious meals for just 15 cents to starving kidz! Call the parish office of Holy Trinity & Holy Cross at 584-5484 to sign up for a two-hour shift (11-1 or 1-3) and for more information. Donations can be mailed to Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 216 N 2nd Str., Royalton, Mn

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Fri. Apr. 12th @ 4:00 p.m. (STATIONS OF THE CROSS)

Servers: Colton & Rachel Kasper

***SAT. Apr. 13th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. Apr. 14th @ 8:00 a.m.**

Servers: Sat.- Leo Voigt a& Maraya Boser

Sun.- Alana Rocheleau & Madelyn Kessler

Weekday Lector: – LeRoy Swanson

ADULT CHOIR: Practice Thurs., April 11th @ 10a.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S YOUTH CHOIR, will sing on Sun., April 28th at 8am. We will practice on Wed., April 24th from 6-7pm. All boys and girls ages 4 and up are welcome to join us!

Any students interested in participating in the liturgy for on April 28th, by reading or carrying up a gift should contact Rachel Young at (320) 630-3630 by 4/17. Mass practice will be right after choir practice on Wednesday, April 24th.

****NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Mya Joan, daughter of Jesse and Cassandra Zajac and Colt Lewis, son of Reuben and Jennifer Carlson were baptized on Saturday, March 30th.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Gary Okroi passed away on March 21st. Mass of Christian burial was held on Monday, March 25th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

COFFEE & DONUTS: Please join us Sunday, April 14th after the 8:00 Mass for donuts and fellowship. This will be hosted by The Knights of Columbus and will be the last one until we start again Sept., 22nd next fall. Have a good summer!

St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women salad supper and meeting is Wed., April 3rd at 6 p.m. in the St. Joseph's Church basement. At this meeting we welcome and induct new members into our confraternity. Please prayerfully consider joining us! Contact Rachel Young (320-630-3630) or Barb Zajac (320-310-3267) with any questions.

Parish festival Charis and Co-chairs, there will be a meeting April 11th at 6pm in the church basement. You will be able to pick up your folders then or directly from Crystal if you are unable to attend. I would like to see all chairs/co-chairs that night due to multiple discussions that could take place. Please let me know if you are able or unable to attend. Thank you, Crystal Ratke 320-630-8952

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE FUND GERMAN DINNER:

Dinner is Fri. April 26th at the Pierz Ballroom. Dinner tickets are available for \$25 each; 2 dinner tickets are free with the purchase of 5 Raffle tickets. Dinner tickets are pre-sale only. NO tickets will be available at the door. Also, children under 12 can get a dinner ticket for \$5 but that will not include drink tickets. There are only 350 dinner tickets available. Dinner tickets will be sold up until Easter Sunday.

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

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!

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls, are hosting the 12th annual Franciscan Girls Camp on Tues., June 4th @ 10:00 a.m. – Thurs., June 6th @ 6:00 p.m. in Assisi Park, located on the grounds at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities, campfire, prayer and singing. For more info., call Sister Ange Mayers @ 320-632-0680.

Prayer Team Volunteers Needed at the St. Cloud Hospital
– Prayer Team volunteers work in conjunction with hospital chaplains to bring intercessory prayer to pre-determined patients and their families. We meet Tues and Thurs from 2:30pm to 4:30pm. Please prayerfully consider being a Prayer Team volunteer. Contact the Spiritual Care Office at 320-251-2700, ext. 54621 or email, wiehoffb@centracare.com for more information.

***Adoration Chapel:** You are always welcome to stop and visit Jesus. What a nice gift to give him for Lent. Any questions call Hilde 468-2649, or Jan 468-2578.

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.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT: Anyone who wishes to bring forward a complaint of sexual misconduct on the part of church personnel is encouraged to contact a victim advocate who will assist the person to take whatever steps the victim feels are appropriate to resolve the issue. (Confidentiality is assured to anyone who speaks with them.) Victim Assistance Advocate for St. Joseph is Tom Klecker: (320) 253-2866.

SEVEN SISTERS APOSTOLATE: Do you have 1 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"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 Apr 5-7, in Baxter and Sep 20-22 in Alexandria. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Alan & Missy at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496.

St. Joseph's Church - 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!

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