

**FOURTH SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME  
February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020  
“Save us, O Lord our God!”**

**ST. JOSEPH’S & ST. MICHAEL’S CHURCH**

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**Office Hrs.:** Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m., Friday Office will be Closed

**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor**

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**Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate**

**468-2316 or 320-221-1134**

Office Hrs.: Buckman, Thurs., 2-4 p.m.

**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 FEBRUARY 3-9, 2020**

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| <b>Monday Feb. 3</b>    |   |
| Villa                   | 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service  |
| <b>Tuesday Feb. 4</b>   |   |
| Pierz                   | 8:00 a.m. +Valery Gruber  |
| Villa                   | 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service  |
| <b>Wednesday Feb. 5</b> |   |
| Buckman                 | 8:00 a.m. +Bernardine Kroll   |
| Villa                   | 9:30 a.m. +Marion Brisk   |
| Pierz                   | 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Mass  |
| <b>Thursday Feb. 6</b>  |   |
| Buckman                 | 8:00 a.m. +Alice Stangl   |
| Pierz                   | 8:15 a.m. 11 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students Mass<br><i>(Community Welcome)</i> |
| Villa                   | 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service  |
| <b>Friday Feb. 7</b>    |   |
| Pierz                   | 8:30 a.m. +John & Elizabeth Weber   |
| Buckman                 | 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service  |
| Villa                   | 9:30 a.m. +Nathan Winscher  |
| <b>Saturday Feb. 8</b>  |   |
| Pierz                   | 4:30 p.m. +Henry J. Preimesberger Jr. (Mike Retka & Adult Choir)                          |
| <b>Sunday Feb. 9</b>    |   |
| Pierz                   | 8:00 a.m. +Alfred & Eva Janson (Folk Group)   |
| Buckman                 | 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes & +Marie Pohlkamp                               |

**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.**

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**FROM THE PASTOR:** We are now in the Ordinary Time of the liturgical year and the color of vestment at mass is green. This means that although we are not in the Christmas or Easter season the life of the church continues on and that we are called to be very much alive with Christ in our lives. February is upon us and for many people this month of the year can be hard. I am in the process of finishing up the book, “Why I Love Being Catholic” by Matthew Kelly. This book is made up of many people and their comments and reasons why they love being Catholic. Just about everyone mentions the importance of mass and how the mass helps them. I believe the mass each week helps us to live the ordinary times of our lives, and as your pastor I ask that you remain faithful each week in going to mass and by doing so you will live a much fuller life. Invite fellow parishioners who you do not see at mass to come again and help them to live more fuller lives in Christ in this ordinary time of the year. ~ Fr. Ken Popp

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**NOTE-SCAM:** It has been brought to my attention that people have been getting messages through their email about me asking them to send Apple gift cards to women suffering from cancer. Please don’t go and get an Apple gift card, it is a scam. We have spoken with the local law enforcement, and if you have any questions please contact Eric Hanneken at 320-630-1510. Thank you! ~ Fr. Ken Popp

**Central Minnesota TEC Retreat:** Special Valentine’s TEC retreat, Feb. 15-17 (Sat – Mon of President’s Day Holiday Weekend). Consider gifting yourself with a TEC retreat. This TEC retreat is for both youth (age 16+) and adults. For TEC schedule and details, go to [www.cmtec.org](http://www.cmtec.org), or (320) 532-4455.

**Be A Knight:** We are Catholic Men. Help us change lives by join the largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization in the world: The Knights of Columbus. Contact Mark Loidolt 701-388-2323 or Al Pekarek 468-0220.

**ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

|             |                  |
|-------------|------------------|
| Adult       | \$ 3844.00       |
| High School | \$ 5.00          |
| Elementary  | \$ 42.00         |
| Plate       | <u>\$ 127.25</u> |
|             | \$ 3968.25       |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance Sun. - 332

**ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

|             |                  |
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| Adult       | \$ 5295.03       |
| High School | \$ 19.00         |
| Elementary  | \$ 38.00         |
| Plate       | <u>\$ 401.75</u> |
|             | \$ 5753.78       |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance Sat. 4:30 p.m. Mass - 217

Sun. 8:00 a.m. Mass - 299

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Jan. 27** – Jan Kimman, **Jan. 28** – Mary & Joel Gritzmacher, **Jan. 29** – Kari Castillo, **Jan. 30** – Alcuin Faust, **Jan. 31** – Russ Marshik, **Feb. 1** – Missy & Ryan Solinger (\$35 Winners). **Feb. 2** – Jim & Carol Andres (\$75 Winner).

**FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR** for the nation. We will be having a Holy hour for the healing and spiritual renewal of our country and its leader’s at St. Joseph’s Church-Pierz after Mass every 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month. Sponsored by the Hearts of Faith. Any questions call Joanne at 468-6735.

**KONINONIA RETREATS:** Koinonia is the Greek word for community ...a community of adult believers seeking to build the Kingdom of God here on earth. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic faith-based retreat where we praise and worship, meet new people and share our stories. The retreat begins on Friday evening and ends on Sunday evening at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next retreat dates are: February 29 -March 1 for Hispanic and March 20-22 for English. Come join us and tell your story! For more information and to apply online go to: [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org)

**ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**

**SUN., Feb. 9 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**Communion Ministers:** Ron Kahl, Alice Nordmann, Carolyn Andres, Janice Janson, Randi Kranz, Nathan Gruber

**Servers:** Taylor and Logan Brisk

**Feb. Ushers:** John Grittner, Sam Seelen, Mick Gruber

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Mabel Jean*, daughter of Michael & Brittany Seppelt. Who was baptized on Sun. January 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**QUILTING NEWS:** We will be tying quilts in the St. Michael's Parish Center on Thurs, Feb. 6, starting at 9 am. We would appreciate any help. If interested in working on quilts, on an evening or on a Sat, let Janel Meyer know 468-6503.

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*Fri, Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, school liturgy leaders, Mrs. Fisher's fifth grade.

\*Next toddler classes, Wed, Feb 12 at 6pm in the preschool classroom. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4.

\*The school carnival is Sunday, March 1st. Please mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are available for sale.

**Prizes to Donate for the Carnival:** *Silent Auction* (new items): large craft items, quilts, gift certificates, gift baskets  
*Bingo:* coolers, sports balls, flashlights, 12 packs of pop, tools, gardening supplies, Tupperware, baking pans, fishing pole, hunting supplies, movie rental package, \$5- \$15 items

*Toy Walk:* Barbie dolls, dolls, puzzles, markers, books, CD's, trucks, tractors, cars, play dough, \$3-\$5 items. *Shake, Rattle, Roll:* Items for children and adults to shake dice to win.

*County Store:* New or slightly used items, in good Condition.

**Buckman & Pierz Firearms Safety Classes**, Mon.'s 7-9pm starting Feb. 10-Mar. 16. The 6 classes will be at, Buckman Parish Center and Pioneer Elementary in Pierz. \* Must be 11 yrs old by the start of the class. Adults are welcome. If you were born after Dec. 31, 1979, you must have a firearms safety certificate to purchase a license to hunt with a firearm in Minnesota. A parent or guardian MUST be present to register their child the first night of class and pay their \$7.50 fee for class. Registration on first night of class. Pre-registration NOT required. If class is cancelled it will be announced on the Little Falls radio stations. KLTF AM960; WYRQ 92.1FM; KFML 94.1FM. Questions, call Ron Kahl, (320)360-0986 (Buckman) or Shelly Boser (320)360-1758 (Pierz).

**AREA EVENTS:**

\***Sweetheart's Ball-Christ the King Catholic Home & School Associations's, Browerville:** Sat. Feb. 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6p.m. at Clarissa Ballroom, \$25 per ticket, includes: 1 plate for buffet style meal-6:30-8:30p.m. Silent & Live actions-6:30-9p.m. Dance-8:30p.m.-12:30a.m. and Door Prizes-9:15p.m. For a ticket call school office at 320-594-6114. Come and Enjoy!

\***St. John's/St. Andrew's Catholic School Steak & Wine Dinner & Benefit Auction, Greenwald** - Sat, Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. Dinner, 5-8:30pm. For Tickets call school office 320-987-3133. Dinner ticket \$25. Dinner includes choice of steak, walleye or chicken with a full salad bar, wine and live music by Donny Brang. The live auction will begin at 8:30.

\***Mardi Gras Celebration-St. James, Randall:** Fri. Feb. 21<sup>st</sup>, in Fellowship Hall. Soc. 5:30p.m. & Dinner 6p.m. Door prizes, Silent auction, 50-50 raffle. Tickets available at: Parish office 632-6930, Bob or Carmen Meschler 749-2232 or 630-5546.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**

**SAT., Feb. 8 @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Feb. 9 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Sat. – Reese and Reagan Winscher

Sun. – Morgan and Danny Litke

**Weekday Lector:** – Jan Dahmen

**LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY:**

Sat.-Geri Kasper, & Sun.-Gary Poser.

**COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY:** Sat.- Choir-Linda Welle, Jo Loidolt, Kristie Kroll, Keith Marshik. Sun.- Matt Kessler, Doris Thyen, Chris Young.

**USHERS FOR FEBRUARY:** Sat.- Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner, & Mathew Stumpf, Sun.- Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Bob Thielen, & Steve Maus.

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Myles Vernon*, son of Robert & Tasha Froelich and *Madisyn Grace*, daughter of Tim (TJ) & Kayla Jensen. Who were baptized on Sun. January 26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**2020 Bazaar Dish towels** are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the entryway of the parish office. We still have sets available

**St Joseph's Quilting Circle:** Next quilting days are, Wed. Feb. 12 at 1 pm and Mon. Feb. 17 at 9 am in the Parish Center basement. Come and go as you please. We will be stitching and tying. We are in need for quilts to be tied. If you can make the top and back please let us know. We also have a sewing machine and cutting utensils down there. If you are willing to help in any way or wanting to learn any of these skills, we will teach so please join us even if it is just for a few hours. Even if you are a sewer and not quilter you can be a big help to us. Join us for some fun and socializing. Anyone is welcome to go down and stitch or tie anytime the parish office is open. Any questions call 320-360-2434.

**4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER:** Is scheduled for Fri. April 17, 2020 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

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**Try Alpha...It's not too late!** Come join us for a meal, films on one of life's big questions and great conversation at 7 pm on Mondays in Lastrup. Next Alpha will be 7 PM Monday, February 3rd at the Parish Center in Lastrup. Questions: text/call Mark Loidolt: 701-388-2323.

**FPSR / YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640**

\*Senior High Girls Night & Guys Night on Wednesday, February 5th from 6pm-8pm at FPSR!!

\*Mass with Fr. Doug Liebsch at St. Joseph's Church on Thursday, February 6th at 8:15am for the 11th grade Confirmation students. Community members are welcome!

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY:** For the Consecration of our nation back to God, the *"9 Month Novena"* of the Patriotic Rosary is said once each month, Feb-Nov., on the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month; preceding the Nov. 2020 elections taking place this fall. The Feb. Patriotic Rosary will be said on Sat. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church. Any Questions, call Patty @468-2487 or Jan @468-2578. Come and pray with us.

### **AREA NEWS:**

**\*Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner-St. Rita's, Hillman:** Sat. Feb. 15<sup>th</sup>, from 5-7:30p.m. Mass at 4p.m. Cash Bar, Menu: Prime Rib, salad, glazed carrots, baked potato & dessert \$18. Menu: Parmesan Chicken breast, with pasta, salad, glazed carrots & dessert \$15.

**\*Auction/Dinner-St. John's Church, Swanville:** Fri, Feb 21st at Sobieski Community Center. Dinner at 6:30 and auctions at 8p.m. Tickets \$15 if purchased by Feb. 16th. Price includes meal, free drink, a chance to win the \$100 and \$500 drawing. After, 16<sup>th</sup>, tickets are \$20 and only includes the meal. Call 320-547-2920.

**\*Old-Time Card Party-St. Anthony, St. Cloud:** In the Parish Center, Sun, Feb 23 – Please join us for our Centennial Event from 2-5p.m. A \$5 entry fee covers an afternoon of playing 500 or cribbage followed by a light lunch. Bring a friend and enjoy the day! Handicap accessible, prizes will be awarded for high scores.

**\*Quilt or Cash Bingo-St. Rita's, Hillman:** Sun. Feb. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 1:30p.m. Handicapped accessible, door prizes! Free Lunch after the games. Come and enjoy the fun!

**The Bible and the Modern World:** Believers have always viewed the Bible as the foundation and heart of divine revelation, but in the modern world, there is considerable confusion both about how to interpret the Bible, and also concerning what role it can have in human self-understanding. This lecture will examine the long road from the Bible's origins and the presuppositions of its ancient interpreters to the debates of the 16th century Reformation and 18th century Enlightenment to the 21st century and the difficult legacy of this long journey. In an age of science, what can the Bible contribute to human knowledge, and within the Church, what challenges are posed by a historical-critical view of the Scriptures? Feb. 13th, check-in from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria, MN. Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is Required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).

**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.

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

**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!

### **Upcoming Faith in Action Events:**

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.

### **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!

**CATHOLIC WOMAN:** We believe in our 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition. We want to share our story with you. If you are a single, Catholic woman under the age of 45, you are invited to spend some time with us. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. You will learn the history of our chapel and sacred spaces through a guided tour. Have the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with the community and share a meal in our monastic dining room. There will be an opportunity for continued conversations with sisters after lunch. To register please contact Sister Lisa Rose, Director of Vocations, at [lrose@csbsju.edu](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu) or (320) 363-7180. Please visit our website for more information about our community [www.sbm.osb.org](http://www.sbm.osb.org). **Dates: Saturday, February 8, Saturday, March 14, Saturday, April 18, 2020**

**WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT:** Sat. March 14<sup>th</sup>, Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids. Registration & refreshments at 8:30a.m. 10:15a.m. Rosary, Mass at 11a.m. noon lunch, closing prayers and door prizes at 2:15p.m. Cost \$15 by March 1<sup>st</sup> or \$20 after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Handicapped Accessible, for information on it: [stcloudccw.org](http://stcloudccw.org). to contact: [stclouddiocesanccw@gmail.com](mailto:stclouddiocesanccw@gmail.com) or 320-282-9941. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Hosted by St. Cloud Deanery CCW.