

Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5th, 2020

“Lord, your hand is full of justice!”

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

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**Office Hrs.:** Office will be closed to the public until further notice. Messages and emails will be checked Mon, Tue, Thurs. from 9 am to 2 pm.

**Fr. Popp will now be celebrating MASSES during the week and weekends with the congregation of St. Joseph’s and St. Michael’s parishioners.**

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 6-JULY 12, 2020**

**Tuesday, July 7**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Dolores Popp

**Wednesday, July 8**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Wilma Kippley, +Alvin Janorschke Sr.

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

**Thursday, July 9**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Ervin M. Girtz

**Friday, July 10**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Roland “Rollie” Hartmann, +Marcia & Cel Athman

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

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

**Saturday, July 11**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Henry J. Preimesberger Jr.

**Sunday, July 12**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Harvey Otremba & Deceased Relatives

10:00 a.m. Buckman For the People of the Parishes

**ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$ 4,030.00
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 2.00
Plate	\$ 86.00
	\$ 4,119.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **June 28<sup>th</sup> Sun:**  
-129 (regular Mass) 152 (1<sup>st</sup> Communion)

**ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$ 5,770.00
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 16.50
Plate	\$ 328.00
	\$ 6,115.50

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **June 27<sup>th</sup> Sat.** - 93  
Mass attendance **June 28<sup>th</sup> Sun:**  
132 (regular Mass) 206 (1<sup>st</sup> Communion)

**CONFESSIONS:** Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m., Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**June 29** – Chris Lardy, **June 30** – Joe Virnig, **July 1** – Gregg & Kristi Marshik, **July 2** – Logan Janson/Shelby Janson, **July 3** – Betty Boser, **July 4** – Cheri Boser (\$35 Winners). **July 5** – Donna Daiker (\$75 Winner).

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**LETTER FROM OUR PASTOR:** Let us pray for Fr. David Maciej as he begins his retirement and for Fr. Jose Chettoor as he begins his new journey here in Lastrup and Harding and as he joins our Area Catholic Community.

**A Prayer for Priests:** Lord Jesus, you have chosen your priests from among us and sent them out to proclaim your word and to act in your name. For so great a gift to your Church, we give you praise and thanksgiving. We ask you to fill them with the fire of your love, that their ministry may reveal your presence in the Church. Since they are earthen vessels, we pray that your power shine out through their weakness. **In their afflictions** let them never be crushed; in their doubts never despair; in temptation never be destroyed; in persecution never abandoned. Inspire them through prayer to live each day the mystery of your dying and rising. **In times of weakness** send them your Spirit, and help them to praise your heavenly Father and pray for poor sinners. By the same Holy Spirit put your words on their lips and your love in their hearts, to bring good news to the poor and healing to the broken-hearted. **And may the gift of Mary** your mother, to the disciple whom you loved, be your gift to every priest. Grant that she who formed you in her human image may, by the intercession, help to form them in your Divine Image by the power of the Holy Spirit, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.** ~ Fr. Ken Popp

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**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Holy Water** – Holy water is the most common and well-known sacramental and should be used in every home. It can be kept in a holy water font in a prominent place so that family members and guests can bless themselves upon entering and leaving the house. It can be sprinkled on people during blessings, around the home while invoking the protection of the saints and angels, and even drunk to increase health and spirituality.

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

**Number 3:** The rosary shall be a powerful armor against hell; it will destroy vice, decrease sin, and defeat heresies.

**HOLY WATER:** Is available in the parish office entryway.

**PATRIOTIC ROSARY:** Wednesday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in St. Joseph’s Church. We will be using social distancing. Bring your own booklets along and take them home with you again to use next month. This is the rosary we pray on the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month until the elections in November.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTA:** Please join the local KCs as we pray the Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway) at 8 PM on Wednesdays. Please join us as we pray for our crops, families, community, and country. Everyone is welcome: families, couples, non-members, etc! We will maintain social distancing.

**PRAYER CHAPLETS:** The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. There is Power in Prayer.

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

**SUN., July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Karen Stangl

**Communion Ministers:** Nathan Gruber & Randi Kranz

**July Ushers:** Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, & Todd Caddy

**St. Michael's Parish Bazaar – Grand Raffle Donations:**

If you would like to contribute to the grand raffle and have your name or your business recognized on the raffle tickets, please send your donation to Donna & Dave Solinger, 25723 103<sup>rd</sup> St. Pierz, MN 56364. We appreciate your support.

**St Michaels Parish Bazaar Meeting:** Thursday July 16th at

7pm at Bob and Lisa Leidenfrost's. We will be planning a Bazaar for our Sept 20th date. If we need to cancel, we will at a later date. There will be NO chicken and ham dinner. So, we need your ideas and help to make our bazaar successful outside. Please attend meeting with ideas. If you Don't feel comfortable attending meeting, but have ideas please call Lisa at 320-630-5565. The Grand Raffle is still going to happen if we decide to have Bazaar or not. We will do the drawing after church. Thank you for your support!!

**ST. MICHAEL'S CM/W** will be sending a letter to all members of St. Michael's Parish. Please be sure to read.

**PRAYER LINE:**

\*\*If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski 468-6148.

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

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**DROP BOX AVAILABLE:** There is now a locked drop box located on the wall in the breezeway of the parish office for you to leave messages, contributions/church envelopes, or anything else that needs to be dropped off for the secretaries to take care of. This will be checked every day.

**Listening to the Word of God:** Readings can be found on [www.CatholicReadings.org](http://www.CatholicReadings.org): **Second Reading** Romans 8:9, 11-13. It is only by the Spirit of Christ dwelling within us that we can "put to death" the sinful deeds of the body. When have I had to rely on the power of Christ within me to overcome temptation? Am I still trying to deny my need for Jesus' help and do things by myself? **Gospel** Matthew 11:25-30 we are to learn from Jesus how to be meek and humble of heart. Who is the most polite, humble and peaceful person you know?

**First Reading** Zechariah 9:9-10 Only the Spirit of Christ can bring peace. How did the person above get to be how she or he is? If you do not know, ask that person.

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

**SAT., July 11<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., July 12<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Weekday Lector:** – Harvey Kimman

**LECTORS FOR JULY:**

**Sat.** – Tony Sauer, & **Sun.** – Mark Fyten

**USHERS FOR JULY:**

**Sat.**-Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, & Jon Stumpf

**Sun.**-Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S MEETING:**

Wednesday, July 8th at 6:30 pm in the church basement. Please contact Barb Zajac @320-310-3267 with any agenda items you may have prior to the meeting.

**ST. JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE:** The Parish Center ament is again open for quilting using safe distancing. Any groups that need to do their tying can reserve the basement by calling the Parish Office. Some of you have been working on quilts on your own during this stay at home time. If you have quilts that haven't been turned in please call Eileen at 320-360-2434 so we can get a rough count of what we will have.

**PARISH FESTIVAL UPDATE:** There will not be a Parish Festival or Grand Raffle this year. A formal letter will be sent out to the parishioners. If you have any questions, call Crystal at 320-630-8952.

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**CHICKEN & HAM CHURCH PICNIC:** Bethany Lutheran Church, Foley, Sunday, July 12<sup>th</sup>. Serving 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Adults \$12.00, kids \$5.00, preschool children free. Auction at 1:00 p.m. Event will follow Covid-19 guidelines.

**Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class,** Nov 12, 13, 19, 20. Grace United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, Program Fee - \$450, Scholarships available, registration Deadline: 7 days prior to class, Cancellation deadline: 7 days prior to class. To apply for a scholarship or for questions, please contact Annette Jesh: Annette.Jesh@centracare.com or (320) 249-0280.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** Thank you to everyone who is supporting diocesan ministries through the Appeal, especially during these trying times. As of June 29, the Appeal raised \$1,013,905 in gifts and pledges toward the goal \$1,300,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

**Celebrate Natural Family Planning:** (NFP) Awareness Week July 19-25, 2020! Now is a great time to learn about NFP and God's plan for your marriage. This year's theme from the USCCB is, "Live the truth and beauty of God's plan for married love!" If you have questions or would like additional resources contact Sheila Reineke at 320-258-7609 or sreineke@gw.stcdio.org. **Little Falls** on Tuesday, July 7 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Mary Bontjes at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at 320-631-5660. **Rice** on Monday, July 6 at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. For more information, or to register, contact Ann Marschel at amarschel21@gmail.com or 320-290-6311. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!



*From the staff at St. Joseph's and St. Michael's, we want to wish you all a happy and safe holiday weekend!*