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Secretary office hrs: **Mon,
Wed & Thurs, 8a.m.-4p.m.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

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| Monday | April 16 | Villa | 9:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| Tuesday | April 17 | Pierz | 8:00 a.m. | +Frances K. Rastetter |
| | | Villa | 9:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| Wednesday | April 18 | Buckman | 8:00 a.m. | +Pam Woitalla |
| | | Villa | 9:30 a.m. | +Rollie & Annette Block |
| Thursday | April 19 | Buckman | 8:00 a.m. | +Robert "Bob" Brenny |
| | | Villa | 9:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| Friday | April 20 | Pierz | 8:30 a.m. | +Charles Watcrott (School Mass) |
| | | Buckman | 8:30 a.m. | Word/Communion Service |
| | | Villa | 9:30 a.m. | +Paul & Evelyn Gangl |
| Saturday | April 21 | Pierz | 4:30 p.m. | +Betty A. Boser (Adult Choir) |
| Sunday | April 22 | Pierz | 8:00 a.m. | +Angeline Poser (Folk Group) |
| | | Buckman | 10:00 a.m. | Parish / Alvin & Tommy Funk |

Confessions: Buckman - Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz - Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Adoration at the Pierz Villa Chapel on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

FROM THE PASTOR: I would like to congratulate the 2018 Confirmation Class on being newly confirmed last Tuesday, April 10th. ***St. Joseph's Parish:*** Brianna Becker, Katelyn Becker, John Brisk, Cody Carwell, Jacob Fuhrman, Jordan Funk, Luke Girtz, Noah Girtz, Kalyn Gritzmacher, Mckenzy Herman, Ella Kalusche, Reese Kapsner, Colton Kasper, Hannah Krych, Keifer Kirschbaum, Vanessa Lang, Lane Otremba, Jade Porter, Jared Prokott, Ashley Sitzman, Ryan Stangl, Brandon Tomala, Alex Wilson. ***St. Michael's Parish:*** Jake Andres, Austin Cielinski, Janessa Gangl, Ali Herold, Kaitlyn Lanners, Anessa Leidenfrost, Ryan McCulloch, Charles Pekar, Paige Pohlkamp, Alex Poster, Cassie Rocheleau, Brent Schilling, Nick Scholl, Jack Suska, Jake Winscher. ~ ~ Congratulations Fr. Ken Popp

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS (Office #-468-6446)

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open. Variable Tuition is available. Go to www.holytrinitypierz.org for more information on variable tuition.

**Holy Trinity volunteer appreciation liturgy is on Friday, April 20th. Thank you for our many volunteers!

**On Friday, April 20th from 9:30-11:30 the 4th grade students will present their Science Fair projects and the 5th grade students will present their Robotics projects.

**There will be a preschool and new family open house at 6:00 pm on Tuesday, April 24th. This is an opportunity for parents and children to visit the school and find out more information about Holy Trinity School.

****HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS****

Apr. 9-Peter Hoffman, Apr. 10-Alberta Servaty, Apr 11-Jason & Marie Jay, Apr. 12-Ben & Ginny Gross, Apr. 13-Stacy Gahler, Apr. 14-Evan Woitalla, (\$35 winners) Apr. 15-Betty Larson (\$75 Winner)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 15, 2018

O, sing to the glory of his name!

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

MICHAEL PEKAR - PASTORAL ASSOCIATE

Michael's office hours are Tues, Pierz 2-4p.m. & Wed., Buckman 2-4p.m.

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AREA EVENTS:

***Pierz American Legion Auxiliary-Pancake Breakfast and Bake Sale-Sun.** April 15th, from 8:30-2:30 p.m. St. Michael's Parish Center, Buckman. Adults \$9, Children 5-10 \$5, Children 4 and under free.

***Our Lady of Lourdes- Turkey Dinner-Sun.** April 15th, from 9am-12p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls.

***St. Ann's Christian Mothers Quilt Bingo-** Sun. April 15th, 1p.m. St. James church, Randall.

***Pierz Lions Pancake & Sausage (Thielen) Breakfast, Pierz:** Sun. April 22, from 8:30am-12pm. At St. Joseph's Church, Basement. Adults \$9, Children 6-12 \$6, and children under 5 Free.

***Nurses Annual Workshop** presented by Central MN Faith Community Nurses: **Tuesday, June 5** at the CentraCare Plaza, Windfeldt Room 9:30 am to 4 pm. \$35

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to attend an *Earth Day Prayer Service* on Thursday, April 19, 2p.m., in St. Francis Hall at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. For more information, please call the Franciscan Life Center at (320)632-0668

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

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| Adult | \$2596.00 |
| High School | \$ 6.00 |
| Elementary | \$ 22.46 |
| Plate | <u>\$ 193.97</u> |
| | \$2818.43 |

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

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| <u>St. Joseph's:</u> |
| Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 302 |
| Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 227 |
| <u>St. Michael's:</u> |
| Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 277 |

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

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| Adult | \$4482.00 |
| High School | \$ 15.00 |
| Elementary | \$ 8.00 |
| Plate | <u>\$ 546.66</u> |
| | \$5051.66 |

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY - April 22 @ 10:00 a.m.:

Lector-Todd Caddy

Communion Ministers- Kay Pappenfus & Cindy Scholl

Servers-Mason Herold & Ben Leidenfrost

April Ushers- Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

****Choir Practice**-Mon, April 16th at 7p.m. Choir will sing on Sun, April 22nd.

CM/W MEETING: on Thurs. April 19th at 6:30 p.m. in the hall at St. Michael's Church. Groups 11 & 12 are to bring and serve refreshments. Questions please call Patty 468-2487.

RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: Will be hosted at Galen & Karla Stumpf. Many volunteers are needed. If anyone is interested in helping, please contact the parish office at 468-6033. We are also looking for monetary contributions, you can either drop it off at the parish office or put in the collection basket marked Rural Life Celebration. God Bless you for your support.

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. When one receives a blanket, they know they aren't alone but are covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then they are blessed by our Pastor. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105.

FPSR (Office # 468-2640):

***10th GRADE CONFIRMATION MEETING** is on Wednesday, April 18th at 6:30 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Gym for all 10th graders and their parents.

***STEUBENVILLE MEETING** for all students attending Steubenville is on Wednesday, April 18th at 5:45 p.m. in the Holy Trinity Gym.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FIRST COMMUNION

STUDENTS: Small yellow sheets are available at the entrances with the names of the students that will be making their First Holy communion on April 29th (Buckman) and May 6th (Pierz). Please feel free to take sheet and put it somewhere to remember to pray for these students and their families! Thank you!

Upcoming Faith in Action & Horizon Health Events:

Wed. April 25th: Dine & Discover-Quilting and the Underground Railroad, 11:30am- 1pm Julie Huseth an avid quilter will tell us how quilts played a large part in the Underground railroad. Please RSVP by Fri April 20, by contacting Kristine Hoheisel at Horizon Health at (320) 468-6451

Email: khoheisel@horizonhealthservices.com

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

April - Sat. 21 @ 4:30p.m. & Sun. 22 @ 8:00a.m.:

Servers: Sat.-Jack Prokott & Joey Stuckmayer

Sun.-Alana Rocheleau & Fran Brisk

Weekday Lector: Harvey Kimman

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR APRIL: Sat.-Sara Stumpf, Loretta Przybilla, Jan Dahmen, Choir-Barb Zajac. Sun.-Marilyn Virnig, Mary Tschida, Pat Hartmann.

LECTORS FOR APRIL: Sat.- Tracy Voigt & Sun.-Gwen Gruber.

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

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: will be stitching on a quilt Wed April 18 from 9-4. Bring your own lunch. Anyone that has a quilt ready for stitching or tying can drop it off at the Parish Center. Any questions call Eileen 320-360-2434.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Mildred "Millie" Gruber passed away March 28th Mass of Christian Burial was held here on April 2nd with burial at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery. Terry P. Przybilla passed away March 28th Mass of Christian Burial was held here on April 4th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the family and assure them of our prayerful support.

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, just ask. Hear what you've been missing!

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH COUNCIL: is looking for 4 new council members to take over for those who have finished serving their term. Please call the parish office at 468-6033 if you are interested. Be part of the future at St. Joseph's Parish. Elections will be held April 21st and 22nd before Mass.

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

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls-11th annual Franciscan Girl Camp entitled, "Faith and Fun with Franciscans,"

on Tues. June 5 (10am) Thurs. June 7 (6pm) 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. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with and learn about the Franciscan Sisters. For more information or to register by May 1, contact Sister Ange Mayers at 320-632-0680.

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!

Upcoming Faith in Action & Horizon Health Events:

Mon. April 30th: Class on Dementia.....Now what happens 1 to 3pm in Pierz at Horizon Health. Call Melissa to register at 320-468-6451.

Tues. June 12th: Dementia Bootcamp at the Little Falls Senior Center from 1 to 3pm. Please call 800-224-6451 or email Melissa at outreach@horizonhealthservices.com to reserve your seat today!

SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:

37th Annual Conference on Aging at Central Lakes College Staples campus, Thurs., May 24, from 8:30am-1:15pm. For more info. Call Horizon Health at 1-800-224-6451 (Horizon Health does not have a bus going this year.)

August 24th: Whacky Hacker golf tournament with proceeds going to Faith in Action

August 25th: Hospice Run with proceeds going to Horizon Health's Hospice patients

Exciting News: Horizon Health has received a grant to provide classes on Dementia to caregivers to enable them to better take care of their loved one. If you have a group at church or socially that you belong to that would like a presentation at your location call Melissa Prozinski at 320-468-6451. These classes are free of charge, but we do set out a free will donation basket. Minimum requirement of 10 caregivers in attendance.

We are now on TV and the web! The Dine & Discover's are scheduled for broadcast every Tuesday at noon and Friday night at 8pm on local cable channel 180. They will also be posted out the GRA/GRTV Youtube channel.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fW_lp870KMRE56tp0-MHA/featured

"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available **Weekends** are Sep 14-16, 2018 in Alexandria, MN and May 4-6, 2018 in Buffalo, MN. 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.