

Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary
Time

September 6, 2020

“Love is the fulfillment of our works!”

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 SEPT. 7th – SEPT. 13th, 2020

Tuesday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Johanna Maus

Wednesday, September 9

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Leo Brezinka, and +Zita Poser

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

Thursday, September 10

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Phillip Fyten

7:00 p.m. Buckman St. Michael's Christian Mothers Mass

Friday, September 11

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Harvey Otremba

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

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

Saturday, September 12

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

Sunday, September 13

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Roland “Rollie” Hartmann

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel

2:00 p.m. Pierz Confirmation Mass (Fr. Rolfes)

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 3000.00

High School \$ 7.00

Elementary \$ 15.00

Plate \$ 144.00

\$ 3166.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **August 30th** Sunday: 204

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 5101.00

High School \$ 4.00

Elementary \$ 11.00

Plate \$ 34.00

\$ 5150.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **August 29th** Saturday: 120

Mass attendance **August 30th** Sunday: 209

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

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

August 31 – Brent Herman, **September 1** – Dacia Zimmerman, **September 2** – Bruce Flicker, **September 3** – Daniel Loidolt
September 4 – Joyce Loscheider, **September 5** – Jon Fuhrman (\$35 Winners). **September 6** – MaryJo Young (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate Are we ready? Yes. No. Hope so. Maybe so. Ready as we can be. Before the important decision or event, school openings, planting, harvesting, marriage, career changes, move, baby, priesthood, college, seminary life, new job, Covid 19, we may have been asked this or asked it ourselves. Chances are before this question there has been a lot of planning, discussion, maybe even change in direction or a shift in priorities, or personal growth. If the Lord has not been included in the process our answer should be no. Before each endeavor it is best to ask the Lord to guide us. It is His will we are supposed to be doing. During the hectic preparation it is best to keep praying for enlightenment by the Holy Spirit. We want the flow of wisdom and prudence constantly in our mind and heart. This way we hear the quiet voice. We have courage to speak the truth. We have the humility to listen to others who have their wisdom and experience and see things that we may not see. Even near the end of the prayerful discernment and preparation, it is best to step back and ask the Lord His permission to move forward, or ask Him to correct our direction if He would prefer us to go another way. If we have included our loving Father in the whole process, then I think we can say, “Yes, with the Lord at our side, we are ready.” This of course is true of the biggest event of all, the transition through death to the afterlife. Are we ready? The process above may give us the answer. ~~~ Michael Pekar

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

Number 12: All those who propagate the holy rosary shall be aided by me in their necessities.

SPECIAL COLLECTION: This year, due to the pandemic, it was not possible to take up the Good Friday Collection dedicated to supporting Christians living in the Holy Land. Therefore, Pope Francis has declared September 13th as the new date to take up this collection.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY: Tuesday, September 15th at 9 am in St. Joseph's Church right after the 8 am mass. Bring your own booklets along and take them home to use in October. This is the rosary we pray on the 15th of each month from March until the elections in November. Thank you for your support on coming each month.

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

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Sept. 13th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Jane Funk

Communion Ministers: Todd Caddy & Jill Hoheisel

September Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

II BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding September 18th):

Tara Zimmerman & Kevin Weiss

ST. MICHAEL'S CASH RAFFLE: Please return all sold and unsold tickets to the grand raffle stand in the church basement on Sunday, September 20th from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. You may also return sold/unsold tickets prior to September 20th by dropping them off at the parish office or after Mass in Buckman. If you need extra ticket books, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN: The bylaws for the CM/W cannot be found, so we will need to write new bylaws. If you can help, please call Patty at 468-2487.

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.**

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*This coming week we welcome 156 students into a year of faith and academic learning! Thank you for your support through prayer, volunteering and financial contributions!

*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.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and students at Holy Trinity School.

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640 Confirmation students (students entering 12th grade) who attend St. Joseph's Parish in Pierz will be getting confirmed on Sunday, September 13th @ 2pm in Pierz. Confirmation for students (students entering 12th grade) who attend Harding, Lastrup, & Buckman Parishes is on Sunday, Sept 20th @ 2pm in Buckman. A letter will be coming in the mail this week regarding details about the Confirmation ceremony. Students entering 11th grade will be getting confirmed in the spring of 2021 as usual.

MEALS ON WHEELS DRIVERS NEEDED: Lutheran Social Service. Meals on Wheels driver volunteers in the City of Little Falls, Monday-Friday. Delivery is 11am-12:30PM. We offer contact-less delivery (meaning you knock and leave the meal and then walk away to see if they pick up the meal). We have gloves and masks available for volunteers. Great opportunity for 4-H, Confirmation classes, families, workplace team building. You can contact our Regional Manager in Little Falls Ciara Ehrmantrout at Ciara.Ehrmantrout@lssmn.org and at 320-630-8103.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Sept. 12th @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN., Sept. 13th @ 8:00a.m.

Weekday Lector: – Al Pekarek

Communion Ministers: Sat. Sept. 12- Pat Hartmann & Sara Fyten, Sun. Sept. 13- Jan Kimman & Jo Loidolt

LECTORS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Sat. – Tracy Voigt, & Sun. – Harvey Kimman

USHERS FOR SEPTEMBER:

Sat.-John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll

Sun.-Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Jason Sadlovsky

CONGRATULATIONS! To Carter & Tayiah (Kasper) Loven, who were married this weekend.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Charles "Carly" Lochner* passed away on August 30th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, September 3rd at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU! To Matt & Jill Kessler & family for cleaning up the parish grounds after the Oktoberfest parade.

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

Theology On Tap: We are so excited to welcome you all back to Theology on Tap this fall. Our next Theology on Tap is Thursday, September 17th at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7:00 and our speaker Leah Ellen follows at 8:00. Come listen to the songs and powerful message as Leah shares her journey back to the faith after having an abortion. She knows firsthand how it feels to ask for forgiveness and to receive God's mercy and grace—and how to help others experiencing their own struggles with faith and life. We hope you join us for this great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship. Feel free to contact Amy at amy.schlichting11@gmail.com with any questions.

Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary: *The Journey of Loss and Grief* When Jesus' friend Lazarus dies, the Gospel of John tells us that "Jesus wept" (Jn 11:35). We experience many losses in our lives and the death of someone we love is just one of them. Grief is a normal response to loss, yet grief is chaotic and hard, so much so that we want to avoid it. But grief is the only way through loss. How can we better understand the journey of grief and how to take it in a faithful way? How does God call us to grieve and, finally, from our grief? **Sunday, Sept. 20, Webinar presentation from 12:00 - 2:00 pm. Free event. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.**

Marriage Encounter Weekend: *Make plans for a fall getaway with the one you love before your calendar fills up!* A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next weekends are Sep 25-27 in WINDOM, MN and Oct 9-11 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.