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**Third Sunday of Easter!**  
 May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
 "Cry out with joy to God, all the earth!"

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**Office Hrs.:** Mon., Wed. & Thurs.  
 9a.m.- 4p.m., Tues. 9a.m.-2p.m.

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.**

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6<sup>th</sup> – MAY 12<sup>th</sup>**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>May 6</b>	
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>May 7</b>	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Rose Wiechman
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>May 8</b>	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Julianna Kahl
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Edward Stangl
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>May 9</b>	
Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Mark Bauer
Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
<b>Friday</b>	<b>May 10</b>	
Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Jeanne Stang – School Mass with Bishop Kettler
Buckman	8:30 a.m.	<b>No Word/Communion Service</b>
Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Elroy Meyer
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>May 11</b>	
Pierz	4:30 p.m.	May Crowning Mass Past & Present CM/W members (Adult Choir)
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>May 12</b>	
Pierz	8:00 a.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)
Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Joseph Gangl

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$1153.00
High School	\$ 3.00
Elementary	\$ 14.00
Plate	\$ 551.00
	\$1721.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*  
 Mass attendance **Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>** Sun - 238

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$6404.28
High School	\$ 13.00
Elementary	\$ 14.75
Plate	\$ 400.85
	\$6832.88

*Thank you for your generosity!*  
 Mass attendance **Apr. 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>** Sat-227 Sun-313

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Apr. 29-** Jill Kessler, **Apr. 30-** Daniel Loidolt,  
**May 1-** Julie LaFlamme, **May 2-** Chris Becker,  
**May 3-** Greg Spencer, **May 4-** Jim or Marcy  
 Kroll (\$35 winners)  
**May 5-** Connie Kieffer (\$75 Winner).

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** It is a great day for this Sunday. The 2<sup>nd</sup> graders from Pierz will receive the Body and Blood of Christ at their First Communion. May they and their families never forget and always hunger for the great miracle we get to witness and partake in every Sunday, at every Mass we ever participate in. May partaking in the Body and Blood of Christ and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit in our lives cause us to be like the apostles in the first reading today. They had a choice to be arrested in the future and be whipped again or perhaps killed or to stop talking about Jesus and working in His name. Their response was "We must obey God rather than men." The apostles, now filled with the Holy Spirit, have gone from scarred kitty cats to untamable lions roaring for the Lord. How about us. Does anything stop us from talking about Jesus or being the hands and feet of Jesus? The world needs the Easter roar more than ever from us Christians.

Happy Easter! ~~~ Michael Pekar

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**MOTHER'S DAY CARNATION SALE:** Just a reminder of the Birthline's Carnation Sale on Mother's Day weekend, May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> after both masses! Thank you again for your continual support of this awesome mission Birthline offers.

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS** will be held on May 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup> for both parishes. If you are interested in being on the ballot, please call the parish office at 468-6033.

**BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:** Thank you to everyone who has donated to the Appeal. As of April 26, 5,754 parishioners have donated \$849,080 in gifts and pledges. That is 65% of the Diocese's goal of \$1,300,000. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like respect for life and the diaconate, and is not used for any other purpose.

**Looking Ahead:** Deacon Craig Korver will be preaching at all the masses next weekend.

**\*\*AREA EVENTS**

**FUN, FOOD, AND FUND DAY:** Tues., June 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. - 2:15 p.m. at St. Augustine's Catholic Church in St. Cloud. Registration is at 9:00 a.m. To register, contact Janis Fagin at 14585 31<sup>st</sup> Street, Clear Lake, MN 55319 or call 612-202-1591.

**RUMMAGE SALE:** St. Rita's Parish, Hillman, MN  
 Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – 6 p.m., Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

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

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

**Lector:** Randy Kranz

**Communion Minister:** Alice Nordman, Bob Lochner, Janice Janson, Todd Caddy, Donna Solinger, & Ron Kahl

**Servers:** Ember Boser & Emily Herold

**May Ushers:** John Grittner, Sam Seelen & Jerry Posch

**CHOIR NEWS:** No choir this week. The choir will sing on Sunday, May 12th.

**THANK YOU,** Fr. Laurin Virnig, for celebrating the mass today.

**THANK YOU:** The family of Herb Britz would like to thank all who came, worked at, and sent cards for his funeral. We are forever grateful for your generosity.

**MISSING ROASTER PAN:** There is a roaster pan missing from the Buckman Hall. If you have the pan, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033. *Thanks!*

**ST. MICHAEL'S SENIORS:** There will be a meeting for St. Michael's Parish seniors to plan the baccalaureate mass on Wed., May 8<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30. The mass will be on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ORGAN PLAQUE:** The Plaque listing the names of those who contributed to the Organ Restoration Project is now hanging in the back of the church beside the Window Restoration plaque. We thank Joe Virnig for making the Board, Jason Gruber for the wood, St. Michael's Choir and St. Michael's Parish for paying for the lettering, etc. Our organ is playing beautifully and was a project needed to ensure our organ is able to be played to provide beautiful music for generations to come. *Thank you so much!*

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

Gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round.

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** is hosting the 12<sup>th</sup> annual Franciscan Girls Camp, Tues., June 4<sup>th</sup>, 10 a.m. – Thurs., June 6<sup>th</sup>, 6p.m. in Assisi Park, located 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 Sr. Ange Mayers @ 320-632-0680.

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend:** The next available weekends are Sept. 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN and Jul. 12-14, 2019 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Alan & Missy at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 888-455-3496.

**LOCAL SUPPORT GROUP:** Meetings will be held Saturday nights at 6 p.m. in the St. Michael's Parish Center. Any questions, please give Lee Herold a call at 320-733-4770. *Everyone is welcome to come!*

**St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women** has established a Spiritual Committee. We discussed making prayer chaplets. Also, starting adoration on the second Wednesday of the month at St. Michael's in Buckman. Our first adoration evening is June 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. If you want to help, please call Patty at 468-2487.

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

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

**Servers:** Sat. – Teagan Przybilla & Madison Gross

Sun. – Ellie & Tyler Fischer

**Weekday Lector:** – Mary Kimman

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** Reed Melvin, son of Paul and Becky Herman was baptized on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**ST. JOSEPH'S SENIORS:** There will be practice **this evening** for the baccalaureate mass on May 19<sup>th</sup>.

**ATTENTION:** A **ring** was lost at this past Saturday's Mass. If anyone has found a ring, please call the Parish Office 468-6033! ~Thank You!

**SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY** On Sunday, May 12<sup>th</sup> we will pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary for our country in the Pierz Villa at 4p.m. All are welcome. Call Patty at 468-2487 with any questions.

**CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL** is looking for 1-2 people to be part of a committee. This committee meets three times per year to come up with ideas for Catholic United Financial. Must be a member of CUF. Interested candidates should contact Mark Hoheisel @ 320-468-2640. **\*CUF** will meet on May 15<sup>th</sup> @10:30 a.m. in Father Pierz School of Religion. All are welcome to attend.

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**"WE ARE BORN TO BE HOLY":** Council of Catholic Women of Little Falls Deanery will be hosting a spring meeting at Holy Cross Church in Harding on Sat., May 18<sup>th</sup>. Following 8:15 a.m. registration, there will be an 8:30 a.m. rosary, 9:00 a.m. mass, & 10:00 a.m. meeting with speaker Nita Hayes. Lunch will be offered after the meeting. Spring plant exchange: bring extra plants you may be clearing from your flower gardens to share with someone else. FREE WILL OFFERING! For more information contact Cheryl Pick at 320-355-2214.

**FPSR:**

\*Seniors Night on Wednesday, May 8th from 6pm-9pm! Meet at Pizza Ranch in LF @ 6pm. We will eat, share stories, and play disc golf!

\*Party at the Pierz Park on Wednesday, May 15th from 5pm-7pm for 7th-12th graders! Come eat dinner and enjoy some great fellowship rain or shine!

**THEOLOGY ON TAP:** Come join young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. Our next Theology on Tap will be on Thursday, May 16 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7:00. Then at 8:00, we will grill the priests with our questions about the Catholic faith. Father Joe Herzing, Father Gregory Mastey, and Father Jeremy Theis will all be part of the panel. We hope to see you there!

**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!

**Nominations for the 2019 Humanae Vitae Award:** July 25<sup>th</sup> will mark the 51<sup>st</sup> Anniversary of Humanae Vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception on Thurs., July 25<sup>th</sup> @ Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud. For more information visit: [www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp](http://www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp) Send, fax, or e-mail nominations before May 15, 2019 to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305-7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Questions? Contact Sheila Reineke @ [sreineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sreineke@gw.stcdio.org) or 320-252-4721 x308.

**Nominations for the 2019 Humanae Vitae**

**Award:** July 25, 2019 will mark the 51st Anniversary of Humanae Vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae Vitae Mass & Award Reception on Thursday, July 25, 2019 at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae Vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: [www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp](http://www.stcdio.org/omf/nfp) Send, fax, or e-mail nominations before May 15, 2019 to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305-7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658 e-mail: [omf@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:omf@gw.stcdio.org) Questions? Contact Sheila Reineke @ [sreineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sreineke@gw.stcdio.org) or 320-252-4721 x308.

– 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](mailto:wiehoffb@centracare.com) for more information.

**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.

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

**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.

**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.

**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!

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