

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 12th, 2020

“Remain in me, says the Lord!”

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 13 - JULY 19, 2020

Tuesday, July 14

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Jared Tomala

Wednesday, July 15

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Dennis Kujawa, and +Paul Solinger

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

Thursday, July 16

8:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael’s Catholic United Financial Members

Friday, July 17

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Zita Poser, and +Doris Langer

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

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

Saturday, July 18

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Ronald Lauer

Sunday, July 19

8:00 a.m. Pierz For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Tara Neveah Herold and +Tara Herold

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 3,700.00
High School	\$ 5.45
Elementary	\$ 11.00
Plate	\$ 288.75
	<u>\$ 4,005.20</u>

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 5th Sunday:** 144

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 5,956.08
High School	\$ 9.00
Elementary	\$ 17.50
Plate	\$ 19.00
	<u>\$ 6,001.58</u>

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 4th Saturday:** 75

Mass attendance **July 5th Sunday:** 142

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

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

July 6 – Ruth Stuckmayer, **July 7** – Carey Burggraff, **July 8** – Reagan Winscher/Amanda Winscher, **July 9** – Chuck Gruber

July 10 – Julie Athman, **July 11** – Debbie Woitalla (\$35 Winners). **July 12** – Bob & Bev Voigt (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: I think of all of the professions that could have a great life-approach to deal with some of the uncertainties and lack of control of our time it would be farmer. Farmers know that the soil has to be taken care of in many ways. (Today’s Gospel speaks of the value of having well-tended **SOIL**. Like our **SOUL**, if it is well tended to it will bear great fruit from the seed of God’s Word.) Even with all the preparation hard work and expensive equipment, farmers are not in control of the weather. If someone were to tell a farmer that they were in control of everything, the farmer would tell them (perhaps politely) that they were delusional. Perhaps they might even say, “Farming can be very chaotic and very unpredictable. The only thing you can depend upon is God.”

The Covid 19 situation is somewhat the same. As a culture we have generally bought into the idea that “we are or can be in control of our life.” Yet years before Covid 19, 70% of the world knew the truth that the world is a chaotic place and the only Truth and Trust we can and should have is in God. They know this because every day they wake up hoping to find food, water and shelter for the day. If this is one thing we learn, or remember again, from Covid 19, then we are one step closer to being **more dependent upon God**, this is a good thing, for we are one step closer to being a true follow of Jesus Christ. ~~~ Michael Pekar

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

Prayer Blanket – Prayer blankets are sewn with love and prayers for those who receive the blanket. It is a symbol of a faith sharing community covering with prayer the individual who receives it. It brings comfort to the suffering and peace to the fearful. When one sees and touches these blankets, they know they are not alone. Those who receive blankets are held in prayer. A priest blesses the prayer blankets.

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

Number 4: It will cause virtue and good works to flourish; it will obtain for souls the abundant mercy of God; it will withdraw the hearts of men from the love of the world and its vanities, and will lift them to the desire of eternal things. Oh, that souls would sanctify themselves by this means.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY: Wednesday, July 15th 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 15th 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 BLANKETS: Looking for a great gift? Prayer blankets are available in the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. They can give comfort to the sick & suffering. Questions, call Kathy at 468-2105.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., July 19th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Cindy Scholl & Deb Hall

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

I BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding July 25th):

Jennifer Brill & Matthew Janson

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 103rd 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 meet on Thursday, Aug 6th at 6:30PM in the parish hall. There will be no refreshments. We will social distance. If there is an item for the agenda call Patty at 468-2487. Because there was no bingo, we will need to discuss what we will pay for in the future. A letter will be sent out to all members of St. Michael's parish members. 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.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

* Holy Trinity's Early Childhood Education Programs are open for registration for the 2020-21 school year. Children ages 42 months through age 5 are eligible for the Preschool and Kindergarten Readiness Programs. For more information, contact office@holytrinitypierz.org or call (320) 468-6446.

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is available at Holy Trinity Catholic School. Ground or Whole Bean bags available. \$13 a bag or \$14 for decaf. Please contact (320) 468-6446 for available office times to pick up. The purchase of the coffee supports both the farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity Catholic School.

* Thank you to all of our sponsors, volunteers and golfers who participated in the 7th Annual HTCS Golf Event. For a full list of sponsors, visit <http://www.holytrinitypierz.org/golf-event.html>

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., July 18th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., July 19th @ 8:00 a.m.

Weekday Lector: – LeRoy Swanson

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

I BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding July 31st):

Grace Studniski & Mathew Stumpf

ST. JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: The Parish Center basement 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.

Listening to the Word of God:

Readings can be found on www.CatholicReadings.org

First Reading ISAIAH 55:10-11: "My word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it." God's plans rule. Do I believe that?

Second Reading Romans 8:18-23: Mothers know there is a lot of work and groaning in giving birth to a child, but it is worth it. How do you feel that after the pains of this life are done, there is going to be something wonderful in the end for those who are living in the Spirit of Christ?

Gospel Matthew 13:1-23: What type of soil does the Word of God have to grow in my soul?

A) Good reflective, prayerful, scripture reading, joyful soil. Working but also listening for the Lord.

B) Thorny soil laden with worries of the world.

C) Rocky soil: too busy with big problems in life to deal with this religious stuff.

D) Am I supposed to be listening for something?

CHICKEN & HAM CHURCH PICNIC: Bethany Lutheran Church, Foley, Sunday, July 12th. 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.