

**TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF
ORDINARY TIME**

September 22nd, 2019

"I will be your God, forever!"

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor

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Pastoral Associate

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Thurs. from 2-4 p.m.

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. 23rd – SEPT. 29th

Monday Sept. 23

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Sept. 24

Pierz 8:00 a.m. Word/Communion Service / **No Mass**

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Sept. 25

Buckman 8:00 a.m. Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Urban Stangl

Thursday Sept. 26

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Howie Braun

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Sept. 27

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Phil & Cora Thielen / HT School Mass

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Elory Meyer

Saturday Sept. 28

Pierz 1:30 p.m. **Wedding** – Sarina Konen & Landon Bemboom

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Harvey Otremba (Folk Group)

Pierz Healy High School Graduating Class of 1969 – Congratulations!

Sunday Sept. 29

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Jim Spiczka (NO CHOIR)

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

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 2795.00

High School \$ 4.00

Elementary \$ 6.51

Plate \$ 431.00

\$ 3236.51

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Sept. 14th Sun.** - 342

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 5212.00

High School \$ 53.00

Elementary \$ 34.00

Plate \$ 447.50

\$ 5746.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Sept. 14th Sat.**- 221,

Sept. 15th Sun.- 257

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Sept. 16 – Bryce/Desiree Bednar, **Sept. 17** – Marilyn Schreinder, **Sept. 18-** Tim Brisk, **Sept. 19** – Dave Balaski, **Sept. 20** – Randy & Jessie LeBlanc, **Sept. 21** – Julie LaFlamme (\$35 Winners). **Sept. 22** – Julie LaFlamme (75 Winner).

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.

From the Pastoral Associate: Thank you to everyone who made the Buckman Bazaar a wonderful success. Praise and thank you, Lord, for providing us with good weather. It was really neat to see the sun lift the fog and to have the Polka Mass outside in the fresh cool air. I (along with others) had a lot of fun showing folks around the progress of the painting and other work being done on St. Michael's Church. I really enjoyed listening to the stories of what folks remember of the previous painting and other bits of their history in the Parish. We have lot to give thanks for. Once again, thank you everyone who pitched in and made it possible. ~~~ Michael Pekar

ACT-OBERFEST! Sun, Sept 22nd, at Sauk Centre High School Auditorium, from 2-4:30. Admission is free. There will also be a 50-50 raffle, live auction, food and beverages available for purchase. **All proceeds benefit Diocesan youth retreats and programs.** entertainment for the entire family

Pre-DMD retreat and social: All are invited to attend a retreat focused on our baptismal call and led by Franciscan Sister Michelle L'Allier from 4-6 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 29 at the St. John's Abbey Chapter House. Stay afterward for a "Brats, Beer & Bishop" social with Bishop Kettler at 6 p.m. at Brother Willie's Pub. Cost: \$20 for retreat, \$15 for social. Attend both at the discounted price of \$30. Register at stedio.org/dmd2019.

SOCIAL CONCERNS PRODUCE SHARING, anyone that has extra produce that would like to share, they may place them in the tubs in back of the churches (St. Joseph's and St. Michael's). Thank you!

POTATO SALES REMINDER: If anyone is interested in ordering potatoes to help support the Marathon for Catholic Education, they can place the order by returning the form that was included in last week's bulletin and payment to the Holy Trinity School Office by Monday, Sept 23rd. If there are any questions, please contact the HT Office 468-6446 thank you!

HT Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction UPDATE: Holy Trinity School, Steak & Wine Dinner & Live Auction to be on Sat., Oct. 12th at the Brickyard Bar in Pierz. Tickets for the meal will go on sale Mon., Sept. 9th at the school. **NO TICKET NEEDED TO ATTEND AUCTION.** Questions call Becky Dehler 360-3721 or Kristin Andres 630-5354.

SEVEN SISTERS, is in need of one person to pray for one hour in church on Sundays, outside of Mass time. No meetings involved but we ask for a one-year commitment. If interested please contact Pam Evans @ 320-492-0289

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Sept. 29th @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Leo Pohlkamp

Communion Ministers: Debbie Hall & Nathan Gruber

Servers: Ben Leidenfrost & Amber Boser

September Ushers: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

CHOIR NEWS: If you love Southern Gospel music, please join us for Sunday Mass on Sept. 29th.

II BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding October 5th):

Kayla Young & Jared Foss

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MEETING: Thursday, Oct. 3rd 2019 at 7pm in St. Michael's Parish Hall.

PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE: Our painting and renovation project is moving along nicely. We have ordered the carpet and should be getting installed soon. We are hopefully looking at a finish date sometime in December. As we keep moving forward, we do need the pledges for the painting project to come in. So, if anyone has their pledges outstanding please mail into the office, drop off in the collection basket, or feel free to drop off your payment in the parish office. *Thank you for your generosity.*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

***MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOLS – 1:45 PM ON** Friday, September 27th. We will begin with a rosary in church, then walk through town, and return to the gym. Mark your calendar to join us or donate to the annual Knights of Columbus endorsed marathon to support Catholic education. *THANK YOU* for your support.

*Potato orders are due on Monday, Sept 23rd and potatoes can be picked up on Friday, Sept 27th. Orders must be prepaid to place the order. No orders accepted after Monday.

*Steak and Wine tickets are on sale in the school office. The fundraising event is Sat, October 12th! Tickets are selling fast!

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

Faith in Action Events:

***Dine & Discover Wed Sept. 25, 2019 from 11:30 to 1:** Senior Financial Exploitations types, signs and Solutions presented by Marty Fleishhacker the Senior Financial Fraud Ombudsman / Civil Enforcement Liaison with the Dept of Commerce. You will get information on the common types of financial fraud and scams, who is targeted and why, the scope of the problem and tips about how to avoid becoming a victim.

***Soul Food:** A caregiver support group like no other. Come out to Sprout in Little Falls while you help a chef prepare a meal that you can take home for you and your loved one. Enjoy conversation with other caregivers, led by a Social Worker from Horizon Health. Registration is required to make sure we have enough food. Call Kelsey at 320-468-2788 for more information.

***Harvest Ball** October 10th at the Little Falls Ballroom from 5-9 PM. Please come out and support Horizon Health and all our programs that help those in need throughout Morrison County. Call Jacque Ballou to register today at 320-468-6451 Option 5.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Sept. 28th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Sept. 29th @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Rachel & Kahlee Kasper

Sun. – Jack Prokott & Louis Gruber

Weekday Lector: – LeRoy Swanson

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR OCTOBER: *Sat.*-Choir-

Michelle Litke, Marilyn Dorn, Barb Zajac, & Mason Zajac.

Sun.- Wanda Kapsner, Marilyn Virnig & Jan Kimman.

LECTORS FOR OCTOBER:

Sat. – Deb Gruber, *Sun.* – Gwen Gruber

USHERS FOR OCTOBER: *Sat.* – Dennis Zajac, Robbie

Becker, JD Folger, & Jon Stumpf. *Sun.* – Clint Kimman,

James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, & Jeff Virnig



NEW PIANO, Thank you! to the Ray & Linda Zemotel-Bayer estate and family for the very generous donation of the beautiful, new Yamaha grand piano to our church. Your thoughtfulness and generosity will always be remembered and appreciated.

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!

BUCKMAN FIRST RESPONSE TEAM: Mount Morris,

Lakins, Morrill and Buckman first response team is seeking volunteer members age 18 years of age or older that reside in the listed townships. If interested, please contact Cathy Talberg at 320-267-8376. Thank you

Horizon Health Volunteers Needed: Horizon Health Hospice

is looking for caring and trustworthy volunteers to join our team as we follow people through their end of life journey. Volunteers are needed in your area to visit with individuals in their homes, assisted living facilities and/or nursing homes. Training will be provided. If instrested please contact Angie 468-2788 ext. 321 or athman@horizonhealthservices.com.

Horizon Health Caregiver Support Groups: You may be

taking care of your aging parent, frail spouse, forgetful loved one or the neighbor. If you are caring for someone or have cared for someone and feel like talking about your experience, I encourage you to join us! Little Falls Support Group: Every 3rd Wed. at 2 pm – First United Church Fireside Room, Little Falls. Pierz Support Group: Every 1st Wed. at 2pm – Horizon Health Boardroom, Pierz.

Annual Parish Social Ministry Gathering: This year's

Gathering will take place on Sat, October 12th from 9am-3pm at Christ the King Parish in Browerville. Based on the theme of the U.S. Bishops' most recent Pastoral Letter *Open Wide Our Hearts, the Enduring Call to Love*. Speaker Kevin Skwira-Brown of Cultural Fluency Associates as well as diverse panelists, all sharing on the topic of "Open Wide Our Hearts: Having Loving Conversations about Racism." Cost is \$25 through Oct 3rd, or \$35 at the door. Details and reg. found on Catholic Charities website: www.ccstcloud.org/events.

Liturgy Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Rm, Wednesday. Oct. 2nd @ 7p.m.

Area Catholic Community Meeting in the Parish Office Meeting Rm, Thursday. Oct. 3rd. @ 7p.m.

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!

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.

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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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Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend: IS THE HONEYMOON OVER? It doesn't have to be! A Marriage Encounter weekend can rekindle the excitement and romance in your relationship. This is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends** are Mar 27-29, 2020 in Baxter, MN and Oct 4-6, 2019 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.

**September 26th: Join Michele Henifin,* from Horizon Health, for a through hands-on and auditory training into Normal vs. Not normal aging. Brain changes and sensory changes with the journey of dementia. Trainings will be held at the Little Falls Library (park in aux parking lot). To register call Marie at 320-468-6451 option #2.

**Powerful Tools for Caregivers:* Powerful tools for caregivers is an educational program designed to provide you with the tools you need to take care of yourself. Whether you provide care for a family member or friend in your home or at a distance, this class can help you. Classes consist of six, 1 ½ hour class sessions weekly. Classes will be held on Mondays September 30th- November 4th 2019. Classes will be from 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. These classes will be held at Little falls Senior Center. Deadline to register is Friday September 20th, 2019. To register call Kristine Hoheisel at (320)468-6451 option 8.

**Tues. October 1st, 8 Hour In-depth Dementia Training:* Michele Henifin will lead a full day class on the basic understanding of Dementia, strategies for communication, how to handle challenging behaviors and much more. Time: 8 to 4:30 with lunch included. Free to caregivers. To register call Marie at 320-468-6451 option #2.