

Twelfth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2020

“The Lord is the strength of His people!”

**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 JUNE 22-28, 2020**

**Tuesday, June 23**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Ervin M. Girtz

**Wednesday, June 24**

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

**Thursday, June 25**

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

**Friday, June 26**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Henry Preimesberger Jr.

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

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

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

**Saturday, June 27**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Leon Leidenfrost

**Sunday, June 28 – (Pierz Mass recorded and posted on website at 11 a.m.)**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Gert & Louie Przybilla

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Shannon Fyten

**ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 3,270.00

High School \$ 1.00

Elementary \$ 9.00

Plate \$ 60.00

\$ 3,340.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **June 14th** Sun. - 106

**ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult \$ 8,113.00

High School \$ 9.00

Elementary \$ 15.00

Plate \$ 225.60

\$ 8,362.60

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **June 13th** Sat. - 106

Mass attendance **June 14th** Sun. - 135

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

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**June 15** – Reese Janson, **June 16** – Barb Nelson, **June 17** – Jeff & Judy Klaphake, **June 18** – Abby Bennett/Katherine Bennett, **June 19** – Wally & Judy Meierhofer, **June 20** – LeRoy Swanson (\$35 Winners). **June 21** – Gene Gruber (\$75 Winner).

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**FROM THE PASTOR:** With all of the recent events, I was thinking that right now our police officers who have always been here for us really need our prayers. I would like to share this prayer for the law enforcement that I came across as I was reading one of my prayer books. “Heavenly Father, you have created a marvelous world which is permeated by a wondrous sense of order. Yet human beings have a tendency to war against order on their level. That is the reason why there are people like me who work at maintaining order in society. Help me to use my authority with understanding and restraint and without bias or anger. Let me remember that in carrying out my function I am sharing in your divine providence in the universe so that the people in this world can live full lives and grow in the knowledge and love of you, of your Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” I also want to wish everyone a Happy Father’s Day. God bless you all and enjoy your week. ~Fr. Ken Popp

**FOR YOUR INFORMATION:**

**Eucharistic Adoration** - When we go to Eucharistic Adoration, we kneel or sit in the presence of Jesus, truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, and spend time praying to Him, worshipping Him. The emphasis is that Jesus is in the room, so your focus should be on Him. Eucharistic Adoration is not subject to a particular formula. We can read the Bible or spiritual books, pray spontaneously, offer a Holy Hour, ask the saints to intercede for us, or meditate.

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

**Number 1:** Whoever shall faithfully serve me by the recitation of the rosary shall receive signal graces.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO:** Please join the local KCs as we resume praying the Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway) at 8 PM on Wednesdays starting June 10th. 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.

**HOLY WATER:** Is available in the parish office entryway.

**PRAYER CHAPLETS:** Prayer is the raising of one’s mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God. We pray with praise, petition and thanksgiving. We pray to the saints to intercede for us to God in heaven for our needs. The Christian women have made a variety of chaplets which are available at the Parish Office-Pierz entryway. Chaplets are private devotions prayed on beads. They should be prayed every day. There is Power in Prayer.

**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.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the students in the Lastrup parish who received their First Holy Communion on Sunday June 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations!

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Pierz and Buckman students will be receiving their First Communion next Sunday, June 28<sup>th</sup>.

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

**SUN., June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Randi Kranz

**Communion Ministers:** Deb Hall, Jill Hoheisel

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Simon Adam*, son of Adam Kloss and Amber Girtz, was baptized on Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *George Hoefler* passed away on June 15<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CM/W** will be sending a letter to all members of St. Michael's Parish. 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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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*Holy Trinity 7th Annual Golf Event. Saturday, June 27, 2020. To donate or sponsor, contact Debra @ 630-5260 or Melissa @ 360-3609. To sign up for tee time, contact Mary at Pierz Golf Club @ 468-2662.

**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.

**Listening to the Word of God** --- Body and Blood of Christ June 21st 2020 A.D.

Start with a prayer asking Jesus to be present, or sincerely pray the Our Father.

Readings can be found on [www.CatholicReadings.org](http://www.CatholicReadings.org)

**First Reading Jeremiah 20:10-13**

When has defending God, or the Catholic Church, or justice, gotten me in trouble?

If I have never gotten grief, do I stand up for God, the Church and justice, or do I remain silent?

**Second Reading Romans 5:12-15**

The connection of sin and death is one that is deeply rooted in Jewish and Christian Theology / Tradition. Christ left being in the place where there is no sin and death and became one of us. He experienced the sin-filled world with its suffering, trials and death. Then He redeemed it in His own body by obediently suffering, dying on the cross and then rising from the dead. What is the most I have ever sacrificed out of love?

**Gospel Matthew 10:26-33**

1. When was the last time I spoke up for Jesus, or the Church, or the Faith when they were being put down? When was the last time I was mostly silent when Jesus, the Catholic Church, or the poor were being attacked?

2. There is a wonderful line, "If I was on trial being accused of being a Christian, would there be enough evidence to convict me?" How have I demonstrated to the world that I am a Christian by my words, actions and deeds?

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

**SAT., June 27<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., June 28<sup>th</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Weekday Lector:** – Hilde Flicker

**LECTORS FOR JUNE:**

**Sat.** - Al Pekarek, & **Sun.** – Keith Marshik

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Brooks William*, son of Mark and Janaye Eno, was baptized on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**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.

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**OLIVE WOOD:** The pandemic has forced thousands of pilgrims to leave the Holy Land. In the past, when the Holy Land experienced wartime conditions, some people managed to temporarily find an economic niche outside tourism. However, the pandemic measures have affected all business sectors, including olive wood industry, and everything to shut down. Even we as Holy Land Crafts & Pilgrimage group; are unable to lend them a hand during this difficult time because of the closures here in the U.S. Because our visit to your parish this year is unpredictable, we humbly ask you to visit our website [WWW.HOLYLANDCRAFTS.NET](http://WWW.HOLYLANDCRAFTS.NET) and browse through the beautiful hand carved religious items. We value your support through these unprecedented times. May God bless you and keep you safe.

**Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class,** November 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. The Health Ministries of Central Minnesota Committee is offering scholarships of up to \$250. To apply for a scholarship or for questions about the class, please contact Annette Jesh prior to payment. Your payment will depend upon approval of a scholarship. [Annette.Jesh@centracare.com](mailto:Annette.Jesh@centracare.com) or (320) 249-0280.

