

**FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
TIME**

February 9th, 2020

“Bow low before the Lord who made us!”

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 FEBRUARY 10-16, 2020

Monday Feb. 10	Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Tuesday Feb. 11	Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Mary Langer Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Wednesday Feb. 12	Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God Villa 9:30 a.m. +Leon, Reiny, and Ceil Przybilla
Thursday Feb. 13	Buckman 8:00 a.m. +LeRoy “Roy” Lochner Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service
Friday Feb. 14	Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Marlene Ruegemer Buckman 8:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service Villa 9:30 a.m. +Phil and Cora Thielen
Saturday Feb. 15	Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Rollie Hartmann (Mike Retka & Adult Choir)
Sunday Feb. 16	Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Gerald and Rita Flicker (Folk Group) Buckman 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 3316.00
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 15.00
Plate	\$ 182.65
	\$ 3514.65

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Feb. 2nd Sun.** - 240

ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 7011.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 26.80
Plate	\$ 294.25
	\$ 7338.05

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Feb. 1st Sat.** - 264

Feb. 2nd Sun. - 248

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Feb. 3 – Julie Poser, **Feb. 4** – Rachel LeBlanc, **Feb. 5** – Rod Veith, **Feb. 6** –Lynn Gunderson, **Feb. 7** –Eric & Carrie Gall, **Feb. 8** – Carol & Jerry Zimmerman (\$35 Winners). **Feb. 9** – Sharon Bell (\$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: Three things. 1) I hope folks have been reading and mostly enjoying the “Gems of the Catechism”. Yeh this week is a little chewy. It is interesting to note all the biblical citations, quotes from saints, and saintly people and the vast range of 2000 years of history the Catechism cites. What is interesting about it to me is that the Wisdom of God has been working in the Church all along, despite having flawed people like you and me in it. Our wisdom does not come from the latest social trend, opinion poll, or a noted genius, but from God. 2) February 14 is this week. It is a wonderful day to tell and show people that you love how much they mean to you. Just as Word of God Sunday (which we celebrated two weeks ago) is not just for one Sunday, but a reminder that everyday should be Word of God Day. So too everyday should be Valentine’s Day. 3) Pray that with some of the dark, frightening things that are happening in the world today, will not cause us or other people to despair, but to turn to God (or turn to God more), who is the source and essence of all truth, love and security. ~~~ Michael Pekar

LOOKING AHEAD: The Bishop will be at the 10 a.m. Mass in Buckman on February 23rd.

LITURGY MEETING: Wed. Feb. 12th at 7p.m. in St. Joseph’s parish office meeting room.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY – Villa: Join us on Sun. Feb 9th at 4 p.m. in the Pierz Villa chapel as we pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary for our country. Call Patty with any questions 468-2487.

ADORATION: Please join us on Wed. February 12th, 2020 from 7-8 p.m. at St. Michael’s Church in Buckman for adoration. Questions, please call Patty at 468-2487.

FPSR/ YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640

Pizza Ranch Fundraiser on Wednesday, February 12th from 4:30pm-7:30pm! Come eat and support the students going to Steubenville!



PATRIOTIC ROSARY: For the Consecration of our nation back to God, the “9 Month Novena” of the Patriotic Rosary is said once each month, Feb-Nov., on the 15th of the month; preceding the Nov. 2020 elections taking place this fall. The Feb. Patriotic Rosary will be said on Sat. Feb. 15th at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph’s Church. Any Questions, call Patty @468-2487 or Jan @468-2578. Come and pray with us.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the public to join them for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Thurs, Feb 20, 6-7 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Small group, persons gather for 20-30 minutes to pray in quiet. Centering Prayer is experiencing a relationship with God. Followed by “Lectio Divina,” a reflection on the coming Sunday Scriptures. Come, the third Thursday of the month, gather with sisters and members of all faiths to ponder God’s presence in your life. No need to pre-register. For information, please call (320)632-0668 or email: franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Feb. 16 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Jane Funk

Communion Ministers: Kay Pappenfus, Todd Caddy

Servers: Westin Hoheisel and Hunter Jacobson

Feb. Ushers: John Grittner, Sam Seelen, Mick Gruber

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 26 @ 7:30 p.m.

Lector: Bob Lochner

Communion Ministers:

Cindy Scholl and Debbie Hall

Servers: Jackson Kahl & Mason Herold

QUILTING NEWS: We will be tying quilts in the St. Michael's Parish Center on Thur, Feb. 13, starting at 9 am. We would appreciate any help. If interested in working on quilts, on an evening or on a Sat, let Janel Meyer know 468-6503.

SAVE THE DATE: Christian Mother's Quilt Bingo/Raffle is set for Sunday, March 15th at the Buckman Parish Center.

Buckman & Pierz Firearms Safety Classes, Mon.'s 7-9pm starting Feb. 10-Mar. 16. The 6 classes will be at, Buckman Parish Center and Pioneer Elementary in Pierz. * Must be 11 yrs old by the start of the class. Adults are welcome. If you were born after Dec. 31, 1979, you must have a firearms safety certificate to purchase a license to hunt with a firearm in Minnesota. A parent or guardian MUST be present to register their child the first night of class and pay their \$7.50 fee for class. Registration on first night of class. Pre-registration NOT required. If class is cancelled it will be announced on the Little Falls radio stations. KLTF AM960; WYRQ 92.1FM; KFML 94.1FM. Questions, call Ron Kahl, (320)360-0986 (Buckman) or Shelly Boser (320)360-1758 (Pierz).

AREA EVENTS:

***St. John's/St. Andrew's Catholic School Steak & Wine Dinner & Auction, Greenwald** – Sat. Feb. 15th. Dinner, 5-8:30pm. For Tickets call school office 320-987-3133. Dinner: choice of steak, walleye or chicken with salad bar, wine and live music by Donny Brang. Live auction will begin at 8:30.

***Prime Rib or Chicken Dinner-St. Rita's, Hillman:** Sat. Feb. 15th, from 5-7:30p.m. Mass at 4p.m. Cash Bar, Menu: Prime Rib, salad, glazed carrots, baked potato & dessert \$18. Menu: Parmesan Chicken breast, with pasta, salad, glazed carrots & dessert \$15. Come and enjoy!

***Auction/Dinner-St. John's Church, Swanville:** Fri, Feb 21, Sobieski Community Center. Dinner-6:30p.m., auctions-8p.m. Tickets \$15-purchased by Feb. 16, includes meal, free drink, a chance to win \$100 & \$500 drawing. After, the 16th, tickets are \$20 and only includes the meal. Call 320-547-2920.

***Old-Time Card Party-St. Anthony, St. Cloud:** In Parish Center, Sun, Feb 23. Please join us for our Centennial Event from 2-5p.m. A \$5 entry fee covers an afternoon of playing 500 or cribbage followed by a light lunch. Bring a friend and enjoy the day! Handicap accessible, prizes will be awarded for high scores.

***Quilt or Cash Bingo-St. Rita's, Hillman:** Sun. Feb. 23rd at 1:30p.m. Handicapped accessible, door prizes! Free Lunch after the games. Come and enjoy the fun!

***Lenten Fish Fries-Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Fri. Feb. 28, Mar. 6,13,20,27 & Apr. 3. Menu: Fried Fish, cole slaw, baked potato, baked beans, dinner rolls & drink. Serving hours are 5-7:30p.m. Adults-\$9, children 4-12-\$5, & under 4 Free. Takeout orders, call 320-393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Feb. 15 @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Feb. 16 @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Madison and Alison Gross

Sun. – Catherine and Maria Wehseler

Weekday Lector: – Harvey Kimman

ASH WEDNESDAY Feb. 26 @ 5:30 p.m.

Lector: Harvey Kimman

Communion Ministers:

Kerri Kasper, Marvin Kimman, & Jan Kimman.

Servers: Braiden Maus & Addison Marshik

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: Ryder Derek, son of Derek & Kelsey Eisenschenk, was baptized on Sunday, February 1st. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Carol B. Bell passed away on January 26. Mass of Christian burial was held on Friday, January 31, at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

2020 Bazaar Dish towels are stamped and ready for embroidering for the 2020 Bazaar! You can pick up a set in the entryway of the parish office. We still have sets available

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: Next quilting days - Wed. Feb. 12 at 1 pm and Mon. Feb. 17 at 9 am in the parish office basement. We will be stitching and tying. We are in need for quilts to be tied. If you can make, a top and back please let us know. We also have a sewing machine and cutting utensils available. If you are willing to help in any way, even if it is just for a few hours and if you are a sewer and not quilter, please join us, for fun and socializing. Anyone is welcome to go down and stitch or tie anytime the parish office is open. Any questions call 320-360-2434.

4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER: Fri. April 17, at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If anyone is interested in selling tickets, contact parish office 468-6033.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*February is "I Love To Read" month!

*The PTO will host a book bingo in the school gym on Sunday, February 9th from 1-3pm. All are welcome to attend.

*Students will celebrate the 100th day of school on Monday, February 10th.

*HT Toddler class is Wednesday, February 12 at 6:00pm in the preschool classroom. Parents are welcome to bring children ages 2-4 to this fun interactive evening.

*Fri, Feb 14th the school liturgy leaders will be Ms. Cherne's fifth grade class.

*The school carnival is Sun, March 1st. Raffle tickets are available for sale. Prizes to Donate for the Carnival: Silent Auction (new items): craft items, gift certificates, or baskets Bingo: coolers, flashlights, 12 packs of pop, Tupperware, baking pans, fishing pole, hunting supplies, \$5- \$15 items Toy Walk: Barbie dolls, dolls, puzzles, markers, books, CD's, trucks, tractors, cars, play dough, \$3-\$5 items. Shake, Rattle, Roll: Items for children and adults to shake dice to win. County Store: New or slightly used items, in good condition. *Gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala, is available for purchase at the school. We will have a supply on hand.

AREA NEWS:

***St. Paul's Annual Baked Fish Dinner-St. Cloud:** Fri., March 6, Serving 5-7 PM at the Parish Center 1125 11th Avenue North Saint Cloud Menu: Baked Fish, Cheesy Hash Browns, Green Beans, Cole Slaw, Dinner Rolls, Dessert & Beverages Cost: Adults \$10.00, Children Ages 5-12 \$5.00 Ages 4 and Under Free Save the date...All are welcome

***Meire Grove Annual Spring Supper-St. John's Parish** Palm Sunday, April 5, Meire Grove Church basement Serving Chicken, Ham, Dressing, Mashed Pot., Creamed Peas and Homemade Pies Serving from 3:30-7:30 pm Take-outs available NEW Drive-thru Ordering and pick-up Service....stay in your car...no steps!

The Bible and the Modern World: Believers have always viewed the Bible as the foundation and heart of divine revelation, but in the modern world, there is considerable confusion both about how to interpret the Bible, and also concerning what role it can have in human self-understanding. This lecture will examine the long road from the Bible's origins and the presuppositions of its ancient interpreters to the debates of the 16th century Reformation and 18th century Enlightenment to the 21st century and the difficult legacy of this long journey. In an age of science, what can the Bible contribute to human knowledge, and within the Church, what challenges are posed by a historical-critical view of the Scriptures? Feb. 13th, check-in from 6:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. and presentation from 6:30 p.m. to 9 p.m., Church of Saint Mary, Alexandria, MN. Free event. Light refreshments provided. Registration is Required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

Angels and Demons: What do Scripture and Tradition Say About Them? Movies and the Internet show no shortage of information on angels and demons. Bookstores have whole racks devoted to the topic. While much of what we see and read keeps us entertained, the media's presentation of the spiritual and diabolical worlds is all too often unconnected to the Christian message. In this presentation and in light of Christ's absolute victory over sin and death, Fr Michael Patella will outline the Christian understanding of the devil, angels, demons, ghosts, and spirits in Scripture and Tradition. He will also discuss the inherent problems and dangers that arise today with the undue attention many give to the occult. Feb. 21st, check-in from 8:30am - 9am, presentation from 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch provided following presentation. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

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;

The Annual Women's Lenten Retreat sponsored by the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be held Saturday, March 14th at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 2875 10th Ave. NE., Sauk Rapids. "Saints Within Us" is the theme. The speaker in the morning is Melanie Micklebust. Registration starts at 8:30 followed by the speaker, rosary, mass and lunch followed by Q and A, "The Saints" by diocesan priests, Fr. Tom Knoblach and Fr. Ralph Zimmerman. Closing prayer at 2:15. The cost is \$15 before March 1st, late registration and walk in's- \$20.00. The church is handicapped accessible. Registration should be sent to Marlyce Plant, 2293 Pinecone Rd. Sartell, MN 56377. For information visit "<http://www.stcloudccw.org>" or email: stclouddiocesanccw@gmail.com" 320-282-9941 All are welcome!

"JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO CALVARY" The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi will again be performing. There is a special performance for religious education students on Wed., April 1st at 7:00pm. If you want more information or want to reserve seats for a large group of students call Bob at 320-573-2933. The other performance dates are April 4 at 7:30pm and April 5 at 1pm. Janice Wuebkers Central Office of St. Mary's, St. Edward's and St. Francis Catholic Churches

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

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!

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!

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: Sat. March 14th, Sacred Heart, Sauk Rapids. Registration & refreshments at 8:30a.m. 10:15a.m. Rosary, Mass at 11a.m. noon lunch, closing prayers and door prizes at 2:15p.m. Cost \$15 by March 1st or \$20 after March 1st. Handicapped Accessible, for information on it: stcloudccw.org. to contact: stclouddiocesanccw@gmail.com or 320-282-9941. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. Hosted by St. Cloud Deanery CCW

CATHOLIC WOMAN: We believe in our 1,500-year-old Benedictine tradition. We want to share our story with you. If you are a single, Catholic woman under the age of 45, you are invited to spend some time with us. The day will begin at 10 a.m. and end at 2 p.m. You will learn the history of our chapel and sacred spaces through a guided tour. Have the opportunity to celebrate Eucharist with the community and share a meal in our monastic dining room. There will be an opportunity for continued conversations with sisters after lunch. To register please contact Sister Lisa Rose, Director of Vocations, at lrose@csbsju.edu or (320) 363-7180. Please visit our website for more information about our community www.sbm.osb.org. **Dates: Saturday, February 8, Saturday, March 14, Saturday, April 18, 2020**