# ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH P.O. BOX 428, PIERZ, MN 56364 Phone: 320-468-6033

**FEBRUARY 21st** E-mail: stjoes@midco.net, Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org

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**Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs. - 8:30 am to 3:30 pm and Fri. - 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Parish office number 468-6033.

**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 23rd – FEBRUARY 28th, 2021**

**Tuesday, February 23**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Judy A. Herman

**Wednesday, February 24**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Theresa Peine
7:00 p.m. Buckman Stations of the Cross
7-9:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, February 25**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Angie Poser

**Friday, February 26** - ***Pierz HT School Mass: Mrs. Przybilla's 5th Grade Class***

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Joan Kronenberg
8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service
3-4:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration
4:00 p.m. Pierz Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, February 27**

1:30 p.m. Buckman ***Wedding*** – Jessica Leeb & Christopher Lardy
4:30 p.m. Pierz +Henry Preimesberger Jr.

**Sunday, February 28** ***(Pierz Mass Recorded & posted to website)***

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Leander Hartmann
10:00 a.m. Buckman +Gloria Lanners

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

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| Adult | $ 2421.00 |
| High School | $ 11.00 |
| Elementary | $ 13.25 |
| Plate | $ 237.00 |
| | $ 2682.25 |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **February 14th** Sunday: 154

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

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| Adult | $ 5482.00 |
| High School | $ 27.00 |
| Elementary | $ 19.00 |
| Plate | $ 52.00 |
| | $ 5580.00 |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **February 13th** Saturday: 178
Mass attendance **February 14th** Sunday: 101

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

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**February 15** – Amelia Carmona (Sara Carmona), **February 16 –** Jim & Joan Bieganek, **February 17** – Larry Talberg, **February 18 –** Diane Virnig, **February 19 –** Earl Boser, **February 20 –** Sally Virnig - ($35 Winners). **February 21** – Bonnie Wesenberg ($75 Winner).

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**FROM THE PASTOR:** I would like to thank everyone who responded to the Bishop's Annual Appeal Commitment Weekend and those who have given to this appeal in the past years. Your generosity is greatly appreciated and fulfills our mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice in the Diocese of St. Cloud. The Bishop's Annual Appeal is a very effective way to support services that the diocese provides to our parish as well as vital ministries throughout the 16 counties of the Diocese of St. Cloud. Your participation can be in the form of a monetary gift, but please know that we also deeply appreciate those of you who pray for the Appeal and the ministries it supports. If you haven't yet made a gift, you can bring your envelope to Mass, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail a gift to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302. ~Fr. Ken Popp

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**CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:**

Tues. Feb. 23rd @ 12:00 p.m. Pierz
Wed. Feb. 24th @ 12:00 p.m. Buckman
Thurs. Feb. 25th @ 7:30 a.m. Buckman
Thurs. Feb. 25th @ 5:30 p.m. Pierz
Sat. Feb 27th @ 3:30 p.m. Pierz

**MCCL Quilt Chances For Sale:** Quilt Chances will be sold after mass on Sunday, Feb 21st in the back of church in Pierz and the parish center entrance in Buckman. Please come prepared to support pro-life. Thanks.

**BUFFALO FEED & RAFFLE:** The annual area Knights of Columbus Buffalo Feed & Raffle has been postponed until Saturday, May 22, 2021 due to COVID. You may purchase raffle chances from any member of the K of C until May 22. If finished selling, members are encouraged to turn in their chances. Questions: Mark Loidolt 701-388-2323 or Allen & Deb Woitalla 320-277-3860.

**Lenten Bible Study on Salvation History:** Looking for something to do this lent? Want to learn the Big Picture of the Bible, from Genesis to Jesus? Join our weekly Lenten Bible study at St John's Parish Center in Lastrup starting the week of February 22 until May 10. Will meet either Mondays or Wednesdays, likely at 7 pm. If can't make a week, they will be recorded or can watch live from home. If interested or want more information, contact Mark Loidolt at 701-388-2323 or mark.loidolt@gmail.com.

**Blood Drive:** The American Red Cross Bloodmobile will be at First United Church, 1000 1st Street SE, Little Falls, on Mon., March 1, 8:30am-2:30pm, Tues., March 2, 12-6pm and Wed., March 3 from 1-7pm. Anyone at least 16 years of age (bring parental consent), weighs at least 110 pounds and considered in good health may be eligible to donate. There is no upper age limit and the time commitment is minimal. Please bring photo ID and, if you've received your COVID-19 vaccination, bring that documentation as well. For more info or to schedule an appt to donate, contact Sister Julien Dirkes at (320)632-0663 or visit www.redblood.org to make an appointment online.

**ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**
**SUN., Feb.28th @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber
**Communion Ministers:** Megan Herold & Carolyn Andres
**Ushers for March:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

**III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE (Wedding February 27th):**
Jessica Leeb and Christopher Lardy

**COMMITTEE CHANGE:** The Liturgy Committee will no longer be because the remaining ladies that were on the committee are retiring, but we are looking for some new ladies (people) to help out with decorating and setup for church holidays/special events. For more info, please call Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783 or Kim Seppelt at 320-469-7352. ***Thank you to the Liturgy Committee for your years of dedication to our church.***

**DISH TOWELS:** Dishtowels are stamped, ready to embroider and be picked up, in the middle pews on the south side of the church. Please sign them out on the sheet if you take a set. Thanks!

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION UPDATE:** On Wednesdays during Lent, St. Michael's will have Stations at 7 P.M. followed by seven minutes of adoration, a blessing, quiet dismissal for those who want to leave and then continued adoration where folks can leave when they are finished. Adoration will end at 9 P.M. You must take the booklets home and return with them the next week. The booklets will be collected up after Stations during Holy Week.
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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**
*February is "I Love To Read" month! Students will participate in a variety of activities to support reading.
***Monday, February 22 @ 6:30pm Holy Trinity State of School presentation.** All parishioners are invited to the annual Holy Trinity State of School presentation by the school board members in the school gym. The board members will present information on the strategic plan, finances, and registration for the 2021-2022 school year.
*The annual Holy Trinity School carnival will be held VIRTUAL this year. Raffle Tickets are available for purchase. Tickets are $5 each. Please reach out to a Holy Trinity School family or contact the school office at (320) 468-6446 to purchase your tickets. **Prizes to Donate for the Carnival:** Silent Auction (new items): large craft items, quilts, gift certificates, gift baskets, etc.
*Guatemalan coffee is available for purchase at the school. We will have a supply on hand. Holy Trinity will make $3 on each bag sold and $10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

**Theology Day:** Many people spend Holy Saturday (trauma's aftermath), by getting ready for Easter Sunday (triumphal new life), which reflects our overall unease with trauma (Good Friday). Trauma and its aftermath are viewed as something to "get over" as soon as possible. We forget: the resurrected Christ still carried his wounds. This presentation will explore the aftermath of trauma, and how use of a trauma lens can serve as powerful witness. Thurs., Mar. 4, Webinar presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Event is Free. Registration is required at least 5 days in advance. Please visit www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, call 320-363-3560, or email theologyday@csbsju.edu to register.

**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**
**SAT. Feb. 27th @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Feb. 28th @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Weekday Lector:** LeRoy Swanson
**Communion Ministers: Sat. Feb. 27**- Rachel & Chris Young, ***Choir***- Kristie Virnig, **Sun. Feb. 28**- Matt Kessler & Leo Wehseler

**LECTORS FOR MARCH:**
**Sat.** – Al Pekarek, **Sun.** – Harvey Kimman
**USHERS FOR MARCH:**
**Sat.**-John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll
**Sun.**-Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** ***Lucille I. Blomer*** passed away on January 28th. Celebration of Life ceremony to be held in summer, pending Covid-19 complications. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION & STATIONS UPDATE:**
During the Lenten season, Eucharistic Adoration will be from 3-4 p.m. on Fridays followed by the Stations of the Cross and a blessing. There will be no singing.

**ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE:** We will be tying Monday, Feb. 22nd and Tuesday, March 2nd from 9-11 am. We will continue to work on quilts every other Monday and Tuesday till further notice, watch the Bulletin for dates. If people want to stay longer, they are welcomed to. We have 2 quilts set up for tying. We will use social distancing. Questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.
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**Natural Family Planning Classes:** A First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Little Falls on March 2 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. More info/to register contact bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the LFs NFP Office at (320) 631-5660. The class is 1½ to 2 hours long. Most insurance covers the cost of NFP instruction and followup!

**40 Days for Life:** St. Cloud Lenten Campaign Feb. 17 to Mar. 28, 2021. Daily prayer vigil held from 7a.m.-7p.m. Mon.-Fri. on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood. We welcome/encourage parish, student, family groups any hours that work for them. For more info or to line something up, contact Judy Haag at judy4life@meltel.net or 320-453-7592.

**Catholic Men's Conference:** This year our annual Men's Conference will be held virtually on Sat., Feb. 27th from 9a.m. to noon. Bishop Kettler will welcome us and open in prayer, and he will also conclude the morning and close our conference with prayer. For more info/to register visit: www.stcdio.org/mensconference21, or call (320) 258-7615.

**Franciscan Retreats:** Women's Weekend Retreat February 26-28. We will have the pandemic safety protocols in place. You can register now online at www.franciscanretreats.net. or by calling 952-447-2182.

**Best Lent Ever:** Best Lent Ever is a free email program that sends daily inspirational videos directly to your inbox. This program will help you prepare your hearts and minds during Lent for the coming of Jesus' resurrection on Easter Sunday. Please sign up at Best Lent Ever (dynamiccatholic.com).