

**SUNDAY, APRIL 25 2020**

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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 APRIL 27<sup>th</sup> – MAY 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**Tuesday, April 27**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Janet L. Cheney

**Wednesday, April 28**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Gerald Perleberg

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

**Thursday, April 29**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Joseph Kapsner

**Friday, April 30- Pierz HT School Mass: Mrs. Gangl's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Class**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +For the Deceased Members of the John Gast Family

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

3-4:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, May 1**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Jeanne Stang

**Sunday, May 2 (Pierz Mass recorded & posted to website)**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Elroy, Elaine, & Diane Meyer

10:00 a.m. Buckman + Fr. Brenny, & For the People of the Parishes

10:30 a.m. Pierz Pierz First Communion Mass



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

Adult \$ 2869.80

High School \$ 15.00

Elementary \$ 16.00

Plate \$ 247.00

\$ 3147.80

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **April 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 247

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

Adult \$ 7316.00

High School \$ 23.00

Elementary \$ 12.75

Plate \$ 153.62

\$ 7505.37

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **April 17<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 164

Mass attendance **April 18<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 209

**CONFESSIONS:** Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.

Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**April 19** – Debbie Woitalla, **April 20** – Tim & Joanie Watcott, **April 21** – Judy or Bruce Wells, **April 22** – Bob & Shelly Gruber, **April 23** – Phil Stumpf, **April 24** – Cherice Hartshorn - (\$35 Winners). **April 25** – Chad & Marie Eggert (\$75 Winner).

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**FROM THE PASTOR** This weekend the young people will be confirmed throughout our entire area Catholic communities. Our hearts as a Catholic church should be rejoicing that these young people have received the Holy Spirit in a whole new way. The Holy Spirit will give them strength and courage to live the Gospel in the world we are in. Our hearts also rejoice as our second graders in our area Catholic communities are receiving our Lord's Body and Blood in the Eucharist. The Eucharist is the food of life that strengthens them along with the Holy Spirit to live Christ each day. Again, we welcome Bishop Kettler for Confirmation at St. Joseph's. Great rejoicing for all of us. ~Fr. Ken Popp

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**THANK YOU!** Bishop Donald Kettler for celebrating our Confirmation Masses with our students and families these last two weekends! *Thank You!*

**St. Francis Catholic United Financial Take-Out**

**Breakfast:** Annual Matching Grant Breakfast on Sunday, May 2 from 9am-12:30pm. Menu: Sausage from Paul and Kathy's Supermarket of Upsala, Pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns and sweet rolls from Albany Bakery. A free will offering is being taken. St. Francis is located 15 miles north of Albany on State Hwy 238.

**The Knights of Columbus - Take-Out Breakfast:**

in Heritage Hall of the Church of Saint Joseph in St. Joseph. The robust menu, including pancakes, eggs, caramel rolls, sausage, fruit, hash browns and more, will be available from 8:30 am to noon on Sunday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. Cost is \$10 per adult, \$4.00 ages 6-12 and 5 and under eat free.

**Natural Family Planning:** Little Falls on Tuesday, May 4 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more information, or to register, contact Mary Bontjes at [bontjesmary@yahoo.com](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com) or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660.

**Emblom Brenny Cherishing Memories Support Group:**

Please call Emblom Brenny Funeral Service 320-632-4393 to register. Group dates are May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, & 24<sup>th</sup> 6 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. 900 1<sup>st</sup> St. S.E. Little Falls MN 56345 All are welcome to attend!

**We pray that you and your loved ones had your BEST**

**LENT EVER and a blessed Easter!** This month we are excited to share with you another game-changer from Dynamic Catholic! Feed Your Soul Gospel Reflections is a new email program in which participants will receive a weekly video from Matthew Kelly or Allen Hunt discussing the upcoming Sunday's Gospel reading. This program was created to help parishioners become more prepared and engaged in the Mass each Sunday Sign up for this soul-nourishing program at [dynamiccatholic.com](http://dynamiccatholic.com)



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

**SUN., May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lectors:** Janice Janson

**Communion Ministers:** Cindy Scholl & Kay Pappenfus

**Ushers for April:** Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

**CONGRATULATIONS:** To Cole & Kelly (Block)

VanderHeyden who were married this weekend!

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### **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*2021-22 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to, [www.holytrinitypierz.org](http://www.holytrinitypierz.org) or contact the school office.

\*Holy Trinity Kids Place (childcare) registration for summer is now open. Registration information is available at Kids Place or on the school website: <http://www.holytrinitypierz.org/ht-kids-place.html>

\*Blessings to our 2nd Grade students taking their First Communion this weekend from St. Michael Church. May you always know the peace of Jesus, the light of His love, and the joy of His light within you.



HAPPY  
GRANDPARENTS  
DAY!

\*Grandparents' Day is usually held this coming Friday at Holy Trinity. Unfortunately, we will not be able to gather together as a school community. Our school family sends our blessings and appreciation to all the Grandparents who support and give us unconditional love. We

Love You too and will miss coming together to celebrate as a school family.

\*Holy Trinity continues to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

### **FPSR NEWS: 468-2640**

\*Seniors Night (12th Graders) from 6pm-9pm on Wednesday, April 28th for Youth Group! Meet at Pizza Ranch at 6pm!

\*SH Girls Night/Guys Night on Wednesday, May 5th 5:30pm-7:30pm @ FPSR.

\*10th Grade Confirmation Meeting & Steubenville Meeting on Wednesday, May 12th in the Holy Trinity Gym (5:45pm Steubenville Meeting & 6:30pm Confirmation meeting).

**Sts. Peter and Paul Parish (Gilman)** teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on Thurs. May 6 at 6:30 pm. Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross will be here with an extraordinary Vatican collection of over 150 relics, some as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of Saints. There will also be a portion of the Veil of Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Those in attendance will be able to examine and venerate each relic. Throughout history, many healings have been worked in the presence of relics; and many have been come about through this ministry. Do not miss this opportunity. You are encouraged to bring your articles of devotion and pictures of ill friends/family members, which you will be able to touch to the reliquaries as a means of intercession. Check out the website for more information. <https://treasuresofthechurch.com/> (Please follow covid guidelines, masks are mandatory)

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

**SAT. May 1<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. May 2<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Weekday Lector April 27<sup>th</sup>:** Mary Kimman

**Communion Ministers:** Sat. May 1<sup>st</sup> – Ruth Stuckmayer, Keith Marshik, & Mason Zajac **Choir-** Kerri Kasper

**Sun. May 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Marilyn Virnig, Pat Hartmann, & Marvin Kimman

### **LECTORS FOR MAY:**

**Sat.** – Colleen Lucking **Sun.** – Karen Gross

### **USHERS FOR MAY:**

**Sat.** – Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner, Mathew Stumpf **Sun.** – Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Bob Thielen, Steve Maus

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Bryce Gerald*, son of Kyle and Nicole Girtz, was baptized on Thursday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**THANK YOU** to Clint Kimman for your volunteer service as an usher! Your service is much appreciated!

**GRAND RAFFLE:** St. Joseph's Grand Raffle is now accepting cash donations. We appreciate every donation received to help make our grand raffle one of the best. You may drop the donation off or contact the Parish office at 468-6033. *Thanks!*

**ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE:** We will be tying and stitching quilts through the rest of April. We now have one quilt to hand stitch set up. We will use social distancing. Also, if anyone has quilts, they haven't turned in yet, let Eileen know so we can get a count of what we have. Questions, call Eileen at 320-360-2434.

**\*\*Cemetery Clean-up (St. Joseph's Cemetery)\*\*** is scheduled for **Wednesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>**. Please have everything out of the cemetery that you wish to put back up when the clean-up is finished. Please call the Parish Office with any questions (320) 468 6033. Thanks for your cooperation!

**CHURCH PEW CONCERN:** Due to safety concerns and diocesan guidelines, please do not remove the ropes from the pews. There is additional seating available in the church basement.

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### **Emmaus Institute: As Catholics, we have the greatest story to tell - the story of Jesus Christ** – Our Area Catholic

Communities, now more than ever, need well formed leaders to help tell the story. Are you or someone you know looking to deepen your understanding of the story? The Emmaus Institute invites you to join us for a virtual open house! Come and hear the story of our formation journey from current students, instructors, and others. See the dates and times with their registration links below: April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., May 6<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m., June 8<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 p.m. For more information, visit [www.stcdio.org/Emmaus-Institute](http://www.stcdio.org/Emmaus-Institute) or contact Kristi Bivens at 320-258-7642 or [kbivens@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:kbivens@gw.stcdio.org).

**Retrouvaille Marriage Help:** Thinking about Separation or Divorce? Hurting? Angry? Feel helpless? Retrouvaille is a lifeline for troubled marriages. Couples learn the tools to rediscover each other and heal their marriage. 100% confidential. June 4-6, 2021. Best Western Dakota Ridge Hotel 3450 Washington Dr, Eagan, MN 55122 800-470-2230 [info@tcr-mn.org](mailto:info@tcr-mn.org) <http://www.helpourmarriage.org>