

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19TH, 2023**

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor: 320-468-6033, Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate contact information: 468-2316 or 320-221-1134****Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.**Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chettoor**

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.

<https://stjohnslastrup.org/> 320-468-2111<https://hardingchurch.org/> 320-468-2111**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21st – FEBRUARY 26th****Tuesday, February 21**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Ralph Quade

9:30 a.m. Villa **NO WORD/COMMUNION SERVICE****Wednesday, February 22 – Ash Wednesday**8:30 a.m. Pierz +Kathleen Przybilla (*HT Mass: Mr. Wolter's 6th Grade*)5:30 p.m. Pierz +Rosetta Weber (*Folk Group Choir*)

7:00 p.m. Buckman St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members

Thursday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Buckman +John & Karen Hellie

9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service (*only for Residents*)**Friday, February 24**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Family Members of Ed & Hildegard Kimman

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

9:30 a.m. Villa +Carol Bell (*Mass only for Residents*)

4:00 p.m. Pierz Stations of the Cross & Benediction

Saturday, February 25

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Lea Marie Block, & For the People of the Parishes

Sunday, February 26

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Marvin & Delores Blaszek, & +Jim Bauer

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Gordy Brixius

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Adult \$ 3,487.00

High School \$ 16.00

Elementary \$ 13.35

Plate \$ 336.01

\$ 3,852.36

Thank you for your generosity!Mass attendance **February 12th Sunday:** 318**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult \$10,348.00

High School \$ 3.25

Elementary \$ 19.55

Plate \$ 252.00

\$10,622.80

Thank you for your generosity!Mass attendance **February 11th Saturday:** 196Mass attendance **February 12th Sunday:** 200**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

2/12 \$75.00 Ted & Maggie Kostecka

2/13 \$35.00 Floyd & Benjamin Mathiowetz

2/14 \$35.00 Autumn Hecimovich

2/15 \$35.00 Jenna & Mike Olson

2/16 \$35.00 Sam & Mark Seelen

2/17 \$35.00 Audrey Witucki

2/18 \$35.00 Amie & Jaylah Olesch

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

From the Pastor: I want to share with you all a prayer for the Eucharistic Revival. “My God, I believe, I adore, I hope and I love You! I beg pardon for those who do not believe, nor adore, nor hope, nor love You. Most Holy Trinity, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, I adore You profoundly. I offer You the most precious Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Jesus Christ, present in all the tabernacles of the world in reparation for the outrages, sacrileges and indifference by which He is offended. And, through the infinite merits of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I beg of You the conversions of sinners. Amen.” My Easter letter will be arriving soon so please watch for that. Also, let us all pray for Bishop Patrick Neary as he begins his time here with us. ~Fr. Ken Popp

PARISH DIRECTORY: Our scheduling process is in full swing. Photographs this week are at St. John Nepomuk Church in Lastrup on Monday, February 20 and Tuesday, February 21 from 2 to 8:30pm. Also, at Holy Cross in Harding on Thursday, February 23, Friday, February 24-2 to 8:30pm and Saturday, February 25-10 to 4pm. Use the on-line scheduling or set up at time, in-person, after the weekend Masses to schedule your family or individual portrait time. We will have volunteers eager to help you after Mass. The whole process takes 45 mins. to an hour. Each family photographed receives a complimentary 8x10 portrait sent postage free to their home, plus a complimentary directory. Fr. Popp and Fr. Jose deeply desire 100% participation for the best possible directory.

On-line scheduling use the Church Code: **MN335** . Password: **photos** . If you have questions, please contact your parish representative. Theresa Thesing, Holy Cross (320-360-9729), Louise Welle, St. John's (320-360-1345), Kathy Etzel, St. Joseph (612-203-7423), Jessica LeBlanc, St. Michael (320-630-0807).



CHILDREN ENVELOPES: Grades 7-11 envelopes are located in the churches. If your child does not receive them and would like them, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

OPEN GYM NIGHT: Support the Pierz Spanish Club and have a blast as a family! Get out of the cold and into the open gym for the night. The fee is a free will donation and proceeds will benefit students traveling to Costa Rica with Spanish Club. Friday, February 24th, Pierz MAC gym from 6:30-8pm. Bracelets and refreshments will also be sold. All ages welcome, parents required to stay and encouraged to play.

RICE BOWLS: Join us in a life-changing Lenten journey with CRS Rice Bowls. Rice bowls were sent home with students, and there are more available in the parish office entryway as well as in the churches. During the 40 days of Lent, we will reflect on how hunger and malnutrition affect our human family, and on the need to take action to end this global injustice. Visit crsricebowl.org to learn more.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**WED. FEB. 22 @ 7:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)****Lector:** Ron Kahl**Communion Ministers:** Debbie Hall & Cindy Scholl**Servers:** Jackson Daiker & William Dehler**SUN. FEB. 26 @ 10:00 a.m.****Lector:** Randi Kranz**Communion Ministers:** Debbie Hall & Donna Solinger**Servers:** Wyatt & Ashlee Dingmann**Ushers for Mar.:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Divine Mercy Sunday is Sunday, April 16th and we are planning a gathering from 1-4p.m. We are looking for volunteers to be on a committee to help plan it and also for someone to share their faith journey. If interested, call Patty at 468-2487. Thank you!**QUILT BINGO:** St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women Quilt Bingo/Raffle is scheduled for Sunday, March 19th, at 1 pm at the Parish Center.**HELP NEEDED:** Help needed for Quilt Bingo! If you've helped with hall setup or quilt displaying in the past, please consider helping this year! Maybe ask someone new to help. Quilt raffle tickets are available through Neddie Leidenfrost (320-468-6084). Sherry Andres, 320-232-7151.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446***PALMS-** Please bring your palms to Holy Trinity by 8:00 am Tuesday. We will be burning them for use during Ash Wednesday masses.***CARNIVAL RAFFLE AND CLASSROOM QUILT TICKETS ARE ON SALE!** HT families have raffle tickets for our carnival in March! \$5/ticket for the raffle and for the quilts. Tickets are also available in the school office.***BIDS-** HTCS has received a grant for purchasing food supplies from local farmers. Any families that would like more information in supplying HTCS with eggs, potatoes, and/or carrots for the lunch program, please contact Natalie Gruber at ngruber@holyltrinitypierz.org.***COFFEE-** Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.**FPSR NEWS: 468-2640*****Feb. 25th & 26th – SH Leaders Retreat Camp Shamineau****2023 Buckman Firearms Safety Class:** Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m. March 6 - April 10, 2023, at the Buckman Parish Center. ***No need to preregister. Registration takes place on March 6 during the first night of class.** *Must be 11 years of age by the first night of class to enroll. *A parent or guardian **MUST** be present to register their child the first night of class and pay the \$7.50 fee for the class. *Adults are welcome to take the class. *All persons born after December 31, 1979, are required to possess a firearms safety/hunter education certificate in order to purchase a hunting license to hunt in Minnesota. *Range Day is set for April 22, 2023, is only for students who completed the classes in person March 6-April 10. Students who took the online version of the training will **NOT** be allowed to attend this Range Day. *If class is cancelled it will be announced on the Little Falls radio stations KLTF AM960, WYRQ 92.1FM, KFML 94.1FM. Any questions, call Ron Kahl at (320)360-0986.**ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:****Weekday Lector: February 21st & 24th:** Al Pekarek**WED. FEB. 22 @ 5:30 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)****Lector:** Harvey Kimman**Communion Ministers:** *Volunteers Needed***Servers:** Joelle Young & Morgan Litke**FRI., FEB. 24 - Stations of the Cross @ 4:00 p.m.****Servers:** Catherine & Maria Wehseler**SAT., FEB. 25 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN., FEB. 26 @ 8:00 a.m.****Communion Ministers:** Sat.– Keith Marshik, RuthStuckmayer & Linda Welle. ***Choir*** – Sarah Fyten**Sun.** – Leroy Swanson, Tarynn Dorn & Wanda Kapsner**Servers: Saturday – Volunteers Needed****Sunday** – Madelyn & Oliver Kessler**Lectors for March:** Sat.- Al Pekarek, Sun.- Keith Marshik**Ushers for March:** Sat. – John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll. **Sun.** – Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Lyanna Margaret*, daughter of Gabriel & Nicole Gross, was baptized on Sunday, February 12th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!**ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE:** We will be quilting on Monday, February 20th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, February 23rd at 9 a.m. Come and go as you can. **WE ARE IN DESPERATE NEED OF QUILT TOPS.** We do have some that need some finishing touches. Any help is much appreciated. Questions call Eileen 320-360-2434 or Chris 320-468-2164.**ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE &****GERMAN DINNER:** Is scheduled for Friday, April 14th, 2023, at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available at the parish office and after weekend Masses. If anyone is interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.**ST. JOSEPH'S BOOKLET KIOSK:** There have been many new booklets added in the kiosk on the wall opposite the elevator in the south entrance to the church.**BAZAAR:** We are looking for new or gently used items for the Country Store as well as cash donations for the Kids Games. Any questions, please ask Michelle Herold at 468-2461.

AREA NEWS:***Fish Fry-St Joseph Catholic Church, Foley/Morrill,** February 24th & March 17th. 4:30-7PM. Adults \$14, Children 6 to 10 years old \$7, Kids under 5 free. Dine-in or take out. Fried fish, potato, haluski, vegetable, cole slaw, dinner roll & dessert & beverages.***Fish Fry-Sts Peter & Paul Catholic Church, Gilman,** March 3rd & March 31st. Dine-In or Take-out. Free Will Offering. \$10 per meal @ Drive Thru 4 - 6:30 PM. Fish, potato, veggies, fresh bread, salad & dessert.***Fish Fry-St. Elizabeth Church, Brennyville,** March 10th & 24th. 4:30-6:30 P.M. Deep fried fish, potato, vegetable, dinner roll, coleslaw, dessert. Free will offering. Take-out orders available, phone orders: 320-355-2459.**WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT:** 8:30-2pm, Saturday March 18th at St. Paul's, 1125 11th Ave N, St. Cloud. **\$20****Registration to DCCW, c/o Lora Knafla, 11719 16th Ave NW, Rice, MN 56367. Hosted by the Metro Deanery.**

FOSTER CARE NEEDED: Morrison County is in need of foster care and respite providers. For more information, contact Krista Theisen 320-632-0229 or Kim DeZurik at 320-632-0278. kristat@co.morrison.mn.us, kimd@co.morrison.mn.us.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA RETREAT: **Are you feeling like the world is moving faster and faster and you can't keep up?** CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT: Don't miss Dana Webskowsky, a dynamic speaker, who will be the featured speaker at the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat to be held at St. Paul's Parish in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 18, 2023. "Be Still and Know that I am God" is the theme of the day and Dana will guide the attendees to do just that during her morning presentation and again, through musical adoration following lunch. Dana was a lukewarm "cradle Catholic" who found church boring and contemplated leaving the church but is now in love with God, the Catholic faith and the Eucharist. Her mission is to help fallen away Catholics come back to His church, light a fire for the lukewarm Catholics out there, and help other Christians to see that the Catholic church has absolute truth and everything they need to grow in holiness. Dana grew up on a farm near Millerville, MN and now resides in Sioux Falls, SD.

INVITATION TO THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE HOLY

FAMILY: The Christian Mothers/Women invite you to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. This spiritual journey is a journey of the host family in union with prayer partners. The host family invites The blessed Holy Family picture into their home and commits to praying the chaplet of the Holy Family each day for a week. The chaplet takes about seven minutes. Prayer partners in union with the host family petition the Holy Family to intercede for the intentions of the host family, by praying the chaplet each day. To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at 320-290-1579.

TEC RETREATS: What is a TEC Retreat? How Do I sign up? TEC – Together Encountering Christ is a three-day retreat supported by the St. Cloud Diocese. The retreat is intended for both youth (age 16+) and adults and is modeled after the Paschal Mystery - the Easter message of death, resurrection and sending forth. Youth will often credit TEC for giving meaning to their faith life, purpose to their everyday life, and a commitment to living their life for Christ. Check out what others have experienced by participating in an upcoming TEC weekend. For information and registration details, visit the website at www.cmtec.org or call (320)532.4455.