

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

January 26, 2020

Look toward the Lord and be radiant!

ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Office Hrs.: Mon., Tues., Wed. & Thurs. 9a.m.- 4p.m., Friday Office will be Closed

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.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF January 27-February 2

Monday Dec. 27

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Tuesday Dec. 28

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Paul Solinger

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Wednesday Jan. 29

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Matt Luberts Jr.

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Betty Jane Bayerl

Thursday Jan. 30

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Mary Langer

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service

Friday Jan. 31

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Carl Merchant / HT School Mass

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Charles, Maureen Watercott & Pam Woitalla

Saturday Feb. 1

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Leander & Florentine Hartmann
(Mike Retka & Adult Choir)

Sunday Feb. 2

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Marcy Broschofsky (Folk Group)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$5319.00

High School \$ 18.00

Elementary \$ 36.00

Plate \$ 167.43

\$5540.43

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Jan. 18th Sun.** - 292

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$5351.00

High School \$ 4.08

Elementary \$ 24.75

Plate \$ 291.06

\$5670.89

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **Jan. 18th Sat.** - 269

Jan. 19th Sun. - 268

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

Jan. 20 –Cass Markgraf, **Jan. 21** –Ralph Lentner,

Jan. 22 –Timothy Young, **Jan. 23** –Aric

kjeldergaard, **Jan. 24** –Chris & Kristina Scheel,

Jan. 25 –Parker Talberg/Trista Kowalczyk (\$35

Winners). **Jan. 26** –Toni Kippley (\$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. First, Catholic Schools Week is upon us and it is a good time to celebrate the treasure we have in our parishes. Daily the children get to have the faith that is presented and nurtured by the parents reinforced and further enhanced by the Catholic teaching and environment at Holy Trinity. Second, as I mentioned last week, “On September 30, 2019, the Feast of Saint Jerome, Pope Francis dedicated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as Word of God Sunday.” This is not a “one-day thing,” but like most special liturgical days, it is a one-day reminder of something special we cherish all 365 days of the year. Pope Francis calls all Catholics to read, study, reflect upon and spread the Word of God. Third, thank you to all the folks who have been praying for me. I really appreciate your continued support and understanding as my body continues to recover from the infection of my lungs and blood. ~~~ Michael Pekar

Lenten Gospel: Bishop Robert Barron's Lenten Gospel Reflections is a great way to reflect upon the daily Gospel readings throughout the season of Lent. I will place an order on Jan 31. Cost depends on the number of copies ordered. Call Mary Kay Pekar at 468-2316 to request a copy. Thank you!

Central Minnesota TEC Retreat: Special Valentine's TEC retreat, Feb. 15-17 (Sat – Mon of President's Day Holiday Weekend). Consider gifting yourself with a TEC retreat. The love experienced on a TEC retreat will be sure to make this one of the best Valentine's Day ever! This TEC retreat is for both youth (age 16+) and adults. For full TEC schedule and details, go to www.cmtec.org, or call (320) 532-4455.

FREE THROW CONTEST: The Knights of Columbus will have their local free throw competition for all boys and girls ages 9-14 on Sunday, January 26th in the MAC gym at the high school from 11am-1pm. If you have any questions, contact Jason Sadlovsky @ 320-360-0001.

AREA EVENTS:

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

***Mardi Gras Celebration-St. James, Randall:** Fri. Feb. 21st, in Fellowship Hall. Soc. 5:30p.m. & Dinner 6p.m. Door prizes, Silent auction, 50-50 raffle. Tickets available at: Parish office 632-6930, Bob or Carmen Meschler 749-2232 or 630-5546.

Holy Trinity School-Pierz: Will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Feb. 2 @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Bob Lochner

Communion Ministers: Leo Pohlkamp & Janice Janson

Servers: Kaylee Gruber & Whitney LeBlanc

January Ushers: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

CHOIR NEWS: Practice on Tues. Jan. 28th at 7:15 p.m. Choir will sing on Sun. February 2nd.

QUILTING NEWS: We will be tying quilts in the St. Michael's Parish Center on Thursday, January 30, starting at 9 am. We would appreciate any help we can get. If you are interested in working on quilts on an evening or on a Saturday, let Janel Meyer know 468-6503.

SILENT AUCTION: After mass, there will be a number of odds and ends, pews, fans, etc. set up in the basement that will be on silent auction. The auction will end Jan 29th at noon.

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: Baby items-teens, including new & gently used clothing, coats, & diapers are being collected, along with monetary donations for area families in need. Sponsored by the Buckman C/W/M. Basket in the Parish Center. Questions, call Cindy Scholl at 630-8410

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446

*At Holy Trinity School children are lucky to learn, pray and grow in a special environment. This would not be possible without the generous support of our parishioners. By supporting Holy Trinity School, you are investing in the future of our Catholic church. Please stop to visit the school during our annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week January 26-31. Pictures of the week will be posted on the school website and Facebook.

*Next toddler classes, Wed, Jan 22nd at 6pm in the preschool classroom. For children ages 2-4.

*The annual spelling bee will be held at 12:45pm on Wednesday, January 29th.

*The school carnival is Sunday, March 1st.

Prizes to Donate for the Carnival: *Silent Auction* (new items): large craft items, quilts, gift certificates, gift baskets.

Bingo: coolers, sports balls, flashlights, 12 packs of pop, tools, gardening supplies, Tupperware, baking pans, fishing pole, hunting supplies, movie rental package, \$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 (must be in good condition)

Buckman & Pierz Firearms Safety Classes will be held on Mon.'s 7-9 PM starting Feb. 10-Mar. 16. The 6 classes will be held at, Buckman Parish Center and Pioneer Elementary in Pierz. * Must be 11 yrs old by the start of the class. Adults are welcome to take the class. 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 the \$7.50 fee for the class. Registration will be 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 contact: Buckman Instructor, Ron Kahl at (320)360-0986 or Pierz Instructor, Shelly Boser (320)360-1758

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Feb 1 @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN. Feb 2 @ 8:00 a.m.

Servers: Sat. – Maraya Boser & Courtney Kroll

Sun. – McKenna & Caden Hoheisel

Weekday Lector: – Hilde Flicker

LECTORS FOR FEBRUARY: Sat.-Geri Kasper,
Sun.-Gary Poser.

COMMUNION MINISTERS FOR FEBRUARY: Sat.- Choir- Linda Welle, Jo Loidolt, Kristie Kroll, Keith Marshik. Sun.- Matt Kessler, Doris Thyen, Chris Young.

USHERS FOR FEBRUARY: Sat.- Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner, & Mathew Stumpf, Sun.- Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Bob Thielen, & Steve Maus.

St Joseph's Quilting Circle: Next group quilting, will be Thurs. Jan. 30th starting at 9 am. Come and go as you please. If staying over lunch bring bag lunch. We have two quilts set up one for stitching and one for tying. We are on our second tied one. We are looking for more tops to be tied. We also have a sewing machine and cutting utensils down there. If you are willing to help in any way or wanting to learn any of these skills, we will teach so please join us even if it is just for a few hours. Join us for some fun and socializing. We want this to be a fun event for all. Anyone is welcome to go down and stitch or tie anytime the parish office is open. Any questions call 320-360-2434.

BUILDING & MAINT. RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER

Committee Meeting, on Tues. Jan. 28th at 7p.m. in the Parish Office Meeting Room.

ST. JOSEPH'S 4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINT.

RAFFLE & GERMAN DINNER is scheduled for Fri. April 17, at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets will be available beginning the weekend of Dec. 14th & 15th at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses. If interested in selling raffle tickets, contact the parish office at 468-6033.

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

Catholic United
Financial 

Meeting Wed. Jan. 29 at 10am at FPSR Building

Try Alpha! You are invited to join us for a time of great food, even better conversation and talks that make you think. Want to help?: Pray, Volunteer, Invite &/or Come. Alpha will start at 7 PM Monday, January 27th at the Parish Center in Lastrup. Text/call Mark Loidolt: 701-388-2323. ***What do you have to lose?***

Be A Knight: We are Catholic Men. Help us change lives by join the largest Catholic Fraternal Service Organization in the world: The Knights of Columbus. Contact Mark Loidolt 701-388-2323 or Al Pekarek 468-0220.

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!

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

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wed. of every month at 2pm, First United Church in Little Falls, Fireside Room. For more info., call Angie Athman at 468-6451.

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!

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.

FIRST FRIDAY HOLY HOUR for the nation. We will be having a Holy hour for the healing and spiritual renewal of our country and its leader's at St. Joseph's Church-Pierz after Mass every 1st Friday of the month. Sponsored by the Hearts of Faith. Any questions call Joanne at 468-6735.