

# THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

## March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2020

“I will give you a new Spirit says the Lord!”

### 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

**Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor**

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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 MARCH 16-MARCH 22, 2020**

#### **Monday Mar. 16**

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service - *Not open to the public*

#### **Tuesday Mar. 17**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. +Ray & Mary Bayer

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service- *Not open to the public*

#### **Wednesday Mar. 18**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Ambrose Janski

Villa 9:30 a.m. +Joe Banach - *Not open to the public*

Buckman 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

#### **Thursday Mar. 19**

Buckman 8:00 a.m. +Cleora Herold

Villa 9:30 a.m. Word/Communion Service - *Not open to the public*

#### **Friday Mar. 20**

Pierz 8:30 a.m. +Edward Stangl / HT School Mass

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

Villa 9:30 a.m. Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God

- *Not open to the public*

Pierz 4:00 p.m. Stations & Benediction

#### **Saturday Mar. 21**

Pierz 4:30 p.m. +Leon Leidenfrost (Adult Choir)

#### **Sunday Mar. 22**

Pierz 8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parishes (Folk Group)

Buckman 10:00 a.m. +Regina Grittner

**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.**

**LENTEN MESSAGE:** Lenten Training to reach our Heavenly Home. “As players throughout the world of baseball work toward a World Series victory by building up their skills of throwing, hitting, fielding and running, may we who seek to follow Jesus into the desert of Lent also be given new energy and new eyes to pray, fast and lift up the poor. Let us take up this time of spiritual training, not alone, but buoyed by the conviction that many of those around us desire to refresh and deepen their trust in the saving power of Jesus. May we seek out others at a parish fish fry, a food or clothing drive, at the Stations of the Cross or a communal reconciliation service. As we enter this season of spiritual spring training, let us “press on toward the goal: the prize of our upward calling in Christ Jesus!” (Philippians 3:14). Fr. Scott Pogatchnik”

### **CONFESSION TIMES FOR THE WEEK:**

Tues. Mar. 17<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. Pierz

Wed. Mar. 18<sup>th</sup> @ 4 p.m. Buckman

Thurs. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 a.m. Buckman

Sat. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 10 a.m. Buckman, 12 p.m. & 3:30 p.m. Pierz

**ATTENTION:** The Pierz Villa is limiting all visitors, therefore there will be no adoration, masses, word/communion services open to the public until further notice. If you wish you can use the church to make your **Holy Hour**.

### **AREA EVENTS:**

\***St. Michael’s-Buckman C M/W Quilt Bingo**, Sun. Mar. 15<sup>th</sup> at 1p.m. at St. Michael’s Parish Center. Free Lunch and homemade coffee cakes for sale.

\***St. James in Randall Quilt & Cash Bingo**, Sun. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1p.m. in parish hall. Free Lunch. Bake sale after 10:30 mass.

\***Bethany Lutheran Church of Ramey Ham & Quilt Bingo**, Sunday, March 22 at 1:00 p.m. Beverages & snacks provided.

### **ST. MICHAEL’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$ 3152.00
High School	\$ 12.41
Elementary	\$ 16.69
Plate	\$ 214.25
	\$ 3395.35

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Sun.** - 274

### **ST. JOSEPH’S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$ 8436.00
High School	\$ 20.00
Elementary	\$ 25.75
Plate	\$ 295.35
	\$ 8777.10

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Mar. 7<sup>th</sup> Sat.**- 237

**Mar. 8<sup>th</sup> Sun.**- 198

### **HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**Mar. 9** –Rob Litke, **Mar. 10** –Pete & Barb Dehler, **Mar. 11** –Holly Battermann, **Mar. 12** –Kevin Mitchell, **Mar. 13** –RoseAnn Marx, **Mar. 14** –Josh & Audra Stangl (\$35 Winners). **Mar. 15** –Jaiden Oldakowski/Katrina Oldakowski (\$75 Winner).

**NOTE:** Confirmation of our young people will be held today, Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m. at St. Joseph’s Church with Fr. Robert Rolfes presiding. Everyone is welcome to attend!



**CARVED WOOD CROSS:** If you would like to take a chance on this carved wood cross, we are taking FREE WILL donations on Sun. Apr. 5<sup>th</sup> at the Buckman Lions Club Breakfast at St. Michael’s Parish Center. After the breakfast we will do a drawing for the cross and all proceeds will go to the Buckman Lions.

**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 15<sup>th</sup> of the month; preceding the Nov. 2020 elections taking place this fall. The March Patriotic Rosary will be said on Sun, March 15<sup>th</sup> after the 8 am mass at St. Joseph’s Church. Any Questions, call Patty @468-2487 or Jan @468-2578. Come and pray with us.

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

**SUN., MAR. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Randi Kranz

**Communion Ministers:** Nicole Hoheisel and Janice Janson

**Servers:** Weston Hoheisel & Taylor Brisk

**March Ushers:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, Shane Zilka

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Palmer Jean*, daughter of Travis and Sarah Kahl, and *Wyatt Timothy*, son of Adam and Katie Gulden, were baptized on Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!



**Senior Citizen Bingo** Thur, Mar 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Parish Center after 8 am mass.

**C M/W Quilt Bingo Sun. March 15<sup>th</sup> @ 1 p.m.:** C M/W are selling chances on a beautiful, queen size, Bargello pattern, hand stitched quilt in earth tones; browns and beiges. Chances available from any member and available at the Quilt Bingo. We will have homemade coffee cakes for sale, door prizes, free lunch and lots of quilts to choose from!



**Ham Bingo:** Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at 1 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center. This is a matching grant fundraiser for Catholic United Financial.

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL – 468-6446**

\*2020-21 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to the school website, [www.holytrinitypierz.org](http://www.holytrinitypierz.org) or contact the school office.

\*Grades 2-6, will participate in reconciliation this week.

\*Wednesday, March 18 students will have Stations of the Cross at 8:40am. All are welcome to join us.

\*The 5/6 grade annual spring play is Thursday, March 19th at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. All are welcome to attend.

\*Friday, March 20 - no school, workshop day

\*The Early Childhood Education program open house is March 17th at 6pm. Enter door #2. Holy Trinity offers two programs: preschool ages 3.5 - 4 and Kindergarten readiness age 4 by September 1. For questions, contact the school office.

\*The 2020-21 Kindergarten Date Night is March 31st at 6pm. Aloha Kindergarten! For questions, contact the office.

\*Holy Trinity will continue to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity will make \$3 on each bag sold and \$10 goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans.

**FPSR/ YOUTH GROUP – 468-2640**

\***March4Life** on Wednesday, March 18th at Planned Parenthood in St. Cloud for 9th-12th graders. Bus leaves FPSR 5:15pm, extra permission forms in the High School Office.

\***THANK YOU** to all those who helped with **Confirmation!!** Please continue to pray for the Confirmation students that they continue to grow stronger in their faith and attend Mass regularly.

**RESCHEDULE: COMMUNITY HEALTH FAIR:** At Pierz Healy High School, on Wed, Mar 17 at 4:30 in the PAC gym. Local health related agencies, clinics and services will be participating. The Art Club is sponsoring an Empty Bowls Soup Supper starting at 4p.m. For a \$10 donation, you get a handmade bowl (you get to keep), soup, bread and soft serve ice cream. Proceeds from the soup supper are donated to the Pierz Area Food Shelf and Pioneer Packs program. At 6 pm in the MAC, there will be a Social Media Predator presentation for parents and adults. Everyone is welcome to attend this activity.

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

**SAT, MAR. 21<sup>st</sup> @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN, MAR. 22<sup>nd</sup> @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Servers:** Fri. Mar. 20<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. - Stations of the Cross

Mason Zajac & Jayden Zajac

**Sat. Mar. 21<sup>st</sup>** – Isabel Gross & Brooke Athman

**Sun. Mar. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – McKenna Hoheisel & Camren Waytashek

**Weekday Lector:** – Hilde Flicker

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Donna Pint* passed away on March 2nd. Mass of Christian burial was held on Tuesday, March 10th at St. Joseph's Church, with burial in Minnesota State Veterans cemetery. *Ronald Pick*, passed away on March 4th. Mass of Christian burial was held on Thursday, March 12th at St. Michael's Church, with burial in St. Michael's cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**CHOIR NEWS:**

\*Adult Choir Practice – Thurs. Mar. 19<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. If anyone is interested in singing for Easter Mass please join us!

\*St. Joseph's Youth Choir! All kids ages 4 and older are welcome to join us! Next practice will be Wed April 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-7 p.m., will sing on Sunday April 19th at 8 a.m.

**DONUTS & COFFEE:** Join us Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> after the 8 a.m. mass for donuts and fellowship.

**APRIL CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN'S MEETING**

Wed, April 1st with salad supper at 6:00pm and meeting at 6:30 in the church basement. Current members please bring a potluck item to share. **NEW MEMBER REGISTRATION** at April meeting. All women of the parish are welcome. Any questions please call Barb Zajac at 320-310-3267.

**PARISH FESTIVAL MEETING:** Will be Wed. Mar 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30p.m. in St. Joseph's church basement. All are welcome to attend. Any questions, contact Crystal Ratke at 630-8952.

**St Joseph's Quilting Circle:** We have no set date for this week but we do have one tied and one stitched quilt set up and started. The patterns should be able to be followed quite easily. Anyone is welcome to go down and sew anytime the office is open. Or call a friend or neighbor to go with you. We still have some tops coming in and ask that you continue to do so. Any questions call 320-360-2434.

**4th ANNUAL BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE &**

**GERMAN DINNER:** Fri. April 17 at the Pierz Ballroom. Raffle tickets are available at the parish office, after weekend Masses, and from selected local businesses.

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**FESTIVAL OF FORGIVENESS:** Reconciliation Fri., Mar. 27<sup>th</sup> at St. Mary's in Little Falls 11 a.m.-1 p.m. & 5p.m.-9p.m., and Holy Cross in Onamia 11a.m.-1p.m. & 5p.m.-9p.m.

**LENT FISH FRIES:**

\***Holy Cross Center, Onamia,** Fridays Mar 20, & April 3. 4:30-7p.m. Adults \$11, Ages 6-12 \$5, Kids under 6 eat free.

\***Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Fri. Mar. 20, 27 & Apr. 3. Serving hours are 5-7:30p.m. Takeout orders, 320-393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)

\***Saint Anthony, St. Cloud:** Mar 20, 27, April 3, from 4-7p.m. Take out dinners are also available. \*March 20 is a Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Fish Fry.

\***St. Elizabeth-Brennyville:** Mar. 13 & 27 from 4:30-7p.m. Takeout orders available, Handicap accessible. Meat raffle tickets will be sold at fish fry.

**CHURCH PARKING:** F&M Bank now has a 24/7 ATM located in a new 3<sup>rd</sup> drive up lane. This ATM lane has replaced a row of parking that used to be available for employees of the bank and for church parishioners during times of church service. F&M is asking that parishioners please take note that this row of parking no longer exists and to respect the needs of the bank's customers to access the ATM anytime of the day. *Thank you, F&M Bank Management.*

**Theology on Tap:** Come for a great opportunity to grow over this Lenten season by joining young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. Our next Theology on Tap is on Thursday, March 19 at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7:00 and our speaker Leah Ellen follows at 8:00. Come listen to the songs and powerful message as Leah shares her journey back to the faith after having an abortion. She knows firsthand how it feels to ask for forgiveness and to receive God's mercy and grace—and how to help others experiencing their own struggles with faith and life. We hope you join us for this great opportunity to grow in faith and fellowship.

**SPRING MISSION RALLY:** All are welcome to join us on Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> at Sacred Heart Church in Staples for the Spring Mission Rally from 8am-2:00pm. Members of mission groups, social ministry teams, parish and diocesan staff, sister parish committees, returned missionaries and other mission-minded parishioners or friends are invited to join us in ?Walking together in Christ's love with our brothers and sisters of Venezuela and Kenya.? We will hear first-hand from our delegates who we welcome from Homa Bay Kenya and Maracay Venezuela about being in solidarity with those we partner with as well as how we can be in relationship with all of our brothers and sisters throughout the world. The cost is \$10 and registration is requested to the St. Cloud mission Office: (320-251-1100) by April 15<sup>th</sup>. We hope to see you at the Rally and in the meantime, it is our hope that you continue to find God during this Lenten Season, have a blessed Holy Week and truly find Christ alive at Easter!

**KOINONIA RETREAT,** to see just how much Jesus LOVES YOU. Koinonia consists of people joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other, and ourselves as we experience Christian Community. We take central teachings of our faith and show how it applies to our daily lives. He calls us each by name...to be one with each other. Join us in this Christian Living experience designed for adults age 20 and older. Retreats are held in Belle Prairie at the TEC center, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held on March 20-22, 2020. The weekend starts at 5:30 pm Friday and ends Sunday afternoon. Applications can be completed online on our website: [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org). To get a paper application call Kathy at 320-630-1880 or Jackie at 218-348-9404 or contact us by email at [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com). Cost of the weekend is \$70 includes meals and lodging. Scholarships are available for those in need.

**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](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu) or (320) 363-7180. Please visit our website for more information about our community [www.sbm.osb.org](http://www.sbm.osb.org). **Dates: Saturday, March 14, Saturday, April 18, 2020**

**“JOURNEY WITH JESUS TO CALVARY”** The parishioners of St. Francis of Assisi will be performing. Performance dates are April 4 at 7:30pm and April 5 at 1pm. The other performance dates are April 4 at 7:30pm and April 5 at 1pm. For information or reserve seats call Bob at 320-573-2933 or Janice Wuebkers at Central Office of St. Mary's, St. Edward's and St. Francis Catholic Churches

**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.

#### **AREA EVENTS:**

**\*Meire Grove Chicken Dinner,** Palm Sunday, April 5. Serving baked chicken, ham, dressing, mashed potatoes, creamed peas and homemade pies from 3:30-7:30 pm in the church basement. Take-out and new drive-thru/pick-up service available (no steps!stay in your car!)

**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!

#### **Upcoming Faith in Action Events:**

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!

**MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE CAMPAIGN:** March is FoodShare Month. All donations received are increased by donation through Minnesota FoodShare. Will you please join in the effort to help replenish our local food shelf during March? An extra can of soup, veggies, or cereal purchased during your weekly grocery shopping trip will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the Pierz Area Food shelf and the address is P.O. Box 383, Pierz. And your donation is tax deductible. The Pierz Food Shelf hours are 9-11 a.m. and 5-7p.m. on Mondays, or call 468-7134 for information. The Pierz Area Food Shelf located behind the Pierz Fire Hall. Thank you for joining in the efforts to end hunger in our community.

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls** extend an invitation to you to join them for Centering Prayer and Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Thursday, March 19, 6-7 p.m., in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Centering Prayer is an ancient and contemporary way of prayer. It is a way of deepening a relationship with God as well as a discipline to foster that relationship. It is a movement beyond conversation with God to communion with God. In a small group, we sit in silent prayer for 20-30 minutes with openness to God's presence and action in our lives. Centering Prayer is preceded by "Lectio Divina," a reflection on the coming Sunday Scriptures. Join us on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m., as we gather with sisters and members of all faiths to ponder God's presence in our lives, and open ourselves to receive the gift of a closer union with God. No need to pre-register. For more information, please call (320)632-0668 or email: franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

**Breakfast with the Bishop** April 29 from 8-9 a.m. at Gorecki Center in St. Joseph. This event includes a freewill offering which benefits the Catholic Schools Student Scholarship Fund. Headlining the event is Dominican Sister Mary Jo Sobieck, who gained fame in August 2018 when throwing out the ceremonial first pitch — a perfect strike — during a Chicago White Sox-Kansas City Royals game in Chicago. Sister Mary Jo, a native of Sauk Rapids, is a 1987 graduate of Cathedral High School and currently teaches theology at Marian Catholic High School in Chicago. Thanks to generous donations, the scholarship fund has reached \$920,000 — very close to our goal of \$1 million! Catholic grade school students in our diocese have the opportunity to apply for one of 100 - \$400 scholarships for those in need of tuition assistance. If you would like to attend this free breakfast, please call 320-258-7656 to reserve a seat.