

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

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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**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 NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup> – NOVEMBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

**Tuesday, November 22**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Jerome Sczublewski

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

**Wednesday, November 23 – HT School Mass: Mrs. Miller's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Robert Oldakowski

5:45-6:45 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. Buckman +Dean Hoheisel *(Cooks Mass/Thanksgiving Mass)*

**Thursday, November 24 – Thanksgiving Day**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Jason Preimesberger

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

**Friday, November 25**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Lois Beierman

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

9:30 a.m. Villa +Bev & Jerry Stumpf, +Kathy Prescott *(only for Residents)*

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, November 26**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Wilfred & Carol Hoheisel *(Adult Choir)*

**Sunday, November 27**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Roderick Przybilla, & For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Bruce Heigl

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult	\$ 5,360.00
High School	\$ 7.00
Elementary	\$ 31.50
Plate	<u>\$ 412.50</u>
	\$ 5,811.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>: 70 Nov. 13<sup>th</sup>: 274

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult	\$ 6,411.00
High School	\$ 5.25
Elementary	\$ 26.50
Plate	<u>\$ 352.33</u>
	\$ 6,795.08

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance November 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 181

Mass attendance November 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 173

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

11/13/22	\$75.00	Bill & Deb Hall
11/14/22	\$35.00	Emily & Lisa Leidenfrost
11/15/22	\$35.00	Ryan Tretter
11/16/22	\$35.00	Darlene Pick
11/17/22	\$35.00	Kathy Miller
11/18/22	\$35.00	Melissa Kasella
11/19/22	\$35.00	June Abrahamson

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

**From the Pastoral Associate: What if?** What if Jesus Christ comes in all of His Beauty and Glory to summon the End of the World and the full coming of His Kingdom and the Judgement Day for all peoples ---- **TODAY.** (The Vikings are doing well so this could happen you know.) His Angels come and separate His faithful followers, His chosen ones, His children, from His created ones who have become instruments of Satan by following evil, or by following their own goals, their own way of life, with nary a thought about asking God what His will is for them. (The most tragic song in Hell may well be "I Did It My Way.") Judgment Day is upon us and death is no more. It is straight to Heaven or Hell without going through death. Lifeless bodies now come alive and return to their spirits to be glorified, pure, blessed, youthful and beautiful with the Holy and Beautiful One forever. The Holy ones join with other loved ones who are God's friends too. The Holy ones join with other creations of God, Angels, who are God's friends and instruments as well. The Communion of Saints is all joined together in One Spirit and they experience blessed joy, peace, rest, life, beauty and happiness forever. The children of God are blessed to be loved by God forever, because they freely chose to embrace the friendship of their Father. Other spirits who have chosen to not be a friend of God have their body return to their spirits to be tortured with fire, pain, disease, fear and anxiety for all eternity with no hope of ever experiencing love, peace, or rest. These spirits are damned to be tortured by Satan forever, because they freely chose not to embrace the friendship of their Father. This day will come and no one knows the year, the day or the hour. How will we feel on this day? What will be of value on this day? In a way this day comes individually for each of us on the day of our entrance into eternal life at our death, and as we well know this too can come at any time. The time for mercy, virtue, placing God's will first in our priority is now, today. The time to love God with all of our heart, mind and soul and to love our neighbor as ourself is today. If the Lord wills to give us, a Thanksgiving Day this year, let us choose to bless the Lord for being a loving, giving, forgiving and patient God. May we choose each day to thank, praise, love and follow the Lord in this life so we may continue to do so in the next. ~~~ *Michael Pekar*

**OFFICE HOURS:** The parish office will be closed Thursday, November 24<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving, as well as Friday, November 25<sup>th</sup> and will be open regular office hours on Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup>.

**MILITARY COLLECTION TOTALS:** Thank you to everyone who donated to the military collection. SJ – \$1,395.75 and SM – \$452.00. *Thank you for your generosity!*

**PRAYER BLANKETS:** Available at the parish office entry way in Pierz and at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick and suffering. When receiving a prayer blanket, they know that they are not alone, but covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then Father blesses them. There is a Mass said each month for everyone who has a prayer blanket.

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

**WED., NOV. 23 @ 7:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Bob Lochner

**Communion Ministers:** Debbie Hall & Janice Janson

**Servers:** Abbie & Nathan Posch

**SUN., NOV. 27 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Karen Stangl

**Communion Ministers:** Mary Kay Zilka & Nathan Gruber

**Servers:** Jackson Kahl & Hunter Jacobson

**Ushers for Dec.:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Brixley Patricia*, daughter of Brady Herold and Cassandra Smieja, was baptized on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**CHOIR NEWS:** We'll have choir practice on Monday, Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m. Choir will sing for the 7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Mass on Wednesday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>, also on Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>.

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\***BABY HATS-** HTCS creates special bags for our local parish baptisms. We are looking for those who are able to knit baby hats (booties are optional!). If you are interested in helping out, please contact the office.

**FPSR NEWS: 468-2640**

\*Nov. 20-22<sup>nd</sup> – Deacon Ralph Poyo Parish Mission at St. Mary's Little Falls at 7 p.m.

\*Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> – SH Pizza Ranch 4:30-7:30 p.m.

**PIERZ VILLA:** Now that covid restrictions are starting to ease up a little in healthcare, Pierz Villa is welcoming volunteers who would like to help out while enriching the lives of nursing home residents and at the same time having fun yourself. Contact Joanie in Activities if you would like to be a part of the fun environment at Pierz Villa. Or fill out an employment application if you're interested in a paid position. We have a cook position open as well as nursing opportunities.

**MASS/SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK:** At St. Mary's Cathedral, Tuesday, Nov. 22, at 6:30 pm. featuring the St. Cloud String Quartet. Catholics, both children and adults, who are seriously ill, facing surgery, or experiencing the weakness that comes with old age should seek this sacrament. Those with serious, chronic mental or physical illness may also receive the anointing of the sick.

**THEOLOGY DAY:** Exploring the Art and Theology of Icons. Dec. 2, presentation from 9am -1pm, Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Registration required: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).

**BEST ADVENT EVER:** Most people spend the time leading up to Christmas feeling overwhelmed, stressed, and stuck. Caught in the complexity and busyness of the holiday season, we end up striving for all the things that aren't worth having. It's no wonder the beauty, meaning, joy and life-changing power of Christmas has become lost! This year, do something different. Reclaim the peace that can only come from simplicity this Christmas. Sign up for BEST ADVENT EVER and receive short, inspiring videos in your inbox every morning for free to help you focus your day on what matters most. Please sign up at [www.dynamiccatholic.com](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com).

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

**Weekday Lector: November 22<sup>nd</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup>:** Hilde Flicker

**THURS., NOV. 24 @ 8:30 a.m. (Thanksgiving Day)**

**Lector:** Karen Gross

**Communion Ministers:** *Volunteers Please*

**Servers:** Joelle & Travis Young

**SAT., NOV. 26 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN., NOV. 27 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Communion Ministers:** Sat.– Linda Welle, Mason Zajac & Barb Zajac. *Choir* – Kristie Kroll

**Sun.** – Leroy Swanson, Marvin Kimman & Matt Kessler

**Servers:** Sat. – Joey Stuckmayer & Preston Saehr

**Sun.** – Faith Bridewell & Roman Wacker

**Lectors for Dec.:** Sat.- Al Pekarek, **Sun.-** Gwen Gruber

**Ushers for December:** Sat. – John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, Allan Kroll. **Sun.** – Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, Jason Sadlovsky

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Kathleen "Kathy" (Sand) Nutz* passed away on November 4<sup>th</sup>. A graveside service was held on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**LECTOR SCHEDULE:** There are copies of the latest lector schedule ready to pick up in the sacristy.

**CM/W:** St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women are looking for a Vice President. It is a great opportunity to be involved in your parish. Please pray on this and if interested, call Marilyn at 320-630-9321.

**REMINDER:** St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member. Contact Michael Pekar at 320-221-1134 to request, when making funeral arrangements.

**ST JOSEPH'S QUILT CIRCLE:** We will be quilting on Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 1 pm. Come and go as you can. Again, we are looking for 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.

**SHELVING NEEDED:** The ladies of St. Joseph's Quilting Circle are in need of open shelving. If anyone wants to donate a shelf, please call the parish office at 468-6033.

**QUILT BINGO:** Quilt Bingo, Sunday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2022, at 1 p.m. at Holy Trinity School gym in Pierz. Free lunch and door prizes. You choose your quilt when you are a winner. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Church, Pierz. This is a Catholic United Financial (CAA) Matching Grant Fundraiser.

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**AREA NEWS:**

\***Breakfast, St. Anthony's Parish Center, St. Cloud,** Sunday, November 20, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

\***Breakfast, St. Joseph's Parish Hall, Morrill,** Sunday, November 20, 8:30 to 12.

\***Turkey Bingo, Holy Family Fellowship Hall, Little Falls,** Sunday, November 20 at 1:30.

\***Advent/Christmas Concert, Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud,** Sunday, December 11 at 12:00 p.m. Music by Holy Spirit Church, St. Anthony's Church and Newman Center Adult Choirs. There will be traditional Christmas music for the whole family. This event is free and open to the public.

**CUF AGENT OPENING:** Catholic United Financial is looking for professionals with sales experience to join our team. You will be supported with an established book of business, marketing and tech assistance, ongoing paid licensure and training, a team-based mentoring model, plus unlimited income potential for individuals willing to put in the effort to succeed. Best of all, you will support the Catholic communities and schools around you in the Pierz/Little Falls area. Call us today to review the full career opportunities we offer at 1-800-568-6670, or apply now at [catholicunitedfinancial.org/salescareers](http://catholicunitedfinancial.org/salescareers).

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:** You've celebrated a few anniversaries...maybe MANY. You've been through some ups and downs and you have learned a lot about each other. But what if there's more to your marriage than you've ever realized? Experience a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and discover the beauty of your relationship. The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekends are Feb 4-5, 2023 in Saint Paul, MN and Feb 10-12, 2023 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

**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](http://www.cmtec.org) or call (320)532.4455.

#### **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.

#### **THE RITE OF CHRISTIANS INITIATION OF ADULTS:**

R.C.I.A. is a process by which an adult becomes a Catholic. It involves the movement of the Holy Spirit, prayer, reflection, growing in faith (ideally with others on the journey), and the support of the community through sponsorship, private and liturgical prayer. It is a process which begins with the inquiry stage, where someone who is inquiring about the faith has their questions and concerns answered. If you are interested in maybe joining the Catholic Church and becoming a member of St. Michael's in Buckman, St. Joseph's in Pierz, St. John's in Lastrup, or Holy Cross in Harding, please contact Michael Pekar (320) 468-2316 or (320) 221-1134, If you know of someone who might be interested and might appreciate a call

to ask if they are interested in joining the Catholic faith, call the above number.