

Fr. Kenneth Popp – Pastor, Michael Pekar – Pastoral Associate contact information: 468-2316 or 320-221-1134

Office Hours: Closed to the public until further notice. 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 NOVEMBER 16th – NOVEMBER 22nd, 2020

Tuesday, November 17

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Leonard & Janet Bayer-Wallet

Wednesday, November 18

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Regina Grittner

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

Thursday, November 19

8:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members

Friday, November 20– Pierz HT School Mass: Mrs. Kimman's 1st Grade Class

8:30 a.m. Pierz +John & Elizabeth Weber Family

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

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

Saturday, November 21

1:30 p.m. Pierz **Wedding** – Bethany Halverson & Stephen Maus

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Martin & Jeanne Stang

Sunday, November 22

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Roland "Rollie" Hartmann

10:00 a.m. Buckman +Ray Kahl, & For Residents and Staff of Care Facilities

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 1175.00
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 6.00
Plate	\$ 132.00
	\$ 1314.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **November 8th Sunday:** 112

All Soul's Day Mass: 70

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$ 6708.00
High School	\$ 19.00
Elementary	\$ 32.75
Plate	\$ 40.00
	\$ 6799.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **November 7th Saturday:** 100

Deer Hunters' Mass: 70

Mass attendance **November 8th Sunday:** 68

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

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

November 9 – Maggie Wehseler, **November 10** – Denny Cekalla, **November 11** – Caroline Schmidt, **November 12** – Nicholas Gangl, **November 13** – Ramona Hanneken, **November 14** – Vickie Kowalczyk (\$35 Winners). **November 15** – Sarah Kittelson (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: How far are we from normal? About 546 miles. When traveling to or from the state of Virginia to see family, sometimes we would go through Normal, Illinois. We would say, "Are we normal yet?" "No!" Sometimes we would say, "Oh no we are not normal anymore." (honesty note: I usually said these things and the kids just moaned and said, "Dad.") Now, especially with the pandemic, we all yearn to be "normal", but is that a necessarily a good thing? A sick person becoming well, is a good thing, especially if it is me because I am a horrible sickie. Just ask my wife Mary Kay. Schools having a regularly set schedule is also a good thing. Being able to visit our loved ones at the Villa or friends in the hospital in person is a good thing. But sometimes normal is not good. From chaos can come despair or growth. If we grow through new experiences, we can reach a better place than the old "normal". A person quarantined at home with more time on their hands might choose to deepen their prayer life. A family, or married couple, thrust into forced togetherness without many escape possibilities available, might actually become closer. Perhaps we realize that some of the things that were taking up our time are not really that important and this prompts us to reprioritize our life. If out of this Covid situation new norms of being closer to God and each other develop, then that is the blessing in the midst of the turmoil. If realizing at a deeper level that God is with us in this journey, especially if we let Him be close and really in control, that also is a good thing. May we allow God to change us during this time of the Covid Pandemic and not waste this time of turmoil just trying to get back to normal. ~~~ Michael Pekar

Happy Birthday Wishes! To Fr. Kenneth Popp who will be celebrating his 68th birthday on Saturday, November 14th.

NEW OFFICE HOURS: With the increase of Covid cases in our area the office will be closed to the public, until further notice. Please feel free to call the office or email us. We will be checking our telephone messages and emails, plus our Drop Box on a daily basis. You may use the Drop Box located on the wall by the office door to leave us messages also. If you need to, you can call the office to make a scheduled appointment with us. We will be more than happy to help you. Thank you for your understanding. Office: 468-6033 or Email: stjoes@midco.net.



ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., Nov. 22nd @ 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

Communion Ministers: Kay Pappenfus & Donna Solinger

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER: John Grittner & Mick Gruber

NEW LECTOR AND EUCHARISTIC MINISTER LIST: is located on the table in the side entrance of St. Michael's Church for those needing one.

I BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding December 5th):

Nicole Hoheisel & Ethan Lochner

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Walter "Wally" Fyten* passed away on Saturday, November 7th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, November 12th at St. Michael's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

SECRET SANTA: Every year the Buckman Area Lions does a Secret Santa and surprises a family in need. This year they are asking for your help to finding that Family. Located in the Parish Center entryway is a Christmas tree. Please take a paper ornament from the basket and inside write the Family's information, then take a sticky dot(s) to seal the ornament shut and then hang it on the tree. The ornaments will be collected daily. Thank You for Your Help!

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

*Raffle calendars are on sale. Contact a school parent or the office to purchase your calendar. They make great Christmas gifts.

*The annual Giving Tree project provides support to local families with gifts for Christmas. This has been a tradition at Holy Trinity for many years. This year there are four families we are supporting with the Giving tree. Since we are not able to have parents physically pick tags off the tree in the building, go to www.holytrinitypierz.org to see the list of items needed and pick your "tag" today.

*Sign up for Toddler Class Grab N Go Bags. Bags include: materials needed for the activities provided, links to story time, instructions and songs with Mrs. Litke, links and dates for a Live Parent Group Night. For more information and/or to register for your Grab N Go Bags, contact Mrs. Litke, mlitke@holytrinitypierz.org

*Delicious Guatemalan gourmet coffee is for sale at the school office year-round. The purchase of the coffee supports farmers in Guatemala and Holy Trinity School

REMINDER TO USE MASKS: Please use masks at Mass for your safety and for the safety of others! Thank you for your understanding during these trying times.

“Listen” is the first word of the Rule of Benedict, and is at the heart of discernment. Join other women, and Benedictine Sisters from across the Midwest for a series of five evenings in November and December. You'll discover how the Benedictine vows and our values of community, hospitality, prayer and service can help us hear and understand where God is moving in our lives. When: Wednesdays- Nov. 25th, Dec. 2nd, Dec. 9th, Dec. 16th, & Dec. 23rd 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Where: Virtual. Learn more and Register here: <https://bit.ly/35h6GRW>. Questions: Please contact Sister Stefanie MacDonald, OSB-vocation@smmsisters.org.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

SAT., Nov. 21st @ 4:30 p.m., & SUN., Nov. 22nd @ 8:00 a.m

Weekday Lector: Jan Dahmen

LECTORS FOR NOVEMBER:

Sat. –Tracy Voigt, **Sun.** – Karen Gross

Communion Ministers: **Sat. Nov. 21-** Barb Zajac & Michelle Litke, **Sun. Nov. 22-** LeRoy Swanson & Marvin Kimman

USHERS FOR NOVEMBER:

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

NEW LIFE IN CHRIST: *Vayda Rose*, daughter of Jesse Thommes and Kaitlyn Meyer, was baptized on Saturday, November 7th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

III BANNES OF MARRIAGE (Wedding November 21st):

Bethany Halverson & Stephen Maus

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Dolores O. Tschida* passed away on Thursday, November 5th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, November 10th at St. Joseph's Catholic Church, with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

ST. JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE: The Parish Center basement is again open for quilting using safe distancing. Any groups that need to do their tying can reserve the basement by calling the Parish Office. Some of you have been working on quilts on your own during this stay at home time. If you have quilts that haven't been turned in please call Eileen at 320-360-2434 so we can get a rough count of what we will have.

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: Is at St. Joseph's Church every Friday from 3 to 6 p.m. There is such a need for prayers in America and in the world at this time. Please give this some consideration; you can stop in anytime between those hours, you can spend an hour, or you can drop in and say "Hi, Jesus. I love you." It is our church and we need your support. Jesus and our Blessed Mother need YOU!

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Karen Gross at 468-6818.

ORATORY CONTEST: The Morrison County Chapter of MN Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) is having an oratory contest for youth in grades 6-12. The theme this year is "Life - Critical At All Stages". The rules are at least one typed page, double spaced, supporting the listed theme. Students are to include their name, address and phone number where they can be reached. The deadline is Dec. 15th. There will be 3 entries chosen and each will receive a \$75 cash prize. Entries may be mailed to Gerri Klimek at 508 10th ST. SW Little Falls, MN 56345, dropped off, or call 320-632-8215 for pick up or for any questions. Youth chosen are asked to present their speech during the MCCL dinner usually held the last Sunday of Jan. at the LFs Ballroom and would receive 2 free tickets. This year there may be some adjustments as to how the youth will present their speech as decisions are still being made regarding the dinner. We are hoping there will be a few who will take the time to put their thoughts to paper on this critical issue of protecting life at all stages from conception to natural death.

WEEKLY DISCUSSION QUESTIONS: Michael Pekar's weekly discussion questions are posted on our parish website.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 468-6148.

****If you would like to be on the prayer line to pray for others please call Patty Commerford at 468-2487.**