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Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 25, 2018
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna!

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**Secretary office hrs: Mon,
Wed & Thurs, 8a.m.-4p.m.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Mar. 26	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Mar. 27	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Florence (Stangl) Starr
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Mar. 28	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	St. Michael's CUF members
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Delrose "Dellie" Stoll
		Buckman	7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross
Holy Thursday	Mar. 29	Pierz	8:45 a.m.	Living Stations with Holy Trinity
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Ceil Millner
		Pierz	7:30 p.m.	+Chuck Fuhrman (Adult Choir)
		Buckman	7:30 p.m.	+David Herold
Good Friday	Mar. 30	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Good Friday Service
		Pierz	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service (Adult Choir)
		Buckman	1:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service
		Pierz	7:30 p.m.	Good Friday Service (Folk Group)
Holy Saturday	Mar. 31	Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Armella Otremba (Easter Mass)
		Pierz	8:00 p.m.	+Johanna Maus (Adult Choir)
		Buckman	8:00 p.m.	+Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel
Easter Sunday	April. 1	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Dolores G. Schmitt (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Gerald Bemboom

EXTRA CONFESSIONS:

Tues. Mar. 27

Buckman at 4:00p.m.

Pierz at 6:30p.m.

Confessions: Buckman - Thursday - 7:30 a.m., Pierz - Saturday - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

Adoration at the Pierz Villa Chapel on Thursdays from 5 a.m. to 11 p.m.

From the Pastor:

As I write this letter, I cannot believe that this Sunday we, as a church, celebrate Palm Sunday. This begins the holiest of weeks in the church year. So, as pastor, I am hoping that everyone, especially families, can come to the three holiest of days: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and either the Easter Vigil or Easter Sunday morning. Everyone's focus this week should be on the Passion of our Lord and not other activities. Parents, please have your children bring their Rice Bowls to the Good Friday liturgy. Thanks to all those who are willing to serve in their ministries for these liturgies. I hope everyone will have a very good Holy Week. ~~~ Fr. Ken Popp

AREA EVENTS:

***Fish Fry-Pierz Fire Department:** Fri. Mar. 30th, from 4p.m.-until gone at the Brickyard Bar and Grill. \$9 Adults, \$5 Kids 6-11, 5 and under eat free. Come and enjoy!!

***Bethany Lutheran Church, Ramey-All You Can Eat Breakfast!**-Sun. April 8th & May 6th, from 9-11:30a.m. Free will offering. Serving eggs, potatoes, pancakes, homemade rolls, fresh fruit, French toast, sausage, juice & coffee.

Holy Trinity Catholic School-PTO Pierz: 5th Annual Spring Boutique, Saturday April 7th, 2018 from 10-2. Concessions and bake sale on site. Handicap accessible. Come and check out the crafts!

RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: Will be hosted at Galen & Karla Stumpf's farm on August 12, 2018. Many volunteers are needed. If anyone is interested in helping with this celebration, please contact the parish office at 468-6033.

March is FoodShare Month:

The Pierz Area Food Shelf staff thanks you for all your support of food and/or money to the March FoodShare Campaign. Continued support throughout the year is gratefully appreciated but mostly during the month of March. God Bless you for your support.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS (Office #-468-6446)

Registration for the 2018-19 school year is open. Variable Tuition is available. Go to www.holytrinitypierz.org for more information on variable tuition.

The kindergarten visiting night will be Tuesday, March 27th at 6:00 pm. For more info call the school office 468-6446.

*During Holy Week students are engaged in classroom lent activities and participate in the Passover prayer service and meal on Thursday.

*8:45 Thursday @ St. Joseph Church will be the "Living Stations" performed by the third grade students. Please join us for Stations of the Cross.

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$2783.00
High School	\$ 10.00
Elementary	\$ 27.62
Plate	\$ 56.00
	\$2876.62

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

St. Joseph's:

Sat. 4:30p.m. -
Sun. 8:00a.m. -

St. Michael's:

Sun. 10:00a.m. - 277

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$6595.00
High School	\$ 20.00
Elementary	\$ 19.41
Plate	\$ 290.14
	\$ 6924.55

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SEE INSERT FOR ASSIGNMENTS FOR LECTORS, SERVERS & COMMUNION MINISTERS

April Ushers- Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Todd Caddy

****CHOIR**** No practice this week. Choir will sing on Holy Thursday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m., Good Friday, March 30th at 1:00 p.m., and Holy Saturday, March 31st at 8:00 p.m. Small choir will sing on Easter Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass.

EASTER BASKETS: We are bringing back the tradition for Easter baskets on Easter Sunday. Children, please bring your Easter basket to Church for the 10:00 p.m. Mass. Place them on the table on the SW side of Church and Fr. Popp will bless them after Mass.

Congratulations! Keith & Shelby Janson on the Convalidation of their Marriage on March 20th.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Stephen Uko passed away March 13th. Mass of Christian Burial was held here on March 20th with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the family and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU! To group 10 and the extra help for Stephen Uko funeral meal. *A job well done! Thank you!*

HELP NEEDED: Help is needed to prepare and serve a meal for the Bishop and priests before confirmation on Tues., April 10th. If you can help, please call Patty at 468-2487. *Thank you!*

THANK YOU! To all the ladies who helped in anyway with the MCCL quilt. It turned out *beautiful* and we couldn't have done it without all your help.

From St. Joseph's Quilting Group!

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection: Pope Francis has asked all parishes to support the Pontifical Good Friday Collection which helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the Church minister in parishes, provides Catholic schools, offers religious education, and helps to preserve the sacred shrines. The wars, unrest and instability have been especially hard on Christians. In these times of crisis, the collection provides humanitarian aid to refugees. When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land. Please be generous.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter The next weekend is Apr. 13th-15th in Baxter. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

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Weekday Lector: Mary Kimman

ADULT CHOIR: Practice at 4p.m. on Tue. Mar. 27.

LECTORS FOR APRIL: *Sat.-* Tracy Voigt & *Sun.-*Gwen Gruber.

USHERS FOR APRIL: *Sat.-* Dennis Zajac, Robbie Becker, JD Folger, Jon Stumpf. *Sun.-* Clint Kimman, James Gruber, Dan Loscheider, Jeff Virnig.

USHERS' MEETING: On March 26th, at 7:30p.m. in the church.

Adoration of The Blessed Sacrament: after the Holy Thursday services till 10:00 p.m. Please consider spending some quiet time with the Lord.

DECORATING FOR EASTER: Sat. Mar. 31st @ 9:00A.M.

ADORATION CHAPEL: will be closed Thur., March 29th, Fri., March 30th, & Sat., March 31st.

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Delrose "Dellie" Stoll passed away March 4th. Mass of Christian Burial was held here on March 9th with burial in the parish cemetery at a later date. We extend our sympathy to the family and assure them of our prayerful support.

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

****HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS****

Mar. 19th -Patricia Piotrowski, Mar. 20th -Chris Lardy, Mar. 21st -Brittany Hanneken, Mar. 22nd -John & Jessica Kahl, Mar. 23rd -Kyle, Nicole, & Scarlett Welle, Mar. 24th -Diane Popp, (\$35 winners) Mar. 25th -Scott & Valerie Weyer (\$75 Winner)

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

Wed. March 28th: Dine & Discover on Diabetes- Karen Reisdorf, RD CDE Diabetes Educator. Do you have diabetes? It seems everyone knows someone who has diabetes. What does it mean to live a healthy life with diabetes? Karen is a certified diabetes educator who will teach you the basics of diabetes and keeping track of your ABC's!. For more info contact Horizon Health at 468-6451.

April 13th: Designer Handbag Bingo at the VFW in Little Falls from 5-9 pm with proceeds going to our In Harmony Daycare in Little Falls. Presale for \$25 or \$35 at the door. Must be 18 years old to play. 220 tickets are being sold. We have about 100 left.

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

April 25th: Dine & Discover-Quilting and the Underground railroad- Julie Huseth

SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:

May 2nd: Day of Caring

May 8th: LAMAA Forum in Baxter (Lakes Area Memory Awareness Advocates)

May 24th: Conference on Aging in Staples

Exciting News: Horizon Health has received a grant to provide classes on Dementia to caregivers to enable them to better take care of their loved one. If you have a group at church or socially that you belong to that could benefit call Melissa Prozinski at 320-468-6451. These classes are free of charge, but we do set out a free will donation basket. Minimum requirement of 10 caregivers in attendance.

The Dine & Discover series is now being broadcast on our local Cable TV station and put on to YouTube. It is scheduled for broadcast is every Tuesday at noon and Friday night at 8pm on local cable channel 180. They will also be posted out the GRA/GRTV Youtube

channel. https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC9fW_lp870KMRE56tp0-MHA/featured

ARE YOU A SINGLE CATHOLIC WOMAN : under the age of 45? Would you be interested in spending a day at Saint Benedict's Monastery? We are offering the following opportunities for this experience. All the dates are scheduled on a Sat, April 14, 2018. The time is from 9a.m.-3:30 pm. There is no cost for this one day experience. If you are interested, please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or email her at lrose@csbsju.edu.

The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class at Grace United Methodist Church, St. Cloud, April 16-20. The goal is to increase the number of faith community nurses in churches; promoting the well-being of faith community members by helping them to access health care with the support of clergy, the faith community nurse, and the church ministry team. \$450 Scholarships are available. The course is required for currently licensed RN's who want to practice as Faith Community Nurses. Call St. Cloud Hospital Parish Health Ministries Program, 320-249-0280 for information.

LOOKING FOR CLEANERS: We are looking for at least two parishioners or cleaning persons who would be interested in cleaning the church on a regular basis. It would be a paid position. If you are interested, please contact the parish office 468-6033.

ORGANIST NEEDED: We are looking for an organist to play at least two Sundays a month, Christmas, and Easter. Our Sun.

Mass is at 9:45 am, at Holy Cross Church, Harding. If interested please call one of the following: Fr. David 320-468-2111, Debbie Woitalla 320-277-3860, Dave Schubert 218-829-7015 or Yvonne Kisor 320-277-3419. We can discuss the pay and days when you will play. Thanks!

Join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101.:

On **April 17th**, gather with fellow MN Catholics at the State Capitol and pray for your legislators. Pre-registration is required. For more info. and to register visit MNCatholic.org. A free-will offering will be accepted.

DEMENTIA: If you are a caregiver and want to learn more

K-YES Catholic Radio: @1180AM, Learn more about your Catholic faith.

about aging and Dementia, Horizon Health is offering a class June 19 from 8a.m.-4:30p.m. Lunch will be provided. Call 468-6451 for more information.

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. When one receives a blanket, they know they aren't alone but are covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets - then they are blessed by our Pastor. Donations can be left with the parish secretary. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105.

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!*