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Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 13, 2018

Blessed be the Lord. Who hears my prayer!

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR

Fr. Popp's office hours are Wed. from 1-3 p.m.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	May 14	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	May 15	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Dolores Herold
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	May 16	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Mark Bauer
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Ed & Hildegard Kimman
Thursday	May 17	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Jerry Bemboom
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	May 18	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Kevin Copa - Sobieck
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Lastrup	9:00 a.m.	(School Mass)
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Albert Servaty
Saturday	May 19	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	+Leonard Kasper & Eileen Zens (Adult Choir)
Sunday	May 20	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	2018 Senior Class (Baccalaureate Mass) (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	2018 Senior Class (Baccalaureate Mass)

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 Pastoral Associate: First, Happy Mother's Day to all the moms in our parish. May this day be a blessed one for you and your family. May you all have a great gift next week. Next week is Pentecost. The Father gives us the great gift of the Holy Spirit and through it we have the Sacraments. I sometimes feel as if we as Christians do not appreciate the gift of the Holy Spirit enough. What would happen if every day this week we all prayed, really hard for the Holy Spirit to pour down on each and every member gathered at Mass and all our family members wherever they are gathered. What might happen? What would happen if 20% of us received the gift of healing so we can heal in Jesus' name. What if 20% of us received the gift on tongues and started babbling joyful praise at Mass and uncontrollable joy in all of our daily prayers to the Father? What if 20% of us became so much more loving we forgave everyone and gave all our possessions away, for we felt called to a life of poverty. What if 20% of us had such a tremendous increase of faith we could do awesome things in the Lord's name and were at total peace with life. What if 20% of us were given such an increase of joy that contact with us was contagious as we spread the Good News of Christ to others. Of course, this would mean that our lives would radically change, which is one reason I suspect we don't desperately plea to the Father to fill us more with the Holy Spirit. Deep down we really do not want to change. We are content to keep our lives the same, rather than to grow deeper in our walk with God. Let us be daring this week! Let us beg the Father in the name of Jesus for more gifts of the Holy Spirit. **Let us pray this week, "In the name of Jesus, Father please pour out upon me and Your family You have given me and Your parish that I am a part of with many gifts of the Holy Spirit this Pentecost, so that we may be changed into better disciples on fire to do Your will. Amen"** If we do this the people of Morrison County who are not Christian may all become Christian in 10 years because of the movement of the Holy Spirit in us. **This is the mission of the church. This is why we are here.** ~~~ Michael Pekar

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. Contact school office 468-6446

*Students will attend 9am liturgy in Lastrup on Friday, May 18th. Please join us.

*A Mother is like a flower. Each one beautiful and unique. Happy Mother's Day!

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

May 7-Darlene Pick, May 8-Jim Boser, May 9-Jaiden Oldakowski, May 10-Sandy Brixius, May 11-Russ & Cindy Marshik, May 12-Dale & Cindy Przybilla (\$35 winners) May 13-Leo Witucki (\$75 Winner)

AREA EVENTS:

***Yard Sale Fundraiser for Secular Franciscans of Little Falls and Pierz** will be held on Sat, May 19, 8AM to 4PM at the home of Kay Voegtle, 75 So. Main St., Pierz. Questions may be directed to Janet, 320-632-5324 or Jan, 320-360-0853. Thank you Janice Rybaski, OFS

***Nurses Annual Workshop** presented by Central MN Faith Community Nurses: **Tuesday, June 5** at the CentraCare Plaza, Windfeldt Room 9:30 am to 4 pm. \$35

***Fly In-Drive In Breakfast - Little Falls Airport**, Habitat for Humanity of Morrison Cnty, Sat. June 16th from 7-11a.m. Everyone Welcome!

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3167.00
High School	\$ 7.52
Elementary	\$ 21.10
Plate	\$ 117.30
	\$ 3312.92

Thank you for your generosity!

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**SUNDAY - May 20 @ 10:00 a.m.:**

Lector- Seniors Read

Communion Ministers- Leo Pohlkamp & Alice Nordmann

Servers- Mason & Emily Herold

April Ushers- John Grittner, Sam Seelen, Jerry Posch

*****ADULT CHOIR-** Choir practice Tuesday, May 15th at 7:00 p.m. This practice is for Baccalaureate so please try to be there. Choir will sing on Sunday, May 20th for the 10:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass.

FINANCE/PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS: On May 17, Finance meeting at 7:30p.m. & Parish Council meeting at 8p.m.

ANNUAL NOVENA OF MASSES: At *Assumption*

(*Grasshopper*) Chapel in Cold Spring, every Thurs evening from May 3rd - June 28th. Rosary at 7P.M. with Mass at 7:30P.M. Mass takes place outside so dress for the weather and bring a lawn chair. In case of inclement weather or severe cold, Mass will be held in the Church of St. Boniface on Main Street in Cold Spring. Chapel is located on the east side of Cold Spring (turn off Hwy 23 by the traffic light onto 3rd Ave. SE- then turn left onto Chapel Rd. and immediately turn right up Pilgrimage Road to Chapel). All are welcome!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Tootsie Rolls will be sold after 10a.m. Mass on Sun. May 20th

" Theology of the Body":

Join us! Nic Davidson is back to lead us through a 6 week series on Theology of the Body. Weekly sessions will be held on Tues evenings, beginning May 15th - June 19th, at 6:30pm-8pm at the St. Michaels Parish Center in Buckman. Contact Sara Stumpf with any questions 320-493-7062"

Theology on Tap: Come join young adults in their 20s and 30s for a fun night out. On Thursday, May 17th at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls. Social hour with food and/or drinks begins at 7p.m. Then our speaker Fr. Ben Kociemba will give a talk titled "The Christian Temperaments" at 8p.m.

LITURGICAL TRAINING: May 26-Pierz, May 27-Buckman, June 2-Pierz, June 3-Pierz. Lectors time at 12:30p.m., Eucharistic Ministers time at 1p.m., Altar Servers time at 2p.m. People in Buckman who want to be trained can come to Pierz and visa versa.

Looking Ahead: Memorial Day Mass will be @ 9:30a.m. in Buckman with the American Legion.

MASS ATTENDANCE:**St. Joseph's:**

Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 180

Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 203

Sun. 10:30a.m. - 668

St. Michael's:

Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 275

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$6183.00
High School	\$ 10.00
Elementary	\$ 32.75
Plate	\$ 909.25
	\$ 7135.00

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ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:**May - Sat. 19 @ 4:30p.m. & Sun. 20 @ 8:00a.m.:**

Servers: Sat.-Morgan Litke & Reagan Winscher

Sun.-Baccalaureate Mass - Brandon Stuckmayer & Maraya Boser

Weekday Lector: Mary Kimman

PLANNING BACCALAUREATE MASS: for this year's graduating seniors and their parents on Sun. May 6th at 7pm in the church basement. Mass will be Sun., May 20th at 8am. There will be a breakfast afterward by the Pierz Christian Women. Please RSVP to Michelle Litke via text or phone call at 218-780-8560 so that we know how many to prepare for.

CEMETERY CLEANING: With warmer weather, the cemetery will be cleaned in the near future. Please remove any decorations/flowers you wish to keep. Thank you.

Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls-11th annual Franciscan Girl Camp entitled, "Faith and Fun with Franciscans." on

Tues. June 5 (10am) Thurs. June 7 (6pm) in Assisi Park, located on the grounds at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Girls who have completed grades 6-8 are invited to enjoy a variety of nature and fun activities. Participants will have an opportunity to visit with and learn about the Franciscan Sisters. For more information or to register by May 1, contact Sister Ange Mayers at 320-632-0680.

FPSR -Wednesday, May 16th from 5pm-7pm **Youth Group at the Pierz Park** for 7th-12th graders for the end of the year picnic.

Seniors Night for all Seniors on Wednesday, May 23rd from 6pm-9pm! Meet at Pizza Ranch at 6pm in Little Falls, bring \$10 and we will eat, play Disc Golf, and end at Dairy Queen.

VALLEYFAIR on Wednesday, June 6th for 7th-12th graders! Bus leaves FPSR 7:30am and returns 6:30pm. Extra permission forms can be picked up at FPSR or the high school office. Deadline is May 30th to turn in forms.

Summer Bible School is June 4th - 8th from 9am -11am. If any adults or older students want to help with Summer Bible School please let us know if you haven't done so already 468-2640. If you still need to register please call and register your children or pick up a form at FPSR.

RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: *We still need lots of help with the Rural Life Celebration, so if anyone would be interested, please contact the parish office at 468-6033.* We

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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. Questions: call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105

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Upcoming Faith in Action & Horizon Health Events:

Tues. June 12th: Dementia Bootcamp at the Little Falls Senior Center from 1 to 3pm. Please call 800-224-6451 or email Melissa at outreach@horizonhealthservices.com to reserve your seat today!

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SAVE THE DATE for upcoming events:

37th Annual Conference on Aging at Central Lakes College Staples campus, Thurs., May 24, from 8:30am-1:15pm. For more info. Call Horizon Health at 1-800-224-6451 (Horizon Health does not have a bus going this year.)

August 24th: Whacky Hacker golf tournament with proceeds going to Faith in Action

August 25th: Hospice Run with proceeds going to Horizon Health's Hospice patients

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 would like a presentation at your location 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.

We are now on TV and the web! The Dine & Discover's are scheduled for broadcast 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 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!

PRAYER BLANKETS: Available at parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick & suffering. When

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, just ask. Hear what you've been missing!

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

Come & See: Discernment Retreat Weekends for single Catholic women between the ages of 22-45 are scheduled at Saint Benedict's Monastery this summer. The dates are June 15-17, July 20-22, and August 10-12, 2018. The retreats begin on Friday at 4:30 pm and end on Sunday at 1:30 pm. This is a time to meet members of our monastic community and discern with other women who are considering religious life. A variety of opportunities for prayer and activities are planned for the weekend. There is no cost. If you are interested and want to register please contact Sister Lisa Rose at 320-363-7180 or at lrose@csbsju.edu.