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## First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2018

When he calls on me, I will answer him.

### 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	Feb. 19	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Feb. 20	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Harvey Otremba
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Feb. 21	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Lambert, Zola, Diane Suess
		<b>Pierz</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross with Holy Trinity School Children</b>
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Kenneth Schmitt
		<b>Buckman</b>	<b>7:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross</b>
Thursday	Feb. 22	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+Cleora Piekarski
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Feb. 23	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Johanna Maus / Holy Trinity School Mass
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Richard Meyer
		<b>Pierz</b>	<b>4:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Stations of the Cross &amp; Benediction</b>
Saturday	Feb. 24	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	For the People of the Parishes (Mike & Adult Choir)
Sunday	Feb. 25	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Pam Weitalla (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Jerry Bemboom

**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:** It is Lent. In addition to no meat on Friday and our simple fast and Confession, perhaps we can get real serious and maybe do one or more of the following: triple our daily meditative prayer time, start a daily prayer diary, do an hour of devotion 3-7 times a week, give 1 week's paycheck to the poor, only drink milk/water one day of the week and pray during the time you would have been eating, (if you do this you might want to have a few prunes) patch up a long time broken relationship, go on a weekend retreat perhaps at Pacem in Terris, start reading the Bible, start reading an introduction to the Bible (Getting to Know the Bible by Rev Melvin Farrell S.S. is a good one. I have copies.), reflect on the Sunday's readings on three different days. We only live once, so if we are going to be a Christian, why not be a great one? ~~~ Michael Pekar

**Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults** On February 18<sup>th</sup> in Buckman at the 10 A.M. Mass we will Celebrate the **Rite of Sending**. Later that day at 3 p.m. all the Catechumens in our Diocese, who have been Elected to be Baptized this Easter Vigil, will celebrate the **Rite of Election** and all Christians who are Candidates to fully join the Catholic Church this Easter Vigil will have an opportunity to celebrate the **Rite of Calling the Candidate to Continuing Conversion**. The Bishop will encourage the Candidates to continue progressing in their faith journey. We celebrate both Shelby Louise Janson and Emily Kay Okroi who are both Baptized Christians of another denomination and have been on a journey seeking to become Catholic and join the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil in Pierz. On February 25<sup>th</sup> both Shelby and Emily will participate in the **Scrutiny for Candidates** at the 8 A.M. Mass in Pierz.

### AREA EVENTS:

- \***Buckman Area Lions Breakfast:** Sunday, February 18, from 8a.m.-12noon. At the Buckman Parish Center, French toast, Thielen Sausage and Full Buffet.
- \***Ham & Quilt Bingo-Bethany Lutheran Church, Ramey:** Sun. Feb. 18, starts at 1p.m. Beverages & Snacks provided.
- \***Lenten Fish Fry-Immaculate Conception Church, Rice:** Fri. Feb. 23 Mar. 2, 9, 16, & 23 from 5-7:30p.m. Take out orders available, call 393-3560 (between 4:30-7p.m.)
- \***Fish Fry-Holy Cross Center, Onamia:** Fri. February 23, Mar. 9 & 23, from 4:30-7p.m. (kids under 6 eat free)
- \***Friday Night Fish Fry-St. Elizabeth Church, Brennyville:** Fri. Feb. 23 & Fri. March 16 form 4:30-7p.m. Take out orders available, proceeds going towards the Handicap Ramp.
- \***Quilt or Cash Bingo-St. Rita's, Hillman:** Sun. Feb. 25, at 1:30p.m. Door prizes! Free lunch after the games.
- \***Catholic United Financial Ham Bingo:** on Sun. March. 4, starting at 1p.m. at the St. Michael's Parish Center.
- \***St. Joseph's Parish, Morrill:** Lenten Fish Fries, Parish Hall, Fri. Mar. 9<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-7p.m.
- \***St. Michael's Christian M/W Quilt Bingo/Raffle:** Sun. March 18, at 1p.m. at Buckman Parish Center. Mark your calendars!

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$2541.00
High School	\$ 10.00
Elementary	\$ 44.05
Plate	\$ 195.05
	\$2790.10

Thank you for your generosity!

**MASS ATTENDANCE:**

<b><u>St. Joseph's:</u></b>
Sat. 4:30p.m. - 221
Sun. 8:00a.m. - 188
<b><u>St. Michael's:</u></b>
Sun. 10:00a.m. - 338

**ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

Adult	\$5492.00
High School	\$ 17.00
Elementary	\$ 26.58
Plate	\$ 486.65
	\$6022.23

Thank you for your generosity!

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

**SUNDAY - February 25 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector**-Todd Caddy

**Communion Ministers**-MaryKay Zilka & Megan Herold

**Servers**-Jake Andres & Wyatt Digmann

**Ushers**-John Grittner, Sam Seelen, & Jerry Posch

**LOOKING FOR CLEANERS:** We are looking for at least 2 parishioners or cleaning persons who would be interested in cleaning the church on a regular bases. It would be a paid position. If anyone is interested please contact the parish office 468-6033.

**FUNERAL GROUPS:** Copies of the groups are at all enters of the church.

**St. Michael's Parish Council** voted at last week's meeting to move forward with painting the interior of the church. A committee was formed to choose a contractor for the job. More information will follow.

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**CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CONFERENCE:** A Day of

Reflection, Sat. Mar 10<sup>th</sup> from 9:30a.m.-3p.m. at Church of St. Anthony, St. Cloud. Speaker is Janet E. Smith, consulter, author & editor. For more info. and to register visit [www.stcdio.org/womensconference18](http://www.stcdio.org/womensconference18) or call 320-252-4721. (St. Michael's, Buckman CM/W will pay reg. fee for their members.) Deadline for reg. is Mar. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Pierz Pizzazz Dance Team** will be hosting it's 3rd annual soup cook-off and silent auction fundraiser on March 10. Doors open at 5PM at The Pierz Ballroom. Presale tickets are \$10 for adults, \$5 for students, and can be purchased from any Pizzazz Dancer. There will be games, music, split the pot, and much more! To enter a soup or donate an auction item, contact Jackie @ [320-232-0539](tel:320-232-0539).

**YOUTH FIRE ARMS CLASSES:** Mon. February 19 at 7p.m. in Buckman at St. Michael's Parish Center and in Pierz at Pioneer Elementary School.

**Bishop's Annual Appeal:** We love you, Bishop Don! We support Catholic Schools and youth and adult faith formation within our parishes through the Bishop's Annual Appeal!

**The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls and the Franciscan Associates:**

Invites you to a Lenten Day of Reflection, "Holy Saturday: The Space Between Death and Resurrection", Sat, March 10, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m., in St. Francis Hall at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Presenter, Michele Rosha, is a board certified chaplain at St. Gabriel's Health, Hospice and a Franciscan Associate. No cost to attend; free-will donations. For more information or to register by March 1, contact Joan Wingert at (320)632-0693 or [jwingert@fslf.org](mailto:jwingert@fslf.org).

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

**Sat. & Sun. February , Weekend:**

**Servers:** Sat.-Austin Becker & Leo Voigt

Sun.-Jack Prokott & Mason Hoheisel

**Weekday Lector:** Hilde Flicker

**New Life In Christ:** Gavin Liam son of John & Alicia Gunther. Camron Robert son of Justin & Hayley Bednar, who was baptized on February 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**TYING QUILTS:** St. Joseph's Village South East Quilting group will be tying quilts on Tues. Feb. 27 at 9a.m. until 3p.m. Everyone is welcome to help. There will be a noon Pot luck. Call Geri Boser 320-260-4817 for more information.

**PARISH FESTIVAL CHAIRS:** There will be a meeting Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6p.m. in the church basement to go over the 2018 festival. Any questions please call Crystal Ratke at 630-8952

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE:** tickets available for sale after all masses. Also in the parish office, from parish council members & local businesses

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

Feb. 12-Mike Janson, Feb. 13-Alan Carmona-Castro, Feb. 14-Karen Stangl, Feb. 15-Jeanette Janson, Feb. 16-Tom Theis, Feb. 17-Nathan & Avery Gruber (\$35 winners) Feb. 18-Bernie Cekalla (\$75 winner)

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL NEWS 468-6446**

The students and staff have begun "Our journey to Easter to become a "Rainbow" filled with promise". We will journey with prayer, fasting, learning, and giving. The students collected \$809 during CSW to use toward the purchase of material to make quilts for Veterans, a project organized by Holy Trinity alumni, Laura Tautges and Katelyn Becker. The students will be making 49 quilts during lent.

\*Toddler class for 2-4 year-olds will be from 6:00-7:30 pm on Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at HTCS.

\*The PTO will sponsor a Children's Book Bingo at 6:30pm on Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> in the school gym.

\*The school carnival is scheduled for 11-3 on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars. Raffle tickets are for sale.

Donations are being taken for silent auction items, bingo, toy walk, shake-rattle-roll, and country store. Items can be left at door #1 entrance into school.

**Taizé Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud**

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them this Lent for **Taizé Prayer** at the Cathedral of St. Mary in St. Cloud. On Fridays Feb. 23, Mar. 2, 9, 16 at 7p.m. for this contemplative prayer around the Cross, lasts about one hour. A ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. All are welcome!

**Worldwide Marriage Encounter** The next weekend is Apr

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

13-15, 2018 in Baxter, MN. For more information, call Alan & Missy Block at 888-455-3496 or visit them at [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org).

**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, Mar 10, & April 14, 2018. The time is from 9-3:30 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](mailto:lrose@csbsju.edu).

**ARE YOU GOING TO THE HOSPITAL IN ST. CLOUD?** Even if you sign the paper that you would like a visit by the parish, we rarely get called. **If you would like a visit from Father Popp or Michael Pekar, please call the church at 468-6033** and leave us a message where or when you are going to be admitted. *Thank you!*

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

**Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia**  
The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for a Lenten Healing Mass at the National Shrine of St. Odilia in Onamia on [Sunday, March 11, 9:30 a.m.](#) The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a ritual blessing with the relic of St. Odilia. Coffee and rolls will be served in Holy Cross Center following the Mass. For further information call the Crosiers at: [320.532.3103](tel:320.532.3103). All are welcome!

#### **Solemn Lenten Vespers with the Crosiers**

The Crosier Fathers and Brothers invite you to join them for solemn sung Vespers each Sunday during Lent at Holy Cross Priory Church in Onamia. The liturgy begins at 5 p.m. and lasts about 30 minutes. All are welcome!

**Day** For some in the church, living out the sacrament of marriage has proven to be a challenge. The reasons for this vary, but oftentimes when such an occurrence takes place, many couples resort only to filing for a legal civil divorce to receive necessary legal protection. The church understands this need, yet at the same time, she too has her own way of handling the dissolution of the marriage sacrament—the annulment process. Either way, this kind of journey almost always involves feelings of hurt, regret, betrayal, and perhaps even a deep sense of disconnect with the Church and her teachings on marriage, divorce, and remarriage. Join us for a grace-filled conversation as we first explore the dimensions of the marriage sacrament and the purpose of the annulment process. This session also has a second aim, and that is, to name the real-life struggles that can exist within a marriage and why we need to rethink the way we think and speak about this sacrament. In addition, we will discern ways we as a church community can and should (better) walk alongside those experiencing marital stress and the impending reality of divorce. **Feb. 23rd, check-in from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and presentation from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Emmaus Hall, Saint John's University, Collegetown.** Free event. Lunch is provided following presentation. Registration is required: [www.collegetownMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegetownMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu).

**The Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Class** is being held at Grace United Methodist Church in St. Cloud, April 16-20, through a CentraCare Foundation Grant. The St. Cloud Hospital & the Diocese of Saint Cloud began a partnership to bring faith community nurses of all denominations, area churches, and service agencies together. 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.

**Join Catholics from across Minnesota for Capitol 101.:** On **February 26<sup>th</sup>**, **March 16<sup>th</sup>**, and **April 17<sup>th</sup>**, gather with fellow MN Catholics at the State Capitol to experience the lawmaking process, learn how you can plug in as a faithful citizen, and pray for your legislators. Pre-registration is required. For more information and to register visit [MNCatholic.org](http://MNCatholic.org). A free-will offering will be accepted.

**Saint John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology**