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Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

November 11th, 2018

The Lord shall reign forever!

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**Secretary office hrs: Mon,
Wed & Thurs, 9a.m.-4p.m.**

FR. KENNETH POPP - PASTOR
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Michael's office hours are Thurs, Buckman 2-4p.m.

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK:

Monday	Nov. 12	Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Tuesday	Nov. 13	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Joseph Gruber & Family
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Wednesday	Nov. 14	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+LaDonna Scholl
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	In Thanksgiving (MaryAnn Virnig)
Thursday	Nov. 15	Buckman	8:00 a.m.	+LaDonna Scholl
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
Friday	Nov. 16	Pierz	8:30 a.m.	+Celestine Mischke / School Mass
		Buckman	8:30 a.m.	Word/Communion Service
		Villa	9:30 a.m.	+Paul & Catherine Dahmen
Saturday	Nov. 17	Pierz	4:30 p.m.	The People of the Parish (Adult Choir)
Sunday	Nov. 18	Pierz	8:00 a.m.	+Howie Braun (Folk Group)
		Buckman	10:00 a.m.	+Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel

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: I recently purchased a small item at a thrift store and put it in my office. It is a little picture with writing that says, "I put all my eggs in one basket and gave the basket to God." This is the idea found in today's first reading and in the Gospel reading. The widow mother with her son, out of compassion and trust, was willing to split her last meal of bread and water with Elijah and feed him first. The poor widow gave all she had to the temple treasury out of trust and love for God and maybe even a little despair. These women of trust in God and compassion are held up to us as models of faith. For all of us who deal in the world of earning enough money to pay our bills, and perhaps running a business making enough profit to stay in the black, it may be hard to really hear these passages. We might think, "if I give it all up, who will pay the bills?" I grapple with this too. We are never to allow our finances to get in the way of completely following Jesus or being compassionate. Jesus tries to warn us again and again of the evils of letting money become our god. We can make gods of things without even realizing it. I don't have an easy answer for me or for you. I simply offer the thought that what we do with our money should be a regular source of reflection in our prayer and we need to be open to God asking for the unexpected. ~~~ Michael Pekar

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO FR. KEN POPP ON WED. NOV. 14

****LOOKING AHEAD:** **Mass times* for Thanksgiving: Wed. Nov. 21st, 7:30p.m. at Buckman and Thurs. Nov 22nd, 8:30a.m. at Pierz.

**Thurs. Nov. 22nd & Fri. Nov. 23rd* the Parish Office will be closed due to the Holiday.

**Fr. Popp* will be gone on Sat. Nov. 24th & Sun. Nov. 25th. Fr. David Maciej will be here on Sat. and Fr. Jerry Dalseth will be here on Sun.

AREA EVENTS:

***Donuts & Coffee: St. Joseph's-Pierz** after the 8a.m. mass, Sunday, November 11th. *All are invited!*

***Theology on Tap:** For young adults in their 20s & 30s on Thurs., Nov. 15th at A.T. The Black and White in Little Falls at 7p.m.. Speaker Deacon Aspirant Leo Wehseler will give a talk titled: "Discerning God's Call". We hope to see you there!

PIERZ GRAD BASH will be hosting, Comedy Stage Hypnotist Lizzy! At Pierz Ballroom, Fri., Nov. 23, 8PM, 21+ age recommended. Tickets, \$30 or reserve a table for 8, \$280. Tickets available at: Unity, F&M, Lloyds, The Clothesline & Century 21. Contact Brenda Prokott for info: 320-237-7902*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL 468-6446:

*The HTCS Toddler Class for 3-4 year olds, not in preschool, is Wednesday, November 14th from 6-7 pm in the preschool classroom. Please enter the middle doors (#2). Cost is a food shelf item or donation toward the cost of supplies.

*Raffle calendars available at the office or from a school parent. They make great Christmas gifts.

***Holy Trinity PTO hosting St Nick Night Boutique** on Wed., Dec. 5th from 3:30-7:30p.m. in the school gym. Over 45 vendors and crafters and food booth on site.

FPSR: *Thank you to everyone who helped & donated to the Pierz Food Drive for Halloween! We collected over 1,000 lbs of food for the Pierz Food Shelf!

*Thank you to all the students & parishioners who donated to the Boxes of Joy to ship overseas!

*Thank you to all the students who helped package food for Kids Fighting Hunger on Wed for Youth Group!

*Pizza Ranch Fundraiser on Wed, Nov 14th from 4:30-7:30pm, come eat and support the students going to Steubenville!

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$3320.00
High School	\$ 7.00
Elementary	\$ 15.35
Plate	\$ 215.00
	\$3557.35

Thank you for your generosity!

MASS ATTENDANCE:

<u>St. Joseph's:</u>
Sat. 4:30 p.m. - 174
Sun. 8:00 a.m. - 170
<u>St. Michael's:</u>
Sun. 10:00 a.m. - 190

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult	\$5545.00
High School	\$ 16.00
Elementary	\$ 14.50
Plate	\$ 207.43
	\$5782.93
Extra Collection:	\$ 803.10

ST. MICHAEL'S MASS ATTENDANCE:

Thurs. Nov. 1 at 7:00p.m. - 89
Fri. Nov. 2 at 7:00p.m. - 46

ST. JOSEPH'S MASS ATTENDANCE:

Thurs. Nov. 1 at 8:30a.m. - 387
5:30p.m. - 181

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUNDAY - Nov. 18th @ 10:00 a.m.:

Lector - Todd Caddy
Communion Ministers - Kay Pappenfus & Bob Lochner
Servers - Taylor Brisk & Hunter Jacobson
November Ushers - John Grittner, Sam Seelen, Jerry Posch

***Wed., Nov. 21st @ 7:30 p.m. (Eve of Thanksgiving)**

Lector - Karen Stangl
Communion Ministers - Leo Pohlkamp & Jill Hoheisel
Servers - Leah Scholl & Eden Andres

CHOIR PRACTICE: Tuesday, November 13th @ 7:00 p.m.
Choir will sing on Sunday, November 18th.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL: Supper & meeting on
Thurs., Nov. 15th @ 6p.m. at the Brickyard.

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thurs Nov
15th. Finance at 7:30p.m & Parish Council at 8p.m.

St John's School of Theology and Seminary Theology Day:

The face of the church is changing rapidly. Thurs. Nov 16th,
8:30 - 9am sign up, presentation, 9am-12pm., Emmaus Hall, St
John's University, Collegeville. Free event. Lunch provided
Reg. is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-
363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls : Centering Prayer and
Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading) on Thurs, Nov 15, 6-7p.m.,
Gathering Space at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Gather
with sisters and members of all faiths to ponder God's
presence in your life, and open yourself to receive the gift of a
closer union with God. No need to pre-register. For more
information, please call (320)632-0668 or email:
franciscanlife@fslf.org; www.fslf.org.

ADORATION CHAPEL: There will be *No Adoration* at the
chapel on Thanksgiving Day, Thurs., Nov. 22nd. If anyone
would be interested in doing a Holy Hour or being a substitute,
call Jan K @ 468-2578.

SEVEN SORROWS OF MARY ROSARY: On Sunday, Nov.
11th, @ 4p.m., we will pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary
for our country in the chapel of the Pierz Villa. Call Patty @
468-2487 if you have any questions.

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls: Christmas Open
House at their Franciscan Gift Shop, Nov 12-14, 9a.m. – 5
p.m. Browse through a variety of gifts handcrafted by the
sisters. Proceeds from this event will benefit the mission and
ministries of the Franciscan Sisters.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Sat. Nov. 17th @ 4:30 p.m. & Sun. 18th @ 8:00 a.m.:

Servers: Sat.- Michael & Sophie Leidenfrost
Sun.- Anna & Adam Hoheisel
Weekday Lector: Al Pekarek

***Thurs. Nov., 22nd @ 8:30 a.m. (Thanksgiving Day)**

Servers - Joleen Weyer & Reagan Winscher

DISH TOWELS are stamped and ready to be embroidered for
next year's Bazaar. Can pick up at the parish office entry way.
Thanks for the great stitch work last year!

FOLK GROUP: Practice Mon., Nov. 12th 6:30 p.m.

ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH FESTIVAL ITEMS: We are already
looking for new items or completed baskets. You can drop it
off at the parish office. *Seasonal items make great baskets!

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Tues Nov
13th. Finance at 6:30p.m. & Parish Council at 7:30p.m.

THANK YOU! The Adult Faith Formation group of St.
Joseph's Church would like to extend our gratitude to the
Catholic Foundation of the Diocese of St. Cloud for the grant
funding for our parish education program. It is greatly
appreciated. Thank you.

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

Nov. 5th -Jan Kummert, Nov. 6th -Eric Boser, Nov. 7th -Steve
Hunnell, Nov. 8th -Russ & Cindy Marshik, Nov. 9th -Mason
Gruber, Nov. 10th -Amy Diederich (\$35 winners) Nov. 11th -
Adam & Cheryl Hellickson (\$75 Winner)

BEST ADVENT EVER: Free email program from Dynamic
Catholic. Each day, you'll receive an email with short
inspirational videos from Allen Hunt and Dominick Albano,
practical tips for your everyday life, and real-life stories to
encourage you in you faith journey. All you have to do is sign
up BestAdventEver.com

**American Foundation for Suicide Prevention Survivor
Day:** St. Cloud Hospital will host a viewing and discussion of
the *2018 American Foundation for Suicide Prevention
Survivor Day* film entitled "A Daughter's Journey." The event
is from 1-3p.m. **Nov. 17th**, St. Cloud Hospital St. Benedict
Meeting Room (located in the Lakes Lobby). For those who
wish to attend, please register online at afsp.org. If you have
questions, call Laura Shrode at St. Cloud Hospital, Spiritual
Care Department: 320-251-2700 ext. 54621.

****REMINDER:** Please have bulletin announcements to the parish office by 4:00 p.m. on Wednesdays. *Thank you!*

HELP! We are looking for a volunteer that would be interested in doing the Lector & Communion Ministers scheduling for masses. If anyone is interested, please contact the parish office at 468-6033. *Thank you!*

Hands of Hope Resource Center: Volunteers are needed to work with victims of domestic violence, sexual assault, child abuse, and general crime on our 24-hour hotline. There will be a free volunteer advocate training starting in October. For more information, call Amanda at 320-632-1657

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: “The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;” Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: Apr 5-7, 2019 in Baxter, MN and Sep 20-22, 2019 in Alexandria, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@northmnwwme.org or 888-455-3496

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. Hear what you’ve been missing!

Upcoming Faith in Action Events:

December 19th: Dine & Discover 11:30 to 1- Information on Veterans Benefits Presentation given By: Kathy Marshik, Morrison County Veterans Service Officer. We will be focusing on health care, burial benefits, caregiver programs, nursing home, home care services, financial assistance, and adaptive equipment. The Veterans service office works with family members currently serving military personnel and veterans of all back-grounds, ages and era’s.

Caregiver Support Group: Join us on the 3rd Wednesday of Every Month at 2pm at First United Church in Little Falls in the Fireside Room. We will be enjoying each other’s company and supporting one another, as we face difficult tasks and decisions, while being a dedicated caregiver. For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

We have added a second monthly Caregiver Support Group! Join us on the 1st Wednesday of every month at Horizon Health in Pierz! For more information call Angie Athman at 468-6451

Kristine Hoheisel Senior Resources Director Horizon Health, Inc. Pierz 56364 320-468-6451 Fax: 320-468-6463

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!

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

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