

**ST. JOSEPH'S & ST. MICHAEL'S CATHOLIC CHURCH****SUNDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup>, 2022**

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**Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.

**Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes: Pastor - Fr. Jose Chettoor**

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.  
<https://stjohnslastrup.org/> 320-468-2111 <https://hardingchurch.org/> 320-468-2111

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 26<sup>th</sup> – JULY 31<sup>st</sup>****Tuesday, July 26**

8:00 a.m. Pierz **Word/Communion Service**  
 9:30 a.m. Villa **Word/Communion Service**

**Wednesday, July 27**

8:00 a.m. Buckman **Word/Communion Service**  
 7-8 p.m. Buckman **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Thursday, July 28**

8:00 a.m. Buckman **Word/Communion Service**  
 9:30 a.m. Villa **Word/Communion Service**

**Friday, July 29**

8:00 a.m. Pierz **No Mass Scheduled**  
 8:30 a.m. Buckman **Word/Communion Service**  
 9:30 a.m. Villa **+RoseMary Preimesberger (Mass only for Residents)**  
 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz **Eucharistic Adoration**

**Saturday, July 30**

4:30 p.m. Pierz **+Wilfred "Itto" Hoheisel**

**Sunday, July 31**

8:00 a.m. Pierz **+Jeanette A. Menden, & For the People of the Parishes**  
 10:00 a.m. Buckman **+Butch & Donna Brisk**

**ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult \$ 4,920.00  
 High School \$ 14.00  
 Elementary \$ 12.25  
 Plate \$ 167.00  
**\$ 5,113.25**

***Thank you for your generosity!***Mass attendance **July 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 235****ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

Adult \$ 5,337.00  
 High School \$ 3.25  
 Elementary \$ 14.05  
 Plate \$ 318.00  
**\$ 5,672.30**

***Thank you for your generosity!***Mass attendance **July 16<sup>th</sup> Saturday: 175**Mass attendance **July 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 212****HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

7/17/22 \$75.00 Alex Hayes  
 7/18/22 \$35.00 Chuck & Sue Kumpula  
 7/19/22 \$35.00 Tom Kummet  
 7/20/22 \$35.00 Andy Woitalla  
 7/21/22 \$35.00 Alex Hebler  
 7/22/22 \$35.00 Karen Stangl  
 7/23/22 \$35.00 Rich Jarnot

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

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** All of us can be "the nudge." Regrettably, sometimes any one of us can be the nudge of evil that was "the straw that broke the camel's back." It was our rude comment, our sarcastic remark, our decision to not get involved, our negative comment added to all the others that was the last straw that helped sorrow come about. It works the other way too. Anyone of us can be the instrument of the Holy Spirit that speaks a word of encouragement, that asks, "May I help?" or gives a sincere compliment. We can be that last nudge of our whispering God that invites, "Why don't you come to Mass with me?" "Would you like to talk about it?" "Would you like to pray with me about it?" We can be nudge of the reassurance of the presence of the Kingdom of God by telling someone of the good things the Lord has done for us. We can be the reassurance that is needed to tell someone that no matter what we have done God will forgive us if we are sorry. Don't let Satan's LIE that, "God does not want you," which is aimed at a grieving person's heart rule the dark silence of doubt and lead to despair. We can be the speaker of the TRUTH that, "God is a loving and forgiving God who wants even the worst sinner" and this truth can bring God's light and joy into that person's being. We can be the nudge of a challenging friend that says, "Have you thought about becoming Catholic? I would help you by being your sponsor.", "Have you thought about making things right with the Lord", "Have you thought about giving 'this problem', or 'your life' to God?" We can be the nudge that leads someone to consider seeking the TRUTH, "What do you think God would want you to do?" Yes, we may get rebuked, rebuffed or even scorned. Yes, this person may need a few more nudges from God's other helpers to get to the point of claiming their inheritance of God's love and life by accepting Jesus as their Savior. But we should be OK with being rebuked. We are living as disciples/friends of Christ and we should never apologize for that. Let us ask our Father in prayer to have the Holy Spirit direct our eyes, ears and heart to be His instruments of love, truth and hope in the world and not be thoughtlessly or prayerlessly a tool of the evil one. ~ **Michael Pekar**

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**LOOKING AHEAD:** Fr. Popp will be gone July 25<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>.

**MISSION COLLECTION:** Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Diocese of Virac Philippines. The collection totals were: St. Michael's - \$1,362 & St. Joseph's - \$2,123.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTO:** Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 8 p.m., Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway). Please join us as we pray for our crops, families, community, and country. Everyone is welcome: families, couples, non-members, etc.

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

**SUN., JULY 31 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**Communion Ministers:** Jill Hoheisel & Connie Kieffer

**Servers:** Jordan Marshik & Noah Solinger

**Ushers for August:** Frank Hoheisel, Steve Kahl, & Mick Gruber

**NEW LIFE IN CHRIST:** *Jamie Joseph*, son of Jarrod & Kayla Foss, was baptized on Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

## **PARISH BAZAAR NEWS:**

**Grand Raffle Donations:** If you would like to contribute to the grand raffle and have your name or your business recognized on the raffle tickets, please send your donation to the parish office at P.O. Box 428, Pierz, MN 56364, or call at 320-468-6033. Donations received by **7/25/2022** will be included on the raffle ticket. We appreciate your support!



**Catholic United Financial** will be selling hot dogs at Coborn's in Little Falls on Friday, July 29<sup>th</sup> & Saturday, July 30<sup>th</sup> from 10-6. This is a matching grant fundraiser. If shopping, please stop by.

**GRADE SCHOOL REUNION:** St. Michael's All Class Grade School Reunion will be Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> at 1 PM at Buckman Bank Tavern. Call Janice (320) 632-9332 or (320) 360-4353. Food & Beverages available for purchase.

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## **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

**\*THANK YOU!** Thank you to those who have sent donations in the parish envelopes. We are truly grateful for your generosity.

**\*Coffee-**Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

**\*Mark Your Calendar-** ECE Open House- Thursday, August 25, 5pm-7pm. All School Open House- Tuesday, August 30, 5pm-7pm. More information to come!

## **AREA NEWS:**

**\*Bazaar – St. Rita's Parish, Hillman,** Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup>. Chicken & ham dinner. \$15 adults, \$12 ages 10-18, \$7.50 ages 9 and under.

**\*Bazaar – Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls,** Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. Polka/Gospel Masses at 8:30 and 10:30 a.m.

**\*Parish Festival – St. Joseph's Church, Pierz,** Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. Mass at 10 AM featuring St. Joseph's Folk Group and Children's/Youth Choir. Outside music provided by Country Fried Grubers. Kids games for all ages and inflatables. Boutique stand, country store, pulls tabs, silent auction, gun raffle, quilt wheel, bingo, beer garden, hamburger & hot dog stand, bake sale/veggie stand, "Old Bank" pizza, cheese curds, pie booth. Grand raffle drawing at 4:00 pm.

**\*Bazaar – St. Michael's Church, Buckman,** Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>.

**FR. LEROY MAUS:** Father Leroy Maus (former pastor) will celebrate his 90<sup>th</sup> birthday and 56 years of Ordination on Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at Seven Dolors Church in Albany. He would like to invite anyone interested to the celebration. Mass at 12:15 p.m. with polka music followed by a BBQ, beer and lemonade. More details and RSVP cards can be found on the posters. Please RSVP to Fr. Maus at 320-281-5764 or by sending in the RSVP card by August 10<sup>th</sup>.

## **ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:**

**Weekday Lector: July 26<sup>th</sup> & July 29<sup>th</sup>: No Mass Scheduled**

**SAT, JULY 30 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN, JULY 31 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Communion Ministers:** Sat. – Barb Zajac, Mason Zajac, & Sarah Fyten. **Choir** – Kerri Kasper

**Sun.** – Lois & Dan Waytashek & Marvin Kimman

**Servers:** Sat. – Camren Waytashek & Danny Litke

**Sun.** – Jayden & Isabelle Zajac

**Lectors for August:** Sat.- Geri Kasper, **Sun.-** Mark Fyten

**Ushers for August:** Sat. – Lee Maus, Steve Boser, Andy Kapsner, & Mathew Stumpf. **Sun.** – Jim Gerwing, Daniel Loidolt, Mike Stangl, & Steve Maus.

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Alfred "Al" Loscheider* passed away on July 2<sup>nd</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, July 11<sup>th</sup> at Holy Cross Catholic Church in Harding with burial in St. Joseph's Church cemetery. **Ann M.**

**Storkamp** passed away on July 8<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. **Adam J. Gall** passed away on July 9<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, July 15<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church with burial in the parish cemetery.

**Steve "Owen" Meyer** passed away on July 12<sup>th</sup>. A funeral service was held at Shelley funeral chapel on Saturday, July 16<sup>th</sup> with burial in St. Joseph's Church cemetery. ***We extend our sympathy to all of these families and assure them of our prayerful support.***

**ART BOOKS:** St. Joseph's Church art books are available for pick up at the parish office. They are \$10 each.

## **GRAND RAFFLE TICKET BOOKS:**

\*A reminder that you may drop off your tickets in the collection basket, parish office or drop-off box in entry way of the office. We need all tickets, sold and unsold, returned.

\*If anyone is in need of ticket books, give the parish office a call (320) 468 6033 and the parish staff will set aside the books your requested to pick up. Thank you!

## **PARISH FESTIVAL NEWS:**

**\*Boutique:** The boutique is in need of donations of handmade items, plants, and newly purchased items. Please mark them for the boutique and leave them in the parish office. If you took dish towels to embroider, please return them to the office. Thank you. Questions call Kitti Solinger 320-360-7011 or Kathy Etzel 612-203-7423.

**\*Country Store:** We are in need of household items (pictures, ornaments, décor, figurines, electronic items), new and gently used toys. Other ideas are casino premiums, birthday gifts, leftover garage sale items, a Christmas gift you didn't love, all of these things we would love to have for our country store! We also take cash donations to buy prizes as well.

**Please no clothing or books.** Contact Stephanie Fyten at 320-360-4895 or the parish office at 468-6033 with any questions.

**\*Silent Auction:** The Silent Auction committee is looking for donations for the silent auction for the upcoming parish festival. Items should be new or like new and brought to the parish office by Thursday, Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>. Questions - Contact Beth Fischer (320)630-1046 or Nikki Girtz (320)630-4713. Thanks for your help.

**\*NOTE:** All items can be dropped off at the parish office. Please be sure to label where you would like the items to go to. Thank you!

**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER VOLUNTEERS:** The St. Cloud Hospital Spiritual Care Department is in search for additional volunteer Eucharistic Ministers. We offer training, a flexible schedule, and other perks through the Volunteer Program. If you are interested, please contact the Spiritual Care Department at (320) 251-2700, extension 54621.

**PIERZ DINING CENTER:** Bingo every Tuesday from 10:30-11:30 AM. We play 4-point smear every Wednesday and Sundays starting at 1 PM. Home cooked meals served Mon. Tues. Wed. & Fri. at 11:30 AM and Thurs. at 5 PM. To participate in the meal program, must be 60 yrs of age or handicapped. Take-out meals also available. Call 468-2160 one day in advance to reserve meal. The suggested donation is \$5. If you are homebound and live in the City of Pierz your meals can be delivered to you. For more info call the Center.

**INVITATION TO THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE HOLY**

**FAMILY:** The Christian Mothers/Women invite you to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. This spiritual journey is a journey of the host family in union with prayer partners. The host family invites The blessed Holy Family picture into their home and commits to praying the chaplet of the Holy Family each day for a week. The chaplet takes about seven minutes. Prayer partners in union with the host family petition the Holy Family to intercede for the intentions of the host family, by praying the chaplet each day. To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at 320-290-1579.

**SUMMER RETREAT:** The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite you to attend this summer's retreat, entitled *Creating Peace through Franciscan Discernment*, to be held via Zoom August 15-19. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. On Thursday and Friday, at 9:30 a.m. The retreat presenter, Sister Christine Still notes that co-creating beauty with God is at the center of Franciscan discernment. The focus of this retreat will be: How do I/we co-create beauty through peacemaking? The cost of the retreat will be \$80. For further info and to register by August 10, please call the Franciscan Life Center Office at 320-632-0668 or [franciscanlife@fslf.org](mailto:franciscanlife@fslf.org).

**WHEN ONE DOOR CLOSSES, ANOTHER OPENS: ARE YOU SEEKING SPIRITUAL DIRECTION** in your faith life and are experiencing growing pains along the way? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for September 23-25, 2022, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.