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**Office Hours:** Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 8:00 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.

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**MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30<sup>th</sup> – DECEMBER 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Tuesday, November 30**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Leon Flicker  
9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service *(only for Residents)*

**Wednesday, December 1- Saint Nick Night in Pierz**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Isabella & Math Przybilla  
7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

**Thursday, December 2**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Reconciliation of our Nation back to God  
9:30 a.m. Villa Word/Communion Service *(only for Residents)*

**Friday, December 3 HT School Mass: Mrs. Miller's 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Bob & Betty Bayerl  
8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service  
9:30 a.m. Villa +Sally Bolster *(Mass only for Residents)*  
3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

**Saturday, December 4**

4:30 p.m. Pierz +Jeanne & Martin Stang

**Sunday, December 5 – Presentation of Confirmation Candidates**

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Marguerite & Carl Merchant  
10:00 a.m. Buckman +Reiny & Ceil Przybilla, & For the People of the Parishes

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

Adult	\$ 3,782.00
High School	\$ 25.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00
Plate	\$ 204.00
	<u>\$ 4,033.00</u>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** 238

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

Adult	\$ 6,294.00
High School	\$ 18.00
Elementary	\$ 41.25
Plate	\$ 412.25
	<u>\$ 6,765.50</u>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **Nov. 20<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 170

Mass attendance **Nov. 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday:** 251

**CONFESSIONS:** Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30 a.m.

Pierz, Sat. - 3:30 p.m. or by appt.

**HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS**

**November 22** – Penny & Stella Solinger (Kari Solinger), **November 23** – Wally Brown, **November 24** – Alcuin Faust, **November 25** – Melissa Voitalla (\$200 Thanksgiving Winner), **November 26** – Maggie Wehseler, **November 27** – Barb Nelson - (\$35 Winners). **November 28** – Stacie Stewart (\$75 Winner)

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**From the Pastoral Associate:** Advent, the season of waiting, is upon us. We remember the long wait for the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. In 2021 A.D. we wait to celebrate that blessed event of the Messiah becoming known to us about 2000 years ago and His redemption of the human race. We participate in the waiting for Christ's return to Earth in Glory. This return will bring the Judgement Day for all the people of the Earth and all of humanity will be divided. The foolish people who have followed gods of money, power, fame, self-determination, greed and pride, will live with Satan in Hell forever and be separated from God's love and will suffer pain, sickness and all forms of evil forever. The wise people who have followed the one True God of love, truth, joy, peace, wisdom, and humility will live in God's love with all the Heavenly host forever. The wise will enjoy all of the aspects of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit in all of God's Creation and with communion of the Heavenly hosts which they now fully partake in. Most profoundly the wise will experience this holiness in the Beautiful One whom they have followed while waiting on the Earth. On the Earth the wise could only faintly see Him in His Creation, faintly hear Him in His word and faintly experience His love through the avenues of prayer and the Sacraments. Now the wise see Him face to face. After Judgement the frustrations of living a life of among the opposing forces of health and illness, truth and lies, unity and division, love and hate will be over. The foolish will only experience illness, lies, division and hate forever. The wise will only experience health, truth, unity and love forever. Advent is a time of waiting. Advent is a time of choosing. ~~~ Michael Pekar

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**BOX OF JOY:** Thank you to all those who participated in any way to make this season a success! We were able to collect and deliver 175 Boxes of Joy for children in poverty. God bless you for responding to the call to serve the poor! Merry Christmas!

**LOOKING A HEAD:** Wed. Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> is The Immaculate Conception of The Blessed Virgin Mary, and is a holy day of obligation. Masses are, St. Joseph's-Pierz at 5:30 p.m. and St. Michael's-Buckman at 7:00 p.m.

**Theologies of Disability and Aging:** Dec. 4, from 9-11am. Register: [www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday](http://www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday), 320-363-3560 or [theologyday@csbsju.edu](mailto:theologyday@csbsju.edu). Free online webinar.

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

**SUN., DEC. 5 @ 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Confirmation Students

**Communion Ministers:** Donna Solinger & Connie Keiffer

**Servers:** Amber Boser & Ashley Dingmann

**WED, DEC. 8 @7:00 p.m. Immaculate Conception of Mary**

**Lector:** Janice Janson

**Communion Ministers:** Randi Kranz & Bob Lochner

**Servers:** Jackson Kahl & Gabe Stangl

**USHERS FOR DECEMBER:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber, & Shane Zilka

**CHOIR NEWS:** Choir will sing on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**COFFE CAKES FOR SALE!** Buckman CM/W will be selling coffee cakes after the 10 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.

**WREATH SALE:** There will be no Christmas wreaths for sale this year from Catholic United Financial due to Covid and the sale of the company, no workers.

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**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446**

\*HTCS Annual Christmas Program: Wed., Dec. 15, HTCS Gym. 1:00 pm and 7:00 pm.

\*Holy Trinity continues to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

\*Raffle Calendars are on sale now. Please contact an HT family, or the school office, to purchase. \$25 per calendar. Must be 18 to enter.

\*HT's PTO is teaming up with Pampered Chef this holiday season for an exciting fundraiser. This is the perfect chance to stock up on Christmas gift. 15% of every order goes directly back to PTO. All orders will be shipped directly to the consumer. The fundraiser will go through Nov. 26th. Please place orders at <https://table.pamperedchef.com/party/holy-trinity-catholic-school-pta-fundraiser-180614>. If you have questions, contact Kelsy Poster at 320-290-2537.

\*St. Nick Night Boutique will be a Holy Trinity School on December 1st from 3:30-7:30 pm. The gym will be filled with vendors and crafters so you can get your holiday shopping done early. A food booth will also be on site.

**FPSR NEWS: 468-2640**

\*December 1st - St. Nick's Bonfire & S'mores for JH/SH Youth Group from 5pm-7pm, students will be helping make s'mores and give out hot cocoa at the children's shopping spree @ FPSR for St. Nick's night.

\*Confirmation Youth Mass & Presentation of Confirmation Candidates on Sunday, December 5th in all 4 parishes!

\*TOY BINGO on Sunday, December 5th 1pm-3pm in the Holy Trinity Gym! Please come and help support the students going to Steubenville!

**Advent Day of Reflection:** Sat., Dec. 4, 9:30 a.m.–3 p.m. Talks, personal reflection, and small group sharing will help us explore our own sense of being gifted by God, who is always on the way to us. Registration is required. There is no cost for the event, but donations are gratefully accepted. For more info or to register before December 2, contact the Franciscan Life Center by emailing Christi Hartwell at [chartwell@fslf.org](mailto:chartwell@fslf.org) or calling (320) 632-0680.

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

**Weekday Lector: Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>:** Al Pekarek

**SAT. DEC. 4 @ 4:30 p.m. & SUN. DEC. 5 @ 8:00 a.m.**

**Communion Ministers:** Sat. – Courtney Kroll, Kristie Kroll, & Mason Zajac, ***Choir*** – Kerri Kasper

**Sun.** – Tracy Voigt, Pat Hartmann, & David Stumpf,

**Servers:** Sat. – Rachel & Kahlee Kasper

**Sun.** – Camren Waytashek & McKenna Hoheisel

**Lectors for December:** Sat. – Al Pekarek,

**Sun.** – Confirmation Students (December 5<sup>th</sup>)

**Ushers for December:** Sat.- John Kurtz, Neal Kimman, Jeremy Virnig, & Allan Kroll, **Sun.-** Neil Korf, Floyd Mathiowetz, Larry Etzel, & Jason Sadlovsky

**WED. DEC. 8 @5:30 p.m. Immaculate Conception of Mary**

**Lector:** Keith Marshik

**Communion Ministers:** Volunteers

**Servers:** Garret & Madelyn Kessler

**DONUT & COFFEE SUNDAY,** on December 5<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 a.m. Mass. Hosted by Pierz CW/Ms. Please join us for ***DONUTS and fellowship!***

**FALL LECTOR SCHEDULE:** There are copies ready to pick up of the latest lector schedule located in the sacristy.

**MEMBER FORM:** If you have not sent back the member update form that was mailed with the quilt bingo information, please do so. Thank you!

**CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER,** During Advent a basket is placed by front side altar for baby items. Blankets, Diapers, Clothes, Money Donations and Etc. are needed. Things received will be given to families in need. Sponsored by Pierz CW/Ms. Any questions please call 468-6070.

**ST JOSEPH'S QUILTING CIRCLE:** Our first week will be Wed., Dec. 1 at 1 pm and Thurs., Dec. 2 at 9 am. You can come and go as you please. We will be tying and stitching. No experience necessary. Any questions call Eileen at 320-360-2434 or Chris at 468-2164.

**DISH TOWELS ARE READY!** Looking for something to do this winter? Dish towels are stamped & ready to be picked up for the Boutique On The Hill Stand for the church bazaar. Please return them to the office when finished. ***Thank you!***

**St. Joseph's Parish Prayer Line:** Call Karen at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel at [rjyoung0521@gmail.com](mailto:rjyoung0521@gmail.com).

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**AREA NEWS:**

\***KC Breakfast, Church of St. Joseph's, St Joseph,** Heritage Hall, Sun., Dec 5, from 8:30 am-12 pm. Menu, Pep's pork sausage, St. Joseph Meat Market sausage, pancakes, hash browns, scrambled eggs, caramel & cinnamon rolls, includes beverages. \$10 adults & \$4 ages 6-12. Accepting credit cards.

\***Church of Holy Spirit, St. Cloud, KC Chili Drive-thru fundraiser,** Fri. Dec. 10, 4-6pm, Sat. Dec. 11, 3:30-5:30pm. Qrt of chili-\$9, 2 qrts-\$17. 1-lb loaf-French bread-\$3. Family Special: 2 qrts & 2 loaves-\$20. 2lb loaf of St. John's Bread \$8. SJU Special: 2 qrts & 1 loaf of St. John's Bread-\$25.

\***Breakfast, Holy Spirit Church, St. Cloud,** Sun, Dec 12, from 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., menu features ham, sausage, pancakes with fruit toppings, scrambled eggs, hash browns, cinnamon and caramel rolls, fruit and beverages. Adults \$10, Children ages 5-17 \$5 and age 4 and under eat free.