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Office Hours: Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Wed. 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. closed on Fridays. Parish office number 468-6033.

Regular Mass Times for Area Community Parishes:

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.

MASSSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 20th – JULY 25th 2021

Tuesday, July 20

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Nora Poginy

Wednesday, July 21

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Anna Gangl

7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, July 22

8:00 a.m. Buckman For the Recipients of Prayer Blankets

Friday, July 23

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Elaine & Edward Grittner

8:30 a.m. Buckman Word/Communion Service

9:30 a.m. Villa +Flip Spanier (*Mass only for Residents*)

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, July 24

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

Sunday, July 25

8:00 a.m. Pierz +Edward & Elaine Grittner, & For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Buckman Chuck & Karen Gruber's 50th Wedding Anniversary

ST. MICHAEL'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 4,603.00

High School \$ 3.00

Elementary \$ 3.25

Plate \$ 477.00

\$ 5,086.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 11th Sunday:** 195

ST. JOSEPH'S WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

Adult \$ 6,918.00

High School \$ 4.00

Elementary \$ 1.75

Plate \$ 354.00

\$ 7,277.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 10th Saturday:** 163

Mass attendance **July 11th Sunday:** 229

CONFESSIONS: Buckman, Thurs. - 7:30

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

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR WINNERS

July 12 – Melanie Gall, **July 13** – Dave Saehr, **July 14** – Michael Leidenfrost, **July 15** – Ken & Diane Hoheisel, **July 16** – Karsen Engel (Marie Woitalla), **July 17** – Gunnar Popilek - (\$35 Winners). **July 18** – Mason Zajac (\$75 Winner).

From the Pastoral Associate: Awareness and support are two very different things. Perhaps even a good definition of a friend is one who is aware of our difficulties and suffering **and supports us** in whatever way they can. (*Sidenote: Maybe that is a good definition of a pet dog too. Sorry, I think cats just exist around us: kind of like how we can sometimes just exist around God without any real attachment. Hmm. God and me. Am I like a dog or a cat?*) One of the most painful things to experience is to be a friend of someone and have them not allow you to help them in a time of need or suffering. I am sure this is also painful to God. God, of course, is aware of everything that affects us and loves us dearly. Like a true friend He will not force His help, companionship, comfort, healing, or blessings upon us if we do not request it or desire it. If we choose to suffer alone, that is our choice and God respects our choice even if it leads us to hell during or after this Earthly life. Are there areas of my life I have declared off-limits to God because I do not trust Him? Are there things, that I am trying to deal with alone and have yet to ask God for help with because of my pride? We all need to let God be our friend by inviting Him into all we are involved with in life. While God loves us dearly and wants to support us, He is a polite God, meek and humble of heart and God is waiting. God is always patiently, eagerly waiting for us to ask Him for His help, His friendship. ~~~ *Michael Pekar ~ Don't forget there are Scripture Reflection Questions on the Website.*

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO: Please join the local KCs as we pray the Rosary at the Grotto (Corner of Hwy 25 & Hwy 27, across from Speedway) at 8p.m. on Wednesday, July 21st. Everyone is welcome to join us!

PIERZ DINING CENTER We are happy to announce the Pierz Dining Center will be re-opening for activities starting on Tuesday, August 3rd with Bingo at 10:30. Wednesday, August 4th - 4 Point Smear at 1:00. We will play bingo and cards each week. At this time, the dining room is closed for in house meals. Home delivery and take out are available. Call: 320-468-2160. Soon we will be open for onsite dining. We will have a grand re-opening early Fall.

Breast Cancer Benefit for Beth (Dehler) Trutwin on July 24 from 4-8 PM at Frosty's in Pierz. If you would like to donate contact Apryl 320-291-7467 or Becky 320-360-3721

Celebrate Natural Family Planning (NFP) Awareness Week July 25-31! This is a great time to learn about NFP and God's plan for your marriage. The theme this year from the USCCB is, "To Have, To Hold, To Honor." Supporting God's gifts of love and life in marriage. If you have questions or would like additional resources contact Sheila Reineke at 320-258-7609 or sreineke@gw.stcdio.org

Bishop's Annual Appeal: Did you know that in June the Bishop's Annual Appeal distributed \$188,200 directly to parishes and Catholic high schools to support Catholic school education and faith formation? To donate, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

ST. MICHAEL'S NEWS & ACTIVITIES:

SUN., JULY 25th @10:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

Communion Ministers: Alice Nordmann & Kay Pappenfus

Servers: Quinn Gruber & Westin Hoheisel

Ushers For August: John Grittner & Mick Gruber

CONGRATULATIONS: To Zack & Marissa (Pollard) Peterson who were married this weekend!

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 P.O. Box 428, Pierz, MN 56364 or call at 320-468-6033. Donations received by 7/26/2021 will be included on the raffle ticket. *We appreciate your support!*

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: 468-6446

****Employment opportunity:*** Reading Corp tutors for K-3. Contact the school office for more information.

****2021-22 Registration is open for enrollment. Go to, www.holytrinitypierz.org or contact the school office.***

****Holy Trinity continues to sell gourmet coffee grown in Guatemala. The coffee is available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.***

****Reminder that the HTCS Playground is a private playground not only during the school year, but during the summer as well. The playground is for the students and children in our childcare program. Thank you for your respect and consideration.***

FPSR NEWS: 468-2640

Steubenville, July 23rd – 25th. FPSR is in need of a few volunteers for the 2021/22 school year. We are asking people to prayerfully consider volunteering and teaching religion for one of the following grades. First grade Tuesdays from 1 to 2 PM, second grade Tuesdays from 2 to 3 PM, or Thursdays fifth grade 2 to 3 PM. For more info., please contact Mark Hoheisel at 320-360-1539

Celebrate the Anniversary of *Humanae vitae!* Mass and Award Reception July 29, 2021! Mark your calendars! The Diocese of Saint Cloud will celebrate the Anniversary of *Humanae Vitae* on Thursday, July 29th, at the Cathedral of Saint Mary in Saint Cloud. The celebration will begin with Mass at 7p.m. with Bishop Donald Kettler presiding. The *Humanae Vitae* Award Reception will follow Mass. The recipient of the 2021 *Humanae Vitae* Award will be **Sue Ek.**

Foster Grandparent Program: Currently there are openings here in Pierz. Adult's age 55 and over can receive an hourly tax-free stipend for volunteering as little as 8 hours per week (or more if they wish) assisting children with activities, reinforcing learning, helping with art projects, and more. This is a great opportunity if you have time to spare, love to be with children, and could use some extra non-taxable income. For more information, please call Jon at Catholic Charities at 320-229-4593 or toll-free at 1-866-895-7992.

ST. JOSEPH'S NEWS AND ACTIVITIES:

Weekday Lector: July 20th & 23rd: Mary Kimman

SAT. JULY 24th @4:30 p.m., & SUN. JULY 25th @8:00 a.m.

Communion Ministers: Sat. July 24 – Grace Stumpf, Sara Stumpf, & Jan Dahmen, ***Choir*** – Kerri Kasper

Sun. July 25 – Marvin Kimman, Dan & Lois Waytashek

Servers: Sat. July 24 – Louis Gruber & Camren Waytashek

Sun. July 25 – Braiden Maus & Alana Rocheleau

Lectors For August: Sat. – Geri Kasper, **Sun.** – Gary Poser

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

GRAND RAFFLE TICKET BOOKS: If anyone is in need of ticket books, give the parish office a call (320) 468 6033 and staff will have the number of ticket books you request recorded and set aside to pick up. Thank you!

PARISH BAZAAR NEWS:

****Country Store:*** We are in need of household items (pictures, ornaments, figurines etc. or even electronic items (working clocks etc.)). **Please no clothing or books.** Country Store is especially in need of kid items such as new and gently used toys, items, and decor. Contact Tracy Voigt at (320) 630 1264 with any questions.

****Fancy Booth:*** This year the fancy booth is expanding into a gift boutique. Please bring donations of handmade items, plants, or newly purchased items. Please label them for the Fancy Booth/Boutique and drop your item off at the parish office. Any questions please call Kathy Etzel at 468-2105 or Kitty Solinger at 320-360-7011.

****Silent Auction:*** We are collecting items for the silent auction for the Pierz Festival. Please drop items off at the parish office before Monday, July 26th. Thanks for your help.

*****NOTE:*** If you are dropping items off at the parish office **PLEASE** label where you would like the items to go to, especially if they are being left in the entryway. Thank you!

AREA NEWS:

****Bazaar, Church of St. John, Foley,*** on July 18, 2021, from 11am-4pm. The day's festivities include a raffle, silent auction, adult and children's bingo, children's games, bake sale, food stand, and much more! All are welcome!

****Our Lady of Lourdes (Little Falls)*** is holding its annual summer bazaar on Sunday, July 25. Polka/Gospel Mass at 8:30AM & 10:30AM. Musical entertainment by Laverne and the Starlites from 12-4PM. Festivities include outdoor food booth, homemade pie and ice cream, bingo, pull tabs, beer garden, arts & crafts, silent auction, live auction, kids games, raffle & more.

****St. Rita's Bazaar - Hillman,*** Sunday, July 25th. The day will have food stands, beer garden, kids games, bingo, sportsman's raffle, auction at 2:30p.m. and grand raffle at 5p.m.

****St. Joseph's Church - Pierz,*** Parish Festival will be held August 1st, 2021. Mass will be at 10 a.m.

****Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Urbank*** invites everyone to their Annual Bazaar on Sunday, September 5, 2021. Mass will be at 10:30AM followed with a Braised Beef & Ham dinner from 11:00 AM - 2PM. Games, silent auction, refreshments, 2PM concert by Connie Lee Stich and fun for the whole family!

****St. Michael's Church – Buckman,*** Parish Festival will be held on September 19th, 2021. Mass will be at 10 a.m.