

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
December 11, 2022
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK:

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

Tuesday	Dec. 13	7:00 pm	+John Borgstrom
Saturday	Dec 17	8:00 pm	For Thanksgiving
Sunday	Dec 18	10:45 am	+Evelyn, Virgil, Jeff, Bruce and Victoria Ortman

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Dec. 14	8:00 am	Parishes
Thursday	Dec. 15	8:00 am	Holy Name Society
Sunday	Dec. 18	8:45 am	Parishes

*Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer-25 minutes before Mass at both Parishes.

*Confessions-Saturday, 7:15 at St. John Nepomuk Church and Sunday, 8:00 am at Holy Cross Church

HOLY CROSS CHURCH:

Sunday, December 18 at 8:45 am

Ushers: Andy Woitalla & Allen Stuckmeyer
Servers: Adam Woitalla & Eli Kapus
Lector: Janet Hanneken
E.Minister: Doug Knopik & /Debbie Hoheisel
Rosary: Gloria Woitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, December 17 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Jonathan Welle & Cory Loidolt
Server: Smudes
Lector: Faye Diederich
E. Minister: Dale Beierman

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, December 18 at 10:45 am

Ushers: Richard & Stacy Monson
Server: Brittany Schommer
Lector: Alice or Ruth Virnig-Clemons
E.Minister: Karen Schommer

WEEKEND MASS TIMES IN PIERZ AND BUCKMAN-Fr. Kenneth Popp

Saturday at 4:30 PM in Pierz; Sunday 8:00 AM in Pierz and 10:00 AM in Buckman

SHEPHERDS VOICE:

The Third Sunday of Advent, the *Gaudete* (Rejoice) Sunday, is upon us which also means Christmas is round the corner. We strive to make everything look merry and bright. This makes us busier than ever during these final days before Christmas. As we keep ourselves busy with all the preparations, the Rejoice antiphon, "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice. Indeed the Lord is near" sets a tone of joyful expectation for the Lord's birth and Second Coming. Let us rejoice. Because among us is God- Emmanuel.
-Fr. Jose

HOLY CROSS PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, December 4; Adults, \$1510.00 (50 env); Children, \$19.88 (21 env); Adult loose, \$55.00; Children loose. \$1.00
Thanksgiving, \$87.00 (3 env); Immaculate Conception, \$4.00 (2 env); Votive, \$24.00; Christmas Flowers, \$95.00 (7 env)
Education, \$60.00 (2 env); Education FPSR, \$20.00 (1 env); Basement rental, \$215.00

WREATH AND TREE OF LIGHTS:

The lights are beginning to be put on and we now have the wreaths either for the cemetery or for your homes. There are extra forms on the table in the entry. It is also posted on the web page listed under bulletin. WREATHS will be sold before and after Mass until they are gone! You do not have to be a parishioner to purchase bulbs or to be listed on the tree. It is for everyone! All names are read at the Christmas Masses in Harding. **Only 2 weeks left!!**

MEMORY ORNAMENT TREE:

The tree for ornaments in memory of your loved ones who have passed away will be up by next Sunday, December 11. Bring one of your ornaments to church and put your loved ones name on the ornament and hang it on the Memory tree in the front on the altar or leave it there and someone will hang it for you!

HARDING PLACE GIFT TREE:

The tree is up, the lights are lit, and the tags are waiting to be picked up and a gift purchased. Once again, we are sponsoring a gift tree for the residents of Harding Place, Please wrap your gift, attach the tag and return it to the church no later than Mass time on Sunday, December 18th. Thank you from all the residents and staff at Harding Place.

ROSARY SODALITY/HOLY NAME CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Party will be held **TODAY** starting at 2:00PM. There will be a potluck supper at 4:30PM. Ladies are asked to bring a dish to share All members and their spouses are invited. All ladies wishing to exchange a gift are asked to bring a \$15 gift to exchange

COOKIES FOR SHUT INS:

Cookies will be wrapped at the Christmas Party. All Rosary Sodality members are asked to bring **3** dozen cookies to the church basement on December 11th to be packaged for shut ins. **We are asking for 3 dozen cookies from each member!** Thank you!

CHURCH DECORATING:

Anyone who wishes to help decorate the Church for Christmas is welcome to help next Sunday. We will decorate immediately after Mass next Sunday, December 18, 2022. All are welcome!

NEW SCHEDULES:

The January schedules are ready and available on the church in the entryway

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Bev Copa, Sheryl Cronquist, Abigail Cyr, Jeannette Cyr, Daisy Dembouski, Dusty Dembouski, Grace Dembouski, Ivy Dembouski, Kari Dembouski

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, December 4: Adult, \$786.00; Loose, \$393.00; Child, \$2.00; Child loose, \$5.00; Thanksgiving, \$100.00

BAR BINGO:

Bingo today and every Sunday at 5:00 pm at Tiny’s Tavern. Jackpots are 50 numbers for \$1000 and 47 numbers for \$400. Please join us and try your luck. St. Johns Gaming #02115.

NEWS FOR BOTH HOLY CROSS AND ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES:

Tuesday, December 13 from 6:00 PM– 6:45PM at St. John’s
Sunday, December 18 from 4:00 AM -5:00PM at St. John’s

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:

Your donations to Retirement Fund for Religious provides vital support for senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. Please consider making a generous gift.

ENERGY BILL HELP:

Need help paying your energy bills? Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs, may assist with furnace repairs and could offer energy efficiency home upgrades for income qualified customers. Please call **1-800-657-3710** for assistance

PIERZ DINING CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY:

The Pierz Dining Center will be having their annual Christmas Party on Thursday, December 15th. Entertainment will be the Harding Guitar Group starting at 3:30. Dinner will be served at 5:00. Everyone 60 years of age or handicapped is encouraged to join us. There are never any income limits to dine at the Center. The suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00. Please call **320-468-2160** by December 12th to reserve your dinner, Space is limited so please call early!

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship as a Way of Life: “You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand.” James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts he has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God’s will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

BISHOP’S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Blessings to you and those you love on this third Sunday of Advent. Our diocesan ministries are walking with you as we joyfully anticipate the birth of our savior who comes to us to save us from our sins and bring new life. Please support these ministries with an end-of-the-year gift at **www.stcdio.org/annualappeal**

SUNDAY BREAKFAST:

Please join us for breakfast **Today**, serving from 8:30 AM -12:30 PM at Church of the Holy Spirit, 2405 Walden Way, St. Cloud. The menu is ham, sausage, pancakes with fruit, scrambled eggs, hash browns, cinnamon and caramel rolls, fruit and beverages. Adults, \$10, Children ages 5-17 \$5 and ages 4 and under eat free!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the following: Gerard Virnig, Nikki Johnson Darrel Cronquist, Serena Truskowski, Lois Roscoe, Janie Zabel, Richie Zabel, Gina Virnig, Fran Groover (LF), Donny Schommer, Joelle Hayes, Lucy Hanson, JoAnn Kummet McDonald, Scott Bednar, Jerod Bursch (Foley), Romelle Kurtz, Kenny LeBlanc, Jerry Brill, Micah Olson, Doris Weiss, Pete Hoheisel, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Eric Halbert, Jack Poster, Aaron Boser, Karen Schommer, Ione Hoskins. Please call me at 320-360-9720 or for Lastrup call 468-6395.

HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: LEARNING WITH A FAITH FOUNDATION 468-6446

***RAFFLE CALENDARS**-Calendars must be purchased by December 16, 2022.

***JARED’S TOY DRIVE**-Donations are due by December 16, 2022.

***COFFEE**-Guatemalan coffee is always 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

RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

Dec. 4-Clint Kimman-\$75	Dec. 5-Harold Hinkemeyer-\$35	Dec. 6-Cory Boser-\$35
Dec. 7-Betsy Fuhrman-\$35	Dec. 8-Luann Hoheisel-\$35	Dec. 9-Josh Athman-\$35 Dec. 10-Dai T. Ha-\$35

BULLETIN INFORMATION

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*Please get information to me by 5:00 PM on Thursday. Thank you!