

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH**  
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**THIRD SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY TIME**  
January 22, 2023  
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**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**  
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**MASSES FOR WEEK:**

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK**

Tuesday	Jan 24	7:00 pm	+Caroline & Loren Schmidtz
Saturday	Jan 28	8:00 pm	+Parishes
Sunday	Jan 29	10:45 am	Pierz Fire Department

**HOLY CROSS:**

Wednesday	Jan 25	8:00 am	Rosary Sodality
Thursday	Jan 26	8:00 am	+Edward Woitalla
Sunday	Jan. 29	8:45 am	+Joe Dembouski

\*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, January 29 at 8:45 am

Ushers:	Allen & LeRoy Woitalla
Servers:	Maverick Woitalla & Elliott Carmona
Lector:	Lynn Dukowitz
E.Minister:	Diane Virnig & Debbie Hoheisel
Rosary:	Gloria Woitalla

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:**

Saturday, January 28 at 8:00 pm

Ushers:	Ron & Barb Specker
Server:	Smudes
Lector:	Dale Beierman
E. Minister:	Carol Welle

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:**

Sunday, January 29 at 10:45 am

Ushers	Donny Schommer & David Welle
Server:	Kimmins
Lector:	Laurel or Ruth Virnig-Clemons
E.Minister:	Karen Schommer

**SHEPHERDS VOICE:**

The third Sunday in Ordinary Time is devoted to the celebration, study, and dissemination of the Word of God. **Bible tells us how God speaks and acts in order to encounter all men and women and to save them from evil and death.** To achieve this saving purpose, sacred Scripture, by the working of the Holy Spirit, makes human words written in human fashion become the word of God. The work of the Holy Spirit has to do not only with the formation of sacred Scripture; it is also operative in those who hear the word of God. Therefore, sacred Scripture is to be read and interpreted in the light of the same Spirit through whom it was written. When sacred Scripture is read in the light of the same Spirit by whom it is written, it remains ever new. Let us draw daily nourishment from God's word and become like Jesus. **Fr. Jose**

**HOLY CROSS PARISH:**

**STEWARDSH**

Sunday, January 15; Adults, \$97f4.00 (34 env); Children, \$2.75 (3 env); Adult loose, \$171.00; Children loose, \$14.00

**FEBRUARY SCHEDULES:**

The new schedules are available on the table in the entry. It has also been requested to put the phone numbers out if you have to call for a replacement, if you can't make it. The phone number list is attached to this schedule. Please save for future reference.

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH**

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, January 15: Adult, \$4188.00; Loose, \$176.00; Child loose, \$34.00; Votive, \$23.00

**BAR BINGO NEWS:**

Come To the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6 PM. The next bingo will be Tuesday, January 24, 2023 at 6:00 PM at The Fisch House. Jackpots will be 54 numbers for \$1000 and 51 numbers for \$400. Please join us and try your luck. St. Johns Gaming #02115

**MOONLIGHT BINGO:**

We will be hosting a Moonlight Bingo on Saturday, January 28, 2023 at The Fisch House in Lastrup at 7:00 PM. We will play 13 games. Pots will be \$99.00. We will also have 2 coverall games for \$1000 each. All payouts are guaranteed! Please plan on joining us for a fun time and a chance to win some money! Hope to see you there! St. John's gaming #02115

**PARISH COUNCIL NEWS:**

\*Crying room ceiling is done and Sacristy should be done by the end of the week

\*Raffle & Picnic date is set for May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023

\*Looking at getting an updated list for calling volunteers for funeral help with preparing, serving and cleaning up

\*Facebook page is up and running under the name St. John Nepomuk Church Lastrup

### **COUNCIL NEWS CONTINUED:**

\*Acc Church directory will have 2 photo sessions is Lastrup, 3 Harding, 4 Buckman and 8 Pierz. More info to come

\*Please get information (phone numbers, address, family members, etc) updated by the end of January for the directory

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

#### **BEWARE OF SCAM:**

If you get a text or message from Fr. Jose saying that he needs your help and you should call the number they give. DO NOT CALL!

#### **PARISH DIRECTORY:**

This week, each parish family will receive a letter with detailed information to schedule your family appointment for the parish church directory. Using the information provided in the letter, families will be able to schedule appointments online or after liturgy on designated weekends. Photography sessions will be scheduled between February 15<sup>th</sup> and March 11<sup>th</sup> at each of the parishes. Families can attend a session at their own parish or a session at another parish based on your family schedule. The Parish Church committee members are Teresa Thesing, Holy Cross (320-360-9720), Louise Welle, St. John's (320-360-1345), Kathy Etzel, St. Joseph (612-203-7423), Jessica LeBlanc, St. Michael (320-630-0807). If you have any questions, please contact your parish representative. Each parish will need volunteers to assist with this large project. Please contact your parish representative to volunteer a few hour of time. Thank you!

#### **26<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL KC BUFFALO RAFFLE AND APPRECIATION:**

The buffalo raffle will be held on January 28, 2023. Meal starts at 4:00 PM and we serve until 8:00 PM. Drawing will be held at 8:15 PM and this is all at the Pierz Ballroom. Tickets for the raffle are \$10 each, with half the proceeds going to the American Cancer Society. The meal cost is \$10.00 and you get a burger, beans, potato salad and homemade bars. Music during the feed by the Waltzateer Band, this makes for a fun evening and a great way to help the KC's with their fundraiser. Also, there will be another gun raffle at the feed. If you want to purchase a ticket, you can do so at the feed or from any KC member or some of the businesses.

#### **KC BUFFALO RAFFLE ANNOUNCEMENT:**

All KC members are asked to bring a pan of bars to the Pierz Ballroom for the Appreciation meal on Saturday, Jan. 28, 2023. Anyone that can help in working in any way, please come to the ballroom around 2:00 PM or any time that works for you. **We really need help cleaning up!** Also, please return all tickets (**sold or unsold**) to the person that gave them to you (before Saturday) or bring them to the Ballroom on Saturday. Thank you for all your help in making this a great fundraiser for the St. Isidore's Council.

#### **PRAYER FOR LIFE AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL:**

January 22 is the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Even though we experienced much progress in 2022 in our efforts to protect the unborn from the sin of abortion, please join us for an afternoon of prayer on Sunday, January 22, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, as we continue to ask our Lord for still greater protection for the most defenseless among us. Beginning at 3:00 PM, there will be an hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a short reflection on some "missionaries of life". Confessions will be offered, and the hour will end with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

#### **CENTRAL MN KOINON IA:**

**How does your pet greet you when you get home?** Are you that excited to greet Jesus at Mass? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, 2023 at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost for the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

#### **STEWARDSHIP:**

##### **Stewardship as a Way of Life:**

*"He called them and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him"* -Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure in supporting the financial needs of our parish mission.

#### **BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL**

Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal)

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please pray for the following: Glen Anderson, Sharon Barrett, Helen Schlegel Jill Kurtz Libby, Alvina Kisor, Carmen Britz, Gerard Virnig, Darrel Cronquist, Serena Truskowski, Lois Roscoe, Janie Zabel, Richie Zabel, Gina Virnig, Fran Groover (LF), Donny Schommer, Lucy Hanson, JoAnn Kummert 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, Aaron Boser, Karen Schommer, Ione Hoskins. Please call me at 320-360-9720 or for Lastrup call 468-6395.

#### **HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL: GROWING TOGETHER IN GOD'S LOVE 468-6446**

\***CALLING ALL QUILTERS!** We have just a few class quilts left to be put together. Please contact the HTCS office if you are able to help in any way!

\***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

\***CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK**-January 29-February 4, 2023. See the attached sheet for our upcoming activities.

##### **RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:**

Jan. 15-Ryan & Dailin Tretter-\$75      Jan 16-Kurt Kliber-\$35      Jan 17-Gregg & Kristi Marshik-\$35  
Jan 18-Jeff Stock-\$35      Jan 19-Steve Gottwalt-\$35      Jan 20-Diane Virnig-\$35      Jan. 21-Jeremy Gulden-\$35

**BULLETIN INFORMATION:**

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