

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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**SOLEMNITY OF EPIPHANY
OF THE LORD**
January 8, 2023
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK:

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

Tuesday	Jan 10	7:00 pm	+Janet Tretter
Saturday	Jan 14	8:00 pm	+Nate Rothstein
Sunday	Jan 15	10:45 am	Parishes

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Jan 11	8:00 am	+Diane Brisk
Thursday	Jan 12	8:00 am	Holy Name Society
Sunday	Jan. 15	8:45 am	+Mark, Roman, Pam Voitalla & Lisa Ginter

*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 15 at 8:45 am

Ushers: Allen Stuckmeyer & Willie Rudolph
Servers: Elliott Carmona & Eli Kapus
Lector: Dave Skwira
E.Minister: Leonard Thesing & Doug Knopik
Rosary: Gloria Voitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, January 14 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Cory Loidolt & Gary Diederich
Server: Thomas Gross
Lector: Dale Beierman
E. Minister: Barb Specker

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, January 15 at 10:45 am

Ushers: Donny Schommer & Karl Purinton
Server: Brittney Schommer
Lector: Louise Welle
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:

We celebrate the great feast of Epiphany this Sunday. The Epiphany is the manifestation of Jesus as Messiah of Israel, Son of God, and Savior of the world. We celebrate the adoration of Jesus by the wise men (magi) from the East, together with his baptism in the Jordan and the wedding feast at Cana in Galilee. Let us offer our hearts as a gift to the Lord, and praise and thank him for humbling himself for our salvation. **Fr. Jose**

HOLY CROSS PARISH:

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Sunday, January 1; Adults, 2888.00 (21 env); Children, \$2.00 (2 env); Adult loose, \$230.00; Christmas, \$385.00 (7 env)
New Years, \$10.00 (1 env); Votive, \$32.58; Wreath sales, \$1360.00; Tree of lights, \$3975.00

CHRISTMAS DECORATION REMOVAL:

We will be taking down all Christmas decorations after Mass **TODAY**, the Feast of the Epiphany. Any help would be greatly appreciated. All are welcome!

DONUT SUNDAY:

January's donut Sunday will be next Sunday, January 15 after Mass. Please join us for donuts, refreshments and fellowship!

THANK YOU:

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Tree of Lights and Wreath Sales again this year. Wow! It was our biggest year in 15 years of doing it. We sold a total of 263 bulbs and 68 wreaths, plus \$440.00 in donations. We took in a total of \$5335.00, minus the cost of the wreaths, so our total profit was \$4519.00. We personally had hoped we could reach a goal of \$50,000.00 in 15 years! You did it! Our 15 year total is now \$50,238,50! We thank you so much! We need all your help to do this. We have done a lot of great projects and improvements with this money. Thank you for all your support. Thank you, Bev Schubert and Kathy Hebler for watching our table at the craft fair.

ENVELOPES:

Our 2023 collection envelopes have not arrived yet. Please just put your donation in an envelope until they arrive. We will have blank envelopes in the back of church, or you can use your own. Please put your name on so we can credit you. Thank You for supporting our church.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, January 1: Adult, \$858.00; Loose, \$352.00; loose, \$310.00, Retired religious, \$25.00; child envelope, \$2.00, Child loose, \$22.00; Christmas, \$715.00; Initial offering, \$10.00; Votive, \$8.00

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

There will be a Finance Council meeting at 6:30 PM Thursday, January 12th and a Parish Council meeting at 7:30 PM.

BAR BINGO NEWS:

Tiny's Tavern has been sold and will now be known as The Fisch House. There will NOT be any bingo on Sunday January 8. They are switching bingo to every Tuesday night at 6:00 PM. The next bingo will be Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 6:00 PM at The Fisch House. Jackpots will be 52 numbers for \$1000 and 49 numbers for \$400. Please join us and try your luck. St. Johns Gaming #02115

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

NEED HELP?

Are you feeling overwhelmed in your daily life? Jesus can help you weather the storm. 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 for more information and to register for retreats.

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship as a Way of Life: *"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh"*

-Matthew 2:11

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Have you read the Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter or Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan website for resources? All of these communication tools inform us of the latest Catholic news and are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at www.stedio.org/annualappeal

HARDING FIREARM SAFETY COURSE:

Local area volunteer instructors who have been certified by the Department of Natural Resources have scheduled their annual Firearm Safety Training classes. Participants MUST be 11 years old by January 19th, 2023 to enroll. Adults are welcome to take the class. All individuals born after 12/31/1979 must complete this course to hunt. A parent or guardian must be present the first class to pay a nominal fee and to gather instructions regarding their child's certification upon completion of the class and field day. Classes will begin on Thursday, January 19th, 2023 in the Holy Cross Church basement in Harding. Class times are from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. They will run for seven consecutive Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Hebler at [320-745-2565](tel:320-745-2565), Dave Skwira at [320-277-6135](tel:320-277-6135), Ron Will at [320-468-6636](tel:320-468-6636), Michelle Froelich at [320-277-3275](tel:320-277-3275), John Weiss at [320-277-6229](tel:320-277-6229), Tonya Poser at [320-468-2965](tel:320-468-2965) or Tyler Hebler at [320-360-2095](tel:320-360-2095). Field Day will be scheduled later and held in the Spring of 2023.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the following: 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, 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

***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

***HAPPY NEW YEAR!** We pray you have a blessed year ahead. May God's light guide your way in 2023.

RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:

Jan. 1-Mary Gritzmacher-\$200	Jan 2-Randy Gulden-\$35	Jan 3-Judy Peine-\$35
Jan 4-Andy Nieman-\$35	Jan 5-Amber Woitalla-\$35	Jan 6-Brandon Hoffman-\$35
Jan 7-Greg Pohlkamp-\$35		

BULLETIN INFORMATION:

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