

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

February 26, 2023
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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MASSES FOR WEEK:**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK**

Tuesday	Feb. 28	7:00 pm	+Marge Seppelt
Friday	March 3	7:00 pm	Mass (followed by Stations)
Saturday	March 4	8:00 pm	+Wayne Thomsen
Sunday	March 5	10:45 am	+John Kasper, Mary Ann Kasper, Joe Gruber

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	March 1	7:30 pm	+Edward Voitalla (followed by Stations)
Thursday	March 2	8:00 am	+Ardell Killeaney, Eddie & Denny Bednarek
Sunday	March 5	8:45 am	The 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 March 5 at 8:45 am

Ushers: Willie Rudolph & Allen Stuckmeyer
 Servers: Elliott Carmona & Adam Voitalla
 Lector: Will Corbett
 E.Minister: Gary Matlock
 Rosary: Gloria Voitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, March 4 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Gary Diederich & Cory Loidolt
 Server: Smudes
 Lector: Mark Loidolt
 E.Minister: Carol Welle

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, March 5 at 10:45 am

Ushers: Diane & Dale Schmidt
 Server: Zach Gall
 Lector: Children's
 E.Minister: Traci 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:

Lent must help us see and shorten the distance between our present lives and the life God wants for each of us. We might see that distance only if we set apart a few minutes for an examination of conscience before we go to bed each day. When we see that distance we might want to give up some of the following things that cause that distance: grumbling, harsh judgements, judging by appearance, worry, bitterness, hatred, anger, pettiness, gloom, jealousy, gossiping, ...Then our hearts will be rid of what poisons it and be ready to be filled with God's infinite love. **Fr. Jose**

HOLY CROSS PARISH:**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, February 19; Adults, \$1530.00 (40 env); Children, \$33.01 (33 env); Adult loose, \$150.00; Children loose, \$5.00
 Energy contribution from gun training group, \$300.00; Energy, \$10.00 (1 env)

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Judy Boser, Stacy Gahler, Kate Krych, DeeDee Litke, Jill Litke, Renee Litke, Rhonda Thomas, Laurette Waytashek

HOLY TRINITY CARNIVAL RAFFLE TICKETS:

A Holy Trinity family will be selling raffle tickets at \$5 each before and after Mass on Sundays in the entry of the Church. The drawing will be March 26th.

DONUT SUNDAY:

Next Sunday, March 5 will be donut Sunday. Please plan on joining us after Mass.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH

STEWARDSHIP: No numbers available for this week!

COUNCIL MEETINGS:

There will be a Finance Council Meeting Thursday, March 9th at 6:30 PM followed by a Pastoral Council Meeting at 7:30 PM.

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, February 28, Jackpots will be 59 numbers for \$1000 and 56 numbers for \$400. Please join us and try your luck. St. John's gaming #02115

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

PARISH DIRECTORY:

Photographs this week are at St. Joseph Church, Pierz. The scheduled dates and times are Tuesday February 28, Wednesday, March 1 Thursday March 2 and Friday, March 3 from 2 to 8: and Saturday, March 4 from 10 an to 4 pm. Use the online scheduling or set up a time in person, after the weekend Masses to schedule your family or individual portrait time. We will have volunteers eager to help you after Mass. The whole picture process takes 45 minutes to an hour. Each family photographed receives a complimentary 8 x 10 portrait sent postage free to their home plus a complimentary directory. Schedule your family soon! On-line scheduling use the **Church Code: mn335 and Password: photos**

THANK YOU:

A huge Thank you to everyone who signed up and had their pictures taken this week in both Parishes. It was great to have your cooperation! If you have not gotten it taken yet and want to go to Pierz to get photographed or if you would like to submit a picture you may contact either Louise Welle 320-360-1345 or Teresa Thesing 320-360-9720 and we can help you get scheduled in Pierz.

LENTEN BIBLE STUDY:

Looking for something to do this Lent? Join our weekly Lenten Bible study at St. John's Parish Center in Lastrup starting Monday, March 6 at 8 PM. The Bible study will be on living the Gospel by building habits for a life of faith. We will meet Mondays at 8 PM. If interested or want more information, contact Mark Loidolt at [701-388-2323](tel:701-388-2323) or markloidolt@gmail.com Bring friends!

UNITED FOR LIFE RALLY-FEBRUARY 28:

Join pro-lifers from across Minnesota for this pro-life day at the Capitol. There will be great speakers and a 10 AM rally in the Capitol rotunda before you meet with your legislators to advocate for bills that support women, children, and families. The day will also include educational opportunities, the chance to connect with pro-lifer organizations and businesses, a dedicated room to pray for our legislators, and a diaper drive (bring opened or unopened packs of disposable diapers for parents in need). Register today at unitedforlifemn.org

EXTRA TIMES OF SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION IN LENT:

Confessions are scheduled at 6:15 PM on Fridays of the Lent at St. John's besides the regular 7:15 PM on Saturdays Holy Cross will have Confessions at 7:00 PM on Wednesdays besides the regular Sunday at 8:00 AM schedule.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Way of the Cross at Holy Cross will be after the 7:30 PM Mass on Wednesdays of the Lent. St. John's will have an extra Mass at 7:00 PM on Fridays of the Lent followed by Stations of the Cross.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

This is announcement weekend for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelopes many of you will receive in the mail this week. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

LENT:

All Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. The law of abstinence from meat applies to all persons who have completed their 14th year of age. However, it is highly recommended that children from ages 7-14 years also follow the law of abstinence. All Catholics are encouraged to receive the Holy Eucharist frequently during Lent and to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation so that all may be prepared to celebrate more fully the paschal mystery at Easter. Eucharistic Revival Prayer Team has put together a Lenten Prayer Journal focused on the Eucharist. You can access it [Lenten-workbook-Eucharistic-Revival-web.pdf](#) (stedio.org)

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT:

"Be still and know that I am God"

Mark your calendars to attend the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten retreat on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at St. Paul's Parish in St. Cloud. Registration begins at 8:30 AM. Registration is \$20 by March 10th, payable to St. Cloud DCCW. Posters on bulletin board with more information. Contact Lora Knafla at [320-393-2701](tel:320-393-2701).

Mail registration to: St. Cloud DCCW c/o Lora Knafla 11719 16th Ave. NW Rice, MN 56367

Speaker Dana Webskowski, was a lukewarm "cradle Catholic" who found Church boring and contemplated leaving the church but is now in love with God, the Catholic faith and the Eucharist. Her mission is to help fallen away Catholics come back to His church, light a fire for the lukewarm Catholics out there, and help other Christians to see that the Catholic Church has absolute truth and everything they need to grow in holiness. Dana grew up near Millerville, MN and now resides in Sioux Falls, SD.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the following: Sharon Barrett, 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.

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

***CARNIVAL RAFFLE AND CLASSROOM QUILT TICKETS ARE ON SALE!** HT families have raffle tickets for our carnival in March! \$5/ticket for the raffle and for the quilts. Tickets are also available in the school office.

***BIDS-HTCS** has received a grant for purchasing food supplies from local farmers. Any families that would like more information in supplying HTCS with eggs, potatoes, and/or carrots for the lunch program, please contact Natalie Gruber at ngruber@holyltrinitypierz.org

***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:

Feb 19-Mitch Coopman-\$75 Feb 20-Nita Hayes-\$35 Feb 21-Dalton & Brittney Brezinka-\$35 Feb 22-Marie Meyer-\$35
Feb. 23-Matt Wenner-\$35 Feb. 24-Don Peine-\$35 Feb. 25-Heather Kimman-\$35

BULLETIN INFORMATION:

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