

-ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

March 26, 2023
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HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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

Tuesday	March 28	7:00 pm	The Parishes
Friday	March 31	7:00 pm	+Wilfred & Carol Hoheisel (followed by Stations)
Saturday	April 1	8:00 pm	+Gladys Kapsner
Sunday	April 2	10:45 am	The Parishes

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	March 29	7:30 pm	+Janet Hutchinson & Judy Riese
Thursday	March 30	8:00 am	+Ardell Killeaney Eddie & Denny Bednarek
Sunday	April 2	8:45 am	+Galen Matlock

IF*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 April 2 at 8:45 am (**the W is for Wednesday Mass & Stations**)

Ushers: LeRoy Voitalla & Allen Voitalla
 Servers: W Max & Adam Voitalla
 Servers S Elliott Carmona & Adam Voitalla
 Lector:W Doug Knopik
 Lector: S Tim Schubert & Dave Skwira
 E.Minister: Gary Matlock
 Rosary: Gloria Voitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, April 1 at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Gary Diederich & Cory Loidolt
 Server: Gross/ Freyja Wipper
 Lector: Mark Loidolt & Faye Diederich
 E.Minister Allen Riedeman

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, April 2 at 10:45 am

Ushers Ron Monson & Don Will
 Server: Kimmans
 Lector: Julie Laney & Louise Welle
 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 is a special time that God gives us through the Church in order to renew our relationship with him and to strip away all the other things that prevent us from getting to know him more fully. There is nothing else like the Sacrament of Reconciliation that helps us renew our relationship with God, with his Church and with the members of the Church. Yet, many Catholics do not frequent the Sacrament of Reconciliation and sometimes it is out of a sense of fear. But just as you have nothing to fear in encountering Jesus in the Eucharist, there is nothing to fear in the Sacrament of Reconciliation, either. Jesus comes to you in the person of the priest, full of compassion for you. He wants nothing more than to take away the burden of your sins. When we have sinned and have not been to confession, it can be harder to act with love toward our loved ones and friends, much less to be charitable to our enemies! Jesus, through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, wants to heal the wounds of our own sins, and the wounds caused by our lack of forgiveness of hurts inflicted upon us by others. Jesus' forgiveness heals you and renews you and your relationships. All it takes is just a contrite heart and an honest confession, and Jesus stands ready to console us.

If you haven't been to confession in a while or worry you don't remember how to have a good confession, no problem. Simply pick up the Reconciliation brochure at the back of the church for helpful "how-to" guidance. Please see the bulletin insert for the Confession schedule at our parishes or visit the website of nearby parishes for their schedule. **Fr. Jose**

HOLY CROSS PARISH:**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, March 19; Adults, \$1169.00 (42 env); Children, \$9.29 (21 env); Adult loose, \$92.00; Children loose, \$3.00
 Votive, \$22.00; Visitor, \$36.00 (2 env); Building Fund, \$50.00 (1 env)

CONDOLENCES:

We would like to extend our sincerest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Jerry Brill who went home to his eternal resting place this week. May he rest in peace!

HAPPY 100TH BIRTHDAY!

Happy birthday to Gladys Bednarek who turns 100 next Sunday, April 2. Please help her celebrate by sending her a card. She loves to get mail. Her address is: Gladys Bednarek, 30442 Quest Rd. Pierz, MN 56364 Phone is 320-277-3840.

DONUT SUNDAY: We will have donuts next Sunday after Mass. Please join us.

HOLY NAME BINGO:

The Holy Name will hold their annual bingo on Sunday, April 2nd at 1:00 PM in the church basement. All members are asked to bring bars and pickles. We could also use all members help to make this a success!

BINGO TICKETS:

Holy Name members please pick up your bingo tickets today after Mass. They are in the entryway on the table on the side.

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Macy Koering, Tammy Maleski, Vicki Maleski, Mary Manlick, Gwen Marshall, Nicole Matlock, Valerie Matlock, Jackie Moser, Charlotte Obowa,

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, March 19, Adults, \$1218.00; Adult loose; \$402.00; Children envelope, \$2.00; Children loose, \$7.00

THANK YOU:

Thank you to all who helped remove, transport & affix the newly painted Stations of the Cross to the walls at St. John's. Your help has not gone unnoticed. Thank you also to the Happke family for the generous donation toward the cost of the project in memory of Robert Happke.

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, March 21, Jackpots will be 52 numbers for \$1000 and 60 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:

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

This is your last opportunity to attend Stations of the Cross this Lenten season. There will not be any stations next week!

MASS SERVERS PARTY:

There will be a Mass servers party on March 30th from 3:15-5:00PM at the Pierz Bowling Center. The Knights of Columbus are sponsoring this party for all servers from Pierz, Buckman, Lastrup and Harding. All food, drinks, games and bowling are paid for.

EASTER EGG HUNT:

The Pierz Lions will hold their Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 8th, 2023 at 11:00 AM at the Pioneer Elementary Playground. Get your picture with the Easter Bunny. Find a golden egg for a special prize.

SPRING BLOSSOMS:

This is a retreat for women on Saturday morning, April 22 beginning with 8:30 Mass. Guest speaker and music by *Rae Harris Music*, with a luncheon at 11:30AM at St. Elizabeth's of Hungary (Brennyville). 16454, 125th Ave. NE, Foley, MN 56329. This event is sponsored by the *Women's Eastern Deanery*. All are welcome, bring a friend! **Contact:** NitaHayes@live.com or **320-630-0388**. \$10.00 registration by April 17th for luncheon & event!

CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA:

The saying goes "when the going gets tough, the tough get going." Do you know what to do in times of trouble? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 5-7, 2023 at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

MINNESOTA FOOD SHARE CAMPAIGN:

The Pierz Area Food shelf staff thanks you for your support of food and/or money to the March Food Share Campaign. Continued support throughout the year is gratefully appreciated not only during the month of March, but throughout the year. God Bless You!

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for the following: Rick Edgell, Glen Anderson, 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, Micah Olson, Doris Weiss, Pete Hoheisel, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Eric Halbert, Aaron Boser, Karen Schommer, Ione Hoskins.

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***ANNUAL CARNIVAL- TODAY**, 11:00 AM -3:00 PM in the HT gym. Games, Raffles, Food, Sweet Shop.

Grand Raffle begins at 3:00 PM.

***DISCOVERY NIGHT**-Tuesday, March 28, 2023 , 5:00 PM-7:00 PM Families with students 3 ½ -5 years old and families looking to invest in a Catholic education for their children in grades K-6 are invited to check out what Holy Trinity has to offer.

***CAMP FOLEY PANCAKE BREAKFAST**-Sunday, April 2, 2023, 8:30 AM-12:00 PM. Buckman Parish Hall

***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

March 19-Doris Uloth-\$75

March 20-Marietta Maleski-\$35

March 21-Sarah Klehr-\$35

March 22-Mike & Jesse Cebulla-\$35

March 23-Joe Lanners-\$35

March 24-Tony Ratke-\$35

March 25-Adam & Kelsey Poster-\$35

BULLETIN INFORMATION: PLEASE get me your information by Wednesday this week because of Holy Week Masses.

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