

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH**  
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**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY**  
April 16, 2023  
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**MASSES FOR WEEK:**

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK**

Tuesday	April 18	7:00 pm	+Cara Smude
Saturday	April 22	8:00 pm	+Daniel Stangl
Sunday	April 23	10:45 am	+John Kasper, MaryAnn Kasper & Joe Gruber

**HOLY CROSS:**

Wednesday	April 19	8:00 am	+Edward Voitalla
Thursday	April 20	8:00 am	+Ardell Killeaney, Eddie & Denny Bednarek
Sunday	April 23	8:45 am	+Jack Skochenski

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\*Rosary and Divine Mercy Prayer 25 minutes before Mass in both Parishes.

\*Confessions-Saturday 7:15 PM at St. John Nepomuk Church and Sunday at 8:00 AM at Holy Cross Church

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**HOLY CROSS CHURCH:**

Sunday April 23 at 8:45 am

Ushers: Allen Voitalla & LeRoy Voitalla  
Servers: Maverick Voitalla & Adam Voitalla  
Lector: First Communicants  
E.Minister: Deacon Craig, Diane Virnig, Doug Knopik  
Rosary: Gloria Voitalla

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**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:**

Saturday, April 22, at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Jonathan Welle & Alan Welle  
Server: Ellie Thomsen  
Lector: Art Stumpf  
E.Minister: Ginny Seelen

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:**

Sunday, April 23, at 10:45 am

Ushers: Richard & Stacy Monson  
Server: Kimmans  
Lector: Laurel or Ruth Virnig-Clemons  
E.Minister: Cathy Boser

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

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

**SHEPHERDS VOICE:**

The feast of the Divine Mercy reminds us of the abundance of the gift of God's mercy. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, let us intensely reflect upon this gift that God wishes to pour forth upon us. And today, we should especially know the floodgates of Heaven are opened to us to an unimaginable degree. Though mercy is given in its fullness, unless we make the transforming journey to God through conversion and purification of our souls, we will never be able to receive the ocean of graces God bestows. Let us, therefore, turn toward our merciful Lord and be open to all that He wishes to bestow. Let our *mantra* be: "Jesus, I trust in you." **Fr. Jose**

**HOLY CROSS PARISH:**

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, April 2(last week); Adults, \$1316.00 (52 env); Adult loose, \$ 218.00; Children, \$5.75 (12 env); Children loose, \$30.00; Catholic Relief Services, \$129.00 (3 env); Visitor, \$18.00 (1 env); Flower Fund, \$123.00 (10 env); Building fund, \$60.00 (2 env)  
Sunday, April 9; Adults, \$828.00 (20 env); Children, \$8.75 (9 env)  
Easter, Adults, \$2566.00 (51 env), children \$6.00 (6 env); Adult loose, \$426.00; Children loose, \$44.00;  
Holy Thursday, Adults, \$268.88 Loose, \$92.00; Good Friday, Adults, \$222.00 (21 env); Loose, \$184.00; Votive, \$35.00  
Flower fund, \$60.00; Building fund, \$40.00

**CONDOLENCES:**

Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Lois Roscoe, who went home to her eternal rest this past week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

**PASTORAL & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING:**

There will be a finance council meeting on Thursday, April, 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM followed by a pastoral council meeting at 7:30 PM in the meeting room in the basement.

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:**

**STEWARDSHIP:**

Sunday, April 9, Adults, \$5033.00; Adult loose; \$1572.00; Children envelope, \$2.00; Children loose, \$22.00; Votive, \$5.00  
Holy Land, \$326.00

**CONGRATULATIONS:**

Congratulations and prayers to Dale and Dixie Beierman from St. John's Parish family on their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary! May God Bless you!

### **BAR BINGO NEWS:**

Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The next bingo jackpots are 54 numbers for \$1000 and 62 numbers for \$400. My sincerest apologies for being off on the numbers last week. I got it mixed up because of the cancellation the week before. Sorry for any inconvenience. Please come and join us for a fun evening. St. John's gaming #02115

### **CONDOLENCES:**

Our sincerest sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of Virgil Weiss, who will be laid to his eternal resting place on Monday. May his soul, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

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

#### **BENEFIT-**

There will be a benefit for the Shane Fetters family on April 22, 2023 at the Pierz Ballroom Doors open at 2 PM. There will be a sloppy joe dinner from 4-6 PM. Also a silent auction and a live auction. Proceeds from the benefit will go to Dana Fetters for many medical expenses due to aggressive cancer and many complications. There is a poster on the bulletin board at both churches for info.

#### **CHI GRIEF SUPPORT MEETINGS:**

We are beginning our grief support group meetings on the second and fourth Mondays in April, May, June, and July from 4-5:30 PM We will meet in the Rose Room at St. Gabriel's Hospital in the Unity Specialty Center-Door 13. This is for anyone who has lost a loved one. Join us for coffee, cookies and sharing. It is all free. Questions, please call Chaplain Blaine MacNeil **320-631-5588**.

#### **CHI RUMMAGE SALE:**

CHI will be holding their 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Helping Hospice" Rummage Sale on May 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> from 8 AM-7 PM. At 9447 Hwy. 115, Randall, MN (2 miles East of Randall). Items are not priced. Donations are accepted. All proceeds go directly to the hospice program. Anything leftover will be donated to three area nonprofits. We will be accepting donations of items to sell from April 10-April 28/ Questions call Sharon at **320-749-2771**.

#### **FIRST HOLY COMMUNION:**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion will be held next Sunday, April 23 at both Holy Cross and at St John Nepomuk Church.

#### **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, 125<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:NitaHayes@live.com) or 320-630-0388**. \$10.00 registration by April 17<sup>th</sup> for luncheon & event!

#### **"HOPEFUL HEARTS"**

Fun, food and fund day. Looking for a fun day out? Head to St Andrew's Parish in Elk River for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual day of fun on Thursday, June 15. Registration and auctions open at 9 am. There will be a speaker, entertainment with Mass and lunch. Auction will follow. Registration is \$20, due by June 8. Payable to St. Cloud DCCw. Mail to: Lora Knafla at 11719 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367. Contact Lora Knafla at **320-393-2701**. Posters with more information on both bulletin boards!

#### **TOWNSHIP CLEAN-UP DAY:**

Township clean-up day is scheduled for Agram, Buckman, Buh, Granite, Hillman, Leigh, Mt. Morris and Pierz Townships at the Rich Prairie Livestock parking lot on Saturday, April 22 from 8 AM to noon. More info in the MC Record. Questions call Loren at **320-412-0112**.

#### **CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA:**

**Did you know you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world?** 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 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](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org)** for more information and to register for retreats.

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS:**

Please pray for the following: Kyle Eastman, Rick Edgell, Glen Anderson, Sharon Barrett, Jill Kurtz Libby, Carmen Britz, Gerard Virnig, Darrel Cronquist, Serena Truskowski, Janie Zabel, Richie Zabel, Gina Virnig, Fran Groover (LF), Donny Schommer, Lucy Hanson, JoAnn Kummet McDonald, Scott Bednar, Jerod Bursch (Foley), Romelle Kurtz, Kenny LeBlanc, Micah Olson, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Eric Halbert, Aaron Boser, Karen Schommer, Ione Hoskins.

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

\***THANK YOU**-Thank you for keeping Mrs. Litke in your prayers during her travels to the Holy Land. She arrived safely and will return later in the week.

\***REGISTRATION**-Registration is open for the 2023-2024 school year. Current families, please return this information as soon as possible. New families, please contact the office for registration information or go to our website **[www.holytrinitypierz.org](http://www.holytrinitypierz.org)**

\***FIRST SOMMUNION**-Sunday, April 23, 8:45 AM at Holy Cross Church, Harding and 10:45 AM at St. John Nepomuk Church, Lastrup and Sunday April 30 at 10:00 AM at St. Michael Church, Buckman & Sundy May 7 at 10:30 AM at St. Joseph Church, Pierz.

\***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**

April 9-Jane Funk-\$500

April 10-Kari Castillo-\$35

April 11-Dennis Boser-\$35

April 12-Lori Gangestad-\$35

April 13-Larry Fuchs-\$35

April 14-Michael Trettel-\$35

April 15-Matthew Kessler-\$35

