

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
July 23, 2023
Father Aaron Nett, PASTOR

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
29482 243rd Street
Pierz, MN 56364
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MASSES FOR WEEK

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK:

Tuesday	July 25	7:00 pm	NO MASS
Saturday	July 29	8:00 pm	=Evelyn Ortman
Sunday	July 30	10:45 am	+Melvin Stuckmayer

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	July 26	8:00 am	NO MASS
Sunday	July 30	8:45 am	Parishes & Holy Name Society

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

*Confessions-1/2 hour before each weekday Mass and 4:00 PM on Saturday & 7:30 AM in Pierz on Sunday, 9:45 AM on Sunday in Buckman, 7:30 PM Saturday in Lastrup and 10:15 AM on Sunday, and 8:15 AM on Sunday in Harding

HOLY CROSS CHURCH:

Sunday July 30, at 8:45 am

Ushers: Allen & LeRoy Voitalla
Servers: Max Voitalla & Adam Voitalla
Lector: Doug Knopik
E.Minister: Deacon & Diane Virnig (in back, choir)
Rosary: Ted Boser

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, July 29, at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Glenn Boser & Cory Loidolt
Server: Gross
Lector: Mark Loidolt
E.Minister: Deacon & Stacey Thomsen

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, July 30, at 10:45 am

Ushers: Richard & Stacy Monson
Server: Zach Gall
Lector: Fred Jelinski
E.Minister: Deacon & Karen Schommer

WEEKEND MASS TIMES IN PIERZ AND BUCKMAN- Fr. Aaron Nett

Saturday at 4:30 PM in Pierz: Sunday 8:00 AM in Pierz and 10:00 AM in Buckman

Sat-4 PM- Wilfred & Carol Hoheisel Sun 8 am-Selma Gohl Sun 10 am-Gordy Brixius & the Parishes

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN PIERZ AND BUCKMAN-

Buckman-Thursday, 8:00 am-NONE

Pierz-Friday, 8:00 am- NONE

SHEPHERDS VOICE: The Searcher of Hearts

Dear Friends,

This Sunday's second reading beautifully proclaims, "And the one who searches hearts knows what is the intention of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the holy ones according to God's will." (Romans 8:27). God is the searcher of the heart and soul and knows us in the deepest sense. God knows our hearts and loves us with an immense power that is beyond our reason and comprehension. St. Augustine once said, "God loves each of us as if there were only one of us."

Each of us were created for the purpose of knowing his love and serving God and others in love. The Catechism of the Church says, "God puts us in the world to know, to love, and to serve him, and so to come to paradise. Beatitude makes us "partakers of the divine nature" and of eternal life." CCC 1721. It is easy to let our hearts be torn in different directions. May we allow our hearts to be searched out and found by the love of God through the Spirit.

NOTE: The Mass Scheduling Committee, which consists of two parishioners from each parish, met this past Friday for the first time. I ask for your prayers and patience for the discernment of the committee as we seek to find a suitable schedule for the four parishes, as we are all on one "Catholic team" striving for the same goal. Heaven!

Please keep the youth from our parishes in your prayers as they venture out to the Stuebenville retreat on Friday! I will be joining them after I return from the Puerto Rico mission trip, and then returning home for Masses for the weekend.

God Bless You,

Father Aaron

HOLY CROSS PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, July 16; Adults, \$2505.00 (48 env); Adult loose, \$213.00; Children, \$11.50 (13 env); Children loose, \$5.00
Building Fund, \$50.00(1 env); Votive, \$27.50

I.BANNS OF MARRIAGE: (Wedding August 12)

Yvonne Kisor and Ted Boser

GUN RAFFLE:

If anyone is interested in donating to the gun raffle for the bazaar, please contact Amber Voitalla at [218-831-0894](tel:218-831-0894)

FISHING GAME:

If anyone is interested in donating towards the prizes for the fishing game please contact Melissa at [218-251-1332](tel:218-251-1332).

BAZAAR TICKET ENVELOPES:

Our ticket envelopes for our 2023 bazaar are ready to be picked up and to be delivered to other parishioners. Please do **NOT** leave Ticket envelopes in people's mailboxes! If you need additional tickets, please contact Kathy Hoffman Tax at **320-630-1880**. There will not be fishing trip tickets this year due to booking conflicts. Thank you for working to make the Holy Cross Bazaar a success.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, July 16, Adults, \$763.00; Adult loose; \$240.00; Children envelope, \$2.00; Children loose, \$18.00 Votive, \$5.00

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PHONE CALLS:

There will no longer be a secretary or anyone to answer the phones in Lastrup so please call Teresa at **320-360-9720** with any questions or problems or to schedule a baptism or wedding or other things and I will get the answer for you. We are dividing the workload between Harding and Pierz/Buckman so everything should stay the same. Please feel free to call with questions! Mail can continue to be sent to the Lastrup address also. Your trustee, Julie will pick it up daily. We are sorry if you did not get a reply to your message this week, the messages were not checked recently. We checked them today and tried to return all calls. Thank you for understanding!

BAR BINGO NEWS:

Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The next bingo jackpots are 53 numbers for \$1000 and 59 numbers for \$400. Please come and join us for a fun evening. St. John's gaming #02115

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

EMERGENCY CONTACT PHONE NUMBER:

If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at **320-360-9720** anytime and she will contact one for you!

This is for both Lastrup and Harding Parishes. Also can call *me* for other parishes, if you can't reach anyone. Also for Pierz and Buckman the contact is Michael Pekar at **320-221-1134**

MASS INTENTIONS:

Mass intention requests can be made by Teresa. Please call **320-360-9720** for both parishes to request a Mass. Remember, we are trying to limit it to 3 per year per person, unless there are requests from a recent funeral. We are working on combining all our bulletins

PRAYERS FOR OUR ACC:

Please join us in a Marian consecration to ask for our Blessed Mother's prayers and the guidance of the Holy Spirit in this time of transition. We will be doing a consecration in May as a group, some for the 1st time, others this is a time to renew their consecration. Since Mary is the spouse of the Holy Spirit, we will be intentionally asking for His intercession and the Spirit's guidance for all of us as we move forward with the new Mass schedule and cooperation as the people of God trying to bear fruit in our parishes and communities. Please sign up by calling Teresa Thesing at **320-360-9720** or email: ltthesing@hotmail.com. Sign-up sheets are in the church entry as well. Please sign up by August 7th so we can order books as the consecration begins August 13th and ends on the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows on September 15th. Blessings, and please join us! **Deacon Craig**

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

We will now only be having Communion Ministers when there is a choir upstairs and we need someone to bring it up there. Otherwise, we will be having a deacon here every weekend Mass.

PIERZ ANNUAL BAZAAR:

St. Joseph's Church in Pierz will be having their annual bazaar on Sunday, August 6. Lots of food, fun and games! Please join us!

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:

Just like your computer needs a reboot once in a while, so does your faith life. Central MN 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. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next English weekend will be held September 22-24, 2023. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

CIRCUS- The circus is coming to Pierz Schools located at 66 Kamnic St. on Tuesday, July 25. 9:30 AM-Tent raising & Tour -

4 PM Midway opens- Performances at 5 and 7:30 PM Tickets at F & M Bank, Unity Bank, Red's Auto, Pierz Foods and Hartmanns

PRAYER REQUESTS: Mackenzie Gross, Marlene Knopik, Lois Woitalla, Rhys Boser, Kyle Eastman, Rick Edgell, Glen Anderson, Sharon Barrett, Carmen Britz, Gerard Virnig, Serena Truskowski, Gina Virnig, Fran Groover (LF), Donny Schommer, Scott Bednar, Jerod Bursch (Foley), Kenny LeBlanc, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Eric Halbert, Aaron Boser, Karen Schommer, Ione Hoskins.

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

***COFFEE-** Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3.00 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

***ECE ORIENTATION:** Monday, August 28, 5PM-7PM.

ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE & PTO PICNIC: Tuesday, August 29, 5PM-7PM. Information for both events was sent through Fast Direct, more information will be sent.

***RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS**

July 16-Natalie & Alex Gruber-\$7

July 17-Carol Venske-\$35

July 18-Joanne Gross-\$35

July 19-Tressa Mitchell-\$35

July 20-Taylre Stumpf-\$35

July 21-Jessica & Jackson Leeb-\$35

July 22-Dacia Zimmerman-\$35

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