

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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TWENTIEETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 20, 2023
Father Aaron Nett, PASTOR

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK:

Tuesday	Aug. 22	7:00 pm	+Lucy Hanson
Saturday	Aug 26	8:00 pm	+Oliver Virnig
Sunday	Aug27	10:45 am	+Marge Seppelt

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Aug 23	8:00 am	Parishes
Sunday	Aug 27	8:45 am	Holy Name

*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 August 27, at 8:45 am

Ushers: LeRoy & Allen Voitalla
Servers: Elliott Carmona & Adam Voitalla
Lector: Janet Hanneken
Rosary: Gloria Voitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, August 26, at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker
Server: Gross
Lector: Mark Loidolt

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, August 27, at 10:45 am

Ushers: Richard & Stacey Monson
Server: Brittney Schommer
Lector: Louise Welle

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

WEEKDAY MASS TIMES IN PIERZ AND BUCKMAN-

Buckman-Thursday, 8:00 am-+Dennis & Sharon Fyten
Pierz- Friday-+Jason Preimesberger

SHEPHERDS VOICE:

Dear Friends, In this Sunday's Gospel the Canaanite woman calls out to Jesus to heal her daughter who is tormented by a demon. She cries, "Have pity on me, Lord, Son of David!" She persists through persecution and keeps calling out to Jesus. Jesus then praises her persistence and says to her, "O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish," How is the Lord calling us to persist in our prayers that we might grow in faith?

NOTES:

*It has been great to see the turnout at Mass for the Assumption and also the Marian procession afterwards. What a beautiful night it was to celebrate our Faith together and call upon our Mother Mary's prayers in a special way. In particular, it is wonderful to see so many young people come out for Mass and Adoration. Let us continue to pray that their fire for the Lord keeps growing and we can all catch some of that flame.

*Please remember to keep this time or transition in our ACC (Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic Community) in your prayers. May we be led by the Holy Spirit to the good things God has in store for us. Thank you

*It has been great to be back with you after a sometime away on the mission trip to Puerto Rico and then on a fishing trip with a fraternity of priests. They were both, of course, very different but great experiences. It was a life-giving experience on the mission trip, and the time away with fishing was refreshing and relaxing. And we did catch a few fish! God Bless you, **Father Aaron**

HOLY CROSS PARISH

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, August 13; Adults, \$985.00 (39 env); Adult loose, \$316.00; Children, \$5.75 (6 env), Children loose, \$48.00; Assumption, \$107

BAZAAR TICKET ENVELOPES:

Drawing tickets will be sold before and after Mass in the main entry of the church. Those in need of additional tickets, please contact Kathy Hoffman Tax at **320-630-1880**. Sold and unsold drawing tickets, dinner tickets, food cards and money may be returned at this time also or to the sacristy on Friday, September 1st from 10 am to 3 pm and Saturday, September 2nd from 10 am to 3 pm. **AND ALL DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD**. Remember to turn in **ALL UNSOLD TICKETS!**

Thank you for working together to make this a successful bazaar!!

WANTED: CLEANING HELP:

We are asking any men, women or children who are available, to please come and help us clean the church basement for the bazaar. The floors are done. We need to wash all the dishes and wipe out the cupboards. We will do this on Saturday, August 26th at 9:00 AM.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, August 13; Adults: \$718.00, Adult loose: \$395.00, Children loose: \$16.00, Children env. \$3.00

BAR BINGO NEWS: Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The next bingo jackpots are 57 numbers for \$1000 and 47 numbers for \$400. Please come and join us for a fun evening. St. John's gaming #02115

MEAT RAFFLE: We will be starting a meat raffle at the Fisch House in Lastrup every Sunday at 5:00 PM starting August 6. Please join us for some fun and win some meat too. St. John's gaming #02115

CONDOLENCES:

We extend our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Edna Stuckmayer, who went home to her eternal rest this week. May her 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:

PARISH DIRECTORIES:The directories have arrived. **Please pick up after Mass today.** Please note that the directories need to be picked up from the parish you belong to, not where you got your picture taken at. Thank you for your patience.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN HELPING OUT WITH THE MASS?

We are in need of sacristans to help out with the set up and clean up before and after Mass, both during the week and on the weekend. Sacristans play an important role behind the scenes so that Holy Mass can be a prayerful experience. The setup is fairly simple and routine. If you are interested in or have questions about helping out at any particular Mass in the ACC, please contact Deacon Craig at **320-360-1177**. Training will be provided. Thank you for considering!

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE HOLY EUCHARIST:

We will no longer be scheduling these. There will be a deacon at every Mass to distribute this. We only will need 1 if the choir is singing. I will try to keep their schedule, if they let me know. If you are an EM and are in church with no deacon please help out.

NEW SCHEDULES FOR THE NEW MASS TIMES:

I have called and checked with every lector, usher, server in both parishes to see what you wanted to do when the Mass time changed. (September 23) if you did not hear from me, it is because we don't have a current number for you. Please call me and let me know your wishes and also your phone number. I will only be scheduling for a month or two at a time as many of you were unsure yet, what would work for you. Teresa at 320-360-9720 Thank you! New Mass times are: Saturdays at 4 PM in Lastrup and 6 PM in Harding. And Sundays at 8 AM in Buckman and 10 AM in Pierz

HEARTS OF FAITH:

The Hearts of Faith are inviting the women of our parishes to sit with the Legion and Auxiliary Group for the Patriotic Rosary and to lead a decade of the rosary with them on Friday, Sept. 8, at 12:45 PM at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz. Because our nation is in great need of prayers, we are uniting with local Christian Women's groups, The Knights of Columbus and the students of Holy Trinity School. Each will lead a decade of the rosary. There are 50 Hail Mary's and 50 states so we will be praying for 10 states with each decade.

BEWARE OF SCAMS: We have been receiving texts and emails saying they are from Father Jose or Father Aaron and that these priests need help! They ask for money or gift cards because they say the priests are in trouble. Please do not open or respond to these messages. Father will never ask for help in a message. Questions, call the parish offices.

DCCW EVENT:

All Catholic Women are invited to attend the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Fall Conference on September 16 at St. Ann's Parish, 514 Street SE, Wadena. Registration fee is \$20 by September 6th. There are posters on the bulletin board at both churches and also a registration form to sign up. Questions, please call Pat Kasella at **320-584-5120**.

STEWARDSHIP: Stewardship as a Way of Life

Stewardship Day 2023: Stewardship as a Eucharistic Way of Life will be an online offering from 6-8 PM on Wednesday, August 23. To register, visit <https://stcdio.org/event/2023-stewardship-day-stewardship-as-a-eucharistic-way-of-life/> There is no cost for this.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible, to donate visit www.stcdio.org/annual_appeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal PO Box 1538 St. Cloud, MN 56302.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:

Christ died for you...are you living for Him? 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.

PRAYER REQUESTS: 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:HOOKED ON JESUS:

***OPEN HOUSE PACKET PICK UP:** **Reminder to pick up your** packet Monday, August 21-23, 2023 7:30 am-3pm. Paper must be completed and returned at Open House or by Friday, August 25, if unable to attend Open House.

***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 OPEN HOUSE:** Monday, August 28, 5PM-7PM.

***ALL SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE:** Tuesday, August 29, 5PM-7PM.

***STEAK & WINE 2023:** Mark your calendars for October 14 at the Pierz Ballroom. We are currently accepting donations for the online & live auction. Please call Steve **320-630-5303** Kristin Andres **320-630-5354** to coordinate.

***RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS**

Aug. 13-Kurt Kelzenberg-\$75

Aug 14-Dennis Hoffman-\$35

Aug. 15-Betty Larson-\$35

Aug. 16-Brian & Blake Klein-\$35

Aug. 17-Robert Werner-\$35

Aug. 18-Al & Stacey Hoheisel-\$35

Aug. 19-Pan Johnson-\$35

PHONE NUMBERS:

For emergencies (if you need a priest) Harding/Lastrup call Teresa at 320-360-9720

Pierz/Buckman call Michael Pekar at 320-221-1134

If you can't reach one of us, please call the other.