

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
August 27, 2023
Father Aaron Nett, PASTOR

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK:

Tuesday	Aug. 29	7:00 pm	Parishes
Saturday	Sept. 2	8:00 pm	+Joe Gruber, John & MaryAnne Kasper & Leonard Boser
Sunday	Sept.3	8:00 am	+Deceased relatives of Herb Block family

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Aug 30	8:00 am	+Romelle Kurtz
Sunday	Sept. 3	10:00 am	+Dale & Dominick Dahmen

*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 September 3, at 10:00 am **BAZAAR-MASS TIME CHANGE**

Ushers: Gary Matlock & Willie Rudolph
Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing
Lector: Will Corbett
Rosary: Ted Boser

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, September Sept. 2, at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Glenn Boser & Cory Loidolt
Server: Smudes
Lector: Dale Beierman

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, September 3, at 8:00 am **-*MASS TIME CHANGE**

Ushers: Dale & Diane Schmitz
Server: Kimmans
Lector: Childrens

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+ Fr. Al Stangl & Alvin Stangl

Pierz- Friday+ Richard & Emogene Langer, +Joe Langer, Nathan Gohl

SHEPHERDS VOICE: SEKING WISDOM THIS SCHOOL YEAR:

Dear Friends, I remember the anticipation of the new school year each fall and the excitement that it brought. It was usually around this time of year that my mother would take us "school shopping" in St. Cloud. I attended Holy Family Catholic School in Albany through my sixth grade year before entering the public Junior High. If you would have asked me back then what my favorite part of school was I would have undoubtedly answered, "recess, lunch and PE". Looking back today, I am now more grateful for the times of weekly Mass, classroom prayer and the faith-based curriculum that helped to form and deepen my Faith. I am ever-grateful for those gifts to help me grow in the wisdom of God. As our second reading proclaims, "Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How inscrutable are his judgements and how unsearchable his ways!" (Romans 33:11)

As our children and young people begin another school year at Holy Trinity, Father Pierz School and the public schools, may we hold them all in prayer that they may be guided and protected by the Holy Spirit and led to the wisdom of God. May they be protected from temptation, danger and attacks of the Evil One at work in our culture and secular media. Let us pray also for all the teachers, administrators, school board members and parents. May the Holy Spirit give them the strength, perseverance, peace and wisdom to teach our youth well and help them grow in virtue. And may this school year be a time of growth for all of us in the wisdom of God.

God bless you, Father Aaron

HOLY CROSS PARISH

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, August 20; Adults, \$1465.00 (49 env); Adult loose, \$240.00; Children, \$10.55 (17 env), Children loose, \$10.00; Assumption, \$132 (6 env); building fund, \$50.00 (1 env)

BAZAAR TICKET ENVELOPES:

Those in need of additional tickets, please contact Kathy 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!**

BAZAAR REMINDERS: Please bring all country store items, fancy work stand and mission circle raffle items to the sacristy on Friday or Saturday. Friday, September 1- All available men and older boys are needed at 9:00 AM on the church grounds to set up. Saturday at 8:00 AM all help would be appreciated for food prep, peel potatoes, wash tablecloths, make centerpiece. Any fresh flowers would be great! All food and supplies should be brought to the church basement Saturday morning. Pies should be baked and cooled. We can use any pickles to be brought to the hamburger stand on Sunday and all produce brought to the produce stand Sunday. Please everyone do your part and work a shift where you are assigned. Any extra help is greatly appreciated. It takes all of us to make this a success! Stands open at 11:00 Am Sunday after the Polka Mass!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

Bradyn Thomsen & Sara Loidolt (wedding Sept. 16)

THANK YOU STEWARDS:

We would like to thank some of our volunteer stewards for their many years of service. They are retiring from their ministry. We thank Dave Skwira for being a lector for over 50 years and Phyllis Schmidtbauer for 35 years as a Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist. Thank you both!

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Shirley Tomberlin, Valerie Thomas, Meghan Thesing, Barb Tretter, Brittany Virnig, Cassie Virnig, Diane Virnig, Sandy Virnig, Diane Waytashek

HUGE THANK YOU:

Thank you to Phyllis Schmidtbauer for paying to have the statues cleaned and repainted in the cemetery. They look great! Also, a big thanks to Phyllis for buying the flowers in the grotto and watering them for the last 8 years. They are always so pretty. Thank you!

SEPTEMBER SCHEDULES: Please pick up your new schedules off the table in the entry. Lastrup will get new ones in September.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, August 20; Adults: \$1393.00, Adult loose: \$332.00, Children loose: \$10.00, Children env. \$2.00

Assumption-Adults, \$180.00, Loose, \$198.00, Children envelopes, \$2.00

BAR BINGO NEWS Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The next bingo jackpots are 58 numbers for \$1000 and 48 numbers for \$400. Please come and join us for a fun evening. St. John's gaming #02115

MEAT RAFFLE:

We now have a meat raffle at the Fisch House every Sunday at 5:00 PM. Please join us for some fun and try and win some meat. St. John's Gaming #02115.

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

MASS TIME CHANGE THIS WEEKEND:

Due to the Harding Bazaar next Sunday, September 3rd, our Mass times will be changed. Lastrup will have an 8 AM Sunday morning and Harding will have their Polka Mass at 10 Am Sunday, followed by their bazaar.

CONFIRMATION STUDENTS FROM ANY PARISH:

Any confirmation students needing credit hours are welcome to assist us at our Holy Cross Bazaar in Harding on September 3, 2023 from 11 am-5 pm. Please see Chad Thesing (by the games) to sign your letters of credit or call him at **320-360-9974**.

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.

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**.

INVITATION TO THE PILGRIMAGE OF THE HOLY FAMILY:

The Christian Mothers/Women invite you to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. The host family invites the blessed Holy Family picture into their homes and commits to praying the chaplet of the Holy Family each day for a week. The chaplet takes about 7 minutes. Prayer partners in union with the host family petition the Holy Family to intercede for the intentions of the host family, by praying the chaplet each day. This would make a great Lenten activity for your family. To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at **320-290-1579**.

Stewardship Day 2023: Stewardship as a Eucharistic Way of Life. St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We can Not give God anything-He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in his image, we too are called to be generous. How we use our God given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity. And through our generosity, we may be the answer to someone else's prayer.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Your generosity helps make it possible for diocesan ministries to provide essential education, pastoral care and other assistance to thousands of people across our 16- county diocese. These ministries can't happen without you.

to donate visit www.stedio.org/annual_appeal or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal PO Box 1538 St. Cloud, MN 56302.

PRAYER REQUESTS: Marlene Knopik, Lois Weitalla, 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:

***FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:** First day of school for all students, ECE-6th, is Tuesday, September 5, 2023.

***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. 20-Rachel & Travis Young-\$75

Aug 21-Brittany Boser-\$35

Aug. 22-Duane Boser-\$35

Aug. 23-Don & Ann Schaefer-\$35

Aug. 24-Austen Marschel-\$35

Aug. 25-Anna & Greg Vait-\$35

Aug. 26-Kari Castillo-\$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

HARDING BAZAAR- SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 3