

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 10, 2023
Father Aaron Nett, PASTOR

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK:

Tuesday	Sept. 12	7:00 pm	+Edna Stuckmeyer
Saturday	Sept. 16	8:00 pm	Parishes
Sunday	Sept. 17	10:45 am	+Joelle Hayes

HOLY CROSS:

Friday	Sept. 15	9:00 am	HT School Mass for the recipients of prayer blankets
Saturday	Sept. 16	1:30 pm	Wedding Mass for Bradyn & Sara
Sunday	Sept. 17	8:45 am	+Stanley & Clara Copa & Kevin Sobiech

*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 17, at 8:45 am

Ushers: Allen Stuckmeyer & Andy Woitalla
Servers: Adam Woitalla & Max Woitalla
Lector: Doug Knopik
Rosary: Phyllis Schmidtbauer

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Saturday, September Sept. 16, at 8:00 pm

Ushers: Alan Welle & Cory Loidolt
Server: Duncan Wipper
Lector: Art Stumpf

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH:

Sunday, September 17, at 10:45 am

Ushers: Ron Monson & Don Wil
Server: Brittney Schommer
Lector: Louise Welle

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 +Stephanie Fyten-Malinowski

Pierz- Wednesday-- 8:00 am - +Edward & Laura Kapsner

FROM THE PASTORAL ASSOCIATE:

A huge thank you to everyone who put together the Holy Cross Bazaar. Especially for all the planning to adjust to the high heat. Thank you to everyone who came out despite the high heat. (101 degrees in St. Cloud.) I had a good time and I think most folks there did too. If you wanted to come, but thought it was a prudent thing for you to stay out of the heat, I do not think the parishioners of Holy Cross would mind it if they received a few "I wish I could have come because I would have spent this." Checks. (This is totally my thought while writing and not a request made by anyone.) Buckman's bazaar is next Sunday.

I know for the farmers this year has not been a bumper crop year, but I have heard a lot of "we have had some good bumper crop years, this happens." I think this speaks a lot to many people's faith. Not so much faith in farming, but faith in God. A faith that is not tossed about chasing the latest fad or wind change. A faith that does not live out of fear, but out of trust that the Lord is with us no matter what is happening. A faith that will praise God in good times and in bad. My wife Mary Kay sometimes endures times when I do something, or don't do something that did not really make her day and she might say, "I love you anyway." I think that we are called to do that with God too. When bad seasons hit, when accidents happen, when tragedy strikes, when prayers seem unanswered, I believe what we do and say (or do not do or say) matters a lot to God. It reveals if God is our friend, and our Lord, or rather just a belief. The latter being, like "Yep, I believe there is a God, but it does not make a difference in how I live." When we continue to praise and honor Him when everything is not "hunky-dory", I believe this pleases God and shows that God is indeed our Lord and friend. When tight times hit, and we cut back on our non-essential spending, but not on our essential giving it shows the priority of charity. When prayer, worship, love, kindness, charity, and humility hold the same places of priority in our lives come what may, it shows that they are inscribed in our heart and not just nice words to have on the walls of our home. That is a part of a life of faith. May the peace of the Lord be with all His faithful friends---

Michael Pekar

HOLY CROSS PARISH NEWS:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, September 3; Adults, \$1197.00 (23 env); Adult loose, \$727.00; Children, \$7.50 (12 env), Child loose, \$52.25
Assumption, \$25.00 (1 env); Building Fund, \$50.00 (1 env)

MASS CHANGES:

There will not be a Wednesday morning Mass in Harding this week. Wednesday morning will be at St. Joseph in Pierz. There will be a Holy Trinity School Mass here Friday morning the 15th at 9 AM.

THANK YOU:

Thank you to everyone who worked so hard in the terrible heat last weekend to help us get ready for our big day. We are fortunate to have so many great families who do so much work to help out. Also a big thank you to all our visitors who came to make a bazaar a success. We appreciate you sticking with us on this hot day. Would also like to thank Brandon Tautges for the donated use of his huge canopy tent for shade. THANK YOU ALL!!!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE:

III-Bradyn Thomsen & Sara Loidolt (wedding Sept. 16)

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, September 3; Adults: \$915.00, Adult loose: \$172.00, Children loose: \$25.00, Children env. \$2.00

PHONE NUMBER

To have Mass intentions scheduled or for any other Lastrup questions, please call 320-360-9720.

NEW SCHEDULES:

The new fall schedules for servers, lectors and ushers are ready and printed on the back table for you to pick up.

BAR BINGO NEWS Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The next bingo jackpots are 60 numbers for \$1000 and 50 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.

ST. JOHN'S GAMING BOARD MEETING:

The gaming board will meet on Thursday, September 14 at 6:30 PM at the parish rectory. We will be reviewing our gambling statements.

FIREMENS MASS:

Lastrup will be hosting the firemens Mass on October 7 at 4:00 PM. We are asking ushers to come about a half hour early as we are expecting a large crowd.

NEWS FOR BOTH PARISHES:

NEW MASS SCHEDULES:

Mass times for the weekend Masses will change on September 23-24. There will be a nice schedule in next week's bulletin you can keep for reference.

DIRECTORIES:

We now have the R directories available for sale. They are \$15 each. That was the cost to submit a picture so that's what they charge for the books too. If anyone is interested from anywhere, please call Teresa at **320-360-9720** or Louise at **320-360-1345**.

CONSECRATION TO MARY MASS CHANGE:

The Consecration to Mary will take place on Friday, September 15th at St. Joseph's Church at 6 PM at the end of Adoration.

BUCKMAN BAZAAR:

Next Sunday, September 17 is the Buckman Bazaar. Polka Mass at 10 AM, sweet corn, pulled pork, hamburgers, coffee cakes, pie and ice cream bake sale, farmers market, fancy work, gun raffle, quilt raffle and bingo and so much more! Plan on joining us for a fun day!!

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**.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST:

Please join us in praying for our nation on Saturday, October 7th at 3 PM at St. John Cantius Church outside at the statue of Mary. If inclement weather, it will be held inside the church. The Rosary will be prayed simultaneously with Rosary Rallies across the United States so please arrive a little early so it can begin right at 3 PM. We would love to see you there! If you can't join us in person, consider praying the Rosary at 3 PM Central wherever you may be. May God Bless the United States of America.

KOINONIA:

Remember the 'can you hear me now' commercial? Are you hearing God? 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. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. 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:

Cindy Hayes, 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:

***MARATHON FOR CATHOLIC EDUCATION:** Friday, September 22, 2023.

***POTATO FUNDRAISER FOR MARATHON:** HT students are once again selling potatoes for our annual Marathon for Catholic Education. Please contact a family to purchase yours! \$8/ 10 lb. bag. Reds and Russets. Orders are due Friday, September 15. Potatoes will be ready for pickup Friday, September 22.

***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

***STEAK & WINE 2023 DINNER TICKETS:** On sale now at HTCS office- \$40/person, -\$400 for a reserved table of 8.

***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:**

Sept. 3-Dennis Dziejewczynski-\$75

Sept. 4-Lynette Faber-\$35

Sept. 5-Michelle Litke-\$35

Sept. 6-Marlene Smude-\$35

Sept. 7-Mary Hansmann-\$35

Sept.8-Rose Virnig-\$35

Sept. 9-Scott & Brenda Boser-\$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.

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