

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IIN ORDINARY TIME
October 1, 2023
Father Aaron Nett, PASTOR

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK:

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| Tuesday | Oct. 3 | No Mass | |
| Saturday | Oct. 7 | 4:00 pm | +Deceased firefighters, especially Dan Stangl who passed away this year |

HOLY CROSS:

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| Wednesday | Oct. 4 | No Mass | |
| Saturday | Oct 7 | 6:00 pm | +Ronnie Gross |

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

*Confessions-Saturday- 3:30 pm at St. John's & After the 6 PM mass at Holy Cross and every second Sunday at 7:30 am at St. Michael's and after the 10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph or by appointment. They will be once a month at each parish

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Saturday, October 7 at 6:00 PM

Ushers: Kevin Dembouski & Willie Rudolph
Srs Adam Woitalla & Elliott Carmona
Lector: Janet Hanneken
Rosary: Phyllis Schmidbauer

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

Saturday, October 7 at 4:00 pm

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker
Server: Zach Gall
Lector: Dale Beierman

Sunday at 10:00 AM in Pierz + Mary Ann Kimman **Sunday 8:00 AM in Buckman** + Reiny & Ceil, Duane & Leon Przybilla

Buckman-Thursday- +Celestine "Cel" Gall

Pierz- Friday- =Marty & Jean Stang

THE DIACONATE JOURNEY:

I was ordained a deacon almost 4 months new (not that long) and it has been humbling to reflect upon the journey and the gifts of the diaconate itself. I am humbled recalling how far I have come in my own spiritual life as well as the graces that have been granted to me and my family through the journey. The sacrament of Holy Orders surprised me with how much it moved my spiritual life. While my six years of formal classes, with a few more of personal discernment, seems like a long time, it takes time to open your heart and allow God to work in your life. I remember thinking I was ready at times only to find out how much further I needed to go...and I still have room to grow. It is truly humbling when doing baptisms, wakes, funerals, offering adoration, and assisting at Mass. I have yet to assist at or bless a marriage, but that will come. Notice a deacon can't say Mass and hear confessions, only a priest can do that. The balance of our family where Maggie and I both work full time while raising our 5 kids and all the activities we are involved in is challenging and causes me to say "no" to many requests, but the expectation is for a deacon to volunteer about 5-10 hours a week. Not a lot by itself, but a lot when added to life. I have gotten to know the deacons of the diocese well as we go on many of the same retreats throughout formation and the deacons and their wives are like family. This year I am excited for my first clergy retreat with the deacons, priests, and Bishop Neary to get to know them and pray with them as well. God calls each one of us to fulfill His will. I promise you that if you follow the will of God and where He calls you, you will find peace and joy in your heart...even if it brings more challenges to your life.

Your brother in Christ, **Deacon Leo**

HOLY CROSS PARISH NEWS:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, September 24; Adults, \$1029.00 (30 env); Adult loose, \$269.00; Children, \$3.50 (3 env); Parish directories, \$60.00
Catholic Charities, \$7.00 (1 env)

MARRIAGE BANNES:

Bann II for Samantha Gross and David Wimmer (wedding October 21)

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, September 24; Adults: \$998.00, Adult loose: \$212.00, Children loose: \$9.00, Energy-\$60.00

BAR BINGO NEWS Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The next bingo jackpots are 48 numbers for \$1000 and 53 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.

FIREMENS MASS:

Lastrup will be hosting the firefighters 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:

THE WOMEN'S EASTERN DEANERY:

The women's deanery invites your to "*Mary, Our Spiritual Mother*" with a presentation by Jean Zwilling on her travels to Fatima & Lourdes. Join us on Saturday morning, October 7, 2003 at Pierz-St. Joseph church: Mass at 8:00 am. Program ends at noon, with free-will-offering at lunch to follow. Register by October 1st via email, text, or phone call to Nita Hayes **320-630-0388, nitahayes@live.com**

HIP HOP CONCERT:

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1- 2:30-4:30 -TODAY!

Connor Flanagan is a Catholic hip hop singer from Steubenville conferences. Connor is doing a hip hop concert & Leading us in praise and worship for adoration. Fr Doug Liebsch (vocations director) will also be joining us. This event will be in the Holy Trinity gym. The doors open at 2 PM today. This event is sponsored by the FPSR youth group & is a free event. All families are welcome!

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Kurt Lucking, Sally Lentner, Cindy Hayes, 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:

***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.

***RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS:**

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| Sept. 24-Marla Britton-\$75 | Sept. 25-Mark & Patty Bednar-\$35 | Sept. 26-Leroy & Marlene Knopik-\$35 |
| Sept. 27-Patty Schlichting-\$35 | Sept. 28-Tim & Deb Kucala-\$35 | Sept.29-Betty Fyten-\$35 |
| Sept. 30-Chuck & Karen Gruber-\$3 | | |

PHONE NUMBER: 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.

