

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 24, 2023
Father Aaron Nett, PASTOR

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
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MASSES FOR WEEK

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK:

Tuesday	Sept.26	7:00 pm	Parishes
Saturday	Sept. 30	4:00 pm	+Joelle Hayes

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Sept. 27	8:00 am	Holy Name
Saturday	Sept. 30	6:00 pm	+Julian & Verna Pulak

*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, September 30 at 6:00 PM

Ushers: Allen & LeRoy Voitalla
Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing
Lector: Tim Schubert
Rosary: Gloria Voitalla

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

Saturday, September 30 at 4:00 pm

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker
Server: Ellie Thomsen
Lector: Dale Beierman

Sunday at 10:00 AM in Pierz + Janice Hoffman **Sunday 8:00 AM in Buckman** + Jason Becker, +Gary Becker

Buckman-Friday--HT Mass, 9:00 am +Al & Mary Konen

Pierz- No Mass

THE LORD IS NEAR

Dear Friends,

"The Lord is near to all who call upon him." The psalm antiphon this week proclaims our faith in a God who is near to us and hears us when we call for help. It is important for us to remember, "if God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31) We can be confident that the Lord is steadfast and never waivers, and is only a simple sigh or movement of the heart in a way. St. Therese, the Little Flower said, "For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy." May we draw near to the Lord as we call upon him often and in simple ways.

What great festivals and bazaars we have had in these past several weeks in our Father Pierz ACC! It has been a great opportunity for fellowship, and for me to meet many new people. It has been so impressive to see great works of charity, generosity and cooperation amongst the people of God. Praise God for that!

This Sunday after Mass I will be driving down for my annual eight-day silent retreat. My retreat this year is at the Mundelein Seminary near Chicago. I look forward to the time of prayer, rest and reflection each year. I meet each day for one hour with a spiritual director, but the rest of the retreat is in silence. It may seem like a lot of silence but the time actually goes by very quickly. I will be keeping all of you in prayer. Please pray for me as well.

May we stay steadfast in calling upon the Lord in prayer for one another. And may we keep in mind our common goal as brothers and sisters in Christ of happiness, holiness and heaven

God Bless you,
Father Aaron

HOLY CROSS PARISH NEWS:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, September 17; Adults, \$1314.00 (46 env); Adult loose, \$160.00; Children, \$15.75 (4 env), Child loose, \$12.00
Building Fund, \$15.00 (2 env); Catholic Charities, \$19.00 (3 env)

HELP NEEDED:

If anyone knows a contact number for Stubby Tautges or Steph Medina, please let Debbie Voitalla know. They both won on the grand raffle and had only their name listed. Please call Debbie at **320-277-3860**. Thank you!

MARRIAGE BANNS:

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

NEW SCHEDULES:

The new schedules are ready for pickup on the back table. Thank you!

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Sunday, September 17; Adults: \$1053.00, Adult loose: \$457.00, Children loose: \$6.00, Children env. \$2.00: Votive, \$21.00
Campaign for Human Development, \$40.00

BAR BINGO NEWS Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The \$1000 pot was won last Tuesday. The next bingo jackpots are 47 numbers for \$1000 and 52 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 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:

SENIORS FALL SOCIAL:

The Pierz Dining Center will be having a Fall social on Thursday, September 28th, 2023. There will be FREE bingo starting at 3:30 with dinner served at 5:00 PM. The suggested donation for the meal is \$5.00. Anyone 60 years of age, or handicapped is welcome. Please RSVP to Nancy at **320-468-2160** by September 25th to reserve your meal.

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**

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 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:

***THANK YOU-** Thank you to Kroll Farms for donating the potatoes for our Marathon.

***THANK YOU-** Thank you to all those who donated to our Marathon. Your generosity is truly appreciated in helping us reach our goal.

***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. 17-Roxanne Japp-\$75

Sept. 18-Heather Kimman-\$35

Sept. 19-Alex & Natalie Gruber-\$35

Sept. 20-Zach & Noah Kummert-\$35

Sept. 21-Jacob Kippley-\$35

Sept.22-Jim Schwendinger-\$35

Sept. 23-Gary Banick-\$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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