

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH
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27th SUNDAY IIN ORDINARY TIME
October 8, 2023
Father Aaron Nett, PASTOR

HOLY CROSS CHURCH
29482 243rd Street
Pierz, MN 56364
Hardingchurch.org

MASSES FOR WEEK

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK:

Tuesday	Oct. 10	7:00 pm	+Joelle Hayes
Wednesday	Oct. 11	Funeral for	+Marcella Boser
Saturday	Oct. 14	4:00 pm	Ken "KC" Reinhart

HOLY CROSS:

Wednesday	Oct. 11	No Mass	Funeral in Lastrup
Saturday	Oct 14	6:00 pm	+Allen & Brad Skochenski

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

*Confessions-Saturdays-3:30 PM at St. John's and Sunday at 7:30 AM at St. Michael's and the first weekend of the month-After the 6 PM Mass at Holy Cross and Sunday after 10 AM Mass at St. Joseph's

*Confessions also ½ hour before each weekday Mass or by appointment

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

Saturday, October 14 at 6:00 PM

Ushers: Gary Matlock & Allen Stuckmeyer
Servers Max & Maverick Woitalla
Lector: Will Corbett
Rosary: Ted Boser

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK CHURCH

Saturday, October 14 at 4:00 pm

Ushers: Allen Welle & Ron Monson
Server: Kimmans
Lector: Faye Diederich

Sunday at 10:00 AM in Pierz +Tara Neveah Herold & Tara Marie Herold **Sunday-8:00 AM in Buckman** +Art Leikvoll

Buckman-Thursday- The recipients of prayer blankets

Pierz- Friday- +Dale & Dominick Dahmen

MESSAGE FROM OUR SEMINARIAN:

Hello everyone! My name is Tobias Elis, and you may have seen me around the last month serving the Masses in Pierz and Buckman and trying to meet as many people as I could at the St. Michael's bazaar. I agree...it was some of the best sweet corn I have ever tasted! I am from St. Cloud and I'm studying for the priesthood for the diocese of St. Cloud, having just completed four years of college at Saint John Vianney Seminary. After obtaining degrees in philosophy and Catholic Studies along with a minor in Chemistry, I moved this fall to St. Paul Seminary also on the University of St. Thomas campus to begin my theological studies. One of the greatest opportunities I have during these next four years of theology is to be assigned to the Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic Community for my teaching parishes. I will primarily be visiting the parishes at least one weekend per month, and I am excited to be around for Easter and Christmas time as well. The teaching parish is not meant to be a "practice parish," but rather my home for the next four years. I hope to get to know many of you and participate in many of the church's functions and ministries, along with getting some experience of what it means to be a pastor by watching and learning from Father Nett. More than just getting hands on experience, though, I will be keeping the parish in prayer and look forward to having some great mentors in Father Nett and the faithful of the Pierz ACC whom I have yet to meet. Please keep me in your prayers as well, especially in these first months of transitioning to a new seminary. It is always a challenge to find a new community, but between my class at the seminary and this parish family, I know with confidence that the Lord will continue to richly provide for me.

HARDING PARISH NEWS:

STEWARDSHIP:

Saturday, September 30: Adults, \$1311.00(42 env); Children, \$8.25 (13 env); Adult loose, \$423.00; Children loose, \$6.00
Energy, \$50.00(4 env); Education, Holy Trinity \$100.00 (1 env); Cemetery, \$2000.00

ROSARY SODALITY:

We will be going to play bingo with the residents at the Villa on Friday, October 20, 2023. We need to be there by 2 PM and the residents really love to see the children. We need a few ladies to help residents play. It's a fun afternoon for them and they enjoy visitors

CHURCH CLEANERS:

Sara Carmona, Roxanne Lehmeier, Autumn Woitalla, Debbie (Allen) Woitalla, Lori Woitalla, Marie Woitalla, Rose Woitalla,

MARRIAGE BANNES:

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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK PARISH:

STEWARDSHIP:

Saturday, September 30; Adults: \$609.00, Adult loose: \$120.11; Children envelope, \$2.00: Children loose: \$59.00, Energy-\$10.00

BAR BINGO NEWS Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Tuesday evening at 6PM. The next bingo jackpots are 49 numbers for \$1000 and 54 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:

We ask for God's blessing for all our brave firemen who are here in Lastrup today. May they be kept safe and protected by their patron saint. St. Florian. Lord, give them the courage and strength to help all those in need! **THANK YOU FIREMEN!**

NEWS FOR BOTH PARISHES:

BULLETINS:

It is with mixed emotion that I write this bulletin. This will be one of our last bulletins for just Harding and Lastrup. I remember when we joined Harding and Lastrup, it was hard at first, but we worked through it. At first, I was very against combining bulletins and said I would fight joining all 4 bulletins together. I was afraid that we'd lose our identity. I did fight it, but what I discovered in going to meetings is that we are all feeling the same. It doesn't matter what church we go to or which bulletin we read or what Mass time works best for us. If there is a will, there is a way. We can make this work, if we want it to. Our end goal for all of us should be the same, we are all striving to get to Heaven. I think we are very blessed to have a very spiritual priest and a church to go to yet! Many other areas are not as lucky as us. Change is hard for all of us, but just as the seasons change, so must we. We also have to think of Father Aaron, being new to four parishes and having to make all the changes the diocese has asked for. I pray that we can share churches and the priest and that we all can work together to try to keep them. I know it's hard and there are many differing opinions and many untruths but be careful what you believe! Please pray for our parishes and Father Aaron too, because this is all a lot of change for him also. May God Bless You all!

Thank you for all your support while I was doing the bulletin. I will definitely miss it! It will now be done in Pierz.

After typing this I discovered that we can not get the bulletins ready by the 14th so the **new bulletins will start October 21!

BULLELTIN INFORMATION:

Our bulletins will not be printed in house, but will be sent out, so the new deadline for information will be Monday at 3:00 PM. Bulletin information can be sent to stjoes@midco.net If you are unable to email information, you can still call Teresa and she will get it in for you. If you ever have an insert or attachment, please let us know a week or so ahead of time as hopefully, they will be printed right in the bulletin. Our Parish council minutes will be printed up and put on the table in the back of church for whomever wants to see what's going on. The deadline for our first combined bulletin will be Monday, October 16 at 3:00PM.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL:

Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of August 21, the diocese has raised \$1,252,711 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of 1,400,000, with gifts from 7,005 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose,** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal

STEWARDSHIP:

Stewardship is a way of Life. *"the stone that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..."* Matthew 21:42
Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

BOX OF JOY TIME:

Guess what time it is? Box of Joy Time! We are so blessed to be partnered with Cross Catholic for this wonderful Christmas mission. Box of Joy is our annual mission to send gifts to the poor children in underdeveloped countries such as Honduras, Dominican Republic, Haiti and Africa. We would LOVE to have you join this fun and easy mission. Boxes and information sheets will be available all month long in the entry ways of our parishes and parish office. Collection week is November 6-12th ! Watch the bulletin for gift ideas. Thank you for your generosity and God Bless. Sara Stumpf [320-493-7062](tel:320-493-7062). Drop off Nov 11th , 12 PM-4PM or Nov 12th 9AM-1PM.

PRAYER REQUESTS: (please check the names you have put on this list to see if they need to remain on here.)

Alice Matlock, 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, 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:**

Oct. 1-Kevin & Maria Hochstatter-\$75	Oct. 2-Dylan Kummet-\$35	Oct. 3-Mary Caughey-\$35
Oct.4-Reese Kapsner-\$35	Oct. 5-Tina Schlanger-\$35	Oct. 6-Noah Girtz-\$35
Oct. 7-Brad Keehr-\$35		

For an emergency -if you need a priest: We will contact a priest for you!

Lastrup and Harding call Teresa Thesing at [320-360-9720](tel:320-360-9720)

Buckman and Pierz call Michael Pekar at [320-221-1134](tel:320-221-1134)

Please feel free to call either one of us, if you can't reach one of us.

