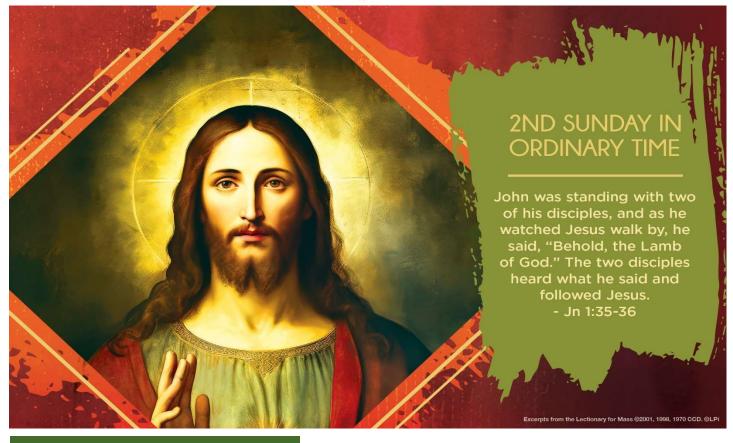


FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ **AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**



REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY 7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup WEDNESDAY 8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding **THURSDAY** 7:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman FRIDAY 8:30 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz SATURDAY 4:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup 6:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Harding **SUNDAY**

8:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman 10:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz **See inside cover for any changes for the upcoming week

JANUARY 14, 2023 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30 p.m. St John Nepomuk Lastrup SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. St. Michael's Buckman *Confessions 30 minutes before each weekday Mass and by appt. *First Weekend of the Month: After 6 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross Harding and after 10 a.m. Mass at St Joseph's Pierz

Fr. Aaron Nett, Pastor: 320-468-6033, frnett@midco.net Deacon Craig Korver: ckorver@molschool.org Deacon Leo Wehseler: leowehseler@gmail.com St. John/Holy Cross Office: 320-360-9720, ltthesing@hotmail.com St. Joseph/St. Michael Office: 320-468-6033, stjoes@midco.net

A MESSAGE FROM FATHER PIERZ SCHOOL OF RELIGION

There's revival and it is spreading amongst the youth! Many of my students and friends have encountered the love of God & experienced healing & wholeness on a retreat; to know who and what you are living for is a beautiful thing. I want to encourage not just the youth, but all adults to do some type of retreat to renew their faith and grow closer to God this next year. My prayer is for every person to know how deeply loved they are by Jesus Christ & for people to know, love, & serve Jesus with their whole lives, not just on Sundays, not just on Wednesdays, not just during classes or Bible study, but that they live their lives in such a way that others are drawn to them; there is nothing more attractive than holiness. One of my favorite quotes from St. John Paul II is:

"It is Jesus that you seek when you dream of happiness; he is waiting for you when nothing else you find satisfies you; He is the beauty to which you are so attracted; it is He who provoked you with that thirst for fullness that will not let you settle for compromise; it is He who urges you to shed the masks of a false life; it is He who reads in your heart your most genuine choices, the choices that others try to stifle."

To live your life in such a way that people see Jesus in you. When people saw St. John Paul II they saw the presence of Christ; He was the beauty to which they were so attracted to. I urge you to live your life this way & to pray about doing a retreat to grow in relationship with Jesus.

We have many opportunities right in Minnesota to grow closer to God through a retreat:

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16 – JANUARY 22	*The weekday Mass in Buckman will be at 7:00 a.m. this week, Thursday, January 18 th .	
<u>Tuesday, January 16</u>		
7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Doris Langer & +Lucy Hanson	*Pullatin Announcement Deadline: The	
Wednesday, January 17	*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin	
8:00 a.m. Harding +Tina Brill	announcements is Mondays at 3 p.m.	
7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration	You can email <u>stjoes@midco.net</u> , mail	
Thursday, January 18 (Note Mass Time Change in Buckman)	PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call	
7:00 a.m. Buckman Reconciliation of Our Nation Back to God	320-468-6033.	
10:00 a.m. Villa +Jane Storkamp		
<u>Friday, January 19</u> – No School at HT	* <i>Emergency Contact:</i> If you have an	
8:30 a.m. Pierz +Bernice (Bednark) Drywa	emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.	
3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration		
Saturday, January 20	Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:	
4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Joe Banach & nephews +Mike Pohlkamp & +Nathan	Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Fridays closed.	
Rothstein		
6:00 p.m. Harding +Butch & Donna Brisk	Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:	
Sunday, January 21	Call 320-360-9720	
8:00 a.m. Buckman +Severin Smelter		
10:00 a.m. Pierz +Herb & Elvira Stumpf	*Contribution Envelopes can be put into	
Monday, January 22	any of our 4 area parishes' collections or the drop box in the entryway of the Pierz	
7:00 a.m. Pierz+Dianne Thommes	parish office and we will make sure they	
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION	get to the correct parish. Thank you!	
St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m.	*If you are seeking information on	
St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2 nd	*If you are seeking information on baptism, marriage, or RCIA preparation or would like to sign up as a new member of the parish, please call 320-468-6033	
Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.		
ADORATION Holy Cross Harding – Adoration chapel always open		
"Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the most tender of friends with souls who seek to please Him.	(Pierz and Buckman) or 320-360-9720	
	(Lastrup & Harding).	
His goodness knows how to proportion itself to the smallest of His creatures as to the greatest of		

them. Be not afraid then in your solitary conversations, to tell Him of your miseries, fears, worries, of those who are dear to you, of your projects, and of your hopes. Do so with confidence and with an open heart." – St. Damien of Molokai

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Mark Loidolt Server: Brittney Schommer Ushers: Donny Schommer & Ron Monson Eucharistic Minister (Choir): Allen Riedeman

BAR BINGO NEWS: Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Please come and join us for a fun evening. The jackpot numbers will be posted online and at the Fisch House and also on their Facebook page. 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 NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, December 30th: Adult env. \$698.00, Adult loose \$76.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$4.00, Christmas \$1,190.00. *Mass attendance:* 176 *Saturday, January 6th: Adult env. \$6,015.00, Adult loose \$153.00, Children loose \$5.00, Christmas \$300.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$130.00. *Mass attendance:* 148

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

Olivia Waldorf, Horst Hanneken, Pat (Rod) Boser, Jane Weiss, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Sally Lentner, Lois Woitalla, Rhys Boser, Glen Anderson, Carmen Britz, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Eric Halbert, Aaron Boser, Karen Schommer, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Serena Truskowski, Gina Virnig, Donny Schommer, Scott Bednar, Jerod Bursch.

ACC Faith Study Groups

*Bible study is being offered every other Sunday evening for the young female youth (9th grade and older) of our ACC. This is held in the St Joseph Church basement at 7:00 pm. If you are interested in attending or have any questions, please call Jenny (320-360-6650), Kari (320-412-6164), or Rebecca (320-360-7004).

*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

*Women's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. We'll meet in St. Joseph's church at 8:15 to pray a rosary followed by discussion in the parish office until 9:30. All women are welcome! Call or text Cari Stumpf with any questions, 320-761-6336.

*The Sunday Night Adult Education Group meets on Sunday night at 7PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. We watch a short video on a variety of Catholic topics followed by a discussion. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

29482 243rd Street Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-360-9720 E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com Website: Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, JANUARY 20 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Sheila Rudolph Servers: Adam Woitalla & Elliot Carmona Ushers: Willie Rudolph & Kevin Dembouski Eucharistic Minister (Choir): Leonard Thesing Rosary: Gloria Woitalla

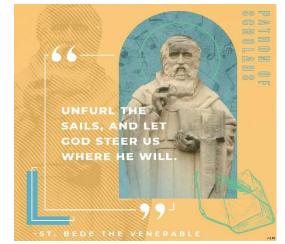
HARDING FIREARM SAFETY COURSE: Local area volunteer instructors who have been certified by the Dept. of Natural Resources have scheduled their annual Firearms Safety training classes. Participants MUST be 11 years old by January 25, 2024 to enroll. Adults are welcome to take the class. All individuals born after 12/31/1979 must complete this course to hunt. A parent or guardian must be present the first class to pay a nominal fee and to gather instructions regarding their child's certification upon the completion of the class and field day. Classes will begin on Thursday, January 25th, 2024 at the Holy Cross Church basement in Harding. Class times are from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. They will run for six consecutive Thursdays. If you have any questions, please contact Gary Hebler 320-630-2736 Dave Skwira 320-277-6135, Ron Will 320-360-0949, Michelle Froelich 320-360-1985, John Weiss 320-630-4034, Tonya Poser 320-423-1050 or Tyler Hebler 320-360-2095. Field day scheduled later and held in Spring 2024.

TREE OF LIGHTS & WREATHS: Thank you to everyone who bought wreaths and light bulbs this year again. The tree was amazing and we put many wreaths on the cemetery for people. Thank you to parishioners from other parishes for joining us. We sold 254 bulbs and 69 wreaths, and with a \$450 donation, there was a \$4,005 profit. *Thank you all!*

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, December 30th: Adult env. \$1,089.00, Adult loose \$81.00, Children env. \$10.92, Christmas \$404.75. *Mass attendance:* 128

***Saturday, January 6th:** Adult env. \$1,436.00, Adult loose \$98.00, Children env. \$5.44, Children loose \$5.00, Christmas \$530.00, Solemnity of Mary 100.00, Wreath/lights \$5,299.00.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

9251 Hwy 25, P.O. Box 428 Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-468-6033 E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Kay Zilka Communion Ministers: Janice Janson & Bob Lochner Servers: Logan Brisk & Nathan Posch

Ushers for Jan.: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl & Todd Caddy

<u>TIED QUILTS:</u> We will be gathering after mass on Thursday January 18th and Thursday January 25th to tie quilts. Please make an effort to help us with this project for the Quilt Bingo to be held in March. Call Janel 468-6503 if questions.

WEEKDAY LECTOR: We are in need of a few people to volunteer to be on a lector schedule for the weekday Masses. If you are interested in helping out, please give the parish office a call at 468-6033. Thank you!

BUCKMAN HALL RENTAL: If you are interested in renting the St. Michael's Parish Center for this coming December/January, St. Michael's parishioners may do so after February 1st, non-parishioners after March 1st. Thank you!



CUF MEMBERSHIP BREAKFAST:

January 14th in the Buckman parish center after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

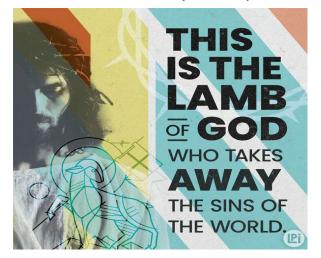
ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Dec 31 & Jan 7)

December 31 st		<u>Janua</u>	<u>January 7th</u>		
Adult	\$ 8,594.00	Adult	\$3,328.00		
High School	\$22.00	High School	\$1.00		
Elementary	\$7.00	Elementary	\$2.00		
Plate	<u>\$199.00</u>	Plate	<u>\$238.00</u>		
	\$8,822.00		\$3,569.00		

<u>Christmas:</u> \$7,872.00 (env.)

<u>Solemnity of Mary:</u> \$680.00 (env.) \$69.00 (plate) November Electronic Contributions: \$ 970.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance December 24th @ 8 a.m. Sunday: 268 Mass attendance December 24th @ 4:30 p.m. Sunday: 547 Mass attendance December 31st Sunday: 268 Mass attendance January 7th Sunday: 320



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Weekday Lector: Friday, January 19th: Jan Dahmen

SUNDAY, JANUARY 21 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Cari Stumpf Communion Ministers: Wanda Kapsner, Sarah Fyten & Kristie Kroll Servers: Elizabeth & Anna Stumpf

<u>Ushers for January:</u> Jim Gruber, Gerard Kimman, Jon Stumpf, Robbie Becker & Jason Sadlovsky

ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting on Monday, January 15th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, January 18th at 9 a.m. Come and go as is convenient for you. **We are again asking for pieced quilt tops.** Just a reminder we have kits done up with directions and ready to go for tops. Feel free to stop down and observe. We are always looking for new quilters. Questions call Eileen 320-360-2434 or Chris 320-630-0606.

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Dec 31 & Jan 7)

December 31 st		Janua	January 7 th		
Adult	\$7,096.00	Adult	\$2,679.10		
High School	\$17.25	High School	\$1.00		
Elementary	\$21.00	Elementary	\$11.80		
Plate	<u>\$555.50</u>	Plate	<u>\$353.00</u>		
	\$7,689.75		\$3,044.90		
<u>Christmas:</u> \$8,727.25 (env.)					
Solemnity of Mary: \$762.00 (env.)					
November Electronic Contributions: \$ 3,125.00					
Thank you for your generosity!					
Mass attendance December 31st Sunday: 423					
Mass attendance January 7th Sunday: 339					

CATHOLIC Q&A: Sin on the Soul

Question: Why do some sacraments leave a character or mark on the soul? Don't all sacraments affect the soul?

Answer: All sacraments mediate grace and connect us to Christ and to the Church. Some sustain us in our faith journey, while others help us heal from the effects of sin. Each one offers a share in God's life, giving us what we need to be faithful followers of Jesus. But some sacraments change us in ways that are irreversible. The three sacraments that leave a character are Baptism, Confirmation, and Holy Orders. We are literally different people because of the effect of the grace of those sacraments. We are changed at the core of our being in such a fundamental way that we can not go back to what we once were.

In Baptism, we are freed from original sin, initiated into the Body of Christ as adopted sons and daughters. In Confirmation, we are given the fullness of God's Spirit, sealed in his grace and gifted with what we need to live a Christian life. In Holy Orders, a priest is marked as an 'alter Christus,' another Christ, and is once and forever a priest who offers sacrifice, forgives sin, and acts in the person of Christ. In these three sacraments, we are conformed more closely to Christ, reflecting his love and truth.

GENERAL NEWS

NOTES:

*The weekday Mass in Buckman this coming week will be at 7:00 a.m. We are going to try that time for a few weeks for the students to be able to attend Mass.

*There will be a Mass in Pierz on Monday, January 22nd at 7:00 a.m. before the bus leaves the church parking lot for the MCCL March for Life at the Capitol. This Mass is open to everyone, even if not riding the bus. Please join us!

<u>ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS:</u> Everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary of Seven Sorrows after 8:00 AM Mass in Buckman on January 14th.

<u>PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS</u>: Thursday, January 18th at the parish center in Buckman. Lastrup & Harding meet at 6 p.m., Pierz & Buckman meet at 7:15 p.m.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORED BUS FOR

MARCH FOR LIFE: MN Citizens Concerned for Life March for Life 2024 in St. Paul on Monday, January 22nd, 2024. Mass in Pierz at 7:00 a.m. before the bus leaves. Program begins with an Ecumenical Prayer Service at 10:30 a.m. at the St. Paul Cathedral. The Rally for Life at the Capitol at 12 p.m. Dress warm, bring a light lunch and a friend. We will be riding in a coach bus for a comfortable ride. All ages welcome. Bus leaves at 7:30 a.m. from the north parking lot of Coborns in Little Falls. Bus will be leaving the parking lot of St. Joseph's Church in Pierz at 8 a.m. Return at approximately 4:30-5 p.m. Contacts Floyd Richmond at 320-632-2880 and Dale Beierman at 320-360-7100. Let us pray that life will be protected in all stages.

KC BUFFALO RAFFLE AND APPRECIATION MEAL: All KC members are asked to bring a pan of bars to the Pierz Ballroom for the Appreciation meal on Saturday, Jan. 27, 2024. Any one that can help in working in any way please come to the ballroom, come around 2:00 pm or any time that works for you. We really need help cleaning up. Also, please return all tickets (sold or unsold) to the person that gave them to you (before Saturday) or bring them to the Ballroom on Saturday. Thank you for all your help in making this a great fund raiser for the St. Isidore's Council.

***Buffalo Feed Appreciation Dinner and Raffle** Saturday, January 27th at the Pierz Ballroom from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM.

Knights Of Columbus Local Free Throw Contest: Sunday, Jan. 28th Noon-2pm at the High School MAC gym for 9-14year-old boys and girls. Goes by what your age is on 1/1/24. You can show up at any time in that time frame. If you can't make it and want to shoot contact Jason 320-360-0001. I tried to find a day there's hopefully no youth tournaments.

<u>Pierz Community Education</u> is offering the 4-hour refresher course for those 55 and older to maintain their insurance discount on February 6 from 5:30-9:30pm. Call the community ed office at 320-468-6458 ext 7 to register.



<u>QUILT BINGO:</u> Sunday, February 4th, 2024, at 1 p.m. at the Holy Trinity School Gym

in Pierz. Catholic United Financial Matching Grant Fundraiser. Sponsored by St. Joseph's Church. Beautiful handmade quilts, free lunch, and door prizes. **<u>CENTRAL MN KOINONIA</u>:** 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 retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. www.centralmnkoinonia.org.

PRO-LIFE DINNER: 51st Annual Pro-Life Dinner at Falls Ballroom on Sunday, Jan. 28th. Social Hour 12-12:45 p.m. Chicken & Ham Dinner 12:45-1:45 p.m. Program at 1:45 p.m. Speaker Jennifer Lewerenz, the News Director for KNSI Radio in St. Cloud. Event includes silent auction fundraiser. (Tickets \$18 at door.) Sue Houdek at 320-630-7045.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES: Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids on February 11, from 10:30-3:00 PM for a day of family fun and learning. Parent session topics will include mental health, self-care for parents, social media, and faithful parenting. Register your family for only \$20 at: https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/

Rosary for Life and Vespers for Life – January 21 St. Anthony parish, St. Cloud, at 3:30 p.m. Bishop Patrick Neary will preside. Includes music, prayer, scripture and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist pregnancy resource centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud. <u>https://stcdio.org/event/vespers-for-life-2024/</u>.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER: Sat., Jan. 20, at St. Peter & Paul's Catholic Church, 10495 Golden Spike Rd. NE, Gilman. Serving 4-6:30p.m. All you can eat spaghetti, breadsticks, salad, dessert & beverage. Free will offering.



Saint of the week

St. Clare of Assisi, a devoted follower and friend of St. Francis, centered her life around poverty, prayer, and the Eucharist. As the founder of the Poor Clares, she promoted a ministry of simplicity, adoration, and service to the poor.

Prayer of Discernment

Dear Lord,

Here I am! Help me to know the path You would have me walk, to speak the words You would have me speak, to love and serve those You put in my path. Amen.



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***CONTACT INFORMATION-** Don't forget to keep up with Holy Trinity news at <u>holytrinitypierz.org</u>, and follow us on Facebook

at <u>www.facebook.com/holytrinitypierz</u>. You can also watch past events on our YouTube channel <u>www.youtube.com/@htcspierz4029</u>

***COFFEE**- Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 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 / KINDERGARTEN DISCOVERY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE-** January 31, 2024, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Please see the postcard information for more details.

Raffle Calendar Winners:

1/7/24 \$75.00 Larry Fuchs, 1/8/24 \$35.00 Stacey Gahler, 1/9/24 \$35.00 Luann Hoheisel & Randy Hoheisel, 1/10/24 \$35.00 Melvin Popp, 1/1124 \$35.00 Kelsi Kippley, 1/12/2024 \$35.00 Julie Athman, 1/13/24 \$35.00 Nora Poster

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Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640 *Wednesday, January 17th – JH Dodgeball & Game Night 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 pm. (Adoration 5-6 p.m. Pierz Church)

<u>*Sunday, January 21st</u> – Powder Ridge Ski & Snowboard Trip 12 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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