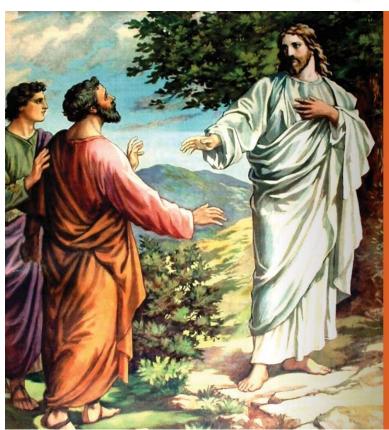


### **FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



# 3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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He walked along a little farther and saw James, the son of Zebedee, and his brother John.
They too were in a boat mending their nets. Then he called them. So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him. - Mk 1:19-20

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass @2001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

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#### **REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE**

#### **TUESDAY**

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

#### **THURSDAY**

8:00 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 21, 2024 3RD 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 FR. AARON NETT



#### The Destroyer of Love and Peace

Dear Friends,

St. Mother Theresa once said, "The greatest destroyer of love and peace is abortion, which is war against the child. The mother doesn't learn to love, but kills to solve her own problems. Any country that accepts abortion is not teaching its people to love, but to use any violence to get what they want."

The Unites States Bishops have stated that, "The threat of abortion is the preeminent issue of our times." The killing of an unborn child in the womb attacks the right to life at its most fundamental stage and undermines the dignity of family life. It is responsible for the slaughter of over one-million, four-hundred thousand babies each year, in the most brutal ways. Abortion also sadly leaves many mothers psychologically, emotionally and physically wounded. It

is a crime to kill a wolf, but not an unborn baby?! Lord have mercy on us!

If we desire peace and love of neighbors to flourish in our nation, we must first fight for the peace for those who cannot fight for themselves and need our love the most. St. Mother Theresa said, "What is taking place in America, is a war against the child. And if we accept that the mother can kill her own child, how can we tell other people not to kill one another?" Let us pray that God's gift of human life in all stages from conception to natural death would be respected and defended in our laws and throughout our nation.

This Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> the MCCL's annual March for Life will take place at the Capitol in St. Paul. This date commemorates the unborn lives lost and the women and men who have been seriously affected. The 2024 march comes after extreme action taken by lawmakers in St. Paul—including measures enshrining abortion-up-to-birth and repealing a right to lifesaving care for newborn babies—as well as a dramatic increase in abortions. Although there have been great gains made in the pro-life cause, there is still much more praying and work to do.

Our local Knights will offer a bus ride leaving at 8am. Mass will be offered for anyone attending the event or not at 7am at St. Joseph's in Pierz. Please join us in person or in prayer for this most important cause of defending precious life in the womb! God bless you, Father Aaron

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 22 – JANUARY 28

Monday, January 22

7:00 a.m. Pierz +Dianne Thommes

**Tuesday, January 23** 

7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Joan Kronenberg

Wednesday, January 24

8:00 a.m. Harding +Gary Anderson 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, January 25

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Alvin Janorschke 10:00 a.m. Villa +Butch Maleski

Friday, January 26 – HT School Mass (Mrs. Becker's Kindergarten Class)

8:30 a.m. Pierz +Adeline Gunther 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, January 27

4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Bob & Shirley Happke & +Karla Scheel

6:00 p.m. Harding +Joe Dembouski

Sunday, January 28

8:00 a.m. Buckman For the People of the Parishes

10:00 a.m. Pierz +Bob Stockert

EUCHARISTIC

ADORATION —

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**St Joseph Pierz** – Fridays 3-6 p.m.

**St. Michael Buckman** – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the  $2^{nd}$  Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

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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. 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

\*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is Mondays at 3 p.m. You can email stjoes@midco.net, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.

\*Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.

Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:

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.

<u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u>
Call 320-360-9720

\*Contribution Envelopes can be put into any of our 4 area parishes' collections or the drop box in the entryway of the Pierz parish office and we will make sure they get to the correct parish. Thank you!

\*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 (Pierz and Buckman) or 320-360-9720 (Lastrup & Harding).

#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

28520 Church St., PO BOX 38 Lastrup, MN 56344 Phone: 320-360-9720

E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com Website: www.stjohnlastrup.org



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Holy Trinity Students for CSW Server: Holy Trinity Students for CSW Ushers: Roy Boser & Alan Welle E. Minister (Choir): Stacey Thomsen

**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.

**REMINDER:** When looking for the Lastrup website, please use their new address: stjohnlastrup.org. There is no "s" on the end of John.

<u>NOTE:</u> If you have been married 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 & 60 plus years in 2024 and would like to be invited to Honoring Marriage Day Mass on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart parish in Sauk Rapids, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.

#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

\*Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$2,750.00, Adult loose \$138.00, Children env. \$4.00, Children loose \$20.00. *Mass attendance*: 203

#### 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.

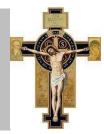
\*Women's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. We'll meet in St. Joseph's church at 8:15 to pray a rosary followed by discussion in the parish office until 9:30. All women are welcome! Call or text Cari Stumpf with any questions, 320-761-6336.

\*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: www.Hardingchurch.org



#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 27 at 6:00 p.m.

<u>Lector:</u> Holy Trinity Students for CSW <u>Servers:</u> Holy Trinity Students for CSW <u>Ushers:</u> Dave Skwira & Andy Woitalla

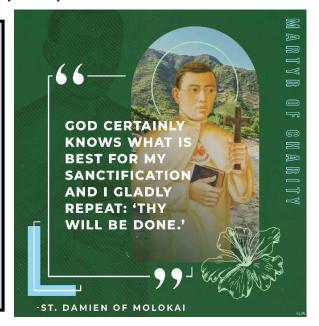
<u>CHURCH CLEANERS:</u> Jeanna LeBlanc, Amanda (Andy) Woitalla, Jessica Lucking, Rhonda Lodermeier

**NOTE:** If you have been married 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 60 & 60 plus years in 2024 and would like to be invited to Honoring Marriage Day Mass on May 4<sup>th</sup> at Sacred Heart parish in Sauk Rapids, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.

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.

#### **HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

\*Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$679.00, Adult loose \$107.00, Children env. \$6.75, Children loose \$5.00, Solemnity of Mary 5.00. *Mass attendance*: 138



#### 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 28 at 8:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Holy Trinity Students for CSW

Communion Ministers: Connie Kieffer & Donna Solinger

**Servers:** Holy Trinity Students for CSW

Ushers for Feb.: Mick Gruber, Frank Hoheisel & Steve Kahl



#### New Life in Christ

Maryn Faye, daughter of Kyle & Katie Meyer, was baptized on Sunday, January 14. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**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!

<u>CM/W MEETING:</u> The Buckman Christian Mothers/Women will meet on Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's parish center. Groups 3 & 4 can bring bars.

**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 1<sup>st</sup>, non-parishioners after March 1<sup>st</sup>. Thank you!

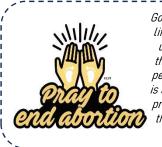
#### ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Jan 14)

Adult	\$ 2,286.00	
High School	\$	8.00
Elementary	\$	8.00
Plate	\$	163.00
	\$ 2	465 00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance January 14th Sunday: 231





#### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

68 Main St N, P.O. Box 428 Pierz, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

E-mail: stjoes@midco.net
Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



#### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28 at 10:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Holy Trinity Students for CSW

E. Ministers: Michelle Litke, Rachel & Chris Young

<u>Servers:</u> Holy Trinity Students for CSW **Sacristans:** Keith Marshik & Jan Kimman

<u>Ushers for February:</u> Jim Gerwing (Lead), Steve Boser, Mike Stangl & Steve Maus



#### New Life in Christ

Evelyn Ann, daughter of Tyler Berg & Hailey Storkamp, was baptized on Sunday, January 14. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Patronilla "Patty" Stuckmayer passed away on December 26<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup> at St. Joseph's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

CM/W MEMBERSHIP DUES: Christian Mothers/Women membership dues are due in the month of January, for current members. There is an envelope included in your pack. If you give to the parish electronically and do not have envelopes, please use a plain envelop and write Christian M/W Dues on it. If you are interested in joining our confraternity, please contact Rachel Young at 320-630-3630. We will welcome new members at our next meeting on April 10, 2024 at 6PM.

ST. JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. and Thursday, January 25<sup>th</sup> 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 360-2434 or Chris 630-0606.

#### ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Jan 14)

Adult	\$ 6,890.00
Adult (2023)	\$ 2,749.00
High School	\$ 25.00
Elementary	\$ 13.55
Plate	\$ 361.25
	\$ 10,038.8

*Thank you for your generosity!* Mass attendance **January 14**<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 296

Good and gracious God, you blew into our nostrils the breath of life. You are the One to whom we owe our very existence. Give us the courage to take that unpopular position of protecting those who have no voice, the unborn child in the womb to the person taking his or her last breath. The life you have given us is a gift beyond measure. Embolden us to speak the truth about protecting the child, the elderly, and the one without a voice in the public square. With thankful hearts, we ask all this of the One God. Father. Son. and Holy Spirit. Amen.

#### **GENERAL NEWS**

#### **NOTES:**

\*There will be a Mass in Pierz on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 they are not riding the bus. Please join us!

<u>CHILDREN ENVELOPES:</u> If your child did not receive contribution envelopes and would like them, please contact the 320-468-6033 for Pierz or Buckman, and 320-360-9720 for Lastrup or Harding.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS SPONSORED BUS FOR MARCH FOR LIFE: MN Citizens Concerned for Life March for Life 2024 in St. Paul on Monday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

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

Knights Of Columbus Local Free Throw Contest: Sunday, Jan. 28<sup>th</sup> Noon-2pm at the High School MAC gym for 9-14-year-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.

#### Pierz Community Education is offering an

introduction class to beekeeping. Molly Gensmar has a wealth of knowledge on starting and maintaining bees related but not limited to costs, equipment and time. Contact Sarah at 320-468-6458 ext 7 for more info. Held Jan. 29 5:30-8p.m.



**QUILT BINGO:** Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>, 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> A weekend Catholic retreat sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. <u>www.centralmnkoinonia.org</u>.

**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:** Don't miss out! Registration is filling fast. Join hundreds of others to celebrate the family and enjoy activities specifically designed for you! Get to know other families from the diocese and grow in faith as a family. Cost is \$20 for your entire family. For more information and to register go to: https://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/

#### **BUCKMAN FIREARMS SAFETY CLASS**



Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM March 4—April 8, 2023

Buckman Parish Center



#### PIERZ FIREARMS SAFETY CLASS

Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM March 4—April 8, 2023

Eastern Morrison County Sportsman Club

4 miles west of Pierz on Highway 27

- Must be 11 years of age by the first night of class
- Adults are welcome to take the class. If you were born AFTER December 31, 1979, you must have a firearms safety certificate to purchase a license to hunt with a firearm in Minnesota.
- A parent or guardian MUST be present to register their child the first night of class and pay the \$7.50 fee for the class
- If class is cancelled it will be announced on the Little Falls radio stations

  KLTF AM960 WYRQ 92.1FM KFML 94.1FM

\*\* Pre-registration is REQUIRED for the Pierz Class ONLY Shelly Boser shells291970@gmail.com

Registration for the Buckman Class takes place the first night of class Questions about the Buckman class contact Ron Kahl (320)360-0986

> HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK JANUARY 27 - FEBRUARY 2 HOOKED ON JESUS



#### Saturday, January 27 & Sunday, January 28: "Celebrating Our Parish"

4:00 pm Mass at St. John's, Lastrup
6:00 pm Mass at Holy Cross, Harding
8:00 am Mass at St. Michael's, Buckman
10:00 am Mass at St. Joseph's, Pierz

#### Monday, January 29: "Celebrating Our Community"

Student Activity: Students will be on the radio, KLTF Partyline from 10-11 am.

#### Tuesday, January 30: "Celebrating Vocations"

<u>Student activity:</u> Bishop Patrick Neary will be here for a visit and to talk to the students. The HT alumni seniors will also be visiting.

#### Wednesday, January 31: "Celebrating the Nation"

<u>Student activity:</u> Students will have adoration and will pray a rosary for the nation. They will also send cards and letters to the military.

#### Thursday, February 1: "Celebrating Students"

Student activity: Students will be roller skating @ Skatin' Place in St. Cloud

#### <u>Friday, February 2:</u> "Celebrating Faculty, Staff, and Volunteers" <u>Student activity:</u>

- 9:45 Spelling Bee
- 2:00 Annual Staff vs. 6th grade Kickball Game



80 Edward St. N., Pierz MN 56364, 320-468-6446

\*CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASSES- Saturday, January 27 and Sunday, January 28. Please join our families after each mass for refreshments. Thank you for supporting Holy Trinity and Catholic education. Please see the attached information for more details!

\*DISCOVERY NIGHT OPEN HOUSE- January 31, 2024, 5:00pm-7:00pm. Please see the postcard information for more details.

\*HTCS CARNIVAL / COUNTRY STORE- Our annual carnival WILL NOT have a Country Store this year. Please do NOT bring items to HTCS for this. If you do have items to donate, please contact the staff at Father Pierz School of Religion at 320-468-2640 about donating to their garage sale.

\*COFFEE- Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

#### **Raffle Calendar Winners:**

1/14 \$75 JoJo Wagner, 1/15 \$35 Dwight Przybilla, 1/16 \$35 Mike Lucking, 1/17 \$35 Gary & Faye Diederich, 1/18 \$35 Julie Laney, 1/19 \$35 Jeff & Deanna Fuhrman, 1/20 \$35 Adrian Welle

## Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640 \*Wednesday, January 24th -SH Kids Fighting Hunger 5:45 p.m.-9:00 p.m.

\*Saturday, January 27th -Knights of Columbus Buffalo Feed at Pierz Ballroom 4-8p.m. \*Sunday, January 28th - MCCL ProLife Dinner 12-3p.m. at LF

Ballroom.

## LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE ACC!



Fr. Aaron blessed the school and classrooms in celebration of the Epiphany





**Jan. 31, 2024** 



Meet other families, see classrooms, & meet teachers

Decorate a sugar cookie

Receive registration paperwork to secure your spot for the 2024-25 school year

Learn everything Holy Trinity has to offer!

Kyle & Katie Meyer

Our Discovery Night is geared toward children ages 3.5-5. New families (grades 1-6) looking to invest in a Catholic education are also welcome!





