



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to him, "See that you tell no one anything, but go, show yourself to the priest and offer for your cleansing what Moses prescribed; that will be proof for them." The man went away and began to publicize the whole matter. He spread the report abroad so that it was impossible for Jesus to enter a town openly.
- Mk 1:44-45b

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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

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

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

6th 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

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February 11, 2024
6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, "If you will it, you can make me clean." At this, just before the healing, Jesus was "moved with compassion." The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it feels like to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will feel what we are feeling, and thereby heal us.

~ Father John Muir

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 13 – FEBRUARY 18	
<p><u>Tuesday, February 13</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup Special Intention of K & C T</p>	<p>*Going forward the weekday Mass in Buckman will be at 7:00 a.m. in order to accommodate the schedules of students and working people.</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday</u> 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Harry Jansen (<i>HT Mass: Mrs. Gangl's 3rd Grade Class</i>) 6:00 p.m. Buckman +Herb Britz 7:00 p.m. Harding +Roger Donek</p>	
<p><u>Thursday, February 15</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Lorraine Mischke 10:00 a.m. Villa +Nora Poginy</p>	<p>*Stations of the Cross: On Fridays during Lent, there will be Adoration w/ Benediction at 6 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Please see bulletin for locations.</p>
<p><u>Friday, February 16</u> 8:30 a.m. Pierz For the People of the Parishes 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration 6-8 p.m. Buckman Adoration & Stations of the Cross 6-8 p.m. Lastrup Adoration & Stations of the Cross</p>	
<p><u>Saturday, February 17</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Lucy Hanson 6:00 p.m. Harding +Ed & Helen Pulak</p>	<p>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u> You can email stjoes@midco.net, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 18</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Jerry Posch 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Marvin Dorn</p>	<p>*Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral: Going forward, when there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p>
<p><u>Sunday, February 18</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Jerry Posch 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Marvin Dorn</p>	<p>*Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.</p>
 <p>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m. St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Holy Cross Harding – Adoration chapel always open</p>	<p><u>Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:</u> 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.</p> <p><u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u> Call 320-360-9720</p>
<p>"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</p>	<p>*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).</p>

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*FRIDAY, FEB. 16 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross:

Servers: Zach Gall

*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle

Server: Brittney Schommer

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker

E. Minister: Traci Schommer

GAMBLING COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, February 13th at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office.

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.

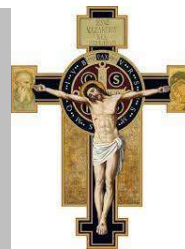
ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, February 3rd: Adult env. \$998.00, Adult loose \$140.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$53.00.

Mass attendance: 214

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364
Phone: 320-360-9720
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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



*WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 at 7:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)

Lector: Tim Schubert

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Servers: Tyler & Erin Thesing

*SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Sheila Rudolph

Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing

Ushers: Allen & LeRoy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Doug Knopik

Rosary: Ted Boser

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, February 3rd: Adult env. \$1,429.00, Adult loose \$143.00, Children env. \$12.00, Children loose \$28.00.

Mass attendance: 130

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Jane Weiss, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Sally Lentner, Lois Weitalla, Rhys Boser, Glen Anderson, Carmen Britz, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Eric Halbert, Aaron Boser, 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.



Behold
how you have
Become
what you receive

2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

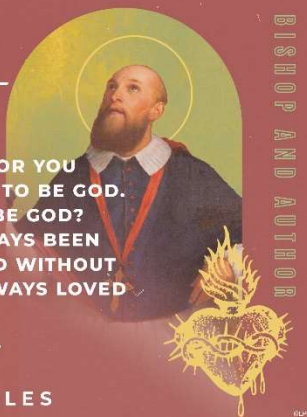
This is Commitment Weekend for the Bishop's Annual Appeal! Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota thanks to the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a gift with your offering today in your parish collection or at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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WHEN DID GOD'S LOVE FOR YOU BEGIN? WHEN HE BEGAN TO BE GOD. WHEN DID HE BEGIN TO BE GOD? NEVER, FOR HE HAS ALWAYS BEEN WITHOUT BEGINNING AND WITHOUT END, AND SO HE HAS ALWAYS LOVED YOU FROM ETERNITY.

”-

- ST. FRANCIS DE SALES



I DO
WILL IT.

MK 1:41



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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***WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14 at 6:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)**

Lector: Bob Lochner

Communion Ministers: Deb Hall & Jill Hoheisel

Servers: Jackson Daiker & Maddie Kahl

***FRIDAY, FEB. 16 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross:**

Servers: Volunteers Needed

***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 at 8:00 a.m.**

Lector: Janice Janson

Communion Ministers: Bob Lochner & Randi Kranz

Servers: Logan & Lydia Janson

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

New Life in Christ

Rowyn Nicole, daughter of Zachary & Kaylee Lanners, was baptized on Saturday, February 3rd. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!



SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: Copies of the latest lector, eucharistic minister, and server schedule are printed off and located in the back of the church to take. Thank you all for your gift of serving St. Michael's Church!

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Feb. 4)

Adult	\$ 4,384.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 16.00
Plate	\$ 166.00
	\$ 4,572.00

December Electronic Contributions: \$ 995.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 4th** Sunday: 263

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***SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18 at 10:00 a.m.**

Lector: Tracy Voigt

E. Ministers: Ruth Stuckmayer, Jo Loidolt & Kristie Virnig

Servers: Zajac children

Sacristans: Mary Kimman & Wanda Kapsner

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

AT PEACE WITH GOD: Evelyn "Evie" Boser passed away on January 29th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, February 1st 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.

ST. JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting on Monday, February 12th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, February 15th 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 (Feb. 4)

Adult	\$ 6,381.11
High School	\$ 10.25
Elementary	\$ 11.51
Plate	\$ 374.00
	\$ 6,776.87

December Electronic Contributions: \$ 3,125.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 4th** Sunday: 370

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

Hello Father Francis Xavier Pierz Catholic Community, We're thrilled to announce our Catholic Fundraiser happening from Now to Divine Mercy Sunday April 7th! Together, let's support 9-12th graders to attend a Catholic Conference, Stuebenville, at the end of July and achieve something special.

Shop Catholic-Inspired Goodies: Explore our diverse selection of Sock Religious socks and faith-inspired stickers, and I would love to raise \$5000 to support our youth.

Spread the Word: Share the

https://stores.inksoft.com/father_pierz_school_of_religion/shop/home with friends and family to expand our reach.

Why join our Catholic Fundraiser?

Making a Difference: 50% of profits go directly to our ministry, changing lives for the better.

Join Now:

https://stores.inksoft.com/father_pierz_school_of_religion/shop/home

For any questions, reach out to Julie Langer @ julieihmlanger@gmail.com or call 320-630-5927. Thank you for being part of our incredible community!

GENERAL NEWS

NOTES: The weekday Mass in Buckman going forward will be at 7:00 a.m. in order to accommodate the schedules of students and working people.

OLD PALMS: If you have any old palms you would like to drop off to be burned for the ashes for Ash Wednesday Mass, please drop them off at the parish office in Pierz before 11 a.m. on Tuesday, February 13th.

ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS: Everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary of Seven Sorrows after 8:00 AM Mass in Buckman on Sunday, February 11th.

ALL DAY ADORATION: From 8 a.m.-6 p.m. on Wednesday, February 14th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

ROSARY AT HARMONY HOUSE: Everyone is welcome to join us as we pray the rosary every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Harmony House in Pierz (weather permitting). Sponsored by St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women. Questions call Patty at 468-2487.

40-HOUR DEVOTION: There will be a 40 Hour Devotion at St. Michael's Church on March 8, 9, and 10. We will start at 4 p.m. on Friday and conclude at 8 a.m. Sunday.

PRIME RIB OR CHICKEN DINNER: Sat., Feb. 17 St. Rita's Church in Hillman from 5-7:30 p.m. Mass at 4 p.m. Prime rib and baked potato \$25, Chicken parmesan with pasta \$15, both come with salad, glazed carrots & dessert. Cash bar available.

FISH FRY: Little Falls Lindbergh Lions, Friday Feb. 16 at the Little Falls VFW from 4-7:30pm. Fish, mac & cheese, coleslaw, baked beans, bread, beverage - Adults \$13, Seniors 65+ \$12, Children 6-10 \$8 and 5 and under are free.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA: A weekend Catholic retreat sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. www.centralmnkoinonia.org.

PIERZ VILLA IS LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS: There are many different ways to help: Assist taking residents to and from the Chapel- (We have Mass every Thursday at 10am and Communion Service on Fridays at 10am). Helping residents play Bingo. Assisting on outings when we go shopping, out to eat, picnics, etc. Bring in your pet for visits. Help painting fingernails. Assisting to serve coffee and baked goods during community coffee/when musicians come to play. The list goes on. If you have special talents, skills, or just love to visit, please inquire with us, we would love to have you share that with our residents. If you are interested, please contact: Joanie Vogtlin at 320-468-6405 or email- joaniev@pierzvilla.com.


LENTEN RETREAT: St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women - Open to all women: Join the Annual Lenten Retreat on Saturday, March 9th from 9a – 1p at St. Martin Parish, in St. Martin, MN. Journey of a Women's Life "Using the Sacraments to Grow Our Faith." Registration begins at 8 a.m. Cost is \$20 by March 1st, 2024, \$25 Late or Walk-ins. Make Checks payable to ST. CLOUD DCCW. Mail to: Lora Knafle, 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367. Phone: 320-393-2701. WEBSITE: stcloudccw.org for more information.

LENTEN 40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN: February 14 to March 24, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Monday-Friday). The peaceful, prayerful vigil takes place on the public sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood, 451 E. St. Germain. Join prayer group at site any time or to sign up www.40daysforlife.com/stcloud. For more info contact Judy at 320-453-7592, judy4life@melitel.net.

Join the party! Parishioners are invited to celebrate the **Grand Opening of the Catholic United Financial Center and Credit Union** in downtown St. Cloud on Feb. 13th. A ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 11:15 a.m. and will include a light lunch, prize drawings and special guest, Bishop Patrick Neary. Free parking available. Catholic United Financial staff are celebrating the Grand Opening all week with treats, tours and special offers to anyone who stops by during business hours between Feb. 12-16. Located 120 10th Avenue North in St. Cloud. More info: www.catholicunitedcu.org or 877-871-8313.

BEST LENT EVER: This Lent, we want to invite everyone in our parish to go on the spiritual pilgrimage of a lifetime. BEST LENT EVER is a short, inspiring daily email program presented by Dynamic Catholic. This year, the program is truly unprecedented. It will take you, your family and our whole parish on a one-of-a-kind spiritual pilgrimage through 33 Days to Eucharistic Glory—the first ever guide to Eucharistic Consecration. The journey will inspire you to encounter Jesus in the Eucharist like never before. When you sign up, each day of Lent you will receive a short video right to your inbox with spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly, one of America's best selling Catholic authors. It's completely free. All you need to do is sign up at BestLentEver.com.

JOIN US FOR A SPIRITUALITY TAP-IN SPONSORED BY CATHOLIC ORDER OF FORESTERS!



The next event will be in Little Falls, Minnesota on Tuesday, February 20, at 6:30 p.m. at Tavern on First in the Redbull Room.


Fr. Patrick will speak on the topic of developing prayerful habits.

Reserve your spot by scanning the QR code or visit catholicforester.org/fraternal-outreach/spirituality-tap-in. Space is limited, so register as soon as possible!

If you have any questions, contact Agent Mike Rehta at 320-632-3642.

Cheers!

21+ Free Admission



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3465-9C 2254 (2/24)

Buckman Area Lions Breakfast
and the Father Pierz School of Religion Youth Group

Sunday, February 18th
8am until Noon

St. Michael's Church Hall Buckman, Mn.



Please bring your old prescription eyeglasses to donate for the Lions Eyeglass Recycle Program.



French Toast, Thielen Sausage & Full Buffet

12 and up \$12
4 - 11 \$6
3 and Under Free

Help Support the Local Community

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

***CSW THANK YOU-** We are so thankful for all those who helped out during Catholic Schools Week: masses, family events, and in school events. We are truly blessed to have such amazing families and parishes that support HTCS.

***PALM BURNING-** We will be burning palms on Tuesday, February 13. If you would like, you may bring your palms to HTCS to be burned.

***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-** 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.

Raffle Calendar Winners:

2/4 \$75 Alan Storkamp, 2/5 \$35 Hannah Welch, 2/6 \$35 Mason Zajac,
 2/7 \$35 Brad & Desiree Bednar, 2/8 \$35 Jerry Girtz, 2/9 \$35 Steve Millner,
 2/10 \$35 Tony Scheel

*Father Pierz
 School of Religion*



320-468-2640

***Wednesday, February 14th** – Ash Wednesday (Go to Mass 😊)

***February 17, 18, 19** – TEC Retreat in Little Falls

***Monday, February 19th** – SH Pizza Ranch 4:30-7:30 p.m. (11th & 12th Graders)

**LOOK
 WHAT'S NEW
 IN THE ACC!**



Bishop Patrick Neary came to Holy Trinity to talk about his role in the church. He brought with him some of his mitre, his crozier, a picture of his coat of arms, 2 pectoral crosses and his zucchetto. He even let some of the kids try on the mitre and zucchetto.

