



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“I do not ask that you take them out of the world but that you keep them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world any more than I belong to the world. Consecrate them in the truth. Your word is truth.” - Jn 17:15-17

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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

MAY 12TH, 2024
7TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30 p.m. St John Nepomuk Lastrup

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. St. Michael’s Buckman

Confession Times: *30 minutes before Pierz, Harding and Lastrup weekday Masses, 30 minutes after Buckman 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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A MESSAGE FROM TOBIAS ELLIS

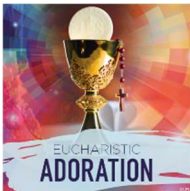
Happy feast of the Ascension!

As the academic year is about to end, I have been reflecting on the many graces with which God has blessed me over the past couple semesters. I am grateful for so many things, most especially the opportunity to be in the Pierz area with you every month. It has been a joy to get to know you and to spend time in the community learning about life in a parish. This summer I will continue to live at the Saint Paul Seminary while serving as a hospital chaplain at the Hennepin County Medical Center. In August, I have a couple retreats scheduled and then some time at home before I return in the fall to start my second year of theological studies. It is hard to believe that in around two to three short years I will be ordained a deacon. The Lord has done so much in my life over the past year, and I cannot wait to see what He has in store over the next few!

Before He ascends to the Father, the gospel for this Sunday features Jesus giving His apostles the power to drive out demons and bring healing to the sick. Then, He sends His disciples on mission to evangelize the world. As I am in formation for priestly ministry, it is very exciting that I might do the very same deeds in Jesus' name, but yet all too easy to doubt whether I will have faith that strong, or if God will give me all the gifts I need. Of course, such thoughts are not from God, and I have found the Scripture passage of John 13 very comforting. At the Last Supper, John rests his head on Jesus' heart. Later, John is the only disciple at the foot of the cross when Our Lord breathes His last. It cannot be a coincidence that the one and the same apostle who was close to the foot of the cross was also close to the heart of Christ.

This summer I will visit many who are suffering, and all of us are hurting in different ways. However, I keep returning to the apostle John and how he found courage in his sorrow by staying close to Jesus. This year I have been convicted that whether in Eucharistic adoration or in moments of quiet at home, Jesus invites us to be present to Him in prayer, and He wants to fill us to overflowing with His gifts and grace. Let us never underestimate the power of prayer, and continue to strengthen each other with our prayers, this summer and beyond!

~Tobias Ellis

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 14 th – MAY 19 th	
<p><u>Tuesday, May 14</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Fr. Greg Poser</p> <p><u>Wednesday, May 15</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding The Recipients of Prayer Blankets 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, May 16</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Louella Gohl 10:00 a.m. Villa +Kurt Schommer</p> <p><u>Friday, May 17</u> – HT School Mass (Ms. Cherne's 5th Grade Class) 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Mike & Angie Dahmen, & +Judy Herman 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, May 18</u> – Baccalaureate Masses 4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the People of the Parishes 6:00 p.m. Harding +Helen Pulak</p> <p><u>Sunday, May 19</u> – Baccalaureate Masses 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Collette Pohlkamp 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Class of 2024 Seniors from all 4 parishes</p>	<p><u>BACCALAUREATE MASS:</u> The Baccalaureate Masses for the Senior Class of 2024 will be celebrated on the weekend of May 18th & 19th at each parish.</p> <p><i>*Emergency Contact:</i> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.</p> <p><i>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</i> 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><i>*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</i></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><i>*Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</i> Going forward, when there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</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>“When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you</p>	

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, MAY 18 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Faye Diederich

Server: Brittney Schommer

Ushers: Colin Boser & Donny Schommer

E. Minister (Choir): Carol Welle

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.

DINNER/RAFFLE: We would like to say a huge "Thank you to everyone who helped make our fellowship dinner and raffle a huge success." We especially like to thank the cooks, the parishioners, the people who bought tickets and those that donated to our raffle. Thank you to everyone who helped us in any way. May God Bless you all.

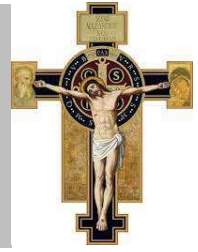
PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS: Elections will be held next week, May 18th.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, May 4th:** Adult env \$445.00, Adult loose \$120.00, Children loose \$6.00. **Mass attendance:** 135

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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



SATURDAY, MAY 18 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbet

Servers: Maverick Weitalla & Adam Weitalla

Ushers: Allen Weitalla & Leroy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Phyllis Schmidtbauer

CHURCH CLEANERS: Jody Dombovy, Kristin Dombovy, Lynn Dombovy, Lynn Dukowitz, Robyn Galbreath, Shelby Galbreath & Rebecca Gammon.

HOLY NAME MEETING: There will be a very brief Holy Name meeting right after tonight's Mass in the basement.

SCHEDULES: Please pick up your new summer schedules off the table in the entryway!

PARISH RAFFLE: Any one that would like to donate to the parish raffle, slips are on the table in the back. Please return by May 15th either put in the collection basket, marked Raffle donation or put my name on it. Or mail it to the address on the slip. Thanks in advance for your donations for making our raffle a great one. Any questions call Debbie Weitalla 320-277-3860.

BACCALAUREATE MASS: There will be a meeting for all graduating Seniors from our parish to plan your graduation Mass and meal. It will be Wednesday, May 15 at 7:00 PM in the church basement. Baccalaureate Mass will be Saturday May 18 at 6:00 PM.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, May 4th:** Adult env. \$1,119.00, Adult loose \$82.00, Children env. \$3.00, Children loose \$9.00. **Mass attendance:** 98

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING: Leon Boser, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Diane Schirmers, Mark, Becker, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Jane Weiss, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Sally Lentner, Lois Weitalla, Rhys Boser, Carmen Britz, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Justin Lindgren, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Serena Truskowski, Gina Virnig, Donny Schommer, Scott Bednar, Jerod Bursch.

St. John Nepomuk Raffle Winners May 4, 2024

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| 1. Mary Koenig - \$5000 | 21. RB Trucking - \$100 |
| 2. Anthony Kummet - \$1000 | 22. Jill Hoheisel - \$100 |
| 3. Neil Kimman/Steve Gross - \$500 | 23. Kathy Tax - \$100 |
| 4. Richard "OP" Gall - \$500 | 24. Archie Block - \$100 |
| 5. Kathy Kahl - \$500 | 25. Lois Leidenfrost - \$100 |
| 6. Carol & Allen Welle - \$100 | 26. Bob Gruber - \$100 |
| 7. Ruth Virnig - \$100 | 27. Mike Smude - \$100 |
| 8. Karen Froelich - \$100 | 28. Tracy Paul Lopes - \$100 |
| 9. Leon Boser - \$100 | 29. Roger Stumpf - \$100 |
| 10. Glenn Boser - \$100 | 30. Kyle Happke - \$100 |
| 11. Krissy Millner - \$100 | 31. Janice Athman - \$100 |
| 12. Collin Crotty - \$100 | 32. Kari Gruber - \$100 |
| 13. Bob Stuckmeyer - \$100 | 33. Lois Virnig - \$100 |
| 14. Donny Schommer - \$100 | 34. Andy Hengel - \$100 |
| 15. Kari Happke - \$100 | 35. Nikki Dickman - \$100 |
| 16. Heather Kimman - \$100 | 36. Mark Loidolt - \$100 |
| 17. Andy Smude - \$100 | 37. Brian Stuckmeyer - \$100 |
| 18. Patrick Virnig - \$100 | 38. Kelly Pohlkamp - \$100 |
| 19. Mark Lust - \$100 | 39. Bryan Smude - \$100 |
| 20. Dcn Craig & Diane Korver - \$100 | 40. Ruth Virnig - \$100 |

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, MAY 19 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Kay Zilka

E. Ministers: Randi Kranz & Debbie Hall

Servers: William Dehler and Gabe Stangl

Ushers for May: Mick Gruber, Frank Hoheisel & Steve Kahl

ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY: To purchase St. Michael's Cemetery plots or columbarium niches please contact the parish office in Pierz (320)468-6033.

PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 5)

Adult	\$ 5,615.00
High School	\$ 13.00
Elementary	\$ 18.00
Plate	\$ 222.25
	\$ 5,868.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 5th** Sunday: 320

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, MAY 19 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Mark Fyten

E. Ministers: Kristie Virnig, Ruth Stuckmayer & Kerri Kasper

Servers: Gross/Thomas children

Sacristans: Pat Hartmann

Ushers for May: Jim Gerwing (Lead), Caleb Koch, Mike Stangl & Steve Maus



Congratulations to Jeffrey & Susan (Kimman) Puskarić who were married this weekend!



New Life in Christ

Beatrice Joy, daughter of Dillon McCann & Emily Stangl, was baptized on May 5th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Larry Schmidbauer** passed away on April 26th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, May 2nd at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU: Thank you to all who donated to St. Joseph's Church in memory of Larry Schmidbauer.

GRAND RAFFLE: St. Joseph's Grand Raffle is now accepting cash donations. We appreciate every donation received to help make our grand raffle one of the best. You may drop off the donation or contact the parish office at 468-6033. **Thank You!**

PARISH FESTIVAL: We are now accepting donations of new items for the Country Store as well as cash donations for Country Store and Kids Games. You can bring donations to the parish office, place cash donations in dropbox or mail to PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364. Any questions call Michele Herold at 468-2461 or the parish office at 468-6033. Thank you!

PRAYER LINE: If you have a prayer line request, please either call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 5th)

Adult	\$ 3,488.00
High School	\$ 17.00
Elementary	\$ 15.00
Easter	\$ 2,000.00
Plate	\$ 413.00
	\$ 5,933.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 5th** Sunday: 382



EVENING OF WORSHIP & ADORATION

GRADES 9-12

JOIN FR. GREG & FR. AARON

MAY 19, 2024 PENTECOST SUNDAY

5:00PM - 7:30PM

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH, SAUK CENTRE



Supper provided, along with music, adoration, youth testimonials, prayer teams, confession and Priest talks.

Questions? Call Shari Saltmarsh @ 320-491-4858 or Julie LaFlamme @ 612-965-7030



GENERAL NEWS

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: Family Rosary Night will be held on the second Saturday of each month. Gatherings start at 7:00pm with a potluck-style meal & fellowship. If you would like to volunteer to host an evening, please call or text Cari Stumpf at 320-761-6336. ****The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, May 11th** at Leo & Maggie Wehseler's house at 26889 143rd St., Pierz MN 56364.

MCCL MOTHER'S DAY FLOWER/PLANT SALE: An assortment of flowers & plants will be available after each mass in our ACC parishes on Mother's Day weekend. Donations will support pro-life causes.

ROSARY OF THE SEVEN SORROWS: Everyone is welcome to come pray the Rosary of Seven Sorrows after 8:00 AM Mass in Buckman on May 12th.

WEAR RED TO CELEBRATE PENTECOST: Everyone should consider wearing red for the Masses on May 18 & 19 to celebrate the solemnity of Pentecost and the fire of the Holy Spirit.

ACC WEBSITE: The ACC website is now up and running! The website address is: <https://fatherpierzacc.org/>

MASS AT THE GRASSHOPPER CHAPEL MAY 30th: There will be Mass at the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring Minnesota on Thursday, May 30th at 7:30 p.m., with rosary at 7 p.m. This is one of the special Masses for the Novena of Masses each year. Fr. Aaron will preside at the Mass. If anyone is interested in carpooling, you can contact the parish office at 468-6033.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA: 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 May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70 www.centralmnkoinonia.org

Discernment Retreat for Youth Entering Grades 7+ June 11-13, 2024 – St. Mary's Church, Milaca

Where Are You Going? Have you ever wondered what God's plan is for your life? Discernment Retreat on Tuesday, June 11 – Thursday, June 13 at St. Mary's Church, 645 3rd Avenue SE, Milaca, MN (320-983-3255). There will be many guest speakers, Mass, Adoration, Confessions, food and fun! Youth entering grades 4-6 are invited to the retreat on Thursday, June 13 at 1:00 p.m. The retreat will conclude with families joining the participants for Mass at 5 p.m. followed by a potluck meal. Cost: \$30 for Grades 7+; \$5 for Grades 4-6. Register by May 15, visit <https://www.fourpillarsinfaith.org/>. Spots are limited.



JOB POSTING: PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR

The Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic Community has a full-time salaried position open to assist the pastor in serving the pastoral needs of the four communities. Qualifications for this position are as follows: A love for Christ and his Church, a solid prayer life, skills in personal communication and evangelization, a hunger to bring others to Christ, organized, an ability to collaborate and be flexible to serve the mission of the Church.

Job Duties Include:

- Meeting with families and planning funeral liturgies.
- Coordinating and teaching OCIA or those searching in their faith life.
- Overseeing Homebound ministry.
- Coordinating the Marriage preparation program.
- Collaboration with the pastor and staff on daily operation, evangelism and general planning for the parishes.

Interested individuals may submit a letter of interest and resume to the parish office. For any questions regarding the position please contact the office or Father Aaron by phone (320) 468-6033 or email (frnett@midco.net).

Thursday, May 23rd National Eucharist Procession:

National Eucharistic Procession coming to Little Falls! A bus will leave St. Joseph's Church parking lot 6:45am & return 10:30am, Senior Center donuts for the bus ride :) drive to OLOL Church in LF, rosary on bus ride: adoration 7:00am-8:00am at OLOL, 8:00-8:45am Eucharistic Procession (walking from OLOL Church to St. Mary's Church through town (1 mile walk) 9:00am-10:00am Mass @ St. Mary's. Back to Pierz by 10:30am! Let's fill a bus! Adults if you want to ride the bus contact Hilde Flicker at 468-2649 & sign up by Tuesday, May 21st. High School Students will sign up in Religion class.

Plenary Indulgence for National Eucharistic Pilgrimage:

A plenary indulgence will be granted to the Christian faithful who participate in the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage at any point between May 17 and July 16, 2024. It will also be granted to the elderly, infirm, and all those who cannot leave their homes for a serious reason and who participate in spirit with the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage, uniting their prayers, pains, or inconveniences with Christ and the pilgrimage. This indulgence is granted under the usual conditions of sacramental Confession, Eucharistic Communion, and prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC PROCESSION

THURSDAY May 23, 2024

Haven of Mercy ACC will be hosting the National Eucharistic Revival Procession on Thursday, May 23rd from 7-10AM. They will be in the Gilman area the night before and will proceed to Long Prairie at 10AM. There will be a procession from Our Lady of Lourdes to St. Mary's as well as Mass. Below is a tentative schedule and route. Stay tuned for updates as the date approaches.

7:00 AM	7:50 AM	8:05 AM	8:45 AM	9:00 AM	10:00 AM
Our Lady of Lourdes Adoration in the Church	Our Lady of Lourdes Communal Prayer/Praise and Worship Music	Our Lady of Lourdes Procession begins to St. Mary's	St. Mary's Procession finishes at the church	An All School Mass will begin at 9AM at St. Mary's with all welcome to attend	National Procession will continue off to Long Prairie

*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

Wednesday, May 15th

JH/SH Random Acts of Kindness Night/FPSR Garage Sale 5:30-7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, May 22nd

JH/SH Party @ the Pierz Park 5-7 p.m.



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

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

***THANK YOU-** Thank you to the American Legion Auxiliary for the donation in honor of Children & Youth Month. Your support will help meet our student needs.

***HTCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS-** Holy Trinity is looking for 1 new member for our Board of Directors; this will be a member at large (from any of the four parishes). The three-year term will start in August 2024. Expertise in the areas of finance and/or facility/maintenance preferred. Belief in the mission of Holy Trinity and Catholic education is a must. The volunteer position requires monthly meetings as well as committee assignments/meetings.

***HTCS CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-** Holy Trinity Capital Campaign Meeting: May 19th, 6pm, at HT for those interested in contributing to our project financially and seeking additional information. RSVP required; call/text Steve Andres(320.630.5303) or Rachel Young(320.630.3630).

***HTCS HIRING-** COOK - FT, 35 hours/week, Aug-May. CUSTODIAN - FT, 40 hours/week, year round. Please contact the office for additional information: office@holytrinitypierz.org or (320) 468-6446

Raffle Calendar Winners:

5/5 \$75 Natalie Gruber, 5/6 \$35 Jennifer Walcheski, 5/7 \$35 Kari Theis, 5/8 \$35 Doris Lange, 5/9 \$35 Gary Wenner, 5/10 \$35 Jeanne Brastad, 5/11 \$35 Erin Kapsner

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

A beautiful Confirmation Mass with Bishop Patrick Neary on Sunday, April 28th! Great testimonies by Luke Thomsen & Kadynce Theis!

