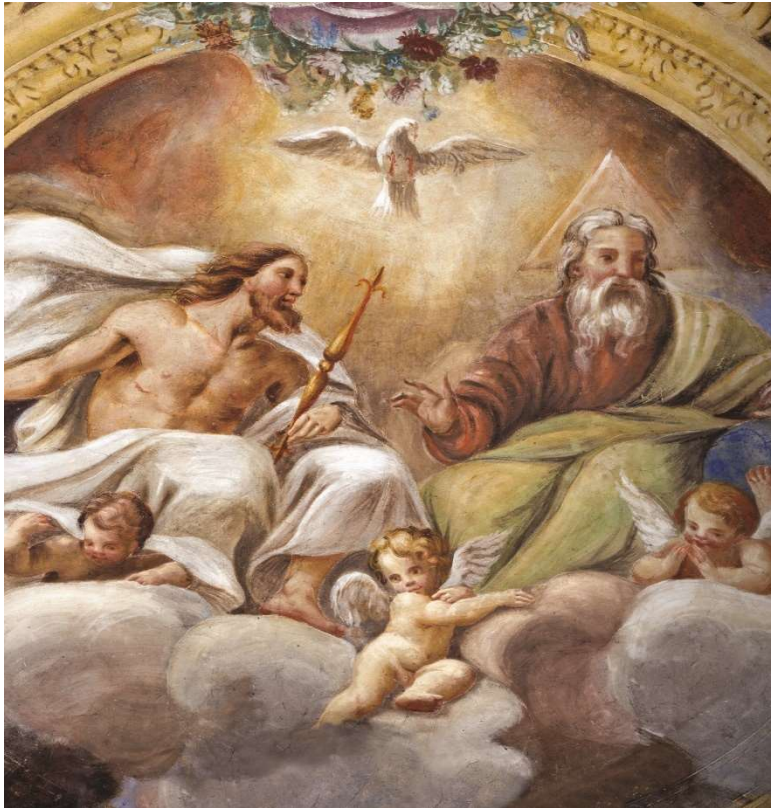




FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit."
- Mt 28:18-19

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY (MEMORIAL DAY MASS)

10:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz

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

MAY 26th, 2024

THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

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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May 26, 2024
The Most Holy Trinity

Once I was at a meeting with representatives of various religions. On a coffee break, a man from another religion mused to me: “You know, with all our differences, all religions are really about being good people.” I lowered my cappuccino and said as warmly as I could, “That’s not what mine’s about.” His quizzical look begged for clarification. “Mine is about plunging into the life of God,” I said.

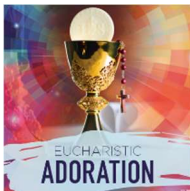
Just before Jesus ascends into heaven, he commands the eleven apostles, “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you; and behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:19-20). The word “baptize” means “to immerse in, to plunge into.” It presupposes the use of water. But what does it mean to be immersed in God’s name? In the Bible, God’s name is identical to God Himself. So, to be baptized into water, using Jesus’ formula, is to be plunged into the life of God. Said another way, it is to die with Jesus and rise with him as a member of his body.

The Trinity isn’t a doctrine simply to accept and ponder. It’s more like an ocean: a mystery into which we are baptized ... inserted, immersed, dunked, plunged. Baptism gives us power to live our lives as beloved children of God, patterned after Jesus himself, who is always with us, until the end of the ages. Hardly the same as being good people. Stranger, but much better.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 27 th – JUNE 2 nd	
<p>Monday, May 27 – Memorial Day 10:00 a.m. Pierz All veterans and those presently serving in the military</p> <p>Tuesday, May 28 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Nora Ann Poginy</p> <p>Wednesday, May 29 8:00 a.m. Harding +Joe Woitalla 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Thursday, May 30 7:00 a.m. Buckman The recipients of prayer blankets 10:00 a.m. Villa +Gerald Hoffman</p> <p>Friday, May 31 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Henry Jr., Jason & Henry III Preimesberger 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Saturday, June 1 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Henry & Eleanore Brausen 6:00 p.m. Harding Holy Name Society</p> <p>Sunday, June 2 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Donald & Yvonne Pick 10:00 a.m. Pierz For the People of the Parishes</p>	<p>NOTE: The weekday Mass times will remain the same through the summer.</p> <p>ACC WEBSITE: The new ACC website is https://fatherpierzacc.org</p> <p>*Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.</p> <p>*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.</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> <p>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. Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720 *Closed Monday, May 27th</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>*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>“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 are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration.” ~St. John Chrysostom</p>	

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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 Website: www.stjohnlastrup.org



SATURDAY, JUNE 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Cory Loidolt & Colin Boser

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.

CONDOLENCES: Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Leon Boser. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

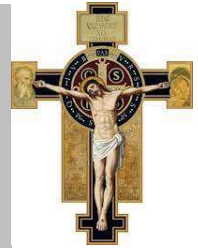
ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, May 18th: Adult env \$1,086.00, Adult loose \$192.57, Children env \$33.00, Children loose \$18.00.

Mass attendance: 152

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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



SATURDAY, JUNE 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Doug Knopik

Server: Elliott Carmona

Ushers: Allen Stuckmayer & Andy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Gloria Weitalla



New Life in Christ

Luke Alden, son of Aaron & Janelle Welle, was baptized on May 18th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

CONDOLENCES: Our sincerest sympathy to the family and friends of Joe Weitalla. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace!

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, May 18th: Adult env. \$1,143.00, Adult loose \$80.00, Children env. \$8.75, Children loose \$8.00.

Mass attendance: 138

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING: Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, 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.

Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.
 - Luke 2:19

THY WILL BE DONE

SEVEN SISTERS
 APOSTOLATE
 Reflection & Renewal
 Gathering

Saturday, June 29, 2024 at **Church of Saint Anthony***
 2405 1st Street North, Saint Cloud, MN 56303
 *KINDLY NOTE NEW LOCATION

Seven Sisters and interested Guests are WELCOME!
 8:00 am - Check In
 8:30 am - Welcome
 8:45 am - Mass
 9:30 am - Holy Hour
 10:30 am - Speaker Intro and Talk: Diane Hansen
 11:30 am - Rosary
 12:00 n - Lunch and Socials
 1:00 pm - Speaker Intro and Talk: Fr. Matthew Crane
 2:00 pm - Closing and Announcements
 3:00 pm - Reconciliation (per Church schedule)

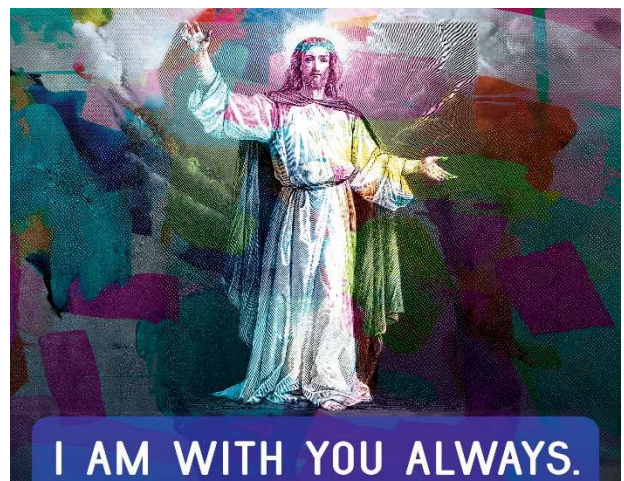
PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIRED.
 Registration Deadline: June 15, 2024
 Registration Fee: \$15.00 for stipends/materials/lunch.
 Send Registration Form with Check Payable to
 Carrie Ellis, 6272 County Road 8 SE, St Cloud MN 56304
 Questions? Call Carrie 320.253.1692

ACC Faith Study Groups

*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.



I AM WITH YOU ALWAYS.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, JUNE 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

E. Ministers: Ron Kahl & Cindy Scholl

Servers: Owen Stangl & William Stangl

Ushers for June: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka

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 19)

Adult	\$ 3,147.00
High School	\$ 2.00
Elementary	\$ 9.00
Plate	\$ 365.00
	\$ 3,523.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 19th** Sunday: 391

CATHOLIC Q & A

Deacons

Q: At a parish council meeting, our pastor mentioned the need for deacons. It is something I am considering. How do I know if I have a vocation? What steps should I take next?

A: Any and all gifts that the Holy Spirit gives to the church are for the good of the community. As members of the Body of Christ, what one member does affects all. What the body does also affects each member. A vocation or call to ministry is tested and verified by the church. Through prayer, instruction, and service, a vocation is tested, and then acknowledged by the official call to orders or to service. If you are considering becoming a deacon, the first step would be to talk to your pastor. He will be able to give you more specific information on the program in your diocese, what is expected of you, and how you apply. You might also begin to see a spiritual director, someone who can help you with your faith journey and vocation discernment. They do so by focusing on prayer, your relationship with God, and spiritual practices. Finally, you'll need to see the diocesan vocation director in charge of deacons to apply. Best wishes! ©LPI



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MONDAY, MAY 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Veterans

E. Ministers: Volunteers Needed

Servers: Marshik children

Sacristan: Volunteer Needed

***Weekday Lector (Friday, May 31):** LeRoy Swanson

SUNDAY, JUNE 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Geri Kasper

E. Ministers: Wanda Kapsner, Kristie Virnig & Tracy Voigt

Servers: Kessler

Sacristan: Keith Marshik

Ushers for June: Jeremy Virnig (Lead), Allan Kroll, Mathew Stumpf & Andy Kapsner



I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding June 15th

Kalyn Gritzmacher & Carter Moulzolf

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!

REMINDER: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member.

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 19th)

Adult	\$ 4,678.00
High School	\$ 9.75
Elementary	\$ 9.50
Plate	\$ 269.00
	\$ 4,966.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 19th** Sunday: 321



GENERAL NEWS

LOOKING AHEAD:

***Memorial Day Mass, Monday May 27th at 10:00 a.m.** The American Legion will be at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz this year for its annual Memorial Day Mass.

*The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 27th in observance of Memorial Day.

SENIOR CLASS STUDENTS: If you are interested in continuing to be members of the parish, please reach out to the parish office after graduation and we will get you added as an adult member and set up with envelopes. Thank you.

SCAM WARNING: It has again been brought to our attention that there have been numerous texts and emails claiming to be Fr. Aaron asking for a favor, to get gift cards, or to call him back. Please know that this is a scam and that Fr. Aaron does not give out his phone number. Do not reply to these messages. This has been reported to the local authorities.

ACC TOWN HALL MEETING: Please mark your calendars for a Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic Community (ACC) Town Hall meeting on Wednesday, May 29th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Michael's in Buckman. This meeting will include prayer, a presentation from staff and parishioners on different aspects of parish life, events, news, and a vision for the ACC. It will include an update on the St. Cloud Diocese parish planning process, and there will be time to ask questions and give input. All parishioners are invited and encouraged to attend.

MASS AT THE GRASSHOPPER CHAPEL MAY 30th: There will be Mass at the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring 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.

LIDS 4 KIDS HELMET FEST 2024: Saturday, June 1, 10am-2pm. \$100 helmet gift card to all kids up to the age of 16. Free goggles to first 300 gift cards redeemed that day. Free hotdogs, chips and water. Located at Hilmerson Sports Center, LFs. Organized by MLMB First Response Team.

Discernment Retreat for Youth Entering Grades 7+

Have you ever wondered what God's plan is for your life? Come and discover tools to help you discern His Voice and His Will for your life at the Consilium Dei (The Plan of God) Discernment Retreat June 11 – June 13 at St. Mary's Church, 645 3rd Avenue SE, Milaca (320-983-3255). 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 5:00 p.m. followed by a potluck meal. Cost for the retreat: \$30 for Grades 7+; \$5 for Grades 4-6. Visit <https://www.fourpillarsinfaith.org/>. Please register early.

FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY: St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fun, Food & Fund Day on Thursday, June 20 Registration and refreshments start at 8:15 a.m. Entertainment throughout the day. Mass and lunch are included. Registration \$20 by 6/10; \$25 after or at the door. Make check payable to St. Cloud DCCW and send to Lora Knafla, Treasurer, at 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367; (320) 393-2701.

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).

Mini Holy Family Fest, August 16-18, 2024 on the Grounds of Holy Family Parish, Little Falls. The fest is for the whole family, camping, on site lodging, Holy Mass, Adoration, confessions, Music, Food, Games, Children and Youth Program.

<https://afc.org/catholic-family-retreat-weekend/>

For more information go to havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest to watch last year's video or you can call 320-632-5720 or email hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org

AT HOME FAMILY PRAYER TIME: The Christian Mothers/Women invite you to participate in the Spiritual Pilgrimage of the Holy Family via the picture of the Holy Family. The host family invites the blessed Holy Family picture into their home and commits to praying the chaplet of the Holy Family each day for a week. The chaplet takes about seven minutes. Prayer partners in union with the host family petition the Holy Family to intercede for the intentions of the host family, by praying the chaplet each day. To sign up to pray the chaplet in your home, call Joanne at 320-290-1579.

AREA NEWS:

***Parish Festival, St. Elizabeth Church, Brennyville. Sunday, June 30,** 10a.m. Mass, food stands, children games, gun raffle, fancy work stand, pull tabs, bingo, beer wagon, cake walk, general store. Quilt & misc. auction 2:30p.m. Grand raffle 4p.m.

***Bazaar, St. John Church, Sunday, July 21.** Mass at 10am followed by games and activities for all ages, including Adult and Children's Bingo, Silent Auction, Kids Games, Food Stand, and more! Raffle tickets are available for \$5.

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Drawing after the Billygoats game on
Saturday, June 8, 2024 at Buckman Ballpark

1. \$1000
2. \$500
3. \$250
4. \$250
5. \$100
6. \$100
7. \$100
8. \$100
9. \$100
10. \$100

750 Tickets Sold
\$20.00 per ticket
Must be 18 or older to purchase & win
Winner responsible for any applicable fees or taxes
Must be 18 or older to purchase & win

No. 281

Come Celebrate

June 8, 2024 1:30 PM
Beer Cap Stadium in Buckman, MN

Buckman Billygoats ~vs~ Royaltown Riverdogs

Hall of Fame Induction
Scott Geiger & Scott Boser

25 Year Anniversary
1999 Class "C" State Championship

Cash Raffle
Split the Pot

Buckman Billygoats Cornhole Boards Raffle

If you want raffle ticket(s) please contact Kathy Kahl (320)224-1787



*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

Wednesday, May 29

Seniors Night 6-8 p.m.
(Adoration 5-6 p.m.
Pierz Church)

Friday, May 31

Valleyfair for 7th-12th
graders. Buses leave
FPSR 8am return 8pm

June 3-7

Summer Bible School
9-11 a.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.

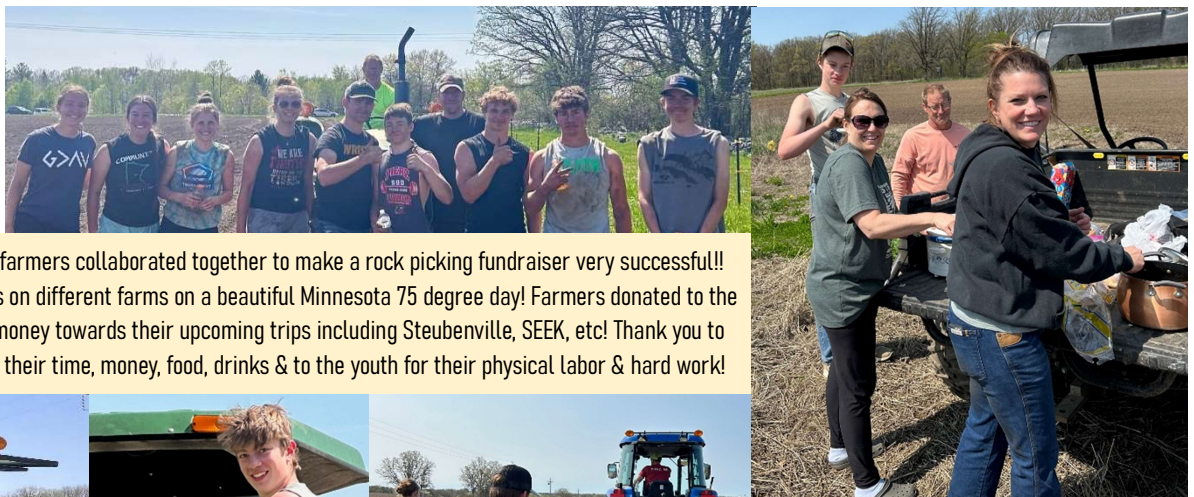
***HTCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS-** Holy Trinity is looking for 1 new member for our Board of Directors; this will be a member at large (from any of the four parishes). The three-year term will start in August 2024. Expertise in the areas of finance and/or facility/maintenance preferred. Belief in the mission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

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

Raffle Calendar Winners:

5/19 \$75 Mark & Patty Bednar, 5/20 \$35 Tim Meyer, 5/21 \$35 Beth Ranum, 5/22 \$35 Gary Tschida, 5/23 \$35 Chris Popp, 5/24 \$35 Karissa & Karter Schlegel, 5/25 \$35 Karla & Galen Stumpf

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



On Saturday, May 11th many people & farmers collaborated together to make a rock picking fundraiser very successful!! From 7am-4pm students picked rocks on different farms on a beautiful Minnesota 75 degree day! Farmers donated to the youth group for the students to earn money towards their upcoming trips including Steubenville, SEEK, etc! Thank you to all the farmers & adults who donated their time, money, food, drinks & to the youth for their physical labor & hard work!

