



## FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



### 6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“If you keep my  
commandments, you will  
remain in my love, just as  
I have kept my Father’s  
commandments and remain  
in his love.” - Jn 15:10

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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 5<sup>th</sup>, 2024 6<sup>th</sup> 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 OUR PASTOR FATHER AARON NETT



**The Power of the Family Rosary**

Dear Friends,

It has been a wonderful blessing, on the second Saturday of each month, to gather in the homes of parishioners to pray the rosary on “Family Rosary Night.” Several parishioners have graciously offered their homes for a wonderful potluck meal, socializing and a time of sharing special intentions before reciting the Holy Rosary. Parents, grandparents, kids and the pets all gather around on chairs or the floor to pray together. I encourage anyone to come and participate in these beautiful nights scheduled in the coming summer months.

In the month of May we honor our Blessed Mother Mary in a special way with the “Crowning of Mary.” The Blessed Mother, the Queen of Heaven and Earth, is our spiritual mother because Jesus Christ is our brother and Savior, and by our baptism we are made adopted children of God the Father. As we rightly give thanks and honor our own mothers this month with gifts, flowers and our gratitude for their wonderful vocation of love, care and wisdom in motherhood, so we also honor our Mother Mary.


The rosary has been prayed by countless Saints and faithful to bring peace. It is a meditative prayer based in scripture on the mystery of Jesus’ life. As the Blessed Mother Mary brought the Savior into the world many years ago for the world’s salvation, so she continues to bring her Son into many hearts through her prayers.

Our families in the world today are under particular stress, business and struggle to keep their faith. There is a great need to spend time with our Lord in prayer. The rosary is a most powerful spiritual tool to bring families greater faith, graces and protection from the evils of our day. Saint Josemaria Escriva said, “The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you’ll be amazed at the results.”

If we want our prayer to be powerful and holiness to grow, we must go to our Mother Mary. May all families seek the “peace that the world cannot give them,” and make the time each day to bring their hearts to Blessed Mary. May Mother Mary grant us her tender care and love and lead us to our true home in Heaven. St. John Paul II said, “How beautiful is the family that recites the Rosary every evening!”

In Jesus through Mary,  
Father Aaron

Notes: A reminder that the Father Francis Xavier Pierz ACC council has a meeting scheduled on May 15th with Bishop Neary and St. Cloud Diocese leadership to present information about our ACC and give a report to them, and also to be filled in on the progress of the plan of the diocese. Please keep this meeting in your prayers.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 7 <sup>th</sup> – MAY 12 <sup>th</sup>	
<p><b><u>Tuesday, May 7</u></b> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Loretta “Retti” Fischer</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, May 8</u></b> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Butch Maleski 8a.m.-8 p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, May 9</u></b> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Fr. Ken Brenny 10:00 a.m. Villa +Larry Schmidtbauer</p> <p><b><u>Friday, May 10</u></b> – HT School Mass (Mrs. Lanners’ 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Class) 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Jimmy Virnig 1:30 p.m. Pierz <i>Wedding:</i> Susan Kimman &amp; Jeffrey Puskaric 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, May 11</u></b> – <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Norbert &amp; Margaret Athman 6:00 p.m. Harding For the People of the Parishes</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, May 12</u></b> – <i>The Ascension of the Lord</i> 8:00 a.m. Buckman <i>Christian Mothers/Women May Crowning</i> 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Lea Marie Block <i>Christian Mothers/Women May Crowning</i></p>	<p><b><u>Pierz &amp; Buckman Office Hours:</u></b> 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><b><u>Lastrup &amp; Harding Office Hours:</u></b> Call 320-360-9720</p> <p><b><i>*Emergency Contact:</i></b> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.</p> <p><b><i>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</i></b> The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <b><u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u></b> You can email <a href="mailto:stjoes@midco.net">stjoes@midco.net</a>, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <p><b><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 (Lastrup &amp; Harding).</i></b></p> <p><b><i>*Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</i></b> Going forward, when there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p>
 <p><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m. St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Holy Cross Harding – Adoration chapel always open</p>	



## ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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### SATURDAY, MAY 11 at 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Louise Welle

**Server:** Zach Gall

**Ushers:** Jonathan Welle & Alan Welle

**E. Minister (Choir):** Lisa Meyer

**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.

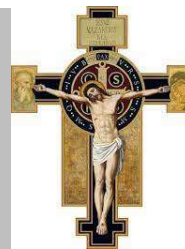
**ST. JOHN PARISH RAFFLE & FELLOWSHIP DINNER:** TODAY after Mass is our fellowship dinner (free-will offering) and our parish raffle. Please join us!

**PARISH COUNCIL:** Next Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be taking nominations for 2 spots on the parish council. The election will be May 18<sup>th</sup>. Donny Schommer & Glen Boser's terms are up and they are not eligible for re-election. Current council members are: Heather Kimman, Stacey Thomsen, Allen Riedeman, Art Stumpf, Mary Lust & Bob Gross.

**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**  
\*Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Adult env \$850.00, Adult loose \$77.00, Children loose \$5.00. **Mass attendance:** 137

## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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### SATURDAY, MAY 11 at 6:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Doug Knopik

**Servers:** Erin Thesing & Tyler Thesing

**Ushers:** Willie Rudolph & Andy Weitalla

**E. Minister (Choir):** Doug Knopik

**Rosary:** Gloria Weitalla

**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 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024, 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

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS:** Elections will take place on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. No elections this year for Holy Trinity or Father Pierz School of Religion.

**HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**  
\*Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$1,061.00, Adult loose \$65.00, Children env. \$8.50. **Mass attendance:** 93

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:** A man with cancer, Ayden Boser, Joe Weitalla, 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 Parish Raffle

Lastrup, MN

Saturday, May 4, 2024

Mass at 4:00 PM

Free Will Offering Fellowship Supper & Bake Sale  
Sausage/Sauerkraut - Mac & Cheese - Scalloped Potatoes

Raffle Drawing after Mass  
**Grand Prize \$5,000**

*Proceeds to Support Buildings Upkeep*

**MUSIC  
IN THE PARK**  
PIERZ MUSIC DEPARTMENT FUNDRAISER  
PIERZ GOLF COURSE SHELTERS

**May 5th, 2024  
2:00 PM**

BRING YOUR OWN CHAIR!

Food by the Pierz Lions  
50/50 Raffles  
Bean-Bag Toss  
Chuck-A-Duck  
Bake Sale  
Silent Auction  
Craft Fair Vendors  
Deck of Cards Raffles  
and More!

SUPPORT THE  
PIERZ MUSIC  
DEPARTMENT!

### ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



#### **SUNDAY, MAY 12 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**E. Ministers:** Janice Janson & Donna Solinger

**Servers:** Logan Brisk & Max Jacobson

**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.

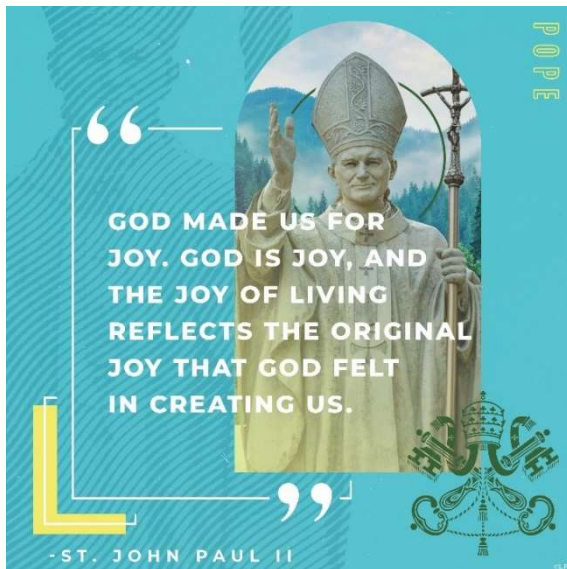
**PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

#### **ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (April 28)**

Adult	\$ 2,116.00
Easter	\$ 700.00
High School	\$ 4.00
Elementary	\$ 22.00
Plate	\$ 195.00
	\$ 3,037.00

***Thank you for your generosity!***

Mass attendance **April 28<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 292



#### **SUNDAY, MAY 12 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Gwen Gruber

**E. Ministers:** Michelle Litke, Dan & Lois Waytashek

**Servers:** Addison Marshik & Luke Marshik

**Sacristans:** Wanda Kapsner

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



#### **III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Wedding May 10<sup>th</sup>

Susan Kimman & Jeffrey Puskaric

**TABLE/CHAIR RENTAL:** If you would like to rent tables or chairs from St. Joseph's Church for events, you must call the parish office first. The new white tables and chairs are not available for rent. 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 (April 28)**

Adult	\$ 12,540.67
High School	\$ 17.75
Elementary	\$ 22.55
Plate	\$ 195.42
	\$12,776.39

***Thank you for your generosity!***

Mass attendance **April 28<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 265

Mass attendance **April 28<sup>th</sup>** Confirmation: 696

Nothing is  
impossible  
with  
God.

#### **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.



## GENERAL NEWS

**BACCALAUREATE MASS:** The Baccalaureate Masses for the Senior Class of 2024 will be celebrated on the weekend of May 18<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> at each parish.

**ALL DAY ADORATION:** From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

**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. Fr. Aaron will join in after the 6:00 mass in Harding to lead the rosary. 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 11<sup>th</sup> at Leo & Maggie Wehsele's house at 26889 143<sup>rd</sup> 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.

**ST. ISIDORE'S HELPERS:** In the hope to raise money for upcoming Steubenville and SEEK retreats for the youth of Pierz we are looking for farmers who need rocks picked & students to volunteer to pick the rocks with Fr. Aaron. The students that pick rocks will earn money that will go towards their individual retreat accounts. The first date scheduled is for Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> from 7am-3 pm. Students and farmers interested in this fundraising effort should reach out to Rebecca Kapsner at 320-360-7004. Students can also sign up at religion class. We are also accepting monetary donations. These retreats for the youth can be a life changing experience that deepens their faith and strengthens their relationship with God.

**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 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

**CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:** Let us seek the light of God's glory; let us give praise to His name. 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 May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70 [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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](mailto:frnett@midco.net)).

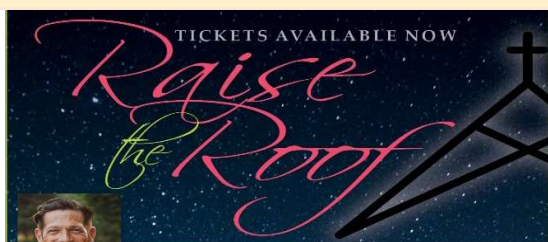
## **Thursday, May 23rd National Eucharist Procession:**

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.*



Don't miss the opportunity to help "Raise the Roof" at the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Building Fundraiser Gala for St. Joseph's in Crosby. It will be held on **Friday, May 10, 2024**, at the Northern Pacific Center in Brainerd. **Fr. Mike Schmitz will be the keynote speaker.** Known for his dynamic speaking abilities, Fr. Mike has preached to thousands locally and nationally and hosts the widely popular podcasts "Bible in a Year" and "The Catechism in a Year," produced by Ascension. In 2021, "Bible in a Year" ranked as the No. 1 overall podcast in the U.S.

Table and event sponsorships are still available. Learn more at [cuyunacatholic.org/sponsor](http://cuyunacatholic.org/sponsor), or call/text Joanne at 218-851-3750 or email her at [joanne@rutgers.com](mailto:joanne@rutgers.com).

**Don't miss this amazing evening!** Individual tickets are available online at [cuyunacatholic.org/gala](http://cuyunacatholic.org/gala) or by calling the parish office at 218-546-6559.



*Father Pierz  
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

**Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>**

SH Crossfire Paintball in Clearwater, MN 5-9p.m.

**Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup>**

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

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



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 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

**\*CAMP FOLEY THANK YOU-** A special thank you to all those who donated, helped and came to support our Camp Foley Pancake Breakfast last weekend! We feel very blessed to have such a great community to help support our students so they can experience this amazing weeklong Christian camp and adventure. The 6th graders can hardly wait to go!

**Raffle Calendar Winners:**

4/28 \$75 Whitney Wagner, 4/29 \$35 Bob Skiba, 4/30 \$35 Lynette Faber, 5/1 \$35 Tony & Kris Fox, 5/2 \$35 Greg & Wendy Zylka, 5/3 \$35 Mary Kampa, 5/4 \$35 Danny Nolan

***Congratulations to the children in our ACC who received their First Holy Communion!***

Top left Harding, top right Lastrup, bottom left Pierz, bottom right Buckman.

