



**FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**  
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



## 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He woke up, rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Quiet! Be still!" The wind ceased and there was great calm. Then he asked them, "Why are you terrified? Do you not yet have faith?"  
- Mk 4:39-40

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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

## JUNE 23, 2024

### 12<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### 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**



**St. Michael Prayer for Protection**

Dear Friends,

On Oct. 1, 1884, Pope Leo XIII had a deeply disturbing mystical experience at Mass. He had just finished celebrating in his private chapel when he suddenly stood transfixed in front of the altar. For perhaps 10 minutes he stood there as if in a trance, his face drained of color. Then he went to his office and composed a prayer to St. Michael. He told his staff the prayer should be offered throughout the Church.

He explained that he had heard two voices in the vicinity of the tabernacle. He believed they were the voices of Our Lord and of Satan. Pope Leo heard Satan boast that he could destroy the Church in 75 or 100 years, if given the opportunity. Then he heard Our Lord give Satan permission to try. (This sounds somewhat similar to what we read in Job 1.)

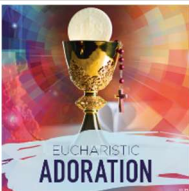
The St. Michael prayer which Pope Leo XIII composed was 10 times the length of the version we use today. Use of the prayer was discontinued in 1964. Thirty years later, in his Regina Coeli address, Pope John Paul II revived use of the prayer. The pope clearly intended that we should offer this prayer in our homes as well.

In recent years, around the time of the COVID crisis, the prayer of St. Michael seemed to be making a comeback as a prayer after Mass. Praying after Mass is an excellent spiritual practice as it reminds us to give thanks to God for the gifts we have received. It also reminds us to seek God's constant protection from temptation, dangers and for spiritual strength. We must never let our guard down, especially in the world we live in today, but "pray always" and rely on our Lord's constant love and protection he offers us.

Starting next weekend we will be praying the St. Michael prayer after the final blessing for God's protection, strength and guidance upon us. May St. Michael and all the angels and Saints defend us in the battle!

God bless you, Father Aaron

**St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.  
Be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil.  
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray, and do thou,  
O Prince of the heavenly hosts, by the power of God,  
thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.**

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 25 <sup>th</sup> – JUNE 30 <sup>th</sup>		<b>UPCOMING MASS CHANGES:</b>
<p><b><u>Tuesday, June 25</u></b> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Ellen Virnig</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, June 26</u></b> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Lois Roscoe 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, June 27</u></b> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Bob &amp; Bev Voigt 10:00 a.m. Villa +Richard Virnig</p> <p><b><u>Friday, June 28</u></b> 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Mary Ann Kimman 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, June 29</u></b> 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, June 30</u></b> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Roy Gall 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Ray Loidolt</p>		<p>*Mass time for Thursday, July 4<sup>th</sup> in Buckman will be at 9 a.m. *The 6 p.m. Saturday Mass in Harding on July 6<sup>th</sup> will be moved due to the rodeo traffic and parking. There will be a Sunday morning 9:00 a.m. Mass with Fr. Popp on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p><b>ACC WEBSITE:</b> The new ACC website is <a href="https://fatherpierzacc.org">https://fatherpierzacc.org</a></p> <p>*<b>Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</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>Emergency Contact:</b> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.</p>
 <p><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> <b>St Joseph Pierz</b> – Fridays 3-6 p.m. <b>St. Michael Buckman</b> – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. <b>Holy Cross Harding</b> – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open</p>		<p><b>Pierz &amp; Buckman Office Hours:</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. <b>Lastrup &amp; Harding Office Hours:</b> Call 320-360-9720</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

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### **SATURDAY, JUNE 29 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Faye Diederich

**Servers:** Brittney Schommer

**Ushers:** Ronnie Monson and Colin Boser

**E. Minister (Choir):** Allen Reideman

**THANK YOU:** We would like to extend a huge thank you to Brittney Schommer who has been a Mass server here for over 10 years. Brittney is retiring from serving to go off to college. Thank you Britt and best wishes to you!

**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, June 15<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$2,170.00, Adult loose \$155.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$42.00.

**Mass attendance:** 180

#### Jesus Speaking to St. Faustina:

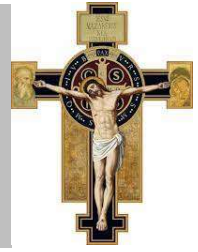
*"I desire to unite Myself with human souls; My great delight is to unite Myself with souls. Know, My daughter, that when I come to a human heart in Holy Communion, My hands are full of all kinds of graces which I want to give to the soul. But souls do not even pay attention to Me; they leave Me to Myself and busy themselves with other things. Oh, how sad I am that souls do not recognize Love! They treat Me as a dead object"*  
(Diary of Saint Faustina, 1385)

St. Faustina was a Polish sister of Our Lady of Mercy. Her miraculous experiences and writings about her revelations of God's Divine Mercy sparked a worldwide Catholic movement refocusing the faithful on the Mercy of God and how to share that mercy with their neighbors.

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## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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### **SATURDAY, JUNE 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Janet Hanneken

**Server:** Adam Weitalla

**Ushers:** Andy Weitalla & Willie Rudolph

**E. Minister (Choir):** Diane Virnig

**Rosary:** Gloria Weitalla

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Kathy (Gary) Hebler, Kathy Hoffman Tax, Molly Tax, Donna Kapus, Alicia Kapus & Denise Krych

**NOTE:** There will not be a 6:00 PM Saturday Mass here on July 6<sup>th</sup> due to the rodeo traffic and parking. We will have a Sunday morning 9:00 AM Mass with Fr. Popp on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

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

\*Saturday, June 15<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$1,126.00, Adult loose \$113.00, Children env. \$4.75, Children loose \$7.00.

**Mass attendance:** 140

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:** Tom Dukowitz, Sara Hanneken, Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Mark, Becker, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Lois Weitalla, Rhys Boser, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Gina Virnig, Donny Schommer.

#### 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 is shut down for the summer. It will start meeting again in September. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.



## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



### SUNDAY, JUNE 30 at 8:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Ron Kahl

**E. Ministers:** Janice Janson & Connie Kieffer

**Servers:** Amber Boser & William Dehler

### THURSDAY, JULY 4 at 9:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Janice Janson

**E. Ministers:** Debbie Hall & Mary Kay Zilka

**Servers:** Gabe Stangl & Logan Janson

**Ushers for July:** Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl & Roger Janson

**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 (June 16<sup>th</sup>)

Adult	\$ 4,648.00
High School	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 4.00
Plate	\$ 313.00
	\$ 4,970.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Mass attendance **June 16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 294

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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**\*Weekday Lector (Fri., June 28 at 8:30 a.m.):** Jan Dahmen

### SUNDAY, JUNE 30 at 10:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Colleen Lucking

**E. Ministers:** Tarynn Dorn, Kerri Kasper & Kristie Kroll

**Servers:** Joel Marshik & Luke Marshik

**Sacristan:** Pat Hartmann

**Ushers for July:** Jon Stumpf (Lead), Robbie Becker, Gerard Kimman & Jason Sadlovsky

### 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!

**\*Boutique:** The church hill boutique is in need of donated homemade or new or like new boutique type items for our booth. Please leave them at the parish office marked for the boutique. 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 (June 16<sup>th</sup>)

Adult	\$ 6,228.10
High School	\$ 22.50
Elementary	\$ 23.25
Plate	\$ 533.00
	\$ 6,806.85

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Mass attendance **June 16<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 283

### **CATHOLIC Q&A: Home Schooling**

**Question:** We are considering homeschooling our children. Does this present a problem when it is time for them to receive the sacraments? What must we do?

#### **Answer:**

Homeschooling is legal in all fifty states and like other types of education, has its advantages and its drawbacks. There are many factors to consider, and each family has to decide what the best way to educate its children is. With religious education, many dioceses have a formal policy that outlines procedures and expectations, some of which include more than just academic information. Call the religious education office to find out what they are for your area. In general, though, an appointment with your parish priest to discuss your situation is the best first step. An opportunity to discuss what is available, what the expectations are for each sacrament, and how you can best prepare your child helps make your time of preparation more effective. The priest can direct you to good catechetical materials, parent information classes, and other choices and possibilities for your child. All parents need to be part of their child's religious education, taking a lead in instilling the values and beliefs of their faith. Communication and information helps us all to teach and preach the Gospel as Jesus did.

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## GENERAL NEWS

**WELCOME BISHOP KETTLER:** Bishop Donald Kettler will be joining us next weekend for Mass at each of the 4 parishes for a missionary preaching.

**NOTE:** If you are attending Mass at a church outside of our 4-parish ACC, please mail your contribution or leave at the parish office. Otherwise, it may not get returned back to us.



### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS:**

Congratulations to Deacon Craig & Diane Korver who are celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this weekend! Happy Anniversary!

**SUMMER PICNIC:** The Harding Rosary Sodality will host a picnic meal after the 6 p.m. Mass next Saturday, June 29, outside on the church grounds, weather permitting! If it rains, it will move to the basement. This will include a kick ball or wiffle ball game with Fr. Aaron, food, drinks, and it will be a Thank You celebration for our retiring Trustee, Dave Schubert, after 10 plus years and a welcome to LeRoy Woitalla, our new trustee. Bishop Kettler will also be here for his Mission talk during Mass and will probably join our picnic. All our welcome to attend from any parish. Please join us for fellowship!

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTA:** The Knights of Columbus pray the rosary each Wednesday night at 8 PM by the Blessed Virgin grotto at the intersection of Highways 27 and 25 between Pierz and Genola. All are invited.

**ORGAN/PIANO LESSONS:** Summer Organ and Piano Lessons offered for kids or adults! Joan Novak will be teaching organ and piano lessons over the summer. All ages and skill levels are welcome. Cost is only \$10 per half hour lesson. Anyone interested can call or text her at 320-360-5387.

**CROSIER ART EXHIBIT:** Join us for the art exhibit Crosier Art: Past and Present which showcases a variety of art pieces from Crosier artists throughout the decades and world. June 28, 29 & 30 from 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Center, 104 Crosier Dr. N., Onamia, MN 56359. Free admission.

**ANNUAL PRO-LIFE RETREAT:** Assumption Church in Eden Valley on Saturday, August 17 8am-noon. Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Procession & Prayer Service at the Tomb of the Unborn in the Assumption Church Cemetery. Speaker at 11 a.m. Refreshments & light lunch provided. Cost will be Free Will with no pre-registration required. Please come join us as for the morning as we pray and seek "GUIDANCE TO SPEAKING THE TRUTH" from speaker Maggee Hangge from the MN Catholic Conference.


**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 info can call 320-632-5720 or email [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org)

**MCCL LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP:** June 24-27 and Aug. 11-14 in Paynesville, MN. This is a pro- Life 4-day education Camp for students entering grades 9-12, or college freshmen. The Morrison County chapter will pay the \$100.00 fee to attend. Rachel Schilling 320.360.5588, or Sue Houdek 320.630.7046.

**CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:** **Are you in need of enhancing your relationship with God?** Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie near Little Falls. The next retreat is Sept. 20-22, beginning 5:30 PM Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$70, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registration [centralmnkoinonia.org/](http://centralmnkoinonia.org/) / [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com) .

### **AREA NEWS:**

- \***Burger Basket Drive Thru, Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, 10495 Golden Spike Road Foley.** Fridays July 12 and Aug 9 from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. \$10 hamburger or cheeseburger basket, \$5 hotdog basket. Includes: burger/hotdog, fries & soda.
- \***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, Foley, 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.
- \***Bazaar, Our Lady of Lourdes, Little Falls, Sunday, July 28.** 10:30 a.m. Polka/Gospel Mass by "LaVerne & the Starlites" All Cash Grand Raffle Prizes Drawing at 4:30 p.m. \$10,000 Top Prize, Live Auction by Schubert Auction Service 2:00 p.m. "Gone Bizarre" Raffle Drawing at 4:00 p.m. Pulled pork sandwiches, brats, hot dogs, hamburgers, "Kid's Meal"
- \***Parish Festival, St. Joseph's, Pierz, Sunday, August 4.** Mass at 10:00 AM with music by St. Joseph's Folk Group, Outside Music by Country Fried Grubers. Kids Games, Inflatables, Bingo, Fancy Stand, Church Hill Boutique, Country Store, Pull Tabs, Silent Auction, Gun Raffle and Quilt Wheel, Beer Garden, Hamburger Stand, "Old Bank" Pizza, Karla's Cookies, Cheese Curds, French Fries, Homemade Pies & Ice Cream, Veggie and Bake Sale, Grand Raffle Drawing at 4 p.m.
- \***Bazaar, Holy Cross Church, Harding, Sunday, Sept. 1.**
- \***Bazaar, St. Michael's Church, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15.**



**CROSS ROCK YOUTH GROUP  
MURDER MYSTERY DINNER THEATER**

**TWO SHOW TIMES:**  
FRIDAY, JUNE 28TH. 6:30 - 9:00 PM  
SATURDAY, JUNE 29TH. 6:30 - 9:00 PM  
FOR AGES 12 AND UP.

Honorable Judge R. P. Cogsworth is judging a charity bake-off. Countless entries have been whittled down to three desserts. As the competition gets heated, one of the competitors takes extreme measures to take the top prize- leaving a trail of crumbs behind making sure that they end up with the blue ribbon.

Ms. Peabody calls upon her detective skills, along with the audiences' help, to solve the mystery.

**Appetizers and cash bar starting at 6:30 p.m. Dinner at 7:00 p.m.**

**Audience needs to be seated by 6:55 p.m. as the audience participates in the play by finding clues.**

**On the menu is salad, chicken parmesan w/pasta, and, of course, sampling the bake-off desserts.**  
(gluten-free option available)

**Holy Trinity  
Catholic Church**

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ROYALTON, MN

QUESTIONS? CONTACT  
NICOLE AT 218-230-3482 OR  
MICHELLE AT 320-493-1180.

**COST: \$30/person**

**PURCHASE TICKETS FROM THE  
ACC OFFICE, 320-393-2725 OR  
NICOLE KOLL AT 218-230-3482.**

**SEATING IS RESERVED.  
NO BAD SEATS IN THE HOUSE!**

Father Pierz  
School of  
Religion



320-468-2640

**\*NUN RUN**

**June 25, 26 & 27**

**\*STEUBENVILLE**

**July 26, 27 & 28**



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

**\*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](mailto:office@holytrinitypierz.org) or (320) 468-6446**

**\*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.

**\*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.

**Raffle Calendar Winners:**

6/16 \$75 Neal Kimman, 6/17 \$35 Jan & Don Schaefer, 6/18 \$35 Leah Fuhrman Suska, 6/19 \$35 Vince Skiba, 6/20 \$35 Dick Henry, 6/21 \$35 Jennifer Caughey, 6/22 \$35 Mark Welle

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

**Recently Baptized**

Left: Nora Jean  
daughter of  
Tanner & Jenna Kohl  
Right: Nolan John  
son of  
Bob & Kaylie Gruber



**Below: Summer Bible School Fun at Father Pierz School of Religion**

