



**FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**  
**AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**



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

“To what shall we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable can we use for it? It is like a mustard seed that, when it is sown in the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on the earth. But once it is sown, it springs up and becomes the largest of plants.” - Mk 4:30-32b

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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

6:00 p.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz (Fr. Aaron's Anniversary Mass and Celebration)

#### 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 16, 2024

### 11<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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June 16, 2024  
11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

My mother and father fell in love with each other rather quickly. It was only a span of two months between their first meeting and quiet betrothal. They waited for a significant period of time before going public with the happy news. It simply wasn't time. Love's strength and speed can sprout scandal in public. Until the big reveal, they gave the outside world only little hints, gestures, and riddles.

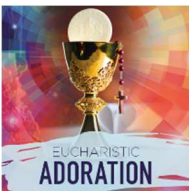
Something like this — but even more wonderful — is at play when Mark says of Jesus, “**he did not speak to them without a parable, but to his disciples in private he explained everything.**” Jesus is the long-awaited messiah-king, but his identity as the Lord and Son of God is so new, surprising, and scandalous to human ears that the big reveal would have to wait. Thus, his parables are riddles, meant to conceal more than reveal. Even the disciples — who hear things explained directly — barely grasp what he is up to. It's only at the cross that Jesus' love for Israel and the world is explicitly revealed. Until then, much stays hidden and comes in riddles.

So it goes with us, too. I wonder at times why doesn't the Lord just speak to us directly in prayer about what we should do, or how to fix our problems. Or why doesn't he reveal himself directly to powerful leaders who are slow to act? Why does he allow life so often to be confounding, contradictory, and crazy? Because it simply isn't time yet. One glorious day, it will be. Until then, he teaches us in riddles, and only sometimes explains them.

— Father John Muir

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| MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 18 <sup>th</sup> – JUNE 23 <sup>rd</sup>   |  |
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| <p><b>Tuesday, June 18 – Mass for Hope &amp; Healing</b><br/>7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Dennis Welle</p> <p><b>Wednesday, June 19</b><br/>8:00 a.m. Harding +Oliver Rudolph<br/>7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>Thursday, June 20</b><br/>7:00 a.m. Buckman +Maureen Watercott<br/>10:00 a.m. Villa +Elmer Langer</p> <p><b>Friday, June 21 – Fr. Aaron's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass and Celebration</b><br/>3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration<br/>6:00 p.m. Pierz In thanksgiving of Fr. Aaron's 10<sup>th</sup> year as a priest</p> <p><b>Saturday, June 22</b><br/>4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the People of the Parishes<br/>6:00 p.m. Harding +Greg Ziemkowski</p> <p><b>Sunday, June 23</b><br/>8:00 a.m. Buckman +Ken Dahmen<br/>10:00 a.m. Pierz Deceased members of Gert &amp; Louie Przybilla family</p> | <p><b>MASS TIME CHANGE:</b> Please note the Mass time for Friday, June 21 will be moved to 6 p.m. for Fr. Aaron's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary Mass and celebration.</p> <p><b>ACC WEBSITE:</b> The new ACC website is <a href="https://fatherpierzacc.org">https://fatherpierzacc.org</a></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>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</b> The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <b>Mondays at 3 p.m.</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>*If you are seeking information on <b>baptism, marriage, or RCIA</b> 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).</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.</p> <p><b>Lastrup &amp; Harding Office Hours:</b> Call 320-360-9720</p> <p><b>*Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</b> Going forward, when there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> |
|  <p><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b><br/>St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m.<br/>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.<br/>Holy Cross Harding – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open</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>   |  |



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### **SATURDAY, JUNE 22 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Dale Beierman

**Servers:** Duncan & Freyja Wipper

**Ushers:** Colin Boser & Roy Boser

**E. Minister (Choir):** Traci Schommer

**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.

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Congratulations to Richard "OP" Gall and Allen Welle who were recently elected as new parish council members.

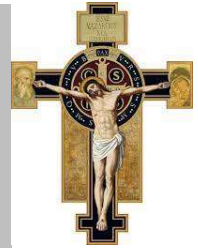
### **ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

\*Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$833.00, Adult loose \$179.57, Children loose \$4.00. **Mass attendance:** 135



## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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### **SATURDAY, JUNE 22 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Tim Schubert

**Server:** Elliott Carmona

**Ushers:** Allen Weitalla & LeRoy Weitalla

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

**Rosary:** Phyllis Schmidtbauer

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

\*Saturday, June 8<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$1,240.00, Adult loose \$117.00, Children env. \$3.00. **Mass attendance:** 102

**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, Carmen Britz, 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.

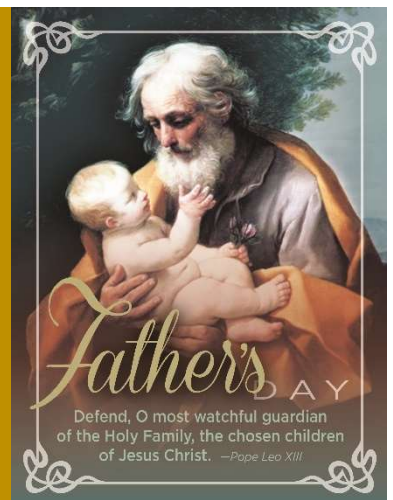
### **Jesus Speaking to St. Faustina:**

*"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)*

## *Blessing of Fathers*

God and Father of all creation, we come before you today with humble hearts. You are our model of a loving father. When we fail and fall short of your expectations, you are always there at the end of the day with open arms, ready to heal the cuts and scrapes of the day and to encourage us to try again and not to give up. We hold up these men in our midst who act in the world as fathers to their children or models of fathers for others. Bless them in their moments of doubt and frustration with their children. Give them warm and open hearts to forgive failures. Provide them with the words needed for encouragement and perseverance. We ask all this in the name of Jesus.

Amen.



## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 23 at 8:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Randi Kranz

**E. Ministers:** Donna Solinger & Cindy Scholl

**Servers:** Whitney Stangl & Lydia Janson

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

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Congratulations to Kari Gruber, Shirley Herold & Keith Janson who were recently elected as new parish council members.

**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 9<sup>th</sup>)

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Adult       | \$ 2,612.00 |
| High School | \$ 34.00    |
| Elementary  | \$ 9.00     |
| Plate       | \$ 289.00   |
|             | \$ 2,944.00 |

April Electronic Contributions: \$ 1,075.00

May Electronic Contributions: \$ 1,020.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Mass attendance **June 9<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 305

**"What do you call a Catholic priest who became a lawyer?"**



**"A Father-in-law!"**



Did you know that there is a set of laws that govern Catholics called "Canon Law"? The lawyers who work in Canon Law are actually known as "Canon lawyers."

ELP!

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### SUNDAY, JUNE 23 at 10:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Keith Marshik

**E. Ministers:** Keith Marshik, Jo Loidolt & Matt Kessler

**Servers:** Lance Litke & Addison Marshik

**Sacristan:** Wanda Kapsner

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



Congratulations to Carter & Kalyn (Gritzmacher) Moulzolf who were married this weekend!

**NEW PARISH COUNCIL MEMBERS:** Congratulations to Neal Kimman, Rebecca Kapsner & Mackenzie Thomas who were recently elected as new parish council members.

**COME FOR FELLOWSHIP AND DONUTS!** Our ACC Women's Group, along with this month's sponsor, the Knights of Columbus, invite you to join our Sunday Social (formerly Donut Sunday) on Sunday, June 16<sup>th</sup> following the 10am mass, in the St. Joseph's church basement. Sunday Socials will continue to be scheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month throughout the summer. Any questions or if you have a group who'd like to help/sponsor, call or text Sara Stumpf at 320-493-7062 - God Bless!

### 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 9<sup>th</sup>)

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Adult       | \$ 5,150.10 |
| High School | \$ 9.75     |
| Elementary  | \$ 11.66    |
| Plate       | \$ 343.00   |
|             | \$ 5,514.51 |

April Electronic Contributions: \$4,060.00

May Electronic Contributions: \$3,165.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Mass attendance **June 9<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 300



## GENERAL NEWS

**LOOKING AHEAD:** Due to the rodeo in Harding on July 6<sup>th</sup>, Harding's weekend Mass will be moved to 9 a.m. on Sunday, July 7<sup>th</sup>.

### **NOTES:**

\*The dispensation to watch Mass on TV has long been lifted after COVID. If you are physically healthy and able to go to church, you must attend in person to fulfill your Sunday Mass obligation.

\*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.

**MASS FOR HOPE & HEALING:** For anyone who has experienced a loss or suffering from miscarriage, stillbirth, abortion, suicide, accident, loss of a loved one, addiction, abuse or any serious trauma you have experienced, please come join us this night for hope and healing. **Tuesday, June 18 at St. John Nepomuk Church in Lastrup.** Confessions starting at 6 p.m., 7 p.m. Mass for hope and healing, 7:45 p.m. rosary / adoration / prayers for healing after Mass (Youth Group adoration 9 p.m. to Midnight).



**CUF MEETING:** At Buckman Parish Center on Thursday, June 20<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m.

**10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION:** All are invited to a special Mass at 6pm on June 21<sup>st</sup> at St. Joseph's to celebrate Father Aaron's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to the priesthood. There will be a Holy Hour and Benediction at 5-6 before Mass. The Mass will be followed by a potluck dinner in the church basement and then games, a bonfire and a time for socializing near the rectory. Please bring a dish to share and a lawn chair to sit in. No gifts are expected! Your presence and prayers are the gifts. Come and join us for fun evening!

**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.

**FOX 9 NEWS COMING TO PIERZ:** Fox 9 will be coming to Pierz next Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> as part of their townball tour. They will do their 5 & 6 o'clock news broadcasts from the ballpark. We have 4 games scheduled at the field that day. Pierz VFW has a double header starting at 11 with Princeton. The Pierz Bulldogs host the Pierz Lakers at 5 and the Pierz Brewers host the Buckman Billygoats at 7:30. All games are free to attend that day. It's going to be a very fun day and a great opportunity for us to highlight our great community to the rest of the state!

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE:** Little Falls at St. Francis Convent on Monday, June 17, 1-7 p.m., Tuesday, June 18, noon-6 p.m., and Wednesday, June 19, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Please respond to the current blood shortage taking place this summer. If you are at least 16 years of age (with written parental consent), weigh at least 110 pounds and are in good health, you may be eligible to donate blood. Go to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) and choose a time that fits your schedule or call Sister Julien Dirkes, (320) 630-0663. Good things happen when you give blood. Get a \$15 e-gift card!

**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.

**JESUS THIRSTS FILM:** *Jesus Thirsts: The Miracle of the Eucharist* takes viewers on a global journey to uncover the transformative power of the Eucharist. Through discussions with Catholic leaders and heartfelt personal narratives, the film unveils the Eucharist as Jesus Christ Himself, eagerly desiring to fulfill our spiritual thirst with His boundless love. Showtimes for this film are June 18<sup>th</sup> at 3 p.m. and June 19<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. and 7 p.m. at the Marcus Parkwood Cinema in Waite Park.

**MCCL LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP:** MCCL Life Leadership Camp will be held this year 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. If interested please call Rachel Schilling 320.360.5588, or Sue Houdek 320.630.7046.

**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](http://havenofmercycatholic.org/mini-family-fest) to watch last year's video or you can call 320-632-5720 or email [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org)

### **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, St. Michael's Church, Buckman, Sunday, September 15.**



*Father Pierz  
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

**\*TEC RETREAT**

**June 21, 22 & 23**

**\*NUN RUN**

**June 25, 26 & 27**

**\*STEUBENVILLE**

**July 26, 27 & 28**

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



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**\*SUMMER HOURS-** Effective June 3, 2024, please call the office to ensure someone is available to assist you. The office is not staffed daily throughout the summer.

**\*COFFEE-** Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. 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 information: [office@holytrinitypierz.org](mailto:office@holytrinitypierz.org) or (320) 468-6446

**Raffle Calendar Winners:**

6/9 \$75 Ryan Leidenfrost, 6/10 \$35 Vern & Gertie Kimman, 6/11 \$35 Kent & Stacy Happke, 6/12 \$35 Dennis Dzieweczynski, 6/13 \$35 Lyla Vogtlin, 6/14 \$35 Bernie Girtz, 6/15 \$35 Ken Hoheisel



Top Left: A photo from an ACC meeting with the bishop last month.

Top Right: Members of the Hearts of Faith attended the Mass at the Grasshopper Chapel Thursday, May 30. R-L Ginger Lardy, Mary Lou Kasella, Patty Commerford, Doris Thyen, Pat Poster, Jan Kimman, Marilyn Dorn, Doreen Gerwing. Not pictured is Mary Korf.

Bottom: The annual blessing of the tractors after the tractor parade.

