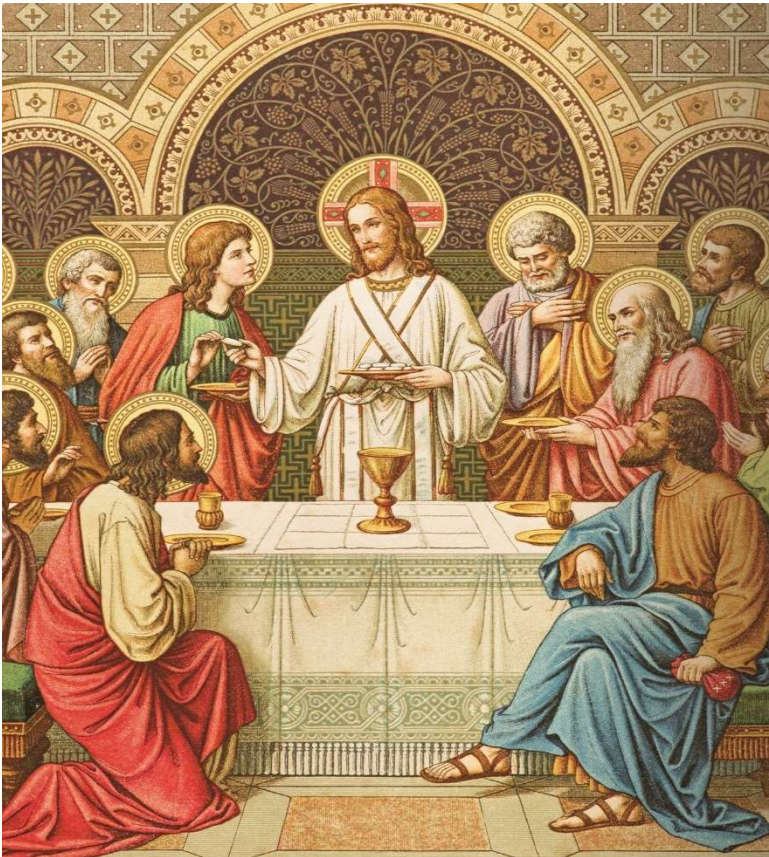




FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."
- Mk 14:23-25

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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 2, 2024

THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

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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St. Joseph/St. Michael Office: 320-468-6033, stjoes@midco.net



Bread From Heaven

Dear Friends,

This Sunday is the celebration of the *Solemnity of Corpus Christi*, or the *Body of Christ*. Jesus says, “*I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live forever.*” (John 6:51)


The Holy Eucharist is the real and true presence of Jesus Christ; Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity. It is Jesus Himself, physically present under the appearance of a small white Host. This is not just a figure of speech or a symbol of Christ, but it is Christ, in his full person. This teaching in the Church has never changed from the time of Christ as Catholics have always believed that the Eucharist is the true and real presence of Christ. The question we should ask is; Do we believe it? Does the practice of our faith follow our belief? Do we live our belief in our actions and lives?

Almost two weeks ago I had the great opportunity to be part of the Eucharistic Revival procession about 13 miles from the Cathedral in St. Cloud to St. Mark’s Church in Clear Lake. Processions are meant to bring Jesus’ true presence in the Eucharist out to the whole world to bless God’s people. A group of youth and adults from our ACC were part of the procession.

Several dozen people processed in silence through the farmland to the ringing of bells and the smell of incense. At one point a strong wind picked up and even knocked me off balance a few times as I carried our Eucharistic Lord in the Monstrance lifted high for all to see. During this time was a strong sense in me about the importance of what we were doing. How many missionaries brought the Eucharist to God’s people in some of the most dangerous situations? Saints risked their lives, and many indeed, gave their lives to bring that small white Host to a soul in need. Why would someone give their lives for a small white piece of bread? No, they laid down their lives for the treasure they held most deeply, their Eucharistic Lord. May we love Christ in the Eucharist and become the love of Christ for others.

“*A thousand years of enjoying human glory is not worth even an hour spent sweetly communing with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.*” -St. Padre Pio

God bless you, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 4 th – JUNE 9 th		<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.</p> <p>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720</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>
<u>Tuesday, June 4</u>		
7:00 p.m. Lastrup	+Leon Boser	
<u>Wednesday, June 5</u>		
8:00 a.m. Harding	+Ronald Gross	
7-8 p.m. Buckman	Eucharistic Adoration	
<u>Thursday, June 6</u>		
7:00 a.m. Buckman	+Alvin & Rose Janorschke	
10:00 a.m. Villa	+Larry Schmidbauer	
<u>Friday, June 7</u>		
7:30 a.m. Pierz	Prayers for Our Nation (Prayer Service)	
8:30 a.m. Pierz	+Bernard Haberle	
3-6:00 p.m. Pierz	Eucharistic Adoration	
<u>Saturday, June 8</u>		
4:00 p.m. Lastrup	+Marge Seppelt	
6:00 p.m. Harding	Deceased members of Joe Traut family	
<u>Sunday, June 9</u>		
8:00 a.m. Buckman	+Fr. Al Stangl	
10:00 a.m. Pierz	For the People of the Parishes	
 <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>		

“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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, JUNE 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Julie Laney

Server: Ellie Thomsen

Ushers: Allen Welle & Roy Boser

E. Minister (Choir): Dale Beierman



New Life in Christ

Nolan John, son of Bob & Kaylie Gruber, was baptized on May 25th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

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.

PARISH COUNCIL: Please put your election ballots in the collection today for your new parish council members.

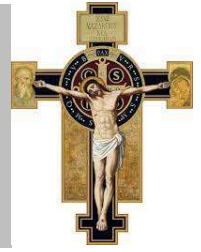
ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, May 25th: Adult env \$735.00, Adult loose \$254.00, Children env \$2.00, Children loose \$5.00.

Mass attendance: 159

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, JUNE 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Doug Knopik

Server: Adam Weitalla

Ushers: Gary Matlock & Willie Rudolph

E. Minister (Choir): Gary Matlock

Rosary: Phyllis Schmidtbauer

CHURCH CLEANERS: Cindy Olson, Ashley Gross, Gwen Gross, Joanne Gross, Janet Hanneken, Stacy Herold, Bernie Hoffman & Debbie Hoheisel

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, May 25th: Unavailable at this time

Mass attendance: 153

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING: Sara Hanneken, 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

MONDAY, JUNE 10
from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm

**CANCER/
CHRONIC ILLNESS
SUPPORT GROUP**

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Gathering Space, 219 2nd St. N., Sartell, MN 56377

A supportive setting for those with cancer and/or their loved ones that will include prayer and opportunities to share personal experiences with God's grace and blessings when battling illness. Contact Jim Negen, Tom Offerdahl or Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JUNE 9 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jane Funk

E. Ministers: Jill Hoheisel & Nicole Lochner

Servers: Jackson Daiker & William Dehler

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 26)

Adult	\$ 3,458.00
High School	\$ 44.00
Elementary	\$ 5.50
Plate	\$ 256.00
	\$ 3,763.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 26th Sunday:** 265

CATHOLIC Q & A

Fruits of Holy Communion

Q: What are the "fruits" of holy Communion?

A: The Eucharist, like all sacraments, offers its own unique grace. We receive a special share in God's life that helps us in our faith journey. We are given all we need to sustain and nurture our relationship with God. The Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life. Everything we are and everything we hope to become is found in this sacrament. It is essential to the life of the church, to each member of the church. Without it, there is no church. The Eucharist is the center of our spiritual life and has enormous effects on our growth, our holiness, and our way of life. The fruits of holy Communion are the benefits one receives from the sacrament. These fruits of holy Communion are discussed in the catechism in the article on the Eucharist. The primary benefit is union with Christ. We become one with him sacramentally, just as we hope to become one with him for eternity. The Eucharist also separates us from sin, both past and future. It forgives the venial sins of the past and, by the love we receive, protects us from mortal sin in the future. The church community is also unified and strengthened by the Eucharist. It unites us to the poor and offers the pledge of eternal life. ©LPi

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)

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***Weekday Lector (Friday, June 7):** Al Pekarek

SUNDAY, JUNE 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Cari Stumpf

E. Ministers: Kerri Kasper, Lois & Dan Waytashek

Servers: Elizabeth & Anna Stumpf

Sacristan: Jan Kimman

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



II. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

wedding June 15th

Kalyn Gritzmacher & Carter Moulzolf



New Life in Christ

Nora Jean, daughter of Tanner & Jenna Kohl, was baptized on May 25th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

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 26th)

Adult	\$ 5,222.00
High School	\$ 5.25
Elementary	\$ 22.25
Plate	\$ 225.00
	\$ 5,474.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 26th Sunday:** 311

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.

GENERAL NEWS

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION: Please join us on Friday, June 7th at 7:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz to pray for our nation. Everyone is welcome to join!

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, rosary & 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, June 8th** at Troy & Becky Kapsner's house, 29584 153rd St, Pierz MN 56364.

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: **Sunday, June 9th.** Please join the Christian Mothers/Women group the 2nd Sunday of each month after Mass, to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary/Chaplet. We will meet in the St. Michael's-Buckman cemetery at the crucifix. If weather does not permit, meet in the church. Everyone is welcome. We pray this Rosary to learn to suffer with love, as Mary, the Mother of Jesus, did.

10th ANNIVERSARY MASS AND CELEBRATION: All are invited to a special Mass at 6pm on June 21st at St. Joseph's to celebrate Father Aaron's 10th Anniversary to the priesthood. 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. Come and join us for fun evening!

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.

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).

LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP: August 11th-14th. MCCL's pro-life summer camp for high school students. It takes place each summer at Camp Koronis in Paynesville. Life Leadership Camp offers four days of pro-life education (two full days and two partial days), including guest speakers and sessions covering topics relating to abortion and other right-to-life issues. It equips students to make a difference in their schools and communities. To learn more about the camp visit mccl.org/camp.

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

AREA NEWS:

- *Burger Basket Drive Thru, Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, 10495 Golden Spike Road Foley.** Fridays: June 14, 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, 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.

Buckman Bill Parls Inc. Raffle
Proceeds for Ballpark Improvements
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
Need Not Be Present to Win
Wherever responsible for any applicable laws or rules.
Must be 18 or older to Purchase & Win

Come Celebrate

June 8, 2024 1:30 PM

Beer Cap Stadium in Buckman, MN

Buckman Billygoats ~vs~ Royalton 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

***Summer Bible School
June 3-7, 9-11 a.m.**

***Extreme Faith Camp
June 10-14 (6th – 12th
graders)**

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



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

***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. 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.

***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:

5/26 \$75 Mark Leithen, 5/27 \$35 Joelle Young & Chris Young, 5/28 \$35 Diane Scott, 5/29 \$35 Bill Eno, 5/30 \$35 Kyle Bednar, 5/31 \$35 Nicole Prickett, 6/1 \$35 Maryann Woeste



Baccalaureate Masses were celebrated on the weekend of May 18th & 19th in each of the 4 parishes of our ACC. Congratulations to the Class of 2024!

