



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



10TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He said to them in reply,
"Who are my mother and my
brothers?" And looking
around at those seated in the
circle he said, "Here are my
mother and my brothers. For
whoever does the will of God
is my brother and sister and
mother." - Mk 3:33-35

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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 9, 2024

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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 9, 2024
10th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus asks us a stunning question this week: “How can Satan cast out Satan?” To enter into this question opens up the often-hidden dynamics of what Jesus has done and is constantly doing. If we’re honest, our response to some degree is: “How else can we cast him out? Satan is precisely how we cast out Satan!” But Jesus wants us to see this finally does not work. Here’s what I mean.

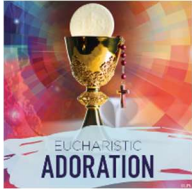
Satanas names the demonic mechanism by which we render wholeness through accusation. When we face a threat, we seek something to protect us (e.g., more money, social status, security, power, etc.). Rivals inevitably arise for these things and so do tensions. Accusation presents itself. “I’ll never be successful unless I get ahead of that guy.” “She’s already trying to get ahead of me.” “That group of immigrants is trying to take our jobs.” And so on. The accusation grows into a fear-inducing threat — things will break apart — no, they already are! Hurry! We inflict violence on the victim and — as if by magic — peace ensues. For a time. Soon fresh accusations are required to hold new chaos at bay, until there is no community left at all. This is essentially humankind’s sad history in a nutshell.

Jesus’ cross and resurrection unmasks this broken system of “casting out Satan by Satan” and ushers in a new one he calls “the Kingdom of God.” He reveals that the dynamic of accusation is nothing compared to his power of divine mercy and love. The cross (and not Satan) is the real power to tear down strongholds of sin and cast out Satan. This is why he describes himself as the “stronger man who ties up the strong man to plunder his house.” This week let’s notice the ways we “cast out Satan by Satan,” and then refuse to do it anymore. Because in the long run, that divided house cannot stand.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 11 th – JUNE 16 th	
<p>Tuesday, June 11 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Patty Stuckmayer</p> <p>Wednesday, June 12 8:00 a.m. Harding +Tina Brill 8a.m.-8 p.m. Buckman <i>All Day Eucharistic Adoration</i></p> <p>Thursday, June 13 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Herman & Frances Stangl 10:00 a.m. Villa +Kate Millner</p> <p>Friday, June 14 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Arvin Litke 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Saturday, June 15 1:30 p.m. Pierz <i>Wedding:</i> Kalyn Gritzmacher and Carter Moulzolf 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Ken “KC” Reinhart 6:00 p.m. Harding +Melvin & Leona Gruber</p> <p>Sunday, June 16 8:00 a.m. Buckman For the People of the Parishes 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Carl & Martha Langer & children</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</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>
 <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 – 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>	

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, JUNE 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Mark Loidolt

Server: Zach Gall

Ushers: Jonathan Welle & Cory Loidolt

E. Minister (Choir): Julie Laney

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.

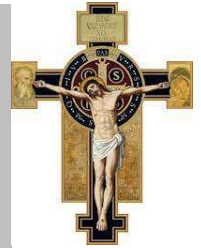
ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, June 1st: Adult env. \$595.00, Adult loose \$106.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$0.25

Mass attendance: 119

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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



SATURDAY, JUNE 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbett

Server: Maverick Woitalla

Ushers: Dave Skwira & Kevin Dembouski

E. Minister (Choir): Doug Knopik

Rosary: Ted Boser

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, May 25th: Adult env. \$1,198.00, Adult loose \$97.00, Children env. \$5.00, Children loose \$21.00.

*Saturday, June 1st: Adult env. \$700.00, Adult loose \$139.00, Children env. \$4.00, Children loose \$1.00.

Mass attendance: 98

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 Woitalla, Rhys Boser, Carmen Britz, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Gina Virnig, Donny Schommer.

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

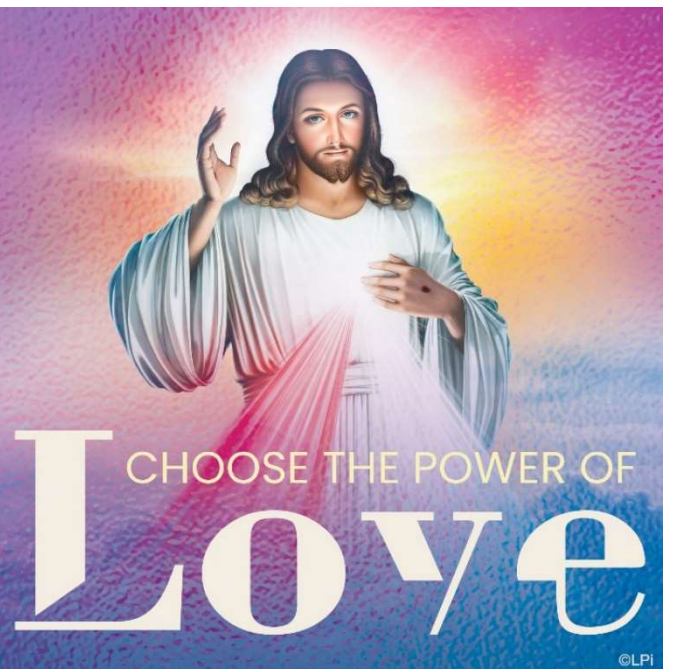
ACC Faith Study Groups

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

A KINGDOM DIVIDED CANNOT STAND.

MARK 3:25

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, JUNE 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Kay Zilka

E. Ministers: Randi Kranz & Connie Kieffer

Servers: Maddie Kahl & Alayna Seelen

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

THANK YOU: Thank you to Danny Scholl for helping trim in the cemetery. Much appreciated!

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 2nd)

Adult	\$ 3,005.00
High School	\$ 11.00
Elementary	\$ 14.00
Plate	\$ 243.00
	\$ 3,273.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **June 2nd Sunday:** 290

CATHOLIC Q & A: God in Daily Life

Q: How do I bring God into the work of my daily life?

A: Whatever your daily work, you have an opportunity to encounter God and to follow His commandments in love. In the New Testament, we see that most of the Apostles didn't have a previous religious position. They were fishermen, tax collectors, and political activists. St. Paul was a tentmaker. Among the saints, we have doctors, lawyers, farmers, and stay-at-home moms. No matter your daily tasks, God can be present there! One way concerns behavior. Start with an examination of conscience. Look at areas where you tend to struggle to imitate Christ at work. Do you gossip? Does brimming frustration become impatience at home? Pick one sin you struggle with, then choose a virtue to strengthen that area. If you tend to speak poorly of your co-workers, resolve to stop and to say one kind thing a day instead. Another way relates to perspective, particularly your perspective of others. Jesus' incarnation reminds us of the value of every human being. Jesus is God, and each of us is created in God's image. When you encounter another person, you have an opportunity to see God in a new place and a new way — in that person in front of you. Genuinely listen to them and be present to their concerns. Loving your neighbor is loving God! Our relationship with God and the love He inspires in our hearts shouldn't remain only at church on Sunday. We can — and should — let our faith animate our lives! ©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)

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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***Weekday Lector (Friday, June 14):** Mary Kimman

SUNDAY, JUNE 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Mark Fyten

E. Ministers: Barb Zajac, Mason Zajac & Tarynn Dorn

Servers: Brady Young & Travis Young

Sacristan: Doris Thyen

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



III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding June 15th

Kalyn Gritzmacher & Carter Moulzolf

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Kenneth "Ken" Dahmen** passed away on May 25th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday, June 3rd at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. **Ellen Virnig** passed away on May 30th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, June 4th at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

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 16th following the 10am mass, in the St. Joseph's church basement. Sunday Socials will continue to be scheduled for the 3rd 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!

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 (June 2nd)

Adult	\$ 6,149.10
High School	\$ 5.25
Elementary	\$ 17.25
Plate	\$ 403.00
	\$ 6,574.60

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **June 2nd Sunday:** 318

GENERAL NEWS

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. ***We'd love to have hosts from all parishes - we're specifically looking for hosts from the Lastrup & Harding areas in the near future.*** If you would like to volunteer to host an evening, please call or text Cari Stumpf at 320-761-6336. ALL are welcome - bring a friend! **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.

ALL DAY ADORATION: From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, June 12th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

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.

SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP: The Sunday Night Adult Education Group is shut down for the summer. It will start meeting again in September.

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. No gifts are expected! Your presence and prayers are the gifts. Come and join us for fun evening!

PICNIC LUNCH: The Pierz Dining Center will be hosting a FREE picnic lunch on Wednesday, June 12th for anyone 60 years of age or handicapped. The event will be held at the Dining Center. Come and visit and enjoy a delicious picnic meal. Doors will open at 3:30 with the meal served at 4:45. Please call 320-468-2160 by Tuesday June 11th to reserve your spot. Seating is limited so please RSVP.

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.

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).

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).

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.

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 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, 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"

*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

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

***TEC RETREAT**
June 21, 22 & 23

***NUN RUN**
June 25, 26 & 27



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-** Regular \$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:

6/2 \$75 Natalie Gruber, 6/3 \$35 Adam Theis, 6/4 \$35 Linda Otremba, 6/5 \$35 Rian Hutchison, 6/6 \$35 Eric & Kari Maus, 6/7 \$35 Natalie Gruber, 6/8 \$35 Wendy & Dave Young

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

Eucharistic Revival Procession in LF & St. Cloud. Over 1000 people went to 7am adoration in LF on Thursday, May 23 then processed with the Eucharist through town from OLOL to St. Mary's then celebrated Mass all together. On Friday, May 24 about 25 people from Pierz joined Fr. Aaron in the procession from St. Cloud to Clearwater. Claire Gruber, Abbie Virnig, & Kari Gruber walked all 13 miles with the procession from St. Cloud to Clearwater. Some of the pilgrims making the 2-month trek!

