



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. - Mk 6:34

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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

JULY 21, 2024

16th 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



Summer Rest

Dear Friends,

This Sunday in Mark's Gospel Jesus reminds his disciples of the importance of rest. The Gospels says that people were coming to them in such great numbers that the disciples did not even have time to eat. Now that sounds busy! Jesus recognizes the obvious human need for rest, peace and spiritual recharging. He tells them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while."

For many people life may seem so busy that they feel like they are running from one thing to another in constant race! We must take the time to heed the words of Jesus and find some rest from the business on a regular basis, but especially in the special seasons of the year. The summer months perhaps provide a little more time to do this.

"Rest for the soul" can be found in a variety of ways. Here are a few ideas you may keep in mind get away and rest:

- Go for a rosary walk
- Take a pilgrimage to a favorite Church or a special Shrine
- Spend more time in the beauty of nature
- Make more time to spiritual reading
- Make visits to the Blessed Sacrament
- Listen to Christian, sacred music or chant
- Spend time in silence talking with and listening to God speak to the heart

St. John Paul II spoke about the blessing of silence, "In this oasis of quiet, before the wonderful spectacle of nature, one easily experiences how profitable silence is, a good that today is ever more rare... In reality, only in silence does man succeed in hearing in the depth of his conscience the voice of God, which really makes him free."

May we make time, as Jesus' disciples did, to go away and rest a while from the business of life. May we find rest for our souls in the presence of Christ who is always present to us and seeking to grant us his peace.

In Christ, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 23 – JULY 28		
<p><u>Tuesday, July 23</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Joe Smude</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 24</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding For vocations in honor of Fr. Aaron's birthday 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, July 25</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael's Catholic United Financial members 10:00 a.m. Villa +Audreen Nagel</p> <p><u>Friday, July 26</u> 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Larry Schmidtbauer 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, July 27</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Virgil, Evelyn, Jeff, Bruce & Vickie Ortman 6:00 p.m. Harding +Eddie & Denny Bednarek, & +Ardell Killeaney</p> <p><u>Sunday, July 28</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Chuck Fuhrman</p>	<p><u>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</u> The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u> You can email stjoes@midco.net, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <p><u>ACC WEBSITE:</u> The new ACC website is https://fatherpierzacc.org</p> <p><u>*Emergency Contact:</u> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720.</p> <p><u>Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:</u> 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><u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u> Call 320-360-9720</p> <p><u>*Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</u> Going forward, when there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> <p><u>*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).</u></p>	<div style="display: flex; align-items: center;"> <div style="padding: 5px;"> <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> </div> </div>

"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, JULY 27 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Julie Laney

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Jonathan Welle & Colin 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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, July 13th:** Adult env. \$475, Adult loose \$92, Children env. \$2, Children loose \$5. **Mass attendance:** 101

ACC Faith Study Groups

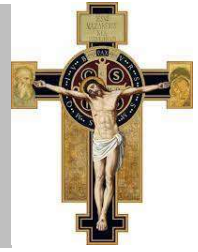
***Man Accountability:** Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

***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.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 27 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Tim Schubert

Server: Tyler Thesing

Ushers: Allen Stuckmayer & Andy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Leonard Thesing

Rosary: Gloria Weitalla

BAZAAR NEWS:

***Bazaar Meeting:** We will be having a bazaar meeting in the church basement on Monday, July 29th at 7:00 p.m.

***Raffle Tickets:** Holy Cross Bazaar ticket envelopes for 2023 are ready to be picked up and to be delivered to other parishioners. Please do NOT leave ticket envelopes in people's mailboxes! If you need additional tickets, please contact Kathy Hoffman Tax at 320-630-1880. There will not be fishing trip tickets this year due to booking conflicts. Thank you for working to make the Holy Cross Bazaar a success.

***Silent Auction:** We are happy to start accepting any cash or basket items for silent auction donations. Please spread the word as this is best way to keep this such a huge success. Thank you!! Contact Stacy Gahler at 320-360-4610.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

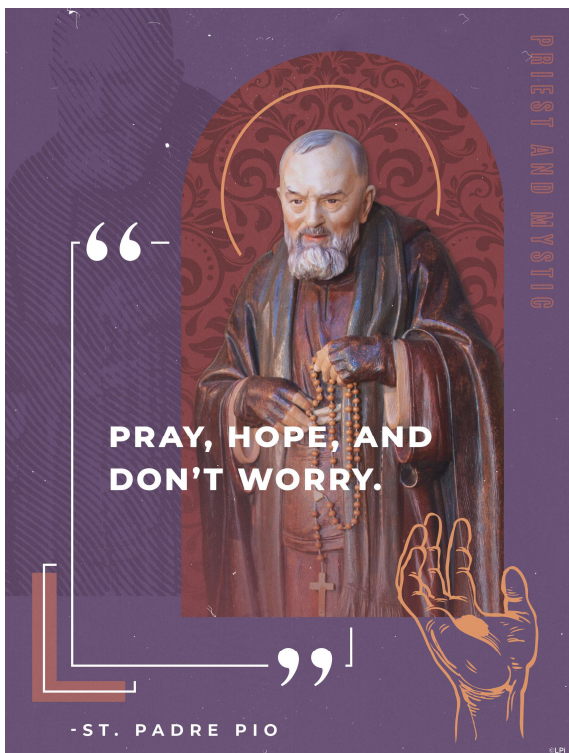
***Saturday, July 13th:** Adult env. \$1,004, Adult loose \$123, Children loose \$26. **Mass attendance:** 107

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING: Dave Schubert, 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.

CATHOLIC Q&A: Daily Faith

Question: What can I do to help our family practice our faith each day?

Answer: Some families practice their religion together as just another event on their schedule: go to church, observe Lent, help at the parish picnic, go to a meeting, volunteer time, make your confession, use your envelope... But the focus needs to be on who we are—God's people, in relationship with him, loved, forgiven, and redeemed, and called to live and proclaim the Gospel. Our awareness of God's presence and our sense of mission are supported by the daily rituals, celebrations, and traditions that help us stay focused. Sharing our faith strengthens us and clarifies the beliefs and values of Christian living. Daily family practices include time for prayer—before meals, before bed, before important meetings and activities. Attend Sunday Mass together and discuss the homily afterward. Create family celebrations for holy days and holidays. Make religion a regular part of your discussions. Include others, especially the elderly and the less fortunate, in your activities and charitable efforts. By applying the virtues of faith, hope, and love to each day, faith becomes part of who your family is. It influences how you act towards others, what you value, and how mindful of God you are. Faith is the leaven of life that helps all of us rise to our calling and dignity as God's people. ©LPi



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SUNDAY, JULY 28 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

E. Ministers: Deb Hall and Mary Kay Zilka

Servers: William Stangl and Owen Stangl

Ushers for August: Mick Gruber, Frank Hoheisel & Steve Kahl



I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding August 10th

Grace Marshik & Austin Radunz

PARISH BAZAAR NEWS:

***Grand Raffle Donations:** If you would like to contribute to the grand raffle and have your name or your business recognized on the raffle tickets, please send your donation to the parish office P.O. Box 428, Pierz, MN 56364 or call at 320-468-6033.

Donations received by July 21st will be included on the raffle ticket. *We appreciate your support!*

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 (July 14th)

Adult	\$ 4,157.00
High School	\$ 9.00
Elementary	\$ 9.00
Plate	\$ 183.00
	\$ 4,358.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 14th Sunday:** 319

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***Weekday Lector (Fri., July 26, 8:30 a.m.):** Mary Kimman

SUNDAY, JULY 28 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Al Pekarek

E. Ministers: Dan & Lois Waytashek & Tarynn Dorn

Servers: Anna Stumpf & Elizabeth Stumpf

Sacristan: Mary Kimman

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

GRAND RAFFLE TICKET BOOKS:

*A reminder that you may drop off your tickets at the parish office or drop-off box in entry way of the office by **August 1st**. **We need all tickets, sold and unsold, returned.** You may also bring them to the bazaar.

*If anyone is in need of ticket books, give the parish office a call (320) 468 6033. Thank you!

PARISH FESTIVAL:

***Help Needed:** We are looking for people that do not have jobs to help with the festival for people that cannot make it.

***Festival Chairs:** Can pick up their folder at the parish office.

***Silent Auction:** We are now collecting items for the silent auction. Please mark donations "silent auction." Items can be left at the parish office before Monday, July 22nd.

***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.

REMINDER: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member.

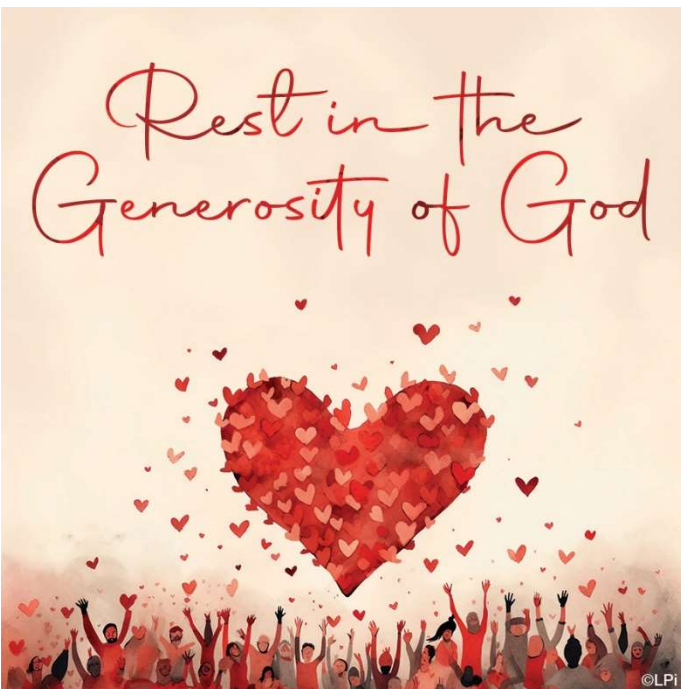
PRAYER LINE: If you have a prayer line request, please either call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (July 14th)

Adult	\$ 7,526.00
High School	\$ 54.00
Elementary	\$ 9.10
Plate	\$ 273.00
	\$ 7,862.10

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 14th Sunday:** 338



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)

GENERAL NEWS

UPCOMING SUNDAY SOCIAL - SUNDAY, JULY 21st!

Join us for community, donuts, juice & coffee after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's. Everyone is welcome! July's gathering is sponsored by our ACC Women's Prayer Group. We would like to invite every parish in our ACC host, it's easy! To sponsor or host, please reach out to Sara Stumpf 320-493-7062. We can't wait to visit with you!

ROSARY AT THE GROTTTO: 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.

ROSARY AT HARMONY HOUSE: Everyone is welcome to join us pray the rosary every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Harmony House in Pierz. Sponsored by St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women. Questions, call 320-468-2487.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: The ACC Women's Group is collecting school supplies for families in need. Feel free to drop off donations (either supplies or monetary donations) in the basket in the entryway of your parish or in the parish office. Supplies collected will be distributed in mid-August. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

HUMANAE VITAE MASS AND AWARD RECEPTION: July 25th at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud. We will celebrate the 56th anniversary of Humanae Vitae with Mass at 7 p.m. with Bishop Emeritus Donald Kettler presiding. A reception will follow with the presentation of the 2024 Humanae Vitae Award to Father Greg Paffel. More details visit <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-humanae-vitae-mass-and-award-reception/>.

Fr. Pierz Memorial Class of 1964 will celebrate its 60th reunion on Wednesday, August 7 at Frosty's Bar & Grill at 11 a.m. Stay as long as desired. Informal setting, order food and drinks from menu.

MCCL LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP: 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.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE RETREAT: Assumption Church in Eden Valley 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" MN Catholic Conference speaker.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: *Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!* A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. The next available Weekends are Oct 12-13, 2024 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and Aug 17-18, 2024 in Oakdale, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

Mini Holy Family Fest, August 16-18 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. 320-632-5720 or hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA: 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 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be Sept. 20-22 beginning at 5:30 PM Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registration at centralmnkoinonia.org

AREA NEWS:

***Bazaar, St. Rita's Parish, Hillman, Sunday, July 28.** Mass at 10:30 a.m. Pull-tabs, hamburger stand, country store, ice cream, beer garden, bake sale, cake walk, kids games. Menu: chicken, ham, baby red mashed potatoes, corn, coleslaw, cranberries, dinner roll and pie. Adults and kids 13 and older: \$16, age 6-12: \$10, age 5 and under free. Sportsman's raffle, bingo prizes valued up to \$60. Auction at 2:30 pm. fancywork, crafts and themed baskets. Grand raffle 5 pm. Over \$4000 in prizes.

***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.

***Burger Basket Drive Thru, Sts. Peter and Paul's Church, 10495 Golden Spike Road Foley. Aug 9** from 4:30PM to 6:30PM. \$10 hamburger or cheeseburger basket, \$5 hotdog basket. Includes: burger/hotdog, fries & soda.

***Bazaar, Holy Cross Church, Harding, Sunday, Sept. 1.**

***Bazaar, St. Michael's Church, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15.**



Saint of the week

St. Angela of Foligno (c. 1248-1309), sometimes called the "Teacher of Theologians," Angela's first life as a wife and mother gave her unique insights. Her path to sainthood was not through perfection but through penitence and charity. She experienced periods of certainty and doubt, temptation and steadfastness.

Prayer to the Shepherd

My Good Shepherd,
There are so many things I don't understand about the paths where you lead and the pastures where you release me. But I believe that you are a Good Shepherd. I have known your protection and provision in so many ways. Please keep me under your care.
Amen.

*Father
Pierz
School of
Religion*



320-468-2640

***STEBENVILLE
July 26, 27 & 28**



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 area of finance 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

***IMPACKS-** Reminder if you are going to purchase your child's school supply kit, the deadline is Monday, July 15, 2024. (1) Go <https://shop.myimpacks.com/school/holy-trinity-pierz-mn/> (2) select your child's upcoming grade (3) Check out using a credit/debit card (4) Consider adding a donation at checkout. Impacks will match the first \$5, and all funds will go to supporting our school (5) The supplies will be shipped directly to the school

Raffle Calendar Winners: Posted the weekend after the end of the month.

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



ABOVE: On Tuesday, July 9, members of the Hearts of Faith traveled to Sauk Centre to tour St Paul's Church (Divine Mercy Chapel) and Holy Angels Church in Sauk Center. Front row left to right: Doris Thyen, Joelle Fuhrman, Diana Meyer, Mary Lou Kasella. Second row left to right: Hilde Flicker, Doreen Gerwing, Marylin Lashinski, Jan Kimman, Jan Dahmen. Third row left to right: Diane Popp, Joanne Brezinka, Pat Poster, Kitty Gall, Marilyn Dorn

LEFT: Young women from the St. Cloud Diocese went on a Nun Run in June to visit 6 different convents in Minnesota including Missionaries of Charity, Pro Ecclesia Sancta Sisters, Sisters of Mary Morning Star, Carmelites, Franciscans, & Benedictines.