



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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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 28, 2024

17th 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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July 28, 2024
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The world is filled with people whose basic needs aren't met, whether for clean water, nutrition, safety, education, meaningful work, stable family life, basic medical resources, religious freedom, and the right to life. So how can we possibly believe what Psalm 145 says to us this week, "The hand of the Lord feeds us, he answers all our needs"? Does he? What about the countless poor? Can't we identify at least a few unmet needs in our own lives right now? Is the Bible promoting wishful thinking and laziness in helping others?

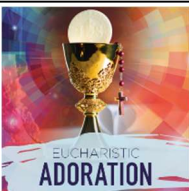
No. The psalm flows from Israel's experience of God's relentless fidelity again and again —especially in the Passover from Egypt. This divine providence is recalled when Jesus feeds the needy multitudes in the Gospel of John. Passover arrives once again, and the people are hungry like the ancient Israelites on the wilderness journey. What is new is that in Jesus God not only provides for their needs, but He learns what it's like to have those human needs. He shares them too. He feeds them bread and fish; and even more, He hungers to provide them, and us, much more than just that kind of perishable food.

Our deepest need is for God. Like the multiplied bread, all earthly provisions ultimately fail, for we all finally die. Of course, our obligation to meet the needs of the poor is basic. But Christ promises to feed us with the one bread that never fails: God Himself. He is humanity's eternal food. If we eat this bread, we taste the faithfulness of God who answers all our needs, even when every earthly thing fails.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30 – AUGUST 4	
<p><u>Tuesday, July 30</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Ray & Bev Loidolt</p> <p><u>Wednesday, July 31</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Butch Maleski 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 1</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Jeanette Janson 10:00 a.m. Villa +Viola Stangl</p> <p><u>Friday, August 2</u> 7:30 a.m. Pierz Prayers for Our Nation (prayer service) 8:30 a.m. Pierz In honor of Bob & Bev Voigt 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, August 3</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Leon Weiss 6:00 p.m. Harding For the people of the parishes</p> <p><u>Sunday, August 4</u> – <i>St. Joseph's Parish Festival</i> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Gloria Lanners 10:00 a.m. Pierz Marvin & Ann Kimman's 50th wedding anniversary</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>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>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>*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>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>	

"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, AUGUST 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle

Server: Ellie Thomsen

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker

E. Minister (Choir): Dale Beierman

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:

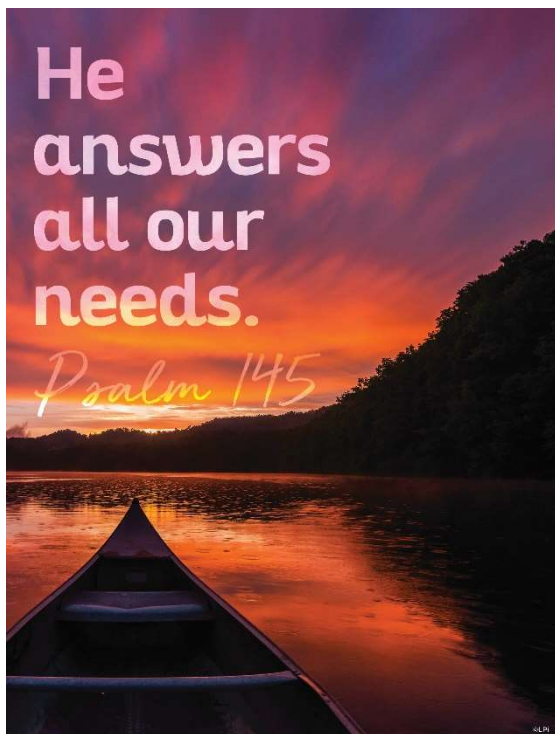
***Saturday, July 20th:** Adult env. \$1,185.00, Adult loose \$133.00, Children loose \$4.00. **Mass attendance:** 145

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.

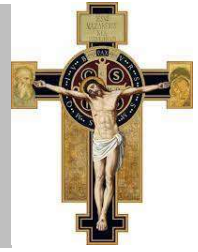
*Women's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. We'll meet in St. Joseph's church at 8:15 to pray a rosary followed by discussion in the parish office until 9:30. All women are welcome! Call or text Cari Stumpf with any questions, 320-761-6336.

*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, AUGUST 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Janet Hanneken

Server: Adam Weitalla

Ushers: Willie Rudolph & Andy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Ted Boser

CHURCH CLEANERS: Judy Boser, Stacy Gahler, Kate Krych, DeeDee Litke, Jill Litke, Renee Litke, Rhonda Thomas

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:** There are a large number of Holy Cross Bazaar envelopes waiting to be picked up on the table in the main entry. We will need to mail them out soon so if you are able to deliver any to other parishioners, please do so. Those in need of extra tickets may contact Kathy Hoffman Tax at 320-630-1880. Drawing tickets will be sold before and after Mass on August 10, 17 and 24 in the main entry of the church. Sold and unsold drawing tickets, dinner tickets, food cards and money may be returned at the sacristy on Friday, August 30 from 10 AM to 3 PM; Saturday, August 31 from 10 AM to 3 PM; **AND ALL DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1.** Remember to turn in **ALL UNSOLD TICKETS!** A \$20 prize to the person that sells the top winning ticket, provided your name is on the back of it. Also, a \$20 prize to the person that sells the most drawing tickets. A reminder to each household to purchase 5 new prizes for the Children's Country Store, \$1.00 value, suitable for children; and 1 hand-made or purchased item for the Fancy Work Stand. Please label these items for the Silent Auction, Mission Circle or Fancy Work stands. These items should be brought to the sacristy on Friday, August 30 or Saturday, August 31. Let's all work together to make this a successful bazaar!

***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 20th:** Adult env. \$997.00, Adult loose \$165.00, Child env. \$5.00, Child loose \$30.00. **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.

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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SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Ron Kahl

E. Ministers: Nicole Lochner & Janice Janson

Servers: Amber Boser & Alayna Seelen

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



II. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding August 10th

Grace Marshik & Austin Radunz

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Lorraine Hoffman* passed away on July 12th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, July 18th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Group 2 for your wonderful help with Lorraine Hoffman's funeral lunch. *Great job!*

ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY: To purchase St. Michael's Cemetery plots or columbarium niches please contact the parish office in Pierz (320) 468-6033.

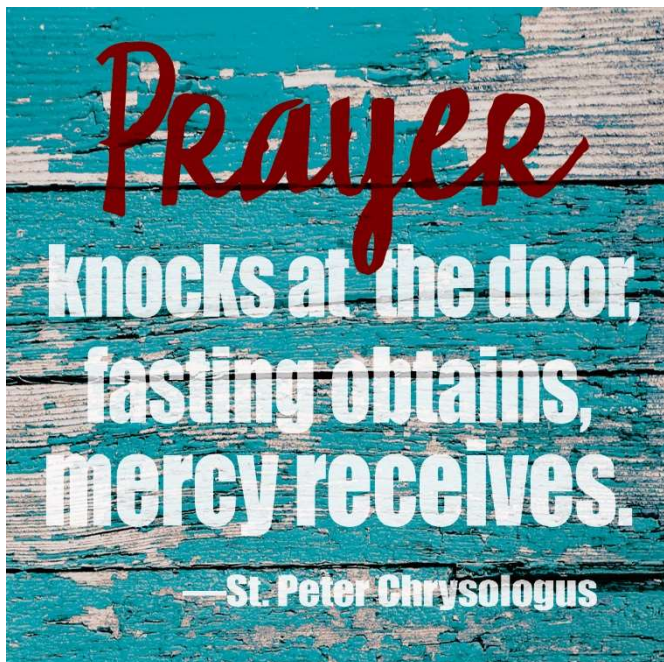
PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (July 21st)

Adult	\$ 4,049.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 16.00
Plate	\$ 246.00
	\$ 4,317.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 21st Sunday:** 309



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***Weekday Lector (Fri., August 2, 8:30 a.m.):** Hilde Flicker

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Geri Kasper

E. Ministers: Kerri Kasper, Barb Zajac & Mason Zajac

Servers: Lance Litke

Sacristan: Keith Marshik

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. *Please do not drop tickets in the collection basket after this weekend.*

*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: Final call for Silent Auction items! We are still needing more items.* Please drop off by Wed., July 31st.

**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.

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN

OCTOBERFEST PIE BOOTH: We are in need of workers on Saturday, August 24th making pies and on Sunday, August 25th down at Pierz Park selling pies. To help on Saturday, call Eileen Pohlkamp at 320-360-2434. To help on Sunday, call Wanda Kapsner at 320-292-6228. The CM/W are also accepting any cash donations for the cost of ingredients. You can bring donations to the park or put in a marked envelope and put in the collection basket.

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 21st)

Adult	\$ 6,706.10
High School	\$ 27.25
Elementary	\$ 12.00
Plate	\$ 213.00
	\$ 6,958.35

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **July 21st Sunday:** 291

GENERAL NEWS

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us on Friday, August 2nd at 7:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church to pray for our nation. Everyone is welcome to join!

ALL DAY ADORATION: From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14th 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.

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!

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.

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Holy Spirit Catholic Church, St. Cloud. Thursday, August 8th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Appt/info call Sue at 320-291-1794 or visit redcrossblood.org and enter: Holy Spirit Catholic Church

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.

2024 RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION: Sunday, August 18. Outdoor Mass with Bishop Neary at 1:30 p.m. followed by a meal and ice cream. Samantha & Nathan Middendorf Farm, 17655 County Rd 36, Long Prairie. Join us as we come together for faith, food & fellowship. Enjoy family-friendly entertainment. There will be a special collection to support the rural life fund. Please bring your own chair if you are able. This event will happen rain or shine.

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

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.

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

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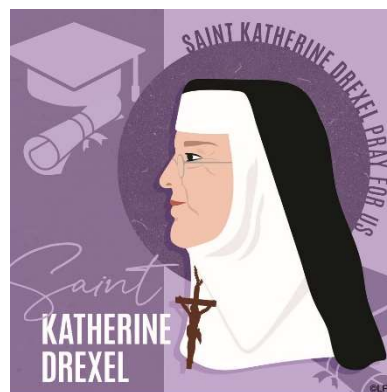
***Parish Festival, St. Joseph's, Pierz, Sunday, August 4.** Mass at 10:00 AM with music by St. Joseph's Folk Group, Outside Music by Country Fried Grubers. Kids Games, Inflatables, Bingo, Fancy Stand, Church Hill Boutique, Country Store, Pull Tabs, Silent Auction, Gun Raffle and Quilt Wheel, Beer Garden, 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.

***Quilt Bingo, Sts Peter & Paul Parish Center, Richmond, Sunday, August 25** at 6:30 PM (Doors open at 5:00) Food available. Cost \$15 per packet—good for 15 regular games. Paper bingo cards, bring your dabbers. Special game sheets \$3.00 each. Quilt Raffle. Must be 18 to play. No checks please!

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

***Bazaar, St. Michael's Church, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15.** Polka Mass at 10 a.m. Chicken & ham dinner at 11 a.m. Gun raffle, fancy work, kids games, silent auction, bingo, beer garden, raffle. Live music all day!



Saint of the week

St. Katharine Drexel (1858-1955), is one of the first American-born saints. Giving up her inheritance, she founded a religious order which established 63 schools and 50 missions for African and Native Americans, including Xavier University of Louisiana.

Prayer for God to Work

Dear Jesus,
You and I know that what I bring to you is small pieces — small faith, small gifts, small generosity. But I also know that you are not bound by that.
Two fish and five loaves can feed 5000, when placed in your hands. So, I place everything I have in your hands, too. Complete your work, Lord.
Amen.

***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 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

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

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

Some of our HT Family was blessed to be able to attend the National Eucharistic Congress in Indianapolis this past week. There were around 60,000 participants including over 1,000 priests, 100 or so Bishops and numerous seminarians and religious sisters. Elijah Thomas, who will be a 3rd grader this year, was able to walk in the procession with his dad, Mackenzie Thomas, as someone who recently made their First Holy Communion.

