



**FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**  
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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

When the sabbath came he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astonished. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What kind of wisdom has been given him? What mighty deeds are wrought by his hands!" - Mk 6:2

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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 7, 2024**

**14<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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July 7, 2024  
14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I watched a bunch of YouTube videos on how to optimize willpower in the face of weakness. The message was: do not accept your weakness. Crush it. Dominate it. In one video, however, at the end of a rant by a willpower coach, the muscular stoic admitted, “You’ll never actually get what you want, no matter how hard you try.” Amazingly, he admitted that willpower alone is not sufficient for us weak-willed humans.

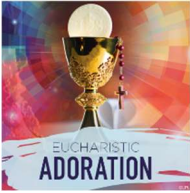
What does God want us to do with our weaknesses, if crushing them with willpower won’t work? For example, what should I do with my tendency to arrogance and self-isolation? Or my procrastination? Or my intellectual and physical limitations? Or my selfishness?

The counter-intuitive answer is clear in this week’s words from St Paul, “**I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses in order that the power of Christ may dwell in me** (2 Cor. 12:9).” Boast of our weaknesses? Paul isn’t promoting weak-mindedness or laziness. Rather, he perceives that Jesus loves us not despite our weaknesses but because of them. Boasting of our weakness means claiming human will is not all we have. It means turning to God whenever we feel weak, which—let’s face it—is almost all the time. When we do, we learn to love our weaknesses, because it’s there that we meet the strength of Christ. This week, I challenge us to find ways to boast not in willpower but in weakness.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 9 – JULY 14	
<p><b>Tuesday, July 9</b> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup The recipients of prayer blankets</p> <p><b>Wednesday, July 10</b> 8:00 a.m. Harding +John &amp; Romelle Kurtz 8 a.m-8 p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>Thursday, July 11</b> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Rose Janorschke 10:00 a.m. Villa +Joe Woitalla</p> <p><b>Friday, July 12</b> 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Jarrod Waterbury 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>Saturday, July 13</b> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Richie Boser, +John Boser &amp; +John Stoll 6:00 p.m. Harding For the people of the parishes</p> <p><b>Sunday, July 14</b> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Ervin Marshik 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Tara Herold &amp; +Tara Neveah Herold</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><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>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. <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>*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>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b> St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m. 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. Holy Cross Harding – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open</p>	
<p><b>“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</b></p>	

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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### SATURDAY, JULY 13 at 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Mark Loidolt

**Server:** Ellie Thomsen

**Ushers:** Roy Boser & Donny Schommer

**E. Minister (Choir):** Carol Welle

**GAMING COMMITTEE MEETING:** There will be a meeting for the gaming committee on Tuesday, July 9 after the 7:00 p.m. Mass at the rectory.

**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.

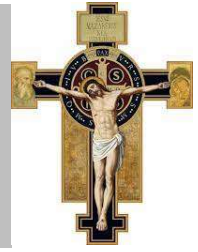
### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

\*Saturday, June 30<sup>th</sup>: Unavailable at this time.

**Mass attendance:** Unavailable at this time.

## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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### SUNDAY, JULY 13 at 6:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Lynn Dukowitz

**Servers:** Erin Thesing & Tyler Thesing

**Ushers:** Gary Matlock & Dave Skwira

**E. Minister (Choir):** Doug Knopik

**Rosary:** Gloria Weitalla

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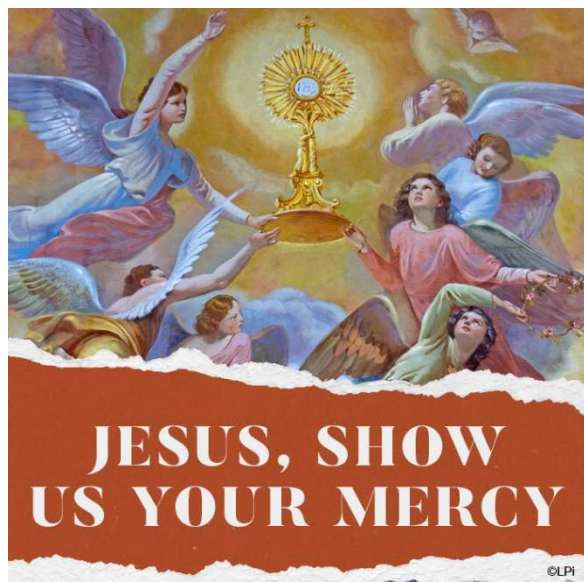
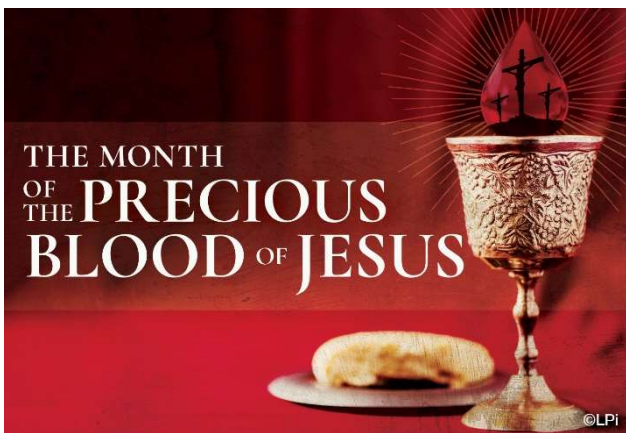
**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:** Tom Dukowitz, Sara Hanneken, Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Mark, Becker, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Lois Weitalla, Rhys Boser, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Gina Virnig, 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.



### **Saint of the week**

Born to a noble family in Florence, St. Mary Magdalen de' Pazzi (1566-1607), has been called the "ecstatic saint" or "The Passion Flower of the Eucharist," because of the trance-like state, or ecstasy, she entered after receiving Holy Communion.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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### **SUNDAY, JULY 14 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Mary Kay Zilka

**E. Ministers:** Randi Kranz & Cindy Scholl

**Servers:** Abbie Posch & Alayna Seelen

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

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to Bill Andres for your many years of service and dedication as a trustee for St. Michael's Church. We greatly appreciate everything you have done for the people and the parish. May God bless you!

**NEW TRUSTEE:** Please welcome St. Michael's new trustee, Brian Stangl!

### **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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 (June 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Unavailable at this time.

Mass attendance **June 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Unavailable at this time.

### **CATHOLIC Q&A: Miraculous Medal**

**Question:** What is the "Miraculous Medal" and why is it called that?

**Answer:** The medal of the Immaculate Conception that has come to be called simply the "Miraculous Medal" dates back to an apparition of Mary to Saint Catherine Laboure, who was then a novice sister with the Daughters of Charity. On November 27, 1830, Our Lady appeared to her standing on a globe, with shafts of light streaming from her hands and the words, "O Mary, conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee," surrounding the image. In the same vision, Catherine saw a capital "M" with a cross above it and below two hearts. Catherine seemed to hear a voice telling her to have what she saw struck as a medal and a promise that those who wore the medal would have the protection and intercession of the Mother of God. The first 1,500 of medals were distributed in 1832. Many miraculous favors were attributed to the use of the medal. Saint Catherine's "Miraculous Medal" is among the recognizable and popular symbols of modern Catholicism. Reflecting on its widespread use, the 2001 Vatican document, "Directory on Popular Piety and Liturgy," observes that the medal "recalls the mystery of Redemption, the love of the Sacred Heart of Jesus and of the Sorrowful Heart of Mary. It signifies the mediatory role of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the mystery of the Church, the relationship between Heaven and earth, this life and eternal life." ©LPi

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**\*Weekday Lector (Fri., July 12, 8:30 a.m.):** LeRoy Swanson

### **SUNDAY, JULY 14 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Tracy Voigt

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

**Servers:** Gross/Thomas family

**Sacristan:** Keith Marshik

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

**THANK YOU!** Thank you to Harold Meyer for your many years of dedication and service as a trustee for St. Joseph's Church. We truly appreciate all you have done for the parish and the parishioners. May God bless you!

**NEW TRUSTEE:** Please welcome St. Joseph's new trustee, Scott Wacker!

**PARISH FESTIVAL MEETING:** There will be a parish festival meeting for the parish council members, as well as the chairpersons and co-chairpersons, on Tuesday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. at the parish office meeting room in Pierz.

**NOTE:** In the near future, possibly early July, they will start working on replacing the pavement of the church parking lots.

### **PARISH FESTIVAL:**

***\*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 22<sup>nd</sup>.

***\*Country Store & Kids Games:*** 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.

***\*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 30<sup>th</sup>)**

Unavailable at this time.

Mass attendance **June 30<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** Unavailable at this time.

### **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

**ALL DAY ADORATION:** From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, July 10<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 320-468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

**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, July 13<sup>th</sup>** at Marilyn Dorn's house, 400 Kamnic Street, Pierz MN 56364.

**SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET:** **Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>.** Please join the Christian Mothers/Women group the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**ROSARY AT THE GROTTO:** 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.

**HEALING MASS:** You are invited to join the Crosier Fathers and Brothers in Onamia on Sunday, July 14, at 10:30 a.m., for the annual Healing Mass in Honor of St. Odilia. The Mass will include the Anointing of the Sick and a Ritual Blessing with a Relic of St. Odilia. A brunch will follow the Mass. Reservations are not needed; tickets for the brunch available at the door. For further information, contact the Crosiers at 320.532.3103 or by email at [onamia@crosier.org](mailto:onamia@crosier.org). All are welcome!

**CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:** **Are you in need of enhancing your relationship with God?** Central Minnesota Koinonia is 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, Belle Prairie near Little Falls. The next retreat is Sept. 20-22, beginning 5:30 PM Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$70, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registration [centralmnkoinonia.org/](http://centralmnkoinonia.org/) / [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com).

**ANNUAL PRO-LIFE RETREAT:** Assumption Church in Eden Valley on 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" from speaker Maggee Hangge from the MN Catholic Conference.

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**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 info can call 320-632-5720 or email [hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org)

**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.

### **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.
- \*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, Holy Cross Church, Harding, Sunday, Sept. 1.**
- \*Bazaar, St. Michael's Church, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15.**

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**\*STEUBENVILLE  
July 26, 27 & 28**



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- \***REMINDER**- Please call the office to ensure someone is available to assist you. The office is not staffed daily throughout the summer.
  - \***RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS**- Effective July 1, 2024, raffle calendar winners will be published the Sunday following the end of the month in the bulletin. Winners will still be announced daily on KLTF Falls Radio. Thank you for your continued support!
  - \***SCHOOL SUPPLIES**- If you plan to purchase your student supplies through impacks, please do so before July 15, 2024. Go to: <https://shop.myimpacks.com/school/holy-trinity-pierz-mn/> All kits will be delivered to Holy Trinity prior to the start of the school year, saving you a shopping trip and carrying the items with you to open house!
  - \***COFFEE**- Regular (ground/bean) \$13, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground/bean) \$14.
  - \***HTCS BOARD OF DIRECTORS**- Thank you to Michelle Hanneken and James Gross for serving on Holy Trinity's Board of Directors as well as multiple committees for the past 6 years! 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](mailto:office@holytrinitypierz.org) or (320) 468-6446
- Raffle Calendar Winners:** Posted the weekend after the end of the month.

Jesus told them,  
"Take no money, no bread, no extra coat."

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Jesus said,  
"Stay in the village houses."

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