



**FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**  
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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

“I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die.”  
- Jn 6:48-50

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### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

#### WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

#### THUR. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

7:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman

6:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Harding

#### 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

## AUGUST 11, 2024

### 19<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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A MESSAGE FROM OUR PASTOR FATHER AARON NETT



**Involvement in Politics: A Catholic Duty**

Dear Friends,

As we near the fall season we have been hearing more and more about the upcoming election in November. Elections of civil officials are extremely important as they affect the day to day lives of individuals, our communities and our entire world. As Catholics it is very important to inform ourselves well about the candidates and the issues they stand for. This is a duty of a good Catholic Christian and citizen in our society.

Pope Francis said, “A good Catholic meddles in politics, offering the best of himself, so that those who govern can govern. None of us can say, ‘I have nothing to do with this, they govern.’” The Holy Father made these remarks in a daily Mass homily in September of 2019.

Although some people may be hesitant or even avoid involving politics and religion, it would be false to say, “The Church should not be involved in politics.” Political issues affect the lives of all people in significant ways. Because Mother Church seeks both the temporal and eternal good of the human person, she has a say and a duty to be involved in the political sphere as an act of charity. Pope Francis said, “Politics, according to the Social Doctrine of the Church, is one of the highest forms of charity, because it serves the common good,” he explained. “I cannot wash my hands, eh? We all have to give something!”

At the same time the Church must be wary of being too wrapped up in secular matters and civil power. The US Bishops teach that the church’s focus should be on moral principles and how they should influence policy positions. Attention should not be given to the candidate themselves, but the issues and values they stand for and how those issues align with our Christian values. We also recognize that not all issues carry the same weight. The church stakes out strong positions on issues but does not endorse parties or candidates. It recognizes that lay people play a complementary role of more direct involvement in politics that the hierarchy cannot and should not play.

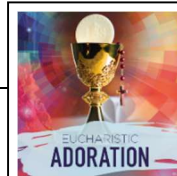
As the Church is called to wise discernment of matters in politics, it must always be done in good faith. The Catechism of the Catholic Church says that it’s necessary for everyone to participate in promoting the common good (#1913-15). The Church has a moral obligation to protect and guide the rights and dignity of all people in society from the unborn to the elderly, from the womb to the tomb. Don Clemmer of the Catholic Spirit says, “Political participation, at its best, is an expression of faith lived out in the world.”

Observing prayer is ‘the best that we can offer to those who govern.’ Pope Francis says, “Instead of simply complaining, we should offer ourselves – our ideas, suggestions, and most of all our prayers.” May we seek to be faithful servants of the Lord and his Church by caring for the rights and dignity of all people and praying for our Church and civil leaders.

God bless you, Father Aaron

<https://www.usccb.org/offices/justice-peace-human-development/forming-consciences-faithful-citizenship>  
<https://www.ewtn.com/vote>

| MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 12 – AUGUST 18   |   |
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| <p><b>Monday, August 12</b><br/>                     11:00 a.m. Pierz <i>Funeral:</i> Father Mark Willenbring</p> <p><b>Tuesday, August 13</b><br/>                     7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Leon Boser</p> <p><b>Wednesday, August 14</b><br/>                     8:00 a.m. Harding +Joe Weitalla<br/>                     8a.m.-8p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>Thursday, August 15</b> – <i>Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i><br/>                     7:00 a.m. Buckman +Gust &amp; Anna Hanneken<br/>                     10:00 a.m. Villa +Clarence Meyer<br/>                     6:00 p.m. Harding +Stanley (Butch) &amp; Marilyn Bieganek</p> <p><b>Friday, August 16</b><br/>                     8:30 a.m. Pierz +Kenny Dahmen<br/>                     3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>Saturday, August 17</b><br/>                     4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes<br/>                     6:00 p.m. Harding +Eddie Pulak</p> <p><b>Sunday, August 18</b><br/>                     8:00 a.m. Buckman +Gordon Brixius<br/>                     10:00 a.m. Pierz +Carol &amp; Wilfred Hoheisel</p> | <p><b>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</b> The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <b><u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u></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>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a holy day of obligation. Mass times will be Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. in Buckman and 6 p.m. in Harding.</p> <p><b>*Emergency Contact:</b> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</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 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.<br/> <b>Lastrup &amp; Harding Office Hours:</b> Call 320-360-9720</p> |



**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**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

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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### SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 at 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Faye Diederich

**Server:** Kimmans

**Ushers:** Colin Boser & Donny Schommer

**E. Minister (Choir):** Stacey Thomsen

**GAMBLING COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>  
after the 7 p.m. Mass.

**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.

### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

\*Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Adult env. \$530.00, Adult loose \$129.00. **Mass attendance:** 136

**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.

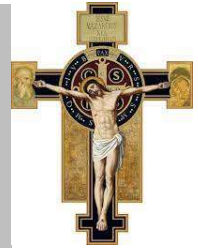
\*Women's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. We'll meet in St. Joseph's church at 8:15 to pray a rosary followed by discussion in the parish office until 9:30. All women are welcome! Call or text Cari Stumpf with any questions, 320-761-6336.

\*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.



## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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### \*THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 at 6:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Doug Knopik

**Servers:** Erin & Tyler Thesing

**Ushers:** Allen Weitalla & LeRoy Weitalla

**E. Minister (Choir):** Leonard Thesing

**Rosary:** Phyllis Schmidtbauer

### \*SATURDAY, AUGUST 17 at 6:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Sheila Rudolph

**Servers:** Erin & Tyler Thesing

**Ushers:** Allen Stuckmayer & Gary Matlock

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

**Rosary:** Phyllis Schmidtbauer

**ORGAN REPAIR:** We are getting our organ repaired. It will cost a little more than we thought so we are seeking donations if anyone would like to help out so we can get organ music back. If you would like to donate you can either mark it and drop in the collection or call Teresa at 320-360-9720.

### BAZAAR NEWS:

\***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, August 3<sup>rd</sup>: Adult env. \$1,024, Adult loose \$274, Child env. \$7, Child loose \$4. **Mass attendance:** 113



## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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### **\*THURSDAY, AUGUST 15 at 7:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**E. Ministers:** Deb Hall & Cindy Scholl

**Servers:** Maddy Kahl & William Dehler

### **\*SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Janice Janson

**E. Ministers:** Jill Hoheisel & Mary Kay Zilka

**Servers:** Westin & Ellie Hoheisel

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



Congratulations to  
Austin & Grace (Marshik) Radunz  
Who were married this weekend!

**SACRISTAN HELP NEEDED:** We are in need of a few volunteers to help set up for weekday and weekend Masses and baptisms. If interested, please contact Adam at 952-913-4438.

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

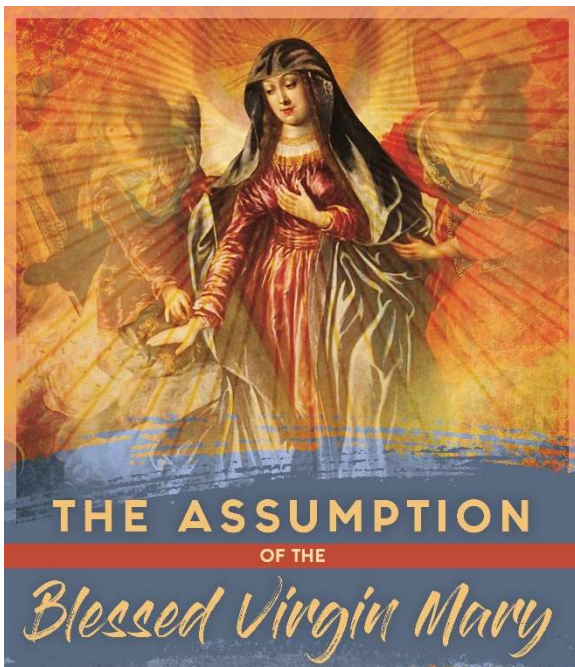
**PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

### **ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>)**

|             |             |
|-------------|-------------|
| Adult       | \$ 3,647.00 |
| High School | \$ 2.00     |
| Elementary  | \$ 1.00     |
| Plate       | \$ 228.00   |
|             | \$ 3,878.00 |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **August 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 218



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**\*Weekday Lector (Fri., August 16, 8:30 a.m.):** Joan Kapsner

### **SUNDAY, AUGUST 18 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Cari Stumpf

**E. Ministers:** Lois & Dan Waytashek & Keith Marshik

**Servers:** Hannah Kuschel & Anna Stumpf

**Sacristan:** Doris Thyen

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

**FESTIVAL MEETING:** On Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at the parish office meeting room there will be a festival recap meeting for council members, chairs, and cochairs to go over this year's festival and make notes for next year.

### **FESTIVAL NEWS:**

**\*THANK YOU** to each and every one of you who helped make our parish festival a success! We were blessed with beautiful weather and had a wonderful turnout. The totals have not been finalized yet, but will be announced as soon as possible.

**\*Lost and Found:** There are a few items that were left by the kids games area including a few pairs of children's shoes. We have them at the parish office.

**\*Boutique:** Thank you to everyone who worked at, donated items and shopped at the festival boutique. Please keep us in mind throughout the year. We look forward to your help again next year.

**\*Grand Raffle Winners List** is available at all entrances of the church, in the parish office entryway, and on the parish website: [www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org](http://www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org).

### **ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN**

**OCTOBERFEST PIE BOOTH:** We are in need of workers on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> making pies and on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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](mailto:rjyoung0521@gmail.com).

### **ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Aug. 4<sup>th</sup>)**

|             |             |
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| Adult       | \$ 6,577.00 |
| High School | \$ 105.76   |
| Elementary  | \$ 17.10    |
| Plate       | \$ 414.85   |
|             | \$ 7,114.71 |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **August 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 410

## GENERAL NEWS

**FATHER MARK WILLENBRING:** Father Mark Willenbring, 92-year-old resident of St. Cloud, passed away at the St. Benedict Center in St. Cloud. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Monday, August 12 at 11:00 A.M. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.



### **ANNIVERSARY BLESSINGS:**

Congratulations to Gary & Val Matlock who are celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary this weekend! Happy Anniversary!

**INCENSE USE:** Please note that incense will be used at all of the adorations and at special Masses.

**FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT:** The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> at Jim & Susie Kasper's house, 16052 295<sup>th</sup> Ave, Pierz MN 56364. 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.

**SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET:** Sunday, August 11<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.

**ALL DAY ADORATION:** From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

**SOCIAL SUNDAY - SUNDAY, AUGUST 18:** We're excited to host another Social Sunday on Sunday, August 18<sup>th</sup> after the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's! Come one, come all! If you'd like to host in your parish, please feel free to contact Sara Stumpf @ 320-493-7062.

**MASS TIME CHANGE:** Please note Mass times on Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup> will be at **8:00 a.m. at St. Michael's & 9:30 a.m. at St. Joseph's** to accommodate the Pierz Oktoberfest Parade.

**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.

**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!

**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.

**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. 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](mailto:hfoffice@havenofmercycatholic.org)

### **AREA NEWS:**

**\*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.** We start with a Polka Mass at 10:00 a.m. and start serving dinner at 11:00 a.m. Tickets need to be stamped at the door. We are handicap accessible. We have a silent auction (starting at 11:00 a.m.) and gun raffle (starting at 2:00 p.m.). Pull tabs, beer garden, hamburgers, nachos, pop, candy, bingo, dice game all day, fancy work, kids games, kids bingo. Grand Raffle at 7 p.m. Live music all day! Everyone is welcome to come and have an enjoyable afternoon.

**\*Bazaar, St. Michael's Church, Buckman, Sunday, Sept. 15.** Polka Mass at 10 a.m. Music all day by Old Tyme Country Boys. Grand raffle, gun raffle, quilt raffle, sweet corn, pulled pork sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, coffee cakes, pie & ice cream, caramel apples, cotton candy, beverages, bake sale, farmers market, fancy work, country store, silent auction, cash bingo, fish pond, games and much more!

RUN WITH PURPOSE  
1 COR 9:26

LIFE Runners

RUN FOR LIFE!

Scan here to Register!

QR CODE

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2024**

# RUN & WALK

HALF MARATHON, & RELAY **FREE**

7am Mass, 8am Registration, 8:30am Start

Join us to Run for Life in a fun, purposeful, point-to-point race event. Course begins at St. Michael's Church in Buckman and ends at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz.

Run, walk, or bike! Bring the whole family!

FREE EVENT, donations collected will profit the Life Runners Charity to support Pro-Life efforts!

SCAN QR CODE FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO PRE-REGISTER!  
or contact Sara Stumpf @ 320-493-7062

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](mailto: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!**

Steubenville St. Paul 2024! Amazing! 130 students and chaperones from Pierz striving together to grow closer to God! These teens are incredibly inspiring, the weekend was filled with open hearts ready to receive God's love through Mass, adoration, confession, rosaries, small groups, fellowship, dynamic speakers, & great praise and worship!

1 Timothy 4:12 "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity."

