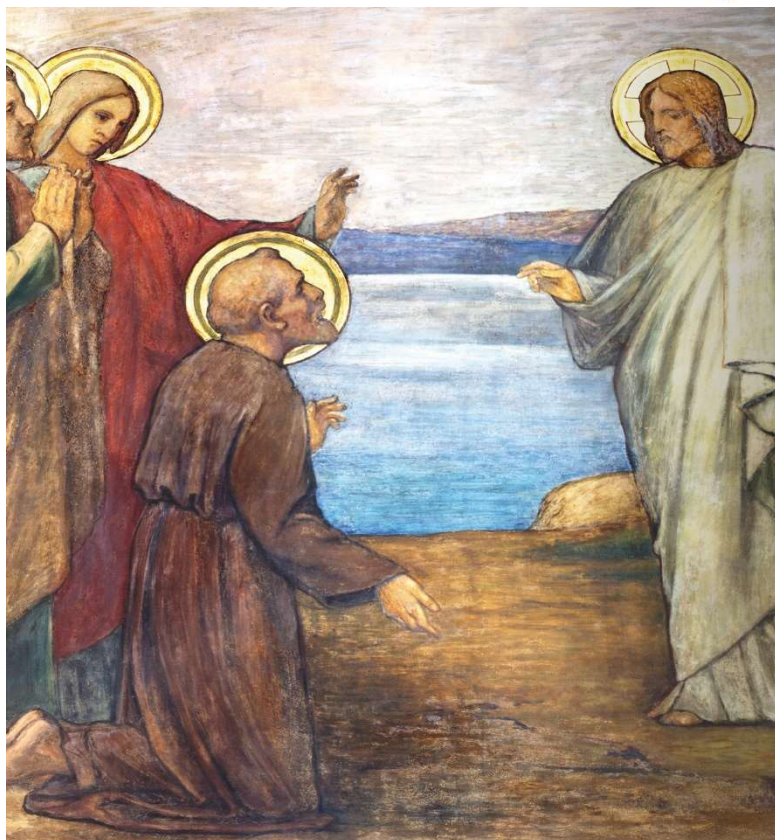




FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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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. – **MASS MOVED TO SUNDAY**

SUNDAY – Holy Cross Harding Bazaar

8:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman

10:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding (Polka Mass)

10:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz

**See inside cover for any changes for the upcoming week

AUGUST 25, 2024

21ST 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 PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR ADAM HERMANSON



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

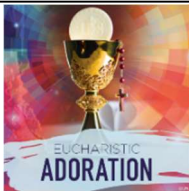
During this past Sunday, on the 18th, Deacon Craig took the opportunity to incorporate his conversion story into his homily and I would imagine it encouraged a great deal of reflection for many of us. It got me thinking about my own conversion story to the fullness of the faith back in 2006, and how I just didn't get it myself. I thought I understood a lot of the fundamental teachings of the Church, but I was utterly mistaken. First of all, I was very much what you would call a lukewarm and casual Christian. If it fit into my personal interpretation of who I believed God to be, I enjoyed practicing it, no matter how off course I was.

It was around 2007 that a friend of mine showed me what it looks like to be an authentic Catholic. In fact, he showed me what it looked like to live as an authentic Christian. This dear friend of mine modeled prayer and sacrifice in a way I thought was only found in the scriptures. It forced me to change how I viewed approaching Jesus, especially in the Eucharist!

During those years, I had also immersed myself in the college party life and came to realize this was an empty, dark path that would eventually lead my soul into destruction if I didn't change my lifestyle. I remember one day sitting by myself and whispering the "Hail Mary" prayer and asking Jesus to salvage whatever was left of me and to transform my life. The Holy Spirit began to minister to my soul and made Jesus more real to me than I could have ever imagined in the Eucharist. Celebrating mass and consuming Jesus' Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity became such an enjoyment, I now looking forward to celebrating this most Holy Sacrifice each week!

I look forward to working closely with those that are seeking Jesus and a relationship with him. If anyone wants to just talk about the possibility of conversion and God meeting you where you are at, but want to go deeper, my door is always open!

Peace in Christ through Mary,
Adam

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF AUGUST 27 – SEPTEMBER 1	
<p><u>Tuesday, August 27</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Leon Boser</p> <p><u>Wednesday, August 28</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Oliver Rudolph 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, August 29</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Arvin Litke 10:00 a.m. Villa +LaVina Langer</p> <p><u>Friday, August 30</u> 8:30 a.m. Pierz +Fr. Stangl & +Alvin Stangl 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, August 31</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes 6:00 p.m. Harding MASS MOVED TO SUNDAY</p> <p><u>Sunday, September 1 – Holy Cross Bazaar</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Troy Thomsen & +Dennis Welle 10:00 a.m. Harding +Dale, Dominick & Kenny Dahmen (<i>Polka Mass</i>) 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Reinhard & Emogene Langer, +Joe Langer, +Nathan Gohl</p>	<p><u>HARDING MASS TIME CHANGE:</u> Please note that next weekend, the Saturday evening Mass in Harding will be moved to Sunday, September 1 at 10 a.m. due to the parish bazaar.</p> <p><u>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</u> 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><u>*Emergency Contact:</u> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</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 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.</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>FRIDAY MASS TIME CHANGE:</u> The Mass in Pierz on Fridays will be at 9 a.m. once the school year begins, starting Friday, September 6th.</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>	

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SATURDAY, AUGUST 31 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle
Server: Zach Gall
Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker
E. Minister (Choir): Julie Laney



New Life in Christ

Haven Wren, daughter of Brett & Hannah Kapsner, was baptized on Sunday, August 13th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

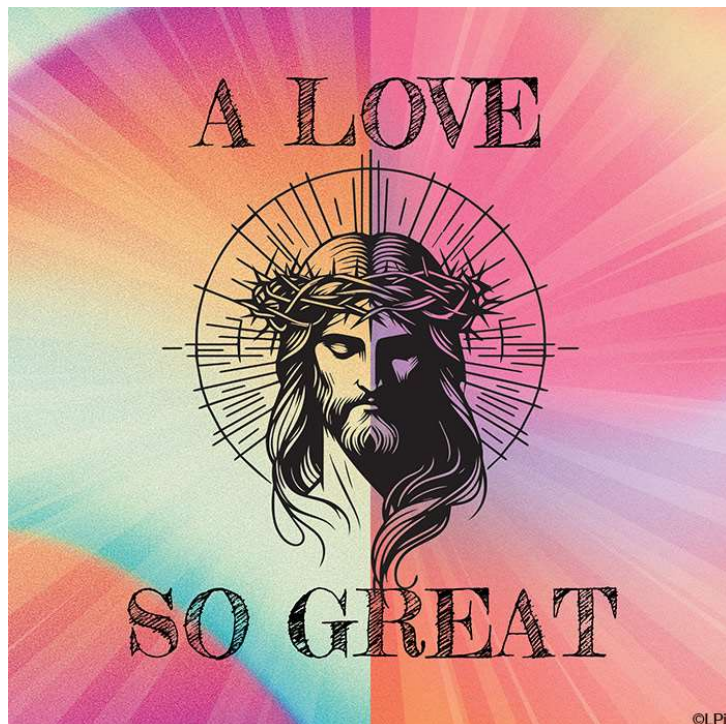
BAR BINGO NEWS: Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Please come and join us for a fun evening. The jackpot numbers will be posted online and at the Fisch House and also on their Facebook page. St. John's gaming #02115.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, August 17th: Adult env. \$708.00, Adult loose \$84.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$20.00.

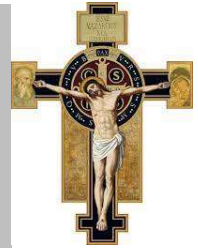
Mass attendance: 118

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, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Donny Schommer.



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Tim Schubert
Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing
Ushers: Willie Rudolph & Gary Matlock
E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig
Rosary: Ted Boser

CHURCH CLEANERS: Macy Koering, Tammy Maleski, Vickie Maleski, Mary Manlick, Gwen Marshall, Nicole Matlock, Valerie Matlock, Jackie Moser & Charlotte Obowa

BAZAAR NEWS:

***Raffle Tickets:** Ticket envelopes that were not picked up have now been mailed out. Those in need of extra tickets may contact Kathy Hoffman Tax at 320-630-1880. Sold and unsold drawing tickets, dinner tickets, food cards and money may be returned at the sacristy on Friday, August 30th from 10 AM to 3 PM; Saturday, August 31st from 10 AM to 3 PM; **AND ALL DAY SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st.** Remember to turn in **ALL UNSOLD TICKETS!** A \$20.00 prize to the person that sells the top winning ticket, provided your name is on the back of it. Also, a \$20.00 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 30th or Saturday, August 31st. Let's all work together to make this a successful bazaar!

***Silent Auction:** We are 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 10th: Adult env. \$1,172.00, Adult loose \$78.00, Children env. \$3.75, Children loose \$2.00.

***Assumption of Mary:** Adult env. \$486, Adult loose \$167
Assumption Mass attendance: 178

*Saturday, August 17th: Adult env. \$1,337.75, Adult loose \$111.00, Children env. \$8.50, Children loose \$3.00.

Mass attendance: 124

ACC Faith Study Groups

***Men 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.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Mary Kay Zilka

E. Ministers: Ron Kahl & Randi Kranz

Servers: Noah & Cole Solinger

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



New Life in Christ

Dawson Don, son of Joseph & Stephanie Wimmer was baptized on Sunday, August 18th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

BAZAAR NEWS:

*Craft items wanted for our new game, the Craft Circle, previously known as Fancy Work Stand. Rugs, metal crafts, wooden items, towels, art, etc. Contact Val Stangl at 320-630-0580.

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. 18th)

Adult	\$ 3,686.00
High School	\$ 10.00
Elementary	\$ 7.00
Assumption (Env.)	\$ 635.00
Assumption (plate)	\$ 282.10
Plate	\$ 226.00
	\$ 4,846.10

Thank you for your generosity!

Assumption Mass attendance **August 15th Thursday:** 262

Mass attendance **August 18th Sunday:** 308



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***Weekday Lector (Fri., Aug. 30, 8:30 a.m.):** Al Pekarek

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Tracy Voigt

E. Ministers: Beth Fischer, Tracy Voigt & Jo Loidolt

Servers: Elizabeth & Anna Stumpf

Sacristan: Pat Hartmann

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

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Joan Konen** passed away on August 14th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, August 21st 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.

REMINDER: If you are wanting to rent tables and chairs, you must contact the parish office first and set up a time to pick up and drop off. Thank you!

FESTIVAL NEWS:

***Lost and Found:** There are a few items that were left by the kids games area including a few pairs of children's shoes. They are now located in a box in the back of church.

***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.

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 (Aug. 18th)

Adult	\$ 6,482.00
High School	\$ 56.75
Elementary	\$ 15.50
Assumption (Env.)	\$ 740.00
Plate	\$ 325.00
	\$ 7,619.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **August 18th Sunday:** 326

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

HARDING MASS TIME CHANGE: Please note that next weekend, the Saturday evening Mass in Harding will be moved to Sunday, September 1st at 10 a.m. for the parish bazaar.

FRIDAY MASS TIME CHANGE: The weekday Mass at St. Joseph's in Pierz on Fridays will be at 9 a.m. once the school year begins, starting Friday, September 6th.

SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE: The ACC Women's Group would like to thank everyone who generously donated school supplies! There was approximately \$715.00 worth of school supplies donated and distributed to area schools. Thank you!!

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

ANNUAL ROSARY WALK: Monday, September 2nd. Join us to pray a Rosary as we walk around our schools, praying for the upcoming school year to be filled with blessing, learning and safety. We'll begin in front of the Highschool at 6:30pm. Questions, contact Sara @ 320-493-7062.

PRODUCE GIVEAWAY: There are tubs in the entrances of all the churches if you have extra produce you can't use and would like to share with the community. Everyone is welcome to take what you need or share it with the elderly or shut-ins.

NOTE: If you are having a Mass said for a loved one, please let an usher know if you want to bring up the gifts. Thank you!

PATRIOTIC ROSARY 2024: Because our nation is in great need of prayers, various Catholic groups are uniting to pray the rosary on Wednesday, September 11th at 12:45 p.m. at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Pierz. The Hearts of Faith, local Christian Women groups, Legion and Auxiliary, Knights of Columbus, and the students of Holy Trinity School will each lead a decade of the rosary. There are 50 Hail Marys in the decades and 50 states, so we will be praying for 10 states with each decade. We also will be praying for all of our government officials. Hoping you will be interested in praying with us. Thank you!

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.

What is the best way for you to spread the Good News? 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, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held September 20-22, 2024 beginning at 5:30 PM Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made online at centralmnkoinonia.org or emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com for a paper copy.

CHERISHING MEMORIES SUPPORT GROUP: Emblom Brenny Funeral Service, 900 1st St. SE, Little Falls, MN. Mondays: September 16, 23, & 30, October 7, 14, & 21 from 6-7:30 p.m. Please call to register: 320-632-4393. All are welcome to attend.

AREA NEWS:

***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.

***Parish Festival, St. Stephen, Monday, September 2, Labor Day.** 10 am - 6 pm, rain or shine. Grand Raffle at 5:30 pm, grand prize \$1500, over \$15,000 in cash and prizes. Homemade chicken & ham dinner with all the trimmings & homemade pie serving at 11:00 am inside or outside. Adults \$15, children 6-12 \$10, children 5 & under free. Bingo, dice game, country store, bake sale, grandma's attic - freewill offering. Country auction starts at 1 quilts auctioned at 2. Goat raffle, cake walk, farmers market, quilt stand, quilt raffle, silent auction, pedal tractor pull, children's bingo, children's games, train rides 11:00 am - 5:00 pm, hog roast sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, french fries, taco in a bag, ice cream & slushies, beer garden, pull tabs.

***Block Party, St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, September 7.** We will celebrate the Feast of St. Cloud with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding at the 4:00 pm Mass in the Cathedral. Food, music, and fun follow until 10:00 pm. Harper's Chord takes the stage at 6:00 pm, followed by Janelle Kendall's Perfect Storm at 8:00 pm. Enjoy a silent auction, wine wall, bingo, 50/50 raffle, kid's games, inflatables, beer garden, burgers and more.

***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!

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

***OPEN HOUSE**- Thursday, August 22, 2024. ECE (Preschool & K-Readiness) 3:00pm - 5:00pm. Kindergarten - 6th Grade 5:00pm - 7:00pm. Please bring your supplies! We look forward to seeing you all back for another faith-filled year!

***HTCS HIRING**- CUSTODIAN - PT or FT, up to 40 hours/week, year round. Please contact the office for additional information: office@holylitytrinitypierz.org or (320) 468-6446

***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.

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

GROWING WITH THE Gospel

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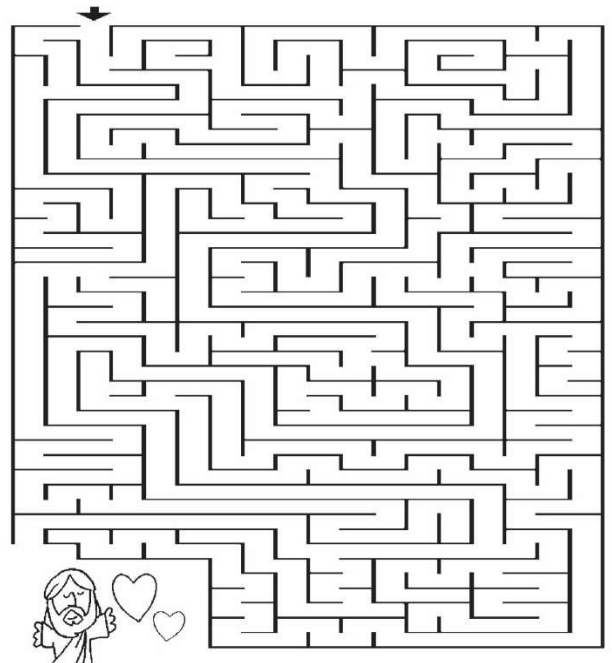
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Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Find your way through the maze to Jesus.



MISSION

Have you ever learned something about God that was hard to understand? Talk about it with your family, and together pray for each other. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you learn what God wants you to.