



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Nothing that enters one
from outside can defile
that person; but the
things that come out from
within are what defile.”
- Mk 7:15

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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 *Note new Mass time

9:00 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

SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

22nd 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



The Amazing Parish Summit Conference

Dear Friends,

One of the biggest challenges and sufferings of being a priest is seeing many people who need the love and peace of Christ in their lives, but have never really encountered him in the Church or outside of it. I believe with all my heart that our Catholic Church has been given the fullness of the Faith and all the spiritual gifts needed to make individuals happy, holy and Saints. As we know, there are large numbers of unengaged or fallen away Catholics, and so there is a great need in our time to make disciples and spread God's saving message throughout the world.

This past Monday through Wednesday I had the wonderful opportunity to attend my first Amazing Parish Summit in San Antonio, Texas. There were hundreds of parishes represented with about 650 total people in attendance.

The Amazing Parish organization offers Catholic pastors leadership advice and guidance on leading Catholic parishes in how to make disciples, particularly where pastors serve in multi-parish settings.

The Amazing Parish organization desires to build dynamic, faith-filled, "amazing" parishes which in turn, one by one, will change the world we live in. They offer their services free of charge to parishes as they are funded by private donors.

Each pastor is encouraged to develop a Parish Leadership Team (PLT) which is a team of staff or lay parishioners who meet weekly with the priest to collaborate about the mission of the parishes. The focus of the leadership team is built on the three pillars of; unceasing prayer, healthy teamwork and active discipleship. The meetings are focused on how to grow these three behaviors in our parishes. The PLT members for our Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic Church Community are; Deacon Craig Korver, Jesse Zajac, Michelle Litke, Julie LaFlamme and Nathan Gruber. I am very blessed by and grateful for the dedication and time that these individuals give. I am also inspired by their great love for Christ and his Church and their desire to make our parishes stronger, more alive, and to bring the Faith that they love to others.

The Amazing Parish Summit was a phenomenal conference with dynamic speakers and opportunities for Mass, discussion and Adoration. One reflection that was powerful for our team was given by Father Mike Schmitz on the opening night of the conference. He talked about keeping Jesus Christ as our "first love" in all that we seek to accomplish in our parish work. That if we have lost our love and relationship with Christ then the work that we do actually becomes empty and even for naught. So we, in our parish work, our vocations, our families and our personal lives must keep our eyes fixed on Christ, who is the only source of love, peace and joy. Then, the work that we do will be directed by and filled with the love of God.

The Parish Leadership Team and I look forward to sharing what we have learned and the graces we have received in this wonderful opportunity at the Amazing Parish Summit. We look forward to continuing the beautiful things the Lord is doing in our midst in order to make discipleships in our ACC for the salvation of souls. The PLT and I will be keeping all of you in our daily prayers. Please pray for us as well.
 God bless you, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 3 – SEPTEMBER 8

Tuesday, September 3

7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Richard Boser, +John Boser & +John Stoll

Wednesday, September 4

8:00 a.m. Harding +Lois Roscoe
 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, September 5

7:00 a.m. Buckman +Alvin & Rose Janorschke
 10:00 a.m. Villa +Larry Schmidtbauer

Friday, September 6

8:00 a.m. Pierz Prayers for Our Nation (Prayer Service)
9:00 a.m. Pierz Deceased members of the Kasper family
 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, September 7

4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Donald Schmidtz
 6:00 p.m. Harding For the people of the parishes

Sunday, September 8

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Gordon Brixius
 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Ray & Bernadine Loidolt

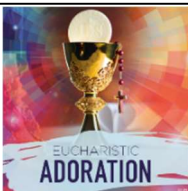
FRIDAY MASS TIME CHANGE: The Mass in Pierz on Fridays will be at 9 a.m. once the school year begins, starting Friday, September 6th.

***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.

***Emergency Contact:** If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.

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 8:30 a.m. to 12 noon.
Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720

***Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:** Going forward, when there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.



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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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Website: www.stjohnlastrup.org



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Julie Laney

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Alan Welle & Jonathan Welle

E. Minister (Choir): Carol Welle

GAMING COMMITTEE MEETING: There will be a gaming committee meeting on Tuesday, September 10th after the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the parish office.

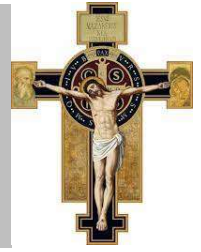
BAR BINGO NEWS: Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. Please come and join us for a fun evening. The jackpot numbers will be posted online and at the Fisch House and also on their Facebook page. St. John's gaming #02115.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, August 24th:** Adult env. \$1,030.00, Adult loose \$207.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$10.00, Assumption \$120.00. **Mass attendance:** 136

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364
Phone: 320-360-9720
E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com
Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Lynn Dukowitz

Server: Adam Weitalla

Ushers: Andy Weitalla & Dave Skwira

E. Minister (Choir): Doug Knopik

Rosary: Phyllis Schmidtbauer

THANK YOU: Thank you to Marcella Weitalla who is retiring from the Holy Cross Mission Circle and working at it for 70 years at the Bazaar and doing a great job at it! Thank you!

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, August 24th:** Adult env. \$1,496.00, Adult loose \$299.00, Children env. \$5.00, Children loose \$8.00. Assumption \$20.00. **Mass attendance:** 138

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, Donny Schommer.

Back To School
2024-2025

Prayer for Teachers

Lord God,

your spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways. Look upon these teachers let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds. Grant that they may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life forever and ever.

Source: USCCB

Amen

Prayer for Students

Lord God,

in your wisdom and love you surround us with the mysteries of the universe. Send your Spirit upon these students and fill them with your wisdom and blessings. Grant that they may devote themselves to their studies and draw ever closer to you, the source of all knowledge. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Source: USCCB

Amen

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)



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



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

Lector: Jane Funk

E. Ministers: Janice Janson & Nicole Lochner

Servers: Logan Brisk & Nathan Posch

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

BAZAAR NEWS:

*If anyone is in need of raffle tickets, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033. Raffle tickets can be dropped in the collection PRIOR to Bazaar, at the parish office in Pierz (before Sept. 13th), or brought to the raffle stand the day of the Bazaar. **REMINDER: All tickets sold or unsold must be returned on or before Sunday, September 15th.**

*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. 25th)

Adult	\$ 3,098.00
High School	\$ 9.00
Elementary	\$ 12.00
Plate	\$ 343.00
	\$ 3,462.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance August 25th Sunday: 362



ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Gross

E. Ministers: Michelle Litke, Kristie Virnig, Ruth Stuckmayer

Servers: Hannah Kuschel & Lance Litke

Sacristan: Mary Kimman

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



I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding September 21st

Clare Schaeffbauer & Nathan Wind



Many thanks to Betty Boser and Judy Cielinski for all their years of dedicated service cleaning St. Joseph's Church, parish office and parish house. We greatly appreciate you! May God bless you for all your hard work and dedication!

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!

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. 25th)

Adult	\$ 3,377.10
High School	\$ 1.00
Elementary	\$ 15.00
Plate	\$ 276.75
	\$ 3,669.85

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance August 25th Sunday: 303

ACC Faith Study Groups

*The Tuesday Adult Faith study group meets on Tuesdays at 3:00 in the parish office. We use videos, a study guide and discussion. Call Hilde Flicker with questions 320-468-2649.

*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.

GENERAL NEWS

NOTE: The parish office will be closed on Monday, September 2nd in observance of Labor Day.

SCAM WARNING: Again, there have been texts and emails claiming to be Fr. Aaron asking for a favor, to get gift cards, or to call/email him back. Please know that this is a scam and that Fr. Aaron does not give out his phone number. Do not reply to these messages. If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033.

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.

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.

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us on Friday, September 6th at **8:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph's Church to pray for our nation. Everyone is welcome to join!

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: **Sunday, September 8th.** Please join the Christian Mothers/Women group the 2nd 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.

ALL DAY ADORATION: From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, September 11th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 320-468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: **The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, September 14th** at Gary & Faye Diederich's house, 31193 183rd Street, Pierz MN 56364. Family Rosary Night is held the 2nd 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!

ADULT FAITH STUDY: The Tuesday Faith study group will begin meeting on September 17th at 3:00 in the meeting room in the parish office. We will begin with "Discovering the Eucharist and the Mass in the Bible" by Brant Pitre. Questions call Hilde Flicker 320-468-2649.

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.

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 welcome.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY 2024: Because our nation is in great need of prayers, various Catholic groups are uniting to pray the rosary on Wed., 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!

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. Next retreat September 20-22 beginning at 5:30 PM Friday, ending Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$70, includes meals and lodging, scholarships available. Registrations centralmnkoinonia.org or emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com for a paper copy.

First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method: Little Falls: Tuesday, August 6 and September 3 at 7:30 p.m. Rice: Monday, August 5 and September 9 at 6:30 p.m. St. Cloud: Thursday, August 22 and Monday, September 23 at 6:30 p.m. For additional teaching sites and information visit <https://stedio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at sheila.reineke@gw.stedio.org | (320) 258-7609.

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.

***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!

80 Edward St. N., Pierz MN 56364, 320-468-6446

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

***Steak & Wine 2024-October 5th-Pierz Ballroom.** Tickets will be on sale at the school starting September 3rd. We are currently accepting donations for the online & live auction. Please call Steve(3206305303) or Kristin Andres(3206305354) to coordinate.

August Raffle Calendar Winners

8/1/2024 \$35.00 Karen & Chuck Gruber	8/11/2024 \$75.00 Kyle Johnson	8/22/2024 \$35.00 Jessica Gunther
8/2/2024 \$35.00 Julie Athman	8/12/2024 \$35.00 Athena & Mark Janson	8/23/2024 \$35.00 Joanie Watercott
8/3/2024 \$35.00 Brad & Desiree Bednar	8/13/2024 \$35.00 Natalie Gruber	8/24/2024 \$35.00 Laurie Gradin
8/4/2024 \$75.00 Tom Scherling	8/14/2024 \$35.00 Stephanie Gall	8/25/2024 \$75.00 Jerome Boser
8/5/2024 \$35.00 Karen Poster	8/15/2024 \$35.00 Charles Boser	8/26/2024 \$35.00 Margaret Albrecht & Victor
8/6/2024 \$35.00 Luke & Shelley Solinger	8/16/2024 \$35.00 Michael Boser	8/27/2024 \$35.00 Robert Funk
8/7/2024 \$35.00 John Poster	8/17/2024 \$35.00 Mary Neu	8/28/2024 \$35.00 Joel Zimmerman
8/8/2024 \$35.00 Guy Anderson	8/18/2024 \$75.00 David Bednar	8/29/2024 \$35.00 Robert Funk
8/9/2024 \$35.00 Tina Schlichting	8/19/2024 \$35.00 Joel Stumpf	8/30/2024 \$35.00 Bob Virnig
8/10/2024 \$35.00 Erika Hoff	8/20/2024 \$35.00 Diane Waytashek	8/31/2024 \$35.00 Riley Thomas
	8/21/2024 \$35.00 Ryan Schleper	

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



Photos from the Assumption of Mary procession as well as Holy Trinity School's float for the Oktoberfest parade.