



## FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



### 24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Whoever wishes to come  
after me must deny himself,  
take up his cross, and  
follow me.” - Mk 8:34

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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

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 15, 2024

### 24<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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September 15, 2024  
24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

This morning I received a text message that a member of my extended family will likely die of cancer within the next few hours. His name is Luke. He is a 45-year-old husband and father of six. Though I am not as close to him as my sister (she is his sister-in-law and knows him well), I wonder: how can we, including Luke himself, manage such a terribly awful and unfair situation?

The words of this Sunday’s Gospel offer a powerful and challenging path. Jesus says, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me” (Mark 8:34). Today I see with new freshness the starkness and strangeness of the words take up. The cross stands for suffering which is unjust, absurd, seemingly hopeless, and humiliating.


Jesus doesn’t say “accept” or “endure” or “tolerate,” but “take up.” Embrace it, actively. Choose it and lift it up for others to see what terrifies and sickens us. But somehow, for Jesus, this is the path to “saving one’s life.” A new world is breaking in, one in which love is everything, when no relationship can be wounded or die. I trust that in the embraced suffering of Luke and his loved ones, Jesus is taking up his cross and saving us all.

By the time you read this, barring a miracle, Luke will have died. He will be carrying his cross no longer. But we all still face suffering. This week let’s not just endure, but take up our crosses, big and small. That’s our only hope for saving our lives.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 17 – SEPTEMBER 22	
<p><b>Tuesday, September 17</b> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Donald Saehr</p> <p><b>Wednesday, September 18</b> 8:00 a.m. Harding The recipients of prayer blankets 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>Thursday, September 19 – Bishop Neary celebrating Mass</b> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Laura Duscher 10:00 a.m. Villa +Herb &amp; Elvira Stumpf</p> <p><b>Friday, September 20 – HT School Mass (Ms. Cherne’s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class)</b> 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Edward &amp; Laura Kapsner 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b>Saturday, September 21</b> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Leon Boser 6:00 p.m. Harding +Louis &amp; Karina Patnaude</p> <p><b>Sunday, September 22</b> 8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Jeanne, Martin &amp; Alan Stang</p>	<p><b>FRIDAY MASS TIME CHANGE:</b> The Mass in Pierz on Fridays is now at 9 a.m.</p> <p><b>LOOKING AHEAD:</b> The Holy Trinity School Mass on Friday, September 27<sup>th</sup> will be in Buckman at 9 a.m. Pierz’s weekday Mass that week will move to Thursday, September 26<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m.</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.</p> <p><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><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>*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 &amp; Harding).</b></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, SEPTEMBER 21 at 4:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Faye Diederich

**Servers:** Duncan & Freyja Wipper

**Ushers:** Colin Boser & Roy Boser

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

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to everyone who helped clean up the church grounds after the storm went through. Your kindness is greatly appreciated!

**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, September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Adult env. \$983.00, Adult loose \$395.73, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$39.00.

**Mass attendance:** 209

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)*

### **CATHOLIC Q&A: Holy Water**

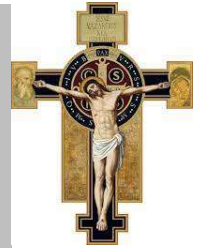
**Q:** What is holy water and how do I explain the reason that it is placed at the entrances of churches to my non-Catholic friends?

**A:** Holy water is a sacramental, a reminder of the life of the Church expressed and celebrated through the sacraments. God's grace is mediated through word and gesture (the outward signs). This comes to us through Jesus (instituted by Christ) as he entrusts to the Church his saving mission (to give grace). In turn the Church, through the sacraments, shares that grace and mission with us.

On Ash Wednesday, we receive ashes on our foreheads to remind us of our origins, humbly created from the dust. But by blessing ourselves with holy water, we are reminded of our destiny! We are baptized sons and daughters of God. This is also a call to conversion, to live more fully our baptismal call to live as disciples of Jesus. We see holy water whenever we renew our baptismal promises. This will occur during the Easter liturgy as well, reminding us that we are indeed on a journey of faith and renewed in Christ. Blessing ourselves with holy water reminds us that we are baptized into a community faith, and always in need of turning from sin and toward God. Holy water is a visible sign of our baptism!

## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21 at 6:00 p.m.

**Lector:** Janet Hanneken

**Server:** Maverick Weitalla

**Ushers:** Allen Weitalla & LeRoy Weitalla

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

**Rosary:** Ted Boser

**MISSION CIRCLE RAFFLE WINNERS:** There are lists of the Harding bazaar mission circle raffle winners in the entry of all the churches.

### HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

\***Saturday, September 8<sup>th</sup>:** Adult env. \$1,109.00, Adult loose \$299.00, Child env. \$3.00, Children loose \$3.00.

**Mass attendance:** 132

**PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:** Gary Matlock, 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.

RUN WITH PURPOSE  
1 COR 9:26

LIFE Runners

RUN FOR LIFE!

Scan here to Register!

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH, 2024**

# RUN & WALK

HALF MARATHON, 5 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

**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 22 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Janice Janson

**E. Ministers:** Cindy Scholl & Connie Kieffer

**Servers:** Whitney Stangl & Alayna Seelen

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

**CHOIR NEWS:** Choir practice will be starting soon; if you love to sing, please consider joining us! Most of our practices are in the mornings, but we would gladly change a few to the evening to accommodate you. Watch the bulletin in the next few weeks for our first practice. You can also call me with any questions. Cindy-320-360-2644.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to those who donated to our building and maintenance fund recently. Your donation is greatly appreciated!

**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 (Sept. 9)**

Adult	\$ 6,201.00
High School	\$ 6.00
Elementary	\$ 13.00
Plate	\$ 395.00
	\$ 6,615.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **September 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 337



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Gwen Gruber

**E. Ministers:** Matt Kessler, Sarah Fyten & Kristie Kroll

**Servers:** Lance Litke and Roman Wacker

**Sacristan:** Jan Kimman

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



**III. BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Wedding September 21<sup>st</sup>

Clare Schaeffbauer & Nathan Wind

**New Life in Christ**

**Harper Bell**, daughter of Ian & Tiffany Zlotnik, was baptized on Saturday, September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Grady Joel**, son of Kyle & Samantha Bednar, was baptized on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!



**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.

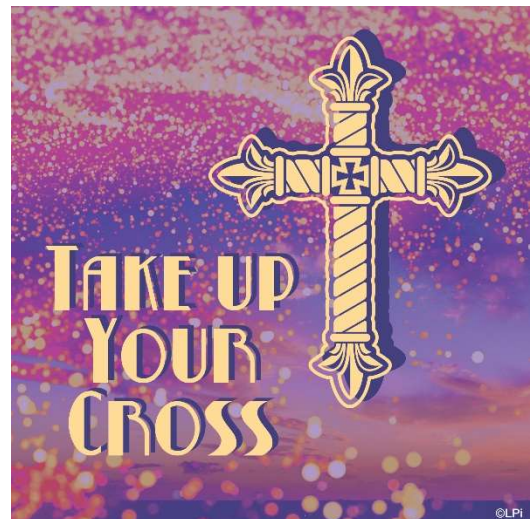
**PRAYER LINE:** If you have a prayer line request, please either call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.

**ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Sept. 9)**

Adult	\$ 8,990.00
High School	\$ 22.00
Elementary	\$ 20.00
Plate	\$ 297.07
	\$ 9,329.07

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **September 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 319



## GENERAL NEWS

**BISHOP NEARY:** Bishop Patrick Neary will be celebrating the weekday Mass in Buckman on Thursday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 7 a.m. He is coming to show his appreciation to the students who come to weekday Mass before school. Everyone is welcome to attend!

**PARISH COUNCIL MEETINGS:** Parish council meetings will be Thursday, September 19 in Harding. Pierz and Buckman will meet at 6 p.m. Lastrup and Harding will meet at 7:15 p.m.

**HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MARATHON WALK:** Please join us next Friday, September 20<sup>th</sup>, as we pray the rosary at 12:45pm at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz. There will be a Eucharistic procession following the rosary and before the marathon.

**REPARATION OF OUR NATION BACK TO GOD:** Join us after the Mass at St. Michael's to pray for the reparation of our nation back to God, on Thursdays, September 26<sup>th</sup> and October 3<sup>rd</sup>. Questions, please call Patty 320-468-2487.

**The Sunday Night Faith Study Group** will begin meeting on Sunday night, September 15 at 7PM in the meeting room in the parish office. We will begin with "Evangelization and The Acts of the Apostles". Questions call Al Pekarek at 320-468-0220.

**ADULT FAITH STUDY:** The Tuesday Faith study group will begin meeting on September 17<sup>th</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA:** Do you need help with seeing God in others? 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. TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. Sept 20-22 beginning at 5:30 PM Friday ending Sunday afternoon. Cost is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging, scholarships available. [centralmnkoinonia.org](http://centralmnkoinonia.org)/emailing [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto:cmkoinonia@gmail.com)

**First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:** Little Falls: Tuesday, September 3 and October 1 at 7:30 p.m. St. Cloud: Monday, September 23 and Thursday, October 17 at 6:30 p.m. For additional teaching sites and information visit <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at [sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org) | (320) 258-7609.

**Pierz Community Education** is sponsoring a monthly book club hosted by Tracy Gaffke and Nadya Gotvald the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. The first meeting is September 19 from 6:30-8pm in the Pierz Healy High School Media Center. There is no cost and open to all adults who love to read, get lost in a book and exchange thoughts about it with others. The group will read and discuss books of various genres in a relaxed and welcoming atmosphere.

**PILLOW CLEANING:** There will be a pillow cleaning clinic on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Red Rooster in Genola. Bring your pillows. Sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Questions call 320-420-8323.

## **AREA NEWS:**

**\*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!

## **FAITH TALKS WITH "UNCLE FRED"**

"The Truth, Goodness, and Beauty of the Catholic Faith."

**Sundays Sept. 22 to Nov. 10 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.**

\*Sept. 22: Prayer: The Way of Perfection (**Lastrup**)

\*Sept. 29: The Christian Meaning of Human Suffering (**Buckman**)

\*Oct. 6: The Sacrament of Penance: Encountering Christ's Infinite Mercy (**Harding**)

\*Oct. 13: The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass: The Sacrament of God's Unfathomable Love (**Pierz**)

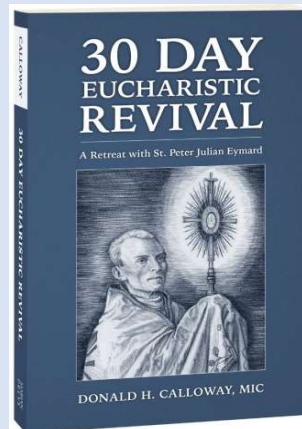
\*Oct. 20: Behold Your Mother: The Person of Mary in Catholic Doctrine (**Buckman**)

\*Oct. 27: St. Joseph: Guardian of the Redeemer and Model of Fatherhood (**Lastrup**)

\*Nov. 3: Catholic Teaching on the Holy Angels (**Harding**)

\*Nov. 10: Catholic Teaching on Satan and the Fallen Angels (**Pierz**)

**30 DAY EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL:** Join us in renewing your faith in the true presence of Jesus in the Eucharist! If you are interested, we will read through the '30 Day Eucharistic Revival' book as a parish community starting in October with weekly group discussions TBD. To order a book call the parish office, go to: <https://forms.gle/QbCtr4YjzUi5sk3G8>, or scan the QR code to fill out the order form. Books will be approx. \$14 ea.



**FALL FAITH & FELLOWSHIP PILGRIMAGE:** Mark your calendars for Thursday, October, 17<sup>th</sup> for the Fall Faith & Fellowship Pilgrimage. We will be departing from St. Joseph's Church in Pierz at 8 a.m. and will be stopping at about 6 parishes, taking in their beauty and will also have lunch at Charlie's Café in Freeport. We will be returning around 8-8:30 p.m. More details to follow. Cost will depend on number of people attending. For questions call Adam at 320-468-6033 or email [ahermason@midco.net](mailto:ahermason@midco.net).

## Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

- \*Sunday, Sept 15<sup>th</sup>** –  
Apostolate Crosier  
Dinner in Onamia 2pm-  
6pm (meet at FPSR 2pm)
- \*Wednesday, Sept 18<sup>th</sup>**  
– JH/SH Pizza/Brandon  
Allaman testimony/  
Adoration/sports 5:30-  
7:30pm
- \*Thursday, Sept 19<sup>th</sup>** –  
7AM Buckman Mass with  
the Bishop!



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- \*STEAK & WINE - DINNER & AUCTION-** Steak & Wine 2024 is coming October 5<sup>th</sup> at the Pierz Ballroom. Tickets are ON SALE NOW! We are currently accepting donations for the online & live auction. Please call Steve (320-630-5303) or Kristin Andres (320-630-5354) to coordinate.
  - \*QUILTERS NEEDED-** We are looking for quilters willing to piece together and stitch class quilts. Please contact the office for more information.
  - \*HTCS HIRING- CUSTODIAN -** PT or FT, up to 40 hours/week, year round. Please contact the office for additional information: [office@holytrinitypierz.org](mailto: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.
  - \*HTCS CAFETERIA-** If you are looking for a volunteer opportunity, please contact the school about volunteering in the cafeteria (St. Joseph Church basement) during our lunch time! Please contact the office for more information. We can use volunteers every day of the week!
- Raffle Calendar Winners:** Posted first weekend after the end of the month

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

#### Recently Baptized

Grady Joel, son of Kyle & Samantha  
Bednar (Left)

Kinley Marie, daughter of Branden & Kylee  
Sauer (Right)

