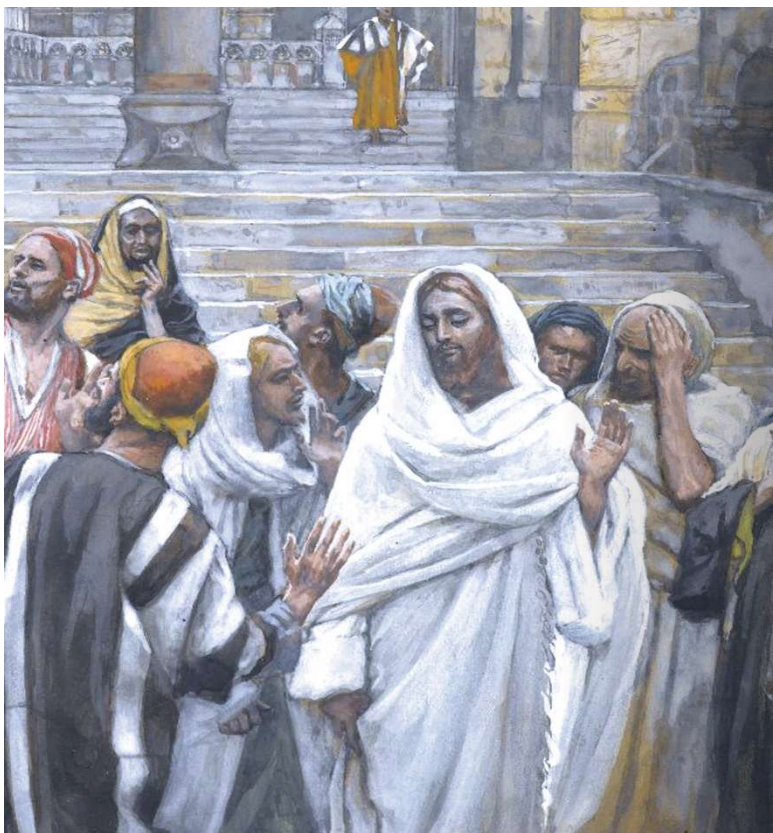




FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

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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

7:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman

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 29, 2024

26TH 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 JULIE LAFLAMME. ADMINISTRATOR AT FATHER PIERZ SCHOOL OF RELIGION

"The greatest LOVE STORY of all times is contained in a tiny white host." Bishop Fulton Sheen.

In college the Eucharist didn't quite make sense to me, but it made sense to many people in my life that I highly respected. Two good holy men I knew were entering the seminary and were willing to sacrifice getting married and having children to bring people Jesus in this white host. I was very intrigued and inspired by their genuine love for the Eucharist; they truly believed it wasn't just a symbol, but that it truly was Jesus. They told me about transubstantiation ~ the change by which the substance (though not the appearance) of the bread and wine in the Eucharist becomes Christ's real presence during the consecration at Mass. Intriguing, BUT hard to believe for me. After meeting enough authentic Catholics in college I wrestled with the concept of learning more about Catholicism. I was baptized Catholic, but did not practice the Catholic faith. Finally as a junior in college I signed up for RCIA and met with a priest and some college students every Monday night. During that year I fell in love with the depth, richness, and tradition of the Catholic faith. Shortly after being confirmed I had an encounter at Mass after receiving the body & blood of Christ, I felt this physical presence of Jesus's blood running through my veins. It is hard to explain, but I knew it was Jesus and not just a symbol. I finally encountered Jesus in the Eucharist! It made sense now why those two good holy men loved the Eucharist. This was amazing and I too started to share the excitement of the Eucharist with others in a new way.


The revival going on with the youth in our parishes really started with an encounter with Jesus in the Eucharist during Adoration and Mass. We strive as youth leaders to genuinely lead by example, but ultimately it is in the Eucharist that these students are being transformed by and from there we challenge our youth group leaders and seniors to strive to be saints. We challenge them to pray a daily rosary, monthly confession, extra Masses, adoration weekly, daily personal prayer time, pray with others, to serve others and to live a virtuous life. We challenge our youth to invite people to get in front of Jesus (adoration, Mass, confession), cultivate intentional community (bible studies, youth group, small groups) and ultimately equip disciples for mission (deepen faith lives and accompany others on their faith journey). We are in unprecedented times and if we want a just society then a significant portion of the people MUST strive to be VIRTUOUS!

I think back to college about the two men who are now priests in the Duluth diocese; the faith they had in the Eucharist as 18 year olds stirred something in my heart. Why would they set aside their own earthly desires and become priests to bring this little white host to the dying and to people like you and me, if it was just a symbol? They encountered Jesus in the Eucharist. I desire for everyone to encounter Jesus and ultimately to fall so in love with Him in the Eucharist you would never want to leave the Catholic faith.

St. Teresa of Calcutta once said, "When the Sisters are exhausted, up to their eyes in work; when all seems to go awry, they spend an hour in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament. This practice has never failed to bear fruit: they experience peace & strength."

And St. Maximilian said, "If angels could be jealous of men, they would be for one reason: Holy Communion."
Go be a Saint & strive for nothing less!

Blessings, Julie Laflamme

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 1 – OCTOBER 6	
<p>Tuesday, October 1 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Allen Weiss</p> <p>Wednesday, October 2 8:00 a.m. Harding +Ellen Tretter 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Thursday, October 3 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Alvin & Rose Janorschke 10:00 a.m. Villa +Janice Hoffman</p> <p>Friday, October 4 – No School at Holy Trinity 8:00 a.m. Pierz Prayers for Our Nation (Prayer Service) 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Karen Hoheisel 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Saturday, October 5 7:00 a.m. Buckman Life Runners Pro-Life Event participants 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Marcella Boser 6:00 p.m. Harding +Ronnie Gross</p> <p>Sunday, October 6 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Luella Gall 10:00 a.m. Pierz For the people of the parishes</p>	<p>LOOKING AHEAD: There will be no weekday Masses Tuesday & Wednesday Oct. 8 & 9 because of the Clergy Retreat.</p> <p>Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</p> <p>*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.</p> <p>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</p> <p>Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral: When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> <p>*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 or email stjoes@midco.net</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, OCTOBER 5 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Dale Beierman

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Allen Welle & Jonathan Welle

E. Minister (Choir): Julie Laney

SCHEDULES: New schedules will be sent out this week, if you didn't pick them up. There are a few changes to the server schedule as a couple servers have left and I wasn't aware of that, so please watch the bulletin for the correct servers.

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 21st: Adult env. \$1,068.00, Adult loose \$91.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$22.00.

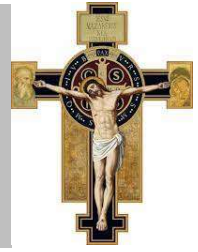
Mass attendance: 135

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

Deacon Wayne Lauer, Gary Matlock, 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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SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Lynn Dukowitz

Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing

Ushers: Willie Rudolph & Russ Woitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Ted Boser

CHURCH CLEANERS: Nancy Matlock, Diane Poser, Taunya Poser, Lisa Prokott, Bernadette Przybilla.

SCHEDULES: The newest schedules are ready to be picked up and are located in the back of church.

SURVEYS: Holy Cross Parishioners will be receiving a survey in the mail in the next week or two. Please fill these out and return as soon as possible. You can either mail them back to 29482 243rd St or drop in the collection box. It is very important we get all these back to update our registration lists to find out if you want to be a member of our church. We need to update all our numbers. Please help us out. If you know of someone who did not get one and is a parishioner of ours, please let Teresa know, 320-360-9720. Thank you for your cooperation.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, September 14th: Adult env. \$860.00, Adult loose \$97.00, Children env. \$11.00, Children loose \$4.00.

*Saturday, September 21st: Adult env. \$1,186.00, Adult loose \$80.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$0.

Mass attendance: 88

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

GIVE JOY
TO MY
heart.

PSALM 19

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

E. Ministers: Ron Kahl & Mary Kay Zilka

Servers: Owen Stangl & William Stangl

Ushers for October: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl, Roger Janson



I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding October 19th

April Legatt & Dwight Przybilla



New Life in Christ

Lenora June, daughter of Hank & Hannah Virnig, was baptized on Sunday, September 22nd. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice on Thursday, October 3rd at 9:00 am in church. Choir will sing on Sunday, October 6th.

CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN MEETING: Wednesday October 9th at 6 p.m. at the parish center in Buckman. Groups 9 & 10 to bring bars.

BAZAAR NEWS:

***Grand Raffle Winners List** is available at the entrances of the church, in the parish office entryway, and on the parish website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org.

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. 22)

Adult	\$ 3,970.00
High School	\$ 16.00
Elementary	\$ 6.00
Plate	\$ 275.00
	\$ 4,267.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **September 22nd** Sunday: 306

***Weekday Lector (Fri., Oct. 4 at 9:00 a.m.):** LeRoy Swanson

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Geri Kasper

E. Ministers: Kristie Kroll, Barb Zajac & Mason Zajac

Servers: Hannah Kuschel & Lilly Kimman

Sacristan: Wanda Kapsner

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



I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding October 19th

Katie LeBlanc & Brandon Tomala

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Leora Poster** passed away on September 15th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, September 19th at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. **Estella Virnig** passed away on September 15th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, September 24th 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the volunteers who helped with the roadside cleanup! If you are interested in helping next year, May and September, please reach out to Lynn at 218-851-6431.

REMINDER: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member. Contact Adam Hermanson at 320-468-6033 to request when making arrangements.

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 (Sep. 22)

Adult	\$ 3,976.00
High School	\$ 27.00
Elementary	\$ 17.50
Plate	\$ 362.00
	\$ 4,382.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **September 22nd** Sunday: 332

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)

"...IN THIS WORLD I CANNOT SEE THE MOST HIGH SON OF GOD WITH MY OWN EYES, EXCEPT FOR HIS MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD."

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI



GENERAL NEWS

REPARATION OF OUR NATION BACK TO GOD: Join us after Mass to pray for the reparation of our nation back to God. Thur., Oct. 3 in Buckman. Questions, call Patty 320-468-2487.

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us on Friday, October 4th at **8:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph's Church to pray for our nation. Everyone is welcome to join!

There's still time to register for our towns very own **Life Runners Pro-Life** event. Join us October 5th for 7am Mass in Buckman, then to walk, run, ride, or if you'd like to volunteer- we'd love that too! Be a part of our voice to show support and pray for the Unborn. Pick your distance, bring a friend and your rosary beads! We can make a difference! To register for the event or to volunteer, contact Sara Stumpf @ 320-493-7062.

ALL DAY ADORATION: From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, October 9th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 320-468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

HOLY LAND ITEMS SALE: Representatives from Bethlehem Christian Families will be at the 4 ACC parishes October 5 & 6 to ask for your help and blessing for the native people of the Holy Land in Bethlehem. All the proceeds from sales will be sent back to the families of the Holy Land so that they may be able to keep their homes and provide for their families. Please browse their items and have something from the Holy Land.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY: If you know of any shut-ins who would like to be added to our homebound ministry list, please reach out to Adam at 320-468-6033 or ahermanson@midco.net.

PILLOW CLEANING: There will be a pillow cleaning clinic on October 1st 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.

CLASS OF 1966 GATHERING: October 8th at Red Rooster Bar starting at 11a.m. You may order lunch from their menu.

ROSARY COAST TO COAST: Please join in praying for our nation on Sunday, October 6, at 3:00 pm at St Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud. The Rosary will be prayed *simultaneously* with Rosary Rallies across the United States being led by the National Rosary Rally at the nation's capital. The Divine Mercy Chaplet for our nation will follow, as well as time for silent prayer. This is a great time to come together to pray with our brothers and sisters across our country asking for God's mercy upon us and the conversion of our country.

First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:
Little Falls Tuesday, October 1 & November 5 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more info or to register, contact Mary Bontjes at bontjesmary@yahoo.com or call the Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. *Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up! For additional teaching sites <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org | (320) 258-7609.

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. 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)**

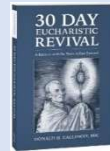
*Oct. 20: Behold Your Mother: The Person of Mary in Catholic Doctrine **(Buckman)**

*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 approx. \$14 ea. **The last day to order a book will be September 30th.**



MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION: We have had inquiries into ordering the yearly subscription to the Magnificat magazine through our ACC parishes again this year. The Magnificat Magazine features the complete readings for each Sunday, weekday & feast day masses, along with daily reflections. It is a wonderful way to begin deepening your faith and your engagement with the mass. The parish can order this book in bulk at a yearly subscription rate of \$35.00 per person (once per month for one year). If there is enough interest, we can order it at this rate. However, we need 50 or more people to subscribe and save with this special discount rate! If we have 49 or fewer subscribers, the cost will \$39.00. The parish would need payment in advance & the book would need to be picked up at the parish office each month. We need to know by November 1st. Subscription would begin early 2025. Please scan the QR code for link to the online sign-up sheet or contact Barb Zajac at 320-310-3265 for further information, questions, or help in signing up.



FALL, FAITH & FELLOWSHIP PILGRIMAGE: Please join us on Thursday, October, 17th for the Fall, Faith & Fellowship Pilgrimage. We will be departing from St. Joseph's Church in Pierz at 7:30 a.m. Donut breakfast provided on bus. First stop will be a tour at Seven Dolours Church in Albany at 8:30 a.m. Second stop will be Sacred Heart Parish in Freeport with a tour at 10 a.m. followed by Mass at 11 a.m. Lunch at Charlie's Café in Freeport at 11:45 a.m. Next stop is the Nett family farm at 1:30 p.m. The 5th stop will be Assumption Chapel (Grasshopper Chapel) in Cold Spring with rosary at 3 p.m. The last stop is Saints Peter & Paul Church in Gilman with a tour at 5 p.m. Confession and Adoration from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Returning to Pierz around 8:30 p.m. Cost will be \$20 per person. Please sign up by October 10th. For questions or to sign up, call Adam at 320-468-6033 or email ahermanson@midco.net.

Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

***October 1** - Fudge Sale starts for Steubenville

***Wed., Oct. 2** - 11th Grade Confirmation Retreat 6:00pm-9:00pm

***Sat., Oct. 5** - Life Runners half marathon 8:30am (Buckman Mass 7am)



80 Edward Street South, Pierz MN 56364, 320-468-6446

***STEAK & WINE - DINNER & AUCTION-** Steak & Wine 2024 is coming October 5th 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 or (320) 468-6446

***COFFEE-** Regular (ground or bean) \$13, French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf \$14.

***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!



Pictured above: 7am Mass in Buckman with the Bishop which drew in 189 people!

Pictured below: The Eucharistic procession before the Holy Trinity School Marathon as well as blessing the residents at the Villa during the Eucharistic procession.

