

FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ

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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." Taking a child, he placed it in their midst, and putting his arms around it, he said to them, "Whoever receives one child such as this in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:35b-37a

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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 (St. Joseph weekday Mass)

7:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz

FRIDAY (HT School Mass in Buckman)

9:00 a.m. – <mark>St. Michael's Buckman</mark>

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 22, 2024

25th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30 p.m. St John Nepomuk Lastrup

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. St. Michael's Buckman

<u>Confession Times:</u> *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



American Needs Deliverance!

Dear Friends.

"God bless America! Land that I love. Stand beside her, and guide her, through the night with the light from above." I love the words to this song, and I love our country. But right now the United States needs the "light from above" very badly. American needs deliverance!

"If one were to assess our country as a whole right now, there are strong signs of our country being demonically oppressed (not fully possessed)," says Monsignor Stephen Rosetti, who is a priest from the Diocese of Syracuse, NY and is a trained exorcist, with specific qualifications for deliverance ministry and exorcisms over demonically possessed individuals.

Monsignor Rosseti lists the drop in the practice of the faith and Mass attendance, and many more people practicing witchcraft, Wicca, ouija boards and other occult practices, as causes that have opened the door to the demonic. He also states, "Also, there are almost a million abortions each year in the USA, which we have found to be a huge demonic door. And there are other sinful behaviors on the rise, such as internet pornography, drug and sexual addictions, and more. Sin gives evil increasing access to our lives."

Rosetti states that the increase in evil and sin affects community and family life. A rising level of unhappiness, hopelessness, and suicides are also typical demonic signs; suicide rates have been rising in the USA for several years. Outbursts of rage, anger, and violence often accompany demonic activity; one sign of this in our country is a steady increase in terrorism."

With that said, there are always great reasons for hope. St Paul says, "...where sin increased, grace overflowed all the more." (Romans 5:20) God always remains faithful.

Here are some spiritual practices that offer special graces of protection:

- · Stop sinning. Serious sin opens the door. Receive the Sacrament of Confession.
- · Have a priest bless your home.
- · Pray the St Michael prayer. Just making the sign of the cross offers grace.
- · Rosary Pray it daily, as a family even one decade in the car.
- · Praying to Guardian Angel For all ages, but especially children.
- · Blessed Holy Water and Salt Blessed by a priest or deacon. Sprinkle around house.
- · Crucifix Have a crucifix in every room of your home, especially your children's.
- · Adoration Spend time in Adoration or in front of the Blessed Sacrament.
- · Fasting- Fasting invokes special graces. Even small fasts can be effective.

May we be encouraged by the words of Monsignor Rosetti. "The redemptive graces of Jesus' death and resurrection are infinite and our merciful God intensely desires to shed these graces upon us."

May God bless and protect you, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 24 – SEPTEMBER 29

Tuesday, September 24

7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Francis Kasper

Wednesday, September 25

8:00 a.m. Harding +Tina Brill

Eucharistic Adoration 7-8p.m. Buckman Thursday, September 26 – note Mass location

7:00 a.m. **Pierz** Gerhart Wilkes Family

10:00 a.m. Villa +Marcia Athman

Friday, September 27: HT School Mass in Buckman (Mrs. Gangl - 3rd Grade)

9:00 a.m. Buckman +Laura Opatz

3-6:00 p.m. Pierz **Eucharistic Adoration**

Saturday, September 28

4:00 p.m. Lastrup Deceased relatives of the Lust/Lentner families

6:00 p.m. Harding +Jack Skochenski

Sunday, September 29

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Larry & Helen Schmidtbauer 10:00 a.m. Pierz For the people of the parishes

LOOKING AHEAD: The Holy Trinity School Mass on Friday, September 27th will be in **Buckman** at 9 a.m. **Pierz's** weekday Mass that week will move to Thursday, September 26th at 7 a.m.

*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

*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.



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m.

St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2^{nd} 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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SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 at 4:00 p.m.

<u>Lector:</u> Louise Welle Server: Zach Gall

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker

E. Minister (Choir): Allen Reideman

THANK YOU: The family of Allen Weiss would like to thank everyone for their prayers and kind words, who gave donations, brought food and the persons who prepared the luncheon. Special thanks to the musicians, Mass servers, and Fr Aaron and Fr Jerry who concelebrated the Mass. May God Bless You.

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 14th: Adult env. \$1,210.00, Adult loose \$385.00, Children env. \$1.00, Children loose \$13.00.

Mass attendance: 198

Help save lives!

JOIN US FOR PRAYER + FASTING + PEACEFUL WITNESS



You can protect mothers & children by joining this worldwide mobilization to pray & fast for an end to abortion!

Through prayer, fasting, peaceful vigils & community outreach, 40 Days & Life has inspired 1,000,000+ volunteers!

With God's help - here are the proven results in 30 coordinated campaigns:

Over 20,000 babies saved from abortion Over 200 abortion workers converted Over 100 abortion centers closed

Learn More + Get involved + Sign up for prayer

OPENING RALLY - SATURDAY SEP 28

10 AM - Noon (at vigil site then)

Contact: Judy judy4life@meltel.net

St. Augustine 422 2nd Street SE St. Cloud



CLOSING RALLY - SATURDAY NOV 2

10 AM - Noon (at vigil site then)
St. Augustine

422 2nd Street SE St. Cloud

Jan hoelscherhorj@charter.net 320-253-1779

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

29482 243rd Street Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-360-9720

E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbett

Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing

<u>Ushers:</u> Gary Matlock & Andy Woitalla **E. Minister (Choir):** Diane Virnig

Rosary: Gloria Woitalla

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

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 14th: Unavailable at this time.

Mass attendance: 141

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.



ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Ron Kahl

E. Ministers: Jill Hoheisel & Randi Kranz Servers: Isaac Herold & Anthony Scheel

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

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. Call with questions. Cindy-320-360-2644.



Catholic United <u>CUF MEETING:</u> Catholic United Financial meeting on Thursday,

September 26th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Loren Meyer for helping trim in the parish cemetery!

BAZAAR NEWS:

*THANK YOU to everyone who helped make our bazaar such a success! We were blessed with beautiful weather and had a wonderful turnout. The totals have not been finalized yet, but will be announced when they are.

*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. 15)

Adult	\$ 2,477.00	
High School	\$	0.00
Elementary	\$	6.00
Plate	\$	497.00
	\$ 2	2,980.00

June Electronic Contributions: \$ 970.00 July Electronic Contributions: \$ 1,075.00 August Electronic Contributions: \$ 1,020.00

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance September 15th Sunday: 371

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)

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Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Al Pekarek

E. Ministers: Rachel Young, Ruth Stuckmayer, Michelle Litke

Servers: Travis Young & Ben Rothstein

Sacristan: Doris Thyen

Ushers for October: Jon Stumpf (Lead), Robbie Becker,

Gerard Kimman & Jason Sadlovsky

FESTIVAL NEWS:

*Net Income: The net income for this year's festival is \$56,515.59.

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!

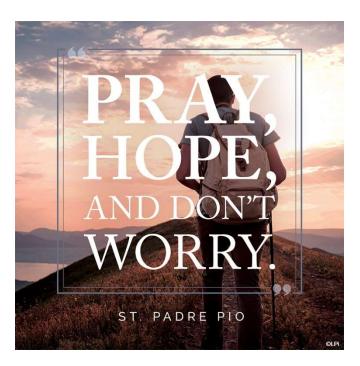
PRAYER LINE: If you have a prayer line request, please either call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at rjyoung0521@gmail.com.

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Sep. 15)

Adult	\$ 5	,834.00
High School	\$	15.50
Elementary	\$	14.55
Plate	\$	185.00
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June Electronic Contributions: \$ 3,165.00 July Electronic Contributions: \$ 3,730.00 August Electronic Contributions: \$ 3,165.00 Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance September 15th Sunday: 310



GENERAL NEWS

<u>HOMEBOUND MINISTRY:</u> 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 <u>ahermanson@midco.net</u>.

REPARATION OF OUR NATION BACK TO GOD: Join us after the Mass to pray for the reparation of our nation back to God. Thursday, September 26th in Pierz and Thursday, October 3rd in Buckman. Questions, please call Patty 320-468-2487.

TICKETS AVAILABLE: We have some free tickets to the 13th Annual K•yes Benefit: *We Are Called* for Friday, September 27, 6 p.m. social hour & 7 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell. Light snacks and beverages provided (including beer & wine). Keynote speaker Bishop Cozzens, as well as Bishop Neary. Please call Mark Fyten if you are interested in tickets. 320-468-6206 or 320-828-6999

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING AND REMEMBRANCE:

The mental health ministry team of the diocese is offering a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud on September 28 at 5 p.m. This parish liturgy is open to everyone with a special invitation to those who have lost loved ones or community members to suicide. For more information, visit the Mental Health Ministry page of the diocesan website: https://stcdio.org/event/2024-mass-for-suicide-healing-and-remembrance/.

<u>PILLOW CLEANING</u>: 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.

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. God Bless the United States of America!

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 Dolors 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 after lunch will be the Nett family farm at around 1:30 p.m. The fifth stop will be to the Assumption Chapel (Grasshopper Chapel) in Cold Spring with rosary around 3 p.m. Sandwich dinner provided on bus, the last stop will be at Saints Peter & Paul Church in Gilman with a tour about 5 p.m. Confession and Adoration from 6:30-7:30 p.m. We will be 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 ahermason@midco.net.

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)

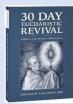
*Oct. 20: Behold Your Mother: The Person of Mary in Catholic Doctrine (**Buckman**)

*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 approx. \$14 ea.

<u>MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTION:</u> 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.

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.

Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

*Wed., Sept 25 - SYATP
(National day of prayer at the flag Pole) JH/SH 7:30-8am

*Wed., Sept 25 - JH Pierz
Park sports, games, & pizza
5-7pm (Powder Puff 7pm
high school football field)

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



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) \$13.00, 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 lunch time! Please contact the office for more information. We can use volunteers every day of the week!

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE ACC!

Langer & John Langer who were confirmed last weekend. May you be filled with the Holy Spirit!

IN THE SPIRIT WE CALL GOD OUR FATHER

Congratulations to Victoria