



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



**29TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

“But it shall not be so among you. Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all. For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” - Mk 10:43-45

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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

October 20, 2024

29th 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



Jesus, the Servant Leader


Dear Friends,

As a younger man, the more serious I got about my faith and grew spiritually, the more I found myself involved in acts of service in the Church and the community. Where focus through much of my adolescent and school years had too often been my own accomplishments, after a conversion of faith in Christ, my focus became more outward, and service orientated. The more I served, the more I desired to serve. Doing good for others brought joy and a new sense of fulfillment that personal accomplishments never did. A new sense of purpose and peace was born in my soul. Little did I know then, that God would call me to an even greater service of the Church in a vocation as a Catholic Priest.

In today’s Gospel Jesus says, “For the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45) Jesus Christ gives us the model of how to lead others, which is by serving them. Jesus did not come to enslave his people by “Lording over” them, but he does quite the opposite, as he gives his entire life on earth in service of the people he has ultimate authority over. Christ gives the ultimate and final example of his servant-leadership as he lays down his life and dies on the cross for the people he came to save. He gave everything he had out of love. “Greater love has no one than to lay down his life for his friends.” (John 15:13) As Christians, we are also called to be servant-leaders and lay down our lives for the people around us. We must do this with the strength that comes from Christ in the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrament of Christ’s love.

Notes:

- I have been pleased to witness many acts of great service lately, namely, the work of the teachers, staff and volunteers who work so hard to teach and pass on the Catholic Faith. What a blessing it is to have so many dedicated servants give of their time and talents for the students.
- The very first ‘Run for Life’ was a great success as many people came out for a Saturday morning Mass for unborn children and a half-marathon to stand up for life in this Respect Life month of October.
- Also, great planning, organizing, and generosity was displayed at the Steak and Wine fundraiser for Holy Trinity School. It was a great blessing for all who attended and was a very well-run, successful and enjoyable evening!
- I see many acts of service each day in our ACC through the daily acts of devotedness, good works and kindness. It is inspiring to see the good work the Lord is doing each day through his faithful people. Thank you for your service!
God bless you, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 22 – OCTOBER 27	
<p><u>Tuesday, October 22</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Joe Banach</p> <p><u>Wednesday, October 23</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Butch Maleski 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, October 24</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Ken Dahmen 10:00 a.m. Villa +Arvin Litke</p> <p><u>Friday, October 25</u> – HT School Mass: Ms. Scholl’s 1st Grade Class 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Charles & Ann Lochner & +Carol Ann Lochner 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, October 26</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Floyd Mathiowetz 6:00 p.m. Harding +Joe “Ski” Dembouski</p> <p><u>Sunday, October 27</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes 10:00 a.m. Pierz Deceased members of Louis & Gert Przybilla family</p>	<p>Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</p> <hr/> <p>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u> You can email stjoes@midco.net, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <hr/> <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. Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u> Call 320-360-9720</p> <hr/> <p><u>Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</u> When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> <hr/> <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>	

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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Lastrup, MN 56344
Phone: 320-360-9720
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Website: www.stjohnlastrup.org



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Julie Laney

Servers: Ellie Thomsen

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker

E. Minister (Choir): Stacey Thomsen

POSITION OPEN: St. John's Lastrup has an opening for a church and parish center cleaner. For more info, please contact Colin Boser at 320-630-3285 or Julie Laney at 320-223-3424.

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, October 12th:** Adult env. \$1,313.00, Adult loose \$543.00, Children loose \$6.25. **Mass attendance:** 168

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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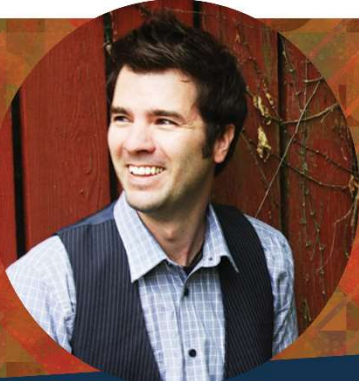
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26

Are You READY?

WITH PJ ANDERSON

The diocese is offering a three-in-one day for adults of all ages. We are blessed to have PJ Anderson for these three events. As a worship artist and storyteller, PJ has traveled around the world sharing his music and stories for millions of Catholics.

Join us for one, or all, of these events:



AN AFTERNOON FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

THE LORD HAS DONE GREAT THINGS FOR US...ARE YOU READY?

2:00 - 4:30 PM

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph
\$10 per adult with a free session for kids ages 4-12

Explore the great things God has done for you through contemporary music, icebreakers, a VBS-like session for children and a session with PJ for adults.

ARE YOU READY... FOR A FREE CONCERT?

7:00 - 8:30 PM

Bad Habit Brewery
25 College Ave North
St. Joseph, MN 56374

Join us for "an evening of glorious praise" with PJ Anderson. The evening will include a free concert, songs and stories of faith. No tickets required.

ARE YOU READY?...FOR SURPRISE, NEWNESS, LETTING GO, HEALING AND GRACE

9:00 - 11:00 AM

St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph
\$10 per person

"A Morning of Reflection" as we explore the story of Bartimaeus (Mk 10:46-52). Through prayer, stories and music, participants will be invited to reflect on their own response to whatever God has ready for them.

FIND OUT MORE AND REGISTER



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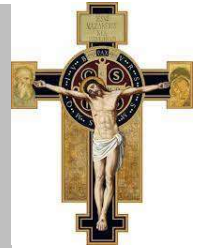
FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE CONCERT



Find out more information at www.stcldio.org/PJ-Anderson-events/

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

29482 243rd Street
Pierz, MN 56364
Phone: 320-360-9720
E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com
Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 26 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbett

Servers: Maverick Voitalla

Ushers: Gary Matlock & Russ Voitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Doug Knopik

Rosary: Ted Boser

REMINDER: Please turn in your surveys that came in the mail soon so we can update our records. Thank you to all who have turned them in, it is very much appreciated.

LOOKING AHEAD: Mass on Saturday, December 7 will be moved back to 6:30 p.m. due to the horse parade, so you can join us for Mass after the parade.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

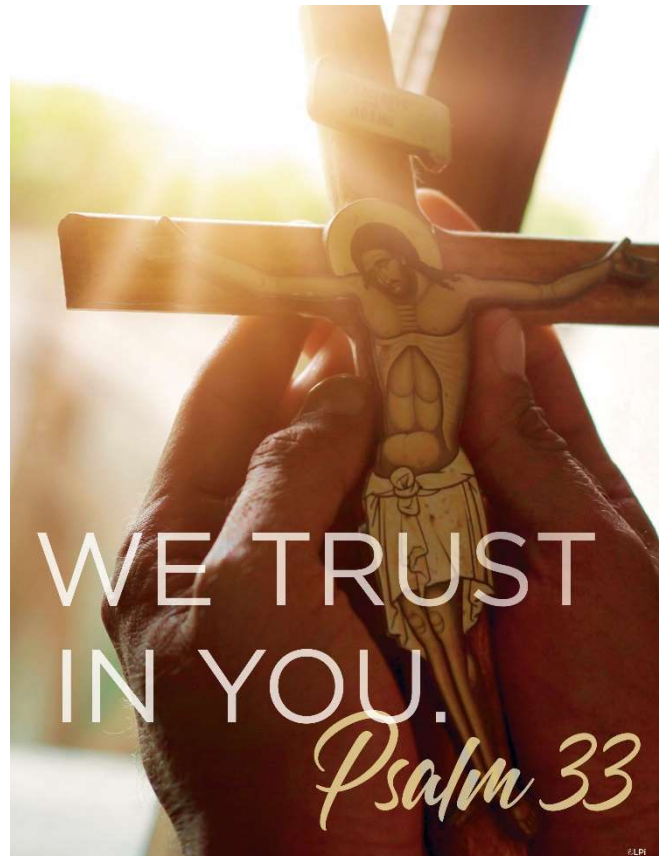
***Saturday, October 5th:** Adult env. \$961.00, Adult loose \$151.00, Children env. \$2.25, Children loose \$8.00.

***Saturday, October 12th:** Adult env. \$1,174.00, Adult loose \$144.00, Children env. \$7.00, Children loose \$6.00.

Mass attendance: 112

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



WE TRUST IN YOU.
Psalm 33

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

9251 Hwy 25, P.O. Box 428

Pierz, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jane Funk

E. Ministers: Randi Kranz & Deb Hall

Servers: Amber Boser & Whitney Stangl

Ushers for November: Mick Gruber, Frank Hoheisel & Steve Kahl



Congratulations to
Dwight & April (Legatt) Przybilla
who were married this weekend!

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice on Thursday, Oct. 24th at 9 a.m.

CALENDARS: The 2025 calendars are at the church entrances.

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 (Oct. 13)

Adult	\$ 4,839.00
High School	\$ 4.00
Elementary	\$ 14.00
Plate	\$ 409.00
	\$ 5,266.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **October 13th** Sunday: 355

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.

*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**)

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, OCTOBER 27 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Keith Marshik

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

Servers: Travis Young & Brady Young

Sacristan: Keith Marshik

Ushers for November: Jim Gerwing (Lead), Caleb Koch, Mike Stangl & Steve Maus



Congratulations to
Brandon & Katie (LeBlanc) Tomala
who were married this weekend!

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 (Oct. 13)

Adult	\$ 10,145.00
High School	\$ 8.75
Elementary	\$ 12.50
Plate	\$ 410.50
	\$ 10,576.75

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **October 13th** Sunday: 339

HELP SAVE LIVES!

JOIN US FOR PRAYER + FASTING + PEACEFUL WITNESS

SEPTEMBER 25 - NOVEMBER 3

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

MONDAY - FRIDAY 7 AM - 7 PM

at

Planned Parenthood
451 East St Germain St
St. Cloud

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

LEARN MORE + GET INVOLVED + SIGN UP FOR PRAYER

<https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud>

or scan  & register

Saturday, Sep 28
11 AM

St. Augustine Cafeteria

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Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life

OPENING RALLY - SATURDAY SEP 28

10 AM - Noon (at vigil site then)

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

Contact: *Judy* judy4life@meitel.net or *Jan* hoelscherhorj@charter.net
320-453-7592 or 320-253-1779

GENERAL NEWS

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, October 19th at the St. Michael's parish center in Buckman. 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!

SOCIAL SUNDAY: On Sunday, October 20 after the 10 AM Mass at St. Joseph's in Pierz, Jeanne Schmitz & Judy Haag (leader of 40 Days for Life in the St. Cloud Diocese) will speak on abortion laws in MN and what we can do to save lives of the unborn. Donuts and coffee will be served by the Pierz Pioneer football team. After the talk, the speakers will be available to speak with those interested in discussing what can be done in our parishes for the pro-life cause. All are welcome.

Catholic United Financial  **LIVING ROSARY:** Catholic United Financial is doing a Living Rosary on Thursday, October 24, 2024 at 2:30 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with a class from Father Pierz School of Religion. Everyone is welcome to join.

BUCKMAN AREA LIONS BREAKFAST: Sunday, October 27 8 a.m. - Noon at St. Michael's Church Hall in Buckman. French toast, Thielen sausage & full buffet. Ages 12+ \$12, 4-11 \$6, 3 and under free. Includes a bake sale! Bring your old prescription eyeglasses to donate to the Lions Eyeglass Recycle Program.

ALL DAY ADORATION ON ELECTION DAY: There will be all day adoration on November 5th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 320-468-2487 questions or to sign up.

Box of Joy returns! Tis the season to welcome back this wonderful giving ministry- sending Christmas gifts to children in poverty around the world. A great charity project for the whole family! Please join us by picking up boxes to fill at the entry ways of church or the St. Joseph's parish office. **We will be collecting filled boxes NOV 6th-10th!!!!** Any questions please call Sara @ 320-493-7062.



SAVE THE DATE: Deacon Ralph Poyo will be visiting all the parishes in our ACC for a parish mission the week of December 7-11. More details to come!

PRAYER BLANKETS: Blessed prayer blankets are available to be picked up in the parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick and suffering. If you wish, a donation and prayer intention can be left in the envelope provided.

PRAY FOR REPARATION OF THE SINS OF OUR NATION: Join us every Thursday after the 7 a.m. Mass in Buckman. For more information call Patty 320-468-2487.

ROSARY AT HARMONY HOUSE: Everyone is welcome to join us pray the rosary every Wednesday at 10 a.m. at Harmony House in Pierz (weather permitting). Sponsored by St. Michael's Christian Mothers/Women. Questions, 320-468-2487.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE: Little Falls on Monday, Oct. 28, 1:00-7:00 p.m.; Tuesday, Oct. 29, 12:00-6:00 p.m.; and Oct. 30, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at St. Francis Convent, 116 8th Ave SE.



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 320-310-3267 for further info, questions, or help signing up.

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Today is World Mission Sunday, a day when we celebrate our Baptismal call to Mission with the words, "Go and Invite Everyone to the Banquet". If you forgot your World Mission Sunday envelope, you can send it to the parish office or directly to the St. Cloud Mission Office at: 11—8th Avenue So., St. Cloud MN 56301. Thank you for your prayers and support for mission today!

First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method: Little Falls Tuesday, November 5 & December 3 at 7:30 p.m. at the NFP Office in the Unity Specialty Center of St. Gabriel's Hospital. For more info, contact Mary Bontjes at bontjesmary@yahoo.com Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660. For additional teaching sites <https://stedio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at sheila.reineke@gw.stedio.org | (320) 258-7609.

Dear Family, Friends and Neighbors,

This letter comes to you from our heart (Kathy & Ron Kahl). As we know so many of those living in the North Carolina area were hit with devastating damage from Hurricane Helene.

This strikes close to home for us as we have family in that area. They are fine but many of their friends and neighbors are not. They are putting together a clothing and food drive for those who were struck so much harder.

Can you contribute to this worthy cause? Winter clothing of all sizes would be much welcomed, which includes coats, boots, mittens/gloves, hats, scarves, hand warmers, etc. Some of these folks will not have shelter over the next few months and may have to brave the elements outdoors. This is a terrible situation that we can help with.

No donation is too small. We do understand everyone has been having to stretch their dollars due to the high price of goods and groceries but we may still be much better off than our fellow citizens down south.

Thank you for anything you can do to help.

You may ship your donations to:

Mt Sheba Thrift Store
20 Flat Creek School Rd
Weaverville NC 28787

*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

- *Wed, Oct. 23 – JH/SH
Fields of Faith Youth Rally in
LF 6:30pm-9:00pm
- *Wed, Oct. 30 – 11th & 12th
Youth Group adoration &
sports with Fr. Doug 6-9pm
- *Thurs, Oct. 31 – JH/SH
Halloween Food Drive
5:30pm-7:30pm
- *Fri, Nov. 1 – All Saints Day-
Holy Day 9:00am Pierz Mass



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

- *NEW STAFF- We are excited to welcome Samantha Seelen (Custodian), Jodi Beggin (Cook) and Sarah Pick (Asst. Custodian) to our staff!
- *DONATIONS- Please contact the office before donating items to the school to ensure that we can use the items.
- *QUILTERS NEEDED- We are looking for quilters willing to piece together and stitch class quilts. Please contact the office for more information.
- *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 started 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.

GROWING 
WITH THE *Gospel*
CYCLE B

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



 **PUZZLE**

Find and circle these words from today's Gospel:

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| JESUS | LEADERS | SERVANT |
| DISCIPLES | POWER | FIRST |
| PEOPLE | GREAT | RESCUE |

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 **MISSION**

Invite a friend over to visit, and think of ways to serve her. Hang up her jacket, offer her something to eat, and ask her what she would like to do. Share your best toys with her, and let her have the first turn.