



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



**30TH SUNDAY
 IN ORDINARY TIME**

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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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 – All Saints Day

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz

6:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

SATURDAY – All Souls' Day

8:30 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

October 27, 2024

30th 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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Our Lady, Queen of Peace

Dear Friends,

In this Sunday’s Gospel the blind man is encouraged to step forward with courage and faith and draw near to the healing power of Christ. "Take courage; get up, Jesus is calling you." (Mark 10:49) Jesus is calling us also to have courage and step toward him in the midst of our fears.

As the month of the Holy Rosary comes to a close, may we continue to strengthen our spiritual lives through what many Saints have proclaimed to be the greatest tool for holiness. “The greatest method of praying is to pray the Rosary.” Says St. Francis De Sales. And Pope Leo XIII said, “The Rosary is the most excellent form of prayer and the most efficacious means of attaining eternal life.”

As our nation and the world are in great need of prayer, we must turn to the Blessed Mother, the “Queen of Peace” and the “Queen of Families”, who has so many times interceded powerfully and come to the rescue of God’s people in times of great trouble. Our Lady of Fatima said in 1917, "Say the Rosary every day, to bring peace to the world and an end to the war." May our nation heed the words of the Mother of God as this important election comes near. In these very concerning times may we place all of our hopes, fears and distress in the hands of our Blessed Mother and pray the rosary with confidence. St Jose Maria Escriva said, “The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results."

I just recently spoke to a young family in our ACC with several young children who come to daily Mass, and one of the children remarked with encouragement, that his family prays the rosary each night at 7pm. What a wonderful example of devotedness and love of our Blessed Mother!

Notes:

- As November 5th draws near, I want to encourage everyone to exercise their duty as Christians to go out and vote. May we also pray diligently to our Blessed Mother for our nation and the election. May God bless and protect our nation.
- This Sunday I leave for a trip to Italy. I have been wanting to return to Rome, Italy for my 10th Anniversary to the priesthood, where I studied in seminary at the North American College. I will be traveling with a couple priest friends from my seminary days. I am excited to visit friends, see some sites and eat a little pasta... I hope to send along some pictures and a message from Rome. Please keep us in prayer as I will remember you as well at the holy shrines. Feel free to email me prayer intentions as I would be glad to pray for your intentions there!

God bless you, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 29 – NOVEMBER 3

Tuesday, October 29

7:00 p.m. Lastrup Holy souls in purgatory

Wednesday, October 30

8:00 a.m. Harding +Oliver Rudolph

7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, October 31

7:00 a.m. Buckman +Leora Poster

10:00 a.m. Villa +Larry Schmidtbauer

Friday, November 1 – All Saints Day (No school at HT)

8:00 a.m. Pierz Prayers for Our Nation (Prayer Service)

9:00 a.m. Pierz +Henry Jr., +Jason & +Henry III Preimesberger

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

6:00 p.m. Lastrup +Mary Dircks, +Joe & Marie Pekarek

Saturday, November 2 – All Souls’ Day

8:30 a.m. Buckman All the faithful departed (All Souls’ Mass)

4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes

6:00 p.m. Harding +Lois Woitalla

Sunday, November 3

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Jeff Skroch

10:00 a.m. Pierz +Rita Wilkes

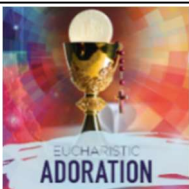
Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.

***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.

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.
Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720

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

*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



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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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (All Saints Day) at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Donny Schommer & Alan Welle

E. Minister (Choir): Allen Riedeman

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Mark Loidolt

Servers: Zach Gall

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker

E. Minister (Choir): Carol Welle

GAMBLING COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, November 12th after the 7 p.m. Mass.

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 19th:** Adult env. \$1,535.00, Adult loose \$63.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$9.37.

Mass attendance: 155

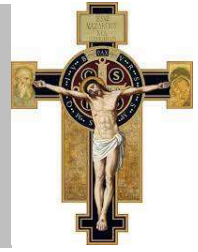
PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

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



HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Janet Hanneken

Servers: Erin & Tyler Thesing

Ushers: Allen Weitalla & LeRoy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Phyllis Schmidtbauer

SURVEYS: If you know anyone who didn't get a survey, please call 320-360-9720. Thank you to those who have returned them. It is very important to get these back so we can update our membership and make new group lists. Even if you've been a parishioner here for a long time, we need them back to update our records. This will greatly benefit our parish in more ways than one, even financially if everyone cooperates. Thank you.

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 19th:** Adult env. \$1,016.00, Adult loose \$102.00, Children env. \$6.75, Children loose \$5.00.

Mass attendance: 99

Prayer for Peace in our nation and the world

Immaculate Heart of Mary, help us to conquer the menace of evil, which so easily takes root in the hearts of the people of today, and whose immeasurable effects already weigh down upon our modern world and seem to block the paths toward the future.

From famine and war, deliver us.

From nuclear war, from incalculable self-destruction, from every kind of war, deliver us.

From sins against human life from its very beginning, deliver us.

From hatred and from the demeaning of the dignity of the children of God, deliver us.

From every kind of injustice in the life of society, both national and international, deliver us.

From readiness to trample on the commandments of God, deliver us.

From attempts to stifle in human hearts the very truth of God, deliver us.

From the loss of awareness of good and evil, deliver us.

From sins against the Holy Spirit, deliver us.

Accept, O Mother of Christ, this cry laden with the sufferings of all individual human beings laden with the sufferings of whole societies. Help us with the power of the Holy Spirit conquer all sin: individual sin and the "sin of the world," sin in all its manifestations.

Let there be revealed once more in the history of the world the infinite saving power of the redemption: the power of merciful love. May it put a stop to evil. May it transform consciences. May your Immaculate Heart reveal for all the light of hope. Amen. — St. John Paul II

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2 (All Souls' Day) at 8:30 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

E. Ministers: Donna Solinger & Jill Hoheisel

Servers: Logan Brisk & William Stangl

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

E. Ministers: Cindy Scholl & Mary Kay Zilka

Servers: Westin Hoheisel & Max Jacobson

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

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice on Thursday, Oct. 31 at 9 a.m.

CALENDARS: The 2025 calendars are at the church entrances.

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. 20)

Adult	\$ 2,375.00
High School	\$ 4.00
Elementary	\$ 13.00
Plate	\$ 245.00
	\$ 2,637.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **October 20th** Sunday: 317

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. 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**)

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FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1 (All Saints Day) at 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Colleen Lucking

E. Ministers: *Volunteers Needed*

Servers: Lance Litke & Brady Young

Sacristan: Jan Kimman

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Tracy Voigt

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

Servers: Brady Pohlkamp & Shayne Pohlkamp

Sacristan: Wanda Kapsner

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

ST. JOSEPH'S CHRISTIAN MOTHER'S/WOMEN: We are looking for someone to step up into the President, Vice President (or co-President), and Secretary role for our Christian M/W group. Please prayerfully consider taking an officer position. If you want more information about what it entails or are willing to take one of the positions, please contact Nita Hayes at 320-630-0388 or Rachel Young at 320-630-3630.

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS' DAY CANDLES: Candles in memory of those who have passed away in the last year will be on display on the Sacred Heart altar for All Saints & All Souls' Day. The deceased will be remembered by name at the Sunday, November 3rd Mass. Please do not take the candles until after Sunday's service.

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. 20)

Adult	\$ 5,658.40
High School	\$ 36.75
Elementary	\$ 24.30
Plate	\$ 296.00
	\$ 6,015.45

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **October 20th** Sunday: 353

"It is plainly evident that there is no one in the world who will not receive all kinds of heavenly blessings if they have a true love of Jesus Christ manifested by a devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus."

—St. Margaret Mary Alacoque



GENERAL NEWS

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us on Friday, November 1 at **8:00 a.m.** at St. Joseph's Church to pray for our nation. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS MEMORIAL MASS: This year's Mass will be at St. John Nepomuk Church in Lastrup on Wednesday, November 6 at 7 p.m. We will be honoring the following Knights who gone to their eternal rest this past year: Ken Dahmen, Joe Woitalla, Larry Schmidtbauer, Arvin Litke, Ernie Marshik & John Pohlkamp. Everyone is welcome!

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. **Drop off times: Wed. Nov 6th, 5:30-7:00pm, Fri. Nov 8th, 9am-1pm, Sat Nov 9th, 1-5pm, Sun Nov 10th 7:30-9:30am.** 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.

WINTER CLOTHING DONATIONS: So many of those living in the North Carolina area were hit with devastating damage from Hurricane Helene. Winter clothing of all sizes including coats, boots, mittens, gloves, hats, scarves, hand warmers, etc. are greatly needed. Some of these folks will not have shelter over the next few months and may have to brave the elements outdoors. 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.



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.

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.

Plenary Indulgences for All Souls Week and the Month of November

Visiting a Cemetery: Visiting a Cemetery: An indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who devoutly visit a cemetery and pray, even if only mentally, for the departed. Typically the indulgence is plenary each day from November 1-8; on other days of the year, it is only a partial indulgence.

Visiting a Church on November 2: A plenary indulgence, applicable only to the Souls in Purgatory, is granted to the faithful, who on the day dedicated to the Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed [November 2 {as well as on the Sunday preceding or following, and on All Saints' Day}] piously visit a church. In visiting the church, it is required that one Our Father and the Creed be recited.

Indulgence Requirements: To acquire a plenary indulgence it is necessary also to fulfill the following three conditions: sacramental Confession, Eucharistic communion, and prayer for the intention of the Holy Father while being detached from sin. It is appropriate that the sacramental Confession and especially Holy Communion and the prayer for the Pope's intentions take place on the same day that the indulgenced work is performed; but it is sufficient that these sacred rites and prayers be carried out within several days (about 20) before or after the indulgenced act. One sacramental Confession suffices for several plenary indulgences, but a separate Holy Communion and a separate prayer for the Holy Father's intentions are required for each plenary indulgence.

The condition of praying for the intention of the Holy Father is fully satisfied by reciting one Our Father and one Hail Mary. A plenary indulgence can be acquired only once in the course of the day.

*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



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***Wed, Oct. 30** – 11th & 12th Youth Group adoration & sports with Fr. Doug 6-9pm

***Thur, Oct. 31** JH/SH Halloween Food Drive 5:30pm-7:30pm

***Fri, Nov. 1** – All Saints Day- Holy Day 9:00am Pierz Mass

***Nov. 2-3** – SH Camp Shamineau Leadership Retreat Saturday 9am - Sunday 2pm



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***QUILTERS NEEDED-** We are looking for quilters willing to piece together and stitch class quilts. Please contact the office for more information.

***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 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.

***DONATIONS-** Please contact the office before donating items to the school to ensure that we can use the items. We do appreciate the generosity of all who support the school!

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

Fall, Faith & Fellowship Pilgrimage

Top: Some of the parishioners enjoying the Nett family farm tour. **Right:** Some of the students enjoying hay bale racing. **Far right:** Assumption Chapel (Grasshopper Chapel) in Cold Spring. **Bottom left:** Rosary in the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring.

Bottom right: Students admiring the Sacred Heart Parish in Freeport.

