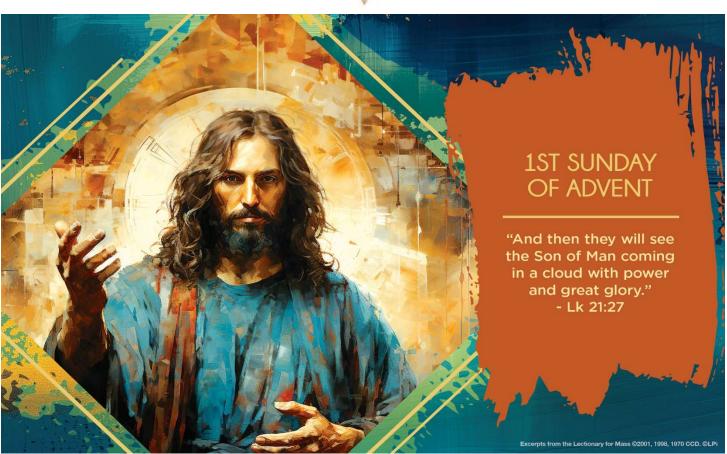


### **FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



#### **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 – Horse Parade in Harding

4:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

6:30 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

## December 1, 2024 1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT

#### **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 PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR. ADAM HERMANSON



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ.

Within the past week I had the opportunity to visit one of the homeschooling classroom sessions that our children participate in every week. The topic of discussion had to do with the Blessed Virgin Mary visiting her cousin, Elizabeth. I think many of us can recount well the events that unfolded between the Archangel Gabriel proclaiming, "Hail, favored one, the Lord is with you!" (Luke 1:28) and "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall

name him Jesus." (Luke 1:30-31) to John's response in Elizabeths womb, "For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy." (Luke 1:44) But do we allow ourselves to meditate on the endless possibilities of what these two women were pondering in their hearts? Do we absorb, even a little, the historical significance of the turning points these events played in salvation history?

Annie mentioned to me shortly after a prenatal appointment, that since the season of Advent is fast approaching, the event of the visitation has taken on a new dimension and meaning for her. There is something momentous about waiting for new life to enter the world. As my wife and I were discussing preparations for our baby girl, we started to talk about how the season of Advent is a season of waiting. A strong anticipation of our Lord Jesus' coming. It is with an expectant faith and hope that builds our longing to see our Lord face to face. If we can allow ourselves the space to be still, silent and wait on the Lord, especially in his Real Presence in the Blessed Sacrament, he will strengthen us for the mission he calls us to accomplish.

When Jesus began his public ministry, he made it abundantly clear that his mission was to reveal the Father and the Fathers love to his disciples, (John 17:26) proclaim the Good News of the Gospel, call all people to repentance of their sins (Mark 1:14-45) and to lay his life down to redeem us from our sins. (Mark 10:45) Our Lord Jesus has given us a similar mission.

This Advent season, from December 8th through the 11th, everyone is invited to join Deacon Ralph Poyo on a mission to help us reclaim what the Lord is calling us to accomplish in the Father Francis Xavier Pierz ACC. May the Holy Spirit reignite the fervor in each one of us to proclaim the Good News!

Peace in Christ, Adam

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 3 – DECEMBER 8

#### **Tuesday, December 3**

7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Leon Boser

#### Wednesday, December 4

8:00 a.m. Harding +Darlene Rocheleau 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

#### Thursday, December 5

7:00 a.m. Buckman +Esther Britz

10:00 a.m. Villa +Celesta "Sally" Meyer

#### Friday, December 6 - HT School Mass: Mrs. Gangl's 3rd Grade Class

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

9:00 a.m. Pierz +Leora Poster

Pierz No Adoration (40 hour devotion in Buckman)

#### Saturday, December 7

4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Ken, Dale & Dominick Dahmen
6:30 p.m. Harding Deceased Skwira family members

#### Sunday, December 8

8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes

10:00 a.m. Pierz +Arvin Litke



#### **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

**NOTE:** 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.

\*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

<u>Weekday Masses When There is a</u> <u>Funeral:</u> 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.

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

#### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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Phone: 320-360-9720

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 4:00 p.m.

<u>Lector:</u> Mark Loidolt <u>Servers:</u> Ellie Thomsen

<u>Ushers:</u> Jonathan Welle & Cory Loidolt <u>E. Minister (Choir):</u> 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.

#### PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

Deacon Wayne Lauer, Gary Matlock, Tom Dukowitz, Sara Hanneken, Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, 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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E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 at 6:30 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbett Servers: Adam Woitalla

<u>Ushers:</u> Gary Matlock & Russ Woitalla <u>E. Minister (Choir):</u> Gary Matlock

Rosary: Ted Boser

**REMINDER:** We are now taking orders for our wreaths and Memory Tree of lights. Wreaths will be delivered starting Dec 7 and we will start putting lights on the Tree of Lights Dec 1-First Sunday of Advent. Anyone can purchase these and all names will be read before the Mass on Christmas Eve (4:30 PM). Questions, please call 320-360-9720.

**ROSARY SODALITY MEMBERS:** Please bring 2-3 dozen bars/cookies for the Horse'N Around parade on 12/7. We ask goodies to be dropped off on 12/6 in the church basement.

**REMINDER:** Harding craft show, horse parade and other activities will be held on December 7 in Harding. Fun, food, entertainment all day. Any youth interested in helping please come to the church kitchen on the 7<sup>th</sup>.

<u>NOTE:</u> We could use extra help selling our coffee, chocolate, popcorn & goodies at Horse N'Around. If anyone wants to help contact Bernie Hoffman at 320-630-4841. Students, we will sign your sheets for volunteer hours if you help.

ROSARY SODALITY CHRISTMAS PARTY: Our annual Christmas Party will be on December 15<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-4:30 p.m. All members are asked to bring 3 dozen cookies for our shutins. We will be having a \$15 gift exchange and ask all members to bring a dessert. Other food & beverages will be provided.



#### 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, DECEMBER 8 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

E. Ministers: Jill Hoheisel & Mary Kay Zilka Servers: Noah Solinger & Amber Boser

<u>Ushers for December:</u> Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane

Zilka

**SM CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/WOMEN:** We will celebrate the honoree CM\W and new members on Tuesday, December 10<sup>th</sup> at the 6 p.m. Mass with Deacon Ralph. If you want to become a new member, contact Kristie Boser at 320-260-5728.

<u>CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER:</u> NEW baby – teens clothing, coats, hats, mittens & diapers are being collected, along with monetary donations for area families in need. Sponsored by the Buckman CM/W. Basket in the church. Any questions, call Cindy Scholl at 320-630-8410.

**PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

# COME AND SEE DEACON RALPH POYO



Ocn. Ralph Poyo is the founder of New Evangelization Ministries, an apostolate committed to assisting dioceses, churches and individuals with services, resources and training in effective evangelization. Prior to launching NEM, Ocn. Ralph served in three different parishes as a Youth Minister and Director of Faith Formation for twenty-three years. He is passionate about sharing the truth of the Gospel in a way that captivates audiences of all ages. He is married to his high school sweetheart, Susan, and they have five grown daughters and five grandchildren.

## JOIN US FOR A PARISH MISSION

**December 8 – 11, 2024** 

St. John Nepomuk – Lastrup Holy Cross – Harding St. Michael – Buckman St. Joseph – Pierz

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8

Lastrup 6:00 pm holy hour & confession 7:00 pm talk

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

Harding 5:00 pm adoration & confession 6:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm talk

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Buckman 5:00 pm adoration & confession 6:00 pm Mass 7:00 pm talk

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Pierz 6:00 pm adoration & confession 7:00 pm talk



#### ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Geri Kasper

E. Ministers: Dan & Lois Waytashek & Kristie Kroll

Servers: Lance Litke & Zajac child

Sacristan: Wanda Kapsner

<u>Ushers for December:</u> Jeremy Virnig (Lead), Allan Kroll,

Mathew Stumpf & Andy Kapsner

<u>CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER</u>, During Advent a basket will be by side altar for baby items. Things needed are new and gently used baby clothes, diapers, blankets, money donations, etc. Items will be given to families in need and Pierz Food Shelf. Questions call Ann at 320-468-6070. Sponsored by Pierz Christian Women.

<u>MEMORIAL FLOWERS:</u> If anyone would like to donate money for flowers in memorial of someone who has passed, place envelope in the collection basket with name(s) of person and your phone number.

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.

ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We have kits prepared in the parish office basement ready to be checked out. We will start quilting (tying and stitching) on Monday, December 2<sup>nd</sup> at 1 p.m. and Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m.

**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.



#### **GENERAL NEWS**

**NOTE:** There are no collection totals or Mass counts in this week's bulletin due to the early deadline. They will be listed in next week's bulletin. Thanks for your understanding & patience!



#### LOOKING AHEAD:

On Monday, December 9th there will be a Mass at 6 p.m. in Harding for the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us on Friday, December 6th at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church to pray for our nation. Everyone is welcome to join!

MIRACULOUS MEDALS: Our Blessed Mother, Mary, asked St. Catherine Laboure to have a medal made. Mary then spoke of the medal with these words "All who wear it will receive great graces; they should wear it around the neck. While wearing it pray: "May we be blessed by your loving protection and preserved in the grace of your Son. O most powerful Virgin, Mother of Our Savior, keep us close to you every moment of our lives". The Miraculous Medal is a heavenly gift to us from Mary. It is everyone's medal, because she is everyone's Mother. Moreover, She wants us to wear it with love and trust --- not superstitiously like a lucky charm. It's a reminder, a tangible sign through which she expresses her Motherly love and desire to help us. Strung Miraculous Medals will be available at the Masses on December 7 & 8. Take one for yourself and your loved ones.

NOTE: Adoration on Friday, December 6th at St. Joseph's in Pierz will be cancelled due to 40 hour adoration in Buckman.

40 HOUR DEVOTION: Starts at 4 p.m. Friday, December 6, 2024, and ends with 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, December 8 at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. We will have adoration for 40 hours. Please sign up for an hour. You may come as much as you want. Please use the east parish center entrance.

#### FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT WITH DEACON RALPH POYO:

The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, December 7th with 7 p.m. potluck followed by rosary & fellowship at **Deacon** Craig & Diane Korver's house, 23182 South Platte River Drive, Pierz MN 56364. ALL are welcome, bring a friend!

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: Sunday, December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please join the Christian Mothers/Women group the 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month after Mass, to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary/ Chaplet. We will meet in the St. Michael's-Buckman cemetery at the crucifix. If weather does not permit, meet in the church. Everyone is welcome.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A CHRISTMAS PARTY: The Women's Deanery is sponsoring a Birthday Party for Jesus. All women are invited to join on Saturday, December 7th from 8:30a.m. -1 p.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 625 Third Ave. S.E., Milaca. 9:00 a.m. Mass. Register by Monday, Nov. 25<sup>th</sup> for the luncheon headcount; Free-will-donation meal. Call, Text or mail a note to Nita Hayes, 16695 Jewel Rd., Little Falls, MN 56345. # (320)630-0388. Optional: Bring gift under \$10 for exchange; Holiday attire.

**COUNCIL MEETINGS: Lastrup & Harding:** Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in Lastrup, finance councils at 4:00 p.m. and parish councils at 5:15 p.m. Pierz & Buckman: Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup> in Buckman, finance councils at 6:00 p.m. and parish councils at 7:15 p.m. Remember to get your agendas in this week please.

ALL DAY ADORATION: Adoration on Wednesday, December 11th will be from 8AM to 5PM at St. Michael's Church.

Financial St. Michael's Council of Catholic United Financial is sponsoring

"Christmas Cards to Seminarians". Simply pickup preaddressed Christmas cards from the basket in the gathering area, add your personal message of prayer and support, and mail to these young men from our diocese.

#### NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:

Little Falls Tuesday, December 3 & January 7 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, contact Sheila Reineke at sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org | (320) 258-7609 or visit https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/.

**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.

**NOTE:** There was a navy blue zipper bag from the HTCS Golf Event filled with miscellaneous items found in a pew at St. Joseph's church by one of the ushers. If the bag belongs to you, please call the HT School office at 320-468-6446.

PROLIFE ESSAY: The Morrison County MCCL Chapter invites teens to write a short essay about their pro-life convictions. The essay must answer this question: "Why are you pro-life?" The contest is offered to students grades 7-12. Essays must be 300-500 words and are due by December 16. Winning essays will be presented at the annual Pro-Life Banquet at the Falls Ballroom on Sunday, January 26, 2025. For more information contact Laureen Witt at 320-632-3995.

> Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

\*Sun, Dec. 1 – SH Toy Bingo Fundraiser 1-3pm @ Holy Trinity Gym

\*Wed, Dec. 4 - JH/SH St. Nick's Night Bonfire & S'mores 5:30-7:30pm

\*Frid, Dec. 6 – SH midnight–6am Buckman Adoration \*Sat, Dec. 7 – SH Fill the Truck Event at Walmart 10am-2pm



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

\*2025 RAFFLE CALENDAR- The 2025 Raffle Calendar is on sale now at the school office as well as through any HTCS family. \*HTCS GIVING TREE- Our giving tree is located inside the front door of the school. If you are interested in helping families out, please stop by (Mon-Fri, 7:30-3:30) and see what tags you can help fill.

\*JARED'S TOY DRIVE- For the 19th year HTCS is a collection site for the Jared Tomala Toy Drive. If you are wanting to donate new items, please bring them to HT from 7:30-3:30, Mon-Fri. Donations will be accepted until December 20th at 1:00. Financial donations can be made at F&M Bank.

\*HTCS PTO ST. NICK NIGHT BOUTIQUE: Wed., Dec., 4 - 3:30-7:30pm in the HTCS gym.

\*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.

#### **November Calendar Winners**

11/11/2024 \$35.00 Colleen Lucking 11/1/2024 \$35.00 Pat Schuett 11/2/2024 \$35.00 Trista Kowalczyk 11/12/2024 \$35.00 Michael Trettel 11/3/2024 \$75.00 John Poster 11/13/2024 \$35.00 Bob & Carolyn Brisk 11/14/2024 \$35.00 Stacy & Carly Kieffer 11/4/2024 \$35.00 Gene Poser 11/5/2024 \$35.00 Morgan & Melissa Woitalla 11/15/2024 \$35.00 Lynda Zytkovicz 11/6/2024 \$35.00 Bruce Flicker 11/16/2024 \$35.00 Kent & Stacy Happke 11/7/2024 \$35.00 Joelle Fuhrman 11/17/2024 \$75.00 Chuck & Karen Gruber 11/18/2024 \$35.00 Joe W Klein 11/8/2024 \$35.00 Dylan Kummet 11/9/2024 \$35.00 Trampis Keller 11/19/2024 \$35.00 Deborah Neu 11/10/2024 \$75.00 Barb Specker 11/20/2024 \$35.00 Joe Hoheisel

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

~Some students surprised
Fr. Popp on his 72<sup>nd</sup>
birthday at Pizza Ranch &
bought a cake for him at
Walmart & had the
restaurant singing happy
birthday to him. Thank you
for all you do for us Fr. Popp!



~Juniors/seniors went to Meadow Ponds and prayed a rosary with some of the residents. ~Photos from the Holy Spirit Retreat November 2 & 3rd that Pierz students did with the

Little Falls youth group & NET Team. Some fat tire biking on the retreat was a great hit for







