



**FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**  
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



## 32<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A poor widow also came and put in two small coins worth a few cents. Calling his disciples to himself, he said to them, "Amen, I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury."  
- Mk 12:42-43

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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

## November 10, 2024

### 32<sup>ND</sup> 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 DEACON LEO WEHSELER




All Glory and Praise to our God

Brothers and Sisters,

Mass is the source and summit of our faith. It is the summation of all we believe contained in the sacrifice of the Mass. Because we are blessed to have Mass frequently, we can often take the Mass for granted. Everything in the Mass should be ordered and directed toward the worship of God. It's not about what we want, but about what is God asking of us. It is easy to miss everything that helps direct us toward God in this worship. From dipping our fingers into the holy water fount and making the sign of the cross to remind us of our baptism, to the sending forth at the end of Mass to go in peace and spread the good news as disciples of Jesus; there is meaning in all we do. Bring someone to Mass who has never come before and see how many questions they ask! At times the combination of a full church combined with music, incense, bells, and chant moves us with emotion. While this is good, we must not become "emotion seekers" looking for that next thing to feed our emotions while at Mass. The movement of our soul is not always accompanied by movement in our emotions, and strong emotions don't always mean we have had a spiritual revelation. We are at Mass to worship God, to lay ourselves before him, and to let God direct what he wants from us, not to place our demands on God. One thing to point out is the diversity of our faith and the tension that keeps everything in balance. A great example of this is music and silence because the difference is most obvious. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal (GIRM) provides instruction on what is proper in the Mass. The GIRM is the big book that the priest uses at Mass and young servers try to hold up. Paragraph 41 reads "The main place should be given, all things being equal, to Gregorian chant, as being proper to the Roman Liturgy" encouraging all to sing as in paragraph 39 "Whoever sings well prays twice over" so please be sure to join in song! This is balanced by paragraph 45 in speaking of "Sacred Silence" which is to be observed at specific times of the Mass for specific reasons, such as for recollection of sins during the penitential rite, or after the homily to reflect on what we have heard. It is only when each part of the Mass is united together focusing all attention to God do all the pieces come together in perfect praise. Not music in competition with silence or vice versa but both complementing the other perfectly. I am looking forward to hearing everyone BOTH sing and be silent!

Your brother in Christ, Deacon Leo

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 12 – NOVEMBER 17	
<p><b><u>Tuesday, November 12</u></b> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Leon Boser</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, November 13</u></b> 8a.m-8p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration 8:00 a.m. Harding +Ardell Killeaney, +Eddie Bednarek, +Dennis Bednarek</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, November 14</u></b> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Esther Britz 10:00 a.m. Villa +Marcella Flicker</p> <p><b><u>Friday, November 15</u></b> – HT School Mass: Mr. Wolter's 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Fred Andrea 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, November 16</u></b> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Marcella Boser 6:00 p.m. Harding +Marlene Knopik</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, November 17</u></b> 8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Ed &amp; Hildegard Kimman</p>	<p><b><i>Emergency Contact:</i></b> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</p> <p><b><i>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</i></b> The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <b><u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u></b> You can email <a href="mailto:stjoes@midco.net">stjoes@midco.net</a>, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 56364, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <p><b><u>Pierz &amp; Buckman Office Hours:</u></b> Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday &amp; Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><b><u>Lastrup &amp; Harding Office Hours:</u></b> Call 320-360-9720</p> <p><b><i><u>Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</u></i></b> When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> <p><b><i>*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 <a href="mailto:stjoes@midco.net">stjoes@midco.net</a></i></b></p>
 <p><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b>  <b>St Joseph Pierz</b> – Fridays 3-6 p.m.  <b>St. Michael Buckman</b> – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.  <b>Holy Cross Harding</b> – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open</p>	

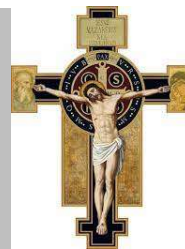


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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Julie Laney  
**Servers:** Ellie Thomsen  
**Ushers:** Ron & Barb Specker  
**E. Minister (Choir):** Traci Schommer



**New Life in Christ**  
*Sadie Marie, daughter of Daniel and Bethany Gryskiewicz, was baptized on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!*

**GAMBLING COMMITTEE MEETING:** Tuesday, November 12<sup>th</sup> 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, November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Adult env. \$1,085.00, Adult loose \$71.00, Children env. \$1.00, Children loose \$41.00, All Saints env. \$190.00, All Saints loose: \$250.00.  
*November 1<sup>st</sup> Mass attendance:* 163  
*November 2<sup>nd</sup> Mass attendance:* 168

UNITED IN PRAYER  
THIS VETERAN'S DAY  
WE PRAY IN GRATITUDE  
FOR ALL OF THOSE WHO  
HAVE DEFENDED PEACE,  
VIRTUE, AND JUSTICE  
WITH HONOR.  
WE PRAY ESPECIALLY  
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE  
SUFFERED IN MIND  
AND BODY FROM THE  
RAVAGES OF WAR.  
GOD'S BLESSINGS AND  
HEALINGS UPON OUR  
VETERANS TODAY  
AND ALWAYS.

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Lynn Dukowitz  
**Servers:** Adam Weitalla  
**Ushers:** Kevin Dembouski & Allen Stuckmayer  
**E. Minister (Choir):** Gary Matlock  
**Rosary:** Ted Boser

**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, November 2<sup>nd</sup>: Adult env. \$897.00, Adult loose \$207.00, Children env. \$5.50, Children loose \$2.00, All Saints env. \$80.00. *Mass attendance:* 101

**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.

**COME AND SEE  
DEACON RALPH POYO**



Dcn. 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, Dcn. 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. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 at 8:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Nathan Gruber

**E. Ministers:** Cindy Scholl & Connie Kieffer

**Servers:** Nathan Posch & Isaac Herold

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

#### *New Life in Christ*



*Chet Arthur, son of Isaac & Kayla Gruber, was baptized on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!*

**CHOIR NEWS:** No choir practice this week. Choir sings on Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Choir practice resumes on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

**CALENDARS:** The 2025 calendars are at the church entrances.

**DISH TOWELS:** Dish Towels are stamped and ready for pick up/sign-out in the break of pews on the south side of church. Anyone who enjoys embroidering is welcome to pick up a set to work on for next year's Bazaar for St. Michael's.

**BAZAAR PROFIT:** The net income for the 2024 bazaar was \$87,089.82.

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

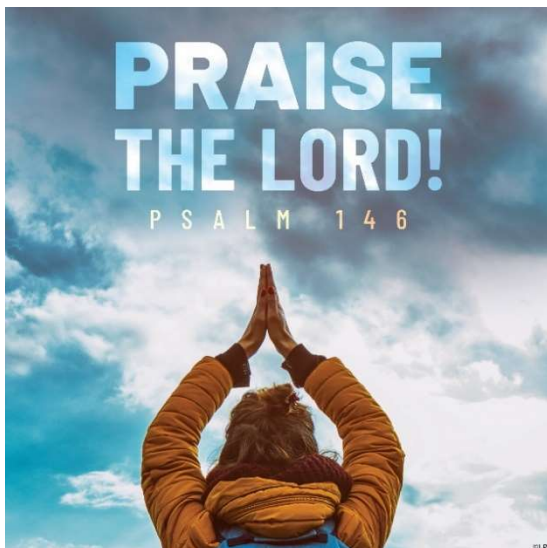
#### ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Nov. 3)

Adult	\$ 3,159.00
High School	\$ 5.00
Elementary	\$ 15.00
All Saints (env)	\$ 95.00
Plate	\$ 299.00
	\$ 3,573.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **November 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday:** 104

Mass attendance **November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** 405



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### SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17 at 10:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Colleen Lucking

**E. Ministers:** Matt Kessler, Barb Zajac & Mason Zajac

**Servers:** Hannah Kuschel & Zajac child

**Sacristan:** Mary Kimman

**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.

**ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE:** As we are getting ready to start our quilting season, we have kits prepared in the parish office basement ready to be checked out. We have not set a date to start the tying and stitching but hope to soon. Again, this year we will be looking at Monday afternoons at 1 and Thursday mornings at 9.

**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.

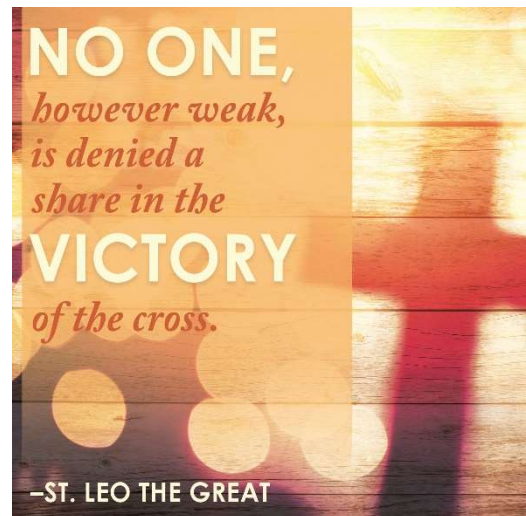
#### ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Nov. 3)

Adult	\$ 6,217.00
High School	\$ 31.75
Elementary	\$ 23.00
All Saints (env)	\$ 764.00
All Saints (plate)	\$ 363.80
Plate	\$ 307.25
	\$ 7,706.80

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **November 1<sup>st</sup> Friday:** 362

Mass attendance **November 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday:** 311





## GENERAL NEWS

**SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET:** **Sunday, November 10<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.

**ALL DAY ADORATION:** There will be all day adoration on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 320-468-2487 questions or to sign up.

**HURRICANE RELIEF COLLECTION:** Thank you to everyone who generously donated to the Diocesan-wide hurricane relief collection. The following amounts were collected from our ACC: St. Michael: \$1,955, St. John Nepomuk: \$1,265, Holy Cross: \$471, St. Joseph: \$1,802.

**SOCIAL SUNDAY - NOVEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>!** Join us after 10 AM mass in the basement at Saint Joseph's for coffee, donuts, and fellowship! All are welcome!

**Final Call for Box of Joy!** '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! **Drop off at parish office on Sat Nov 9<sup>th</sup>, 1-5pm, Sun Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 7:30-9:30am.** Questions call 320-493-7062.



**BEEF STEW SUPPER:** Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 5 to 7:30 p.m. at St. Michael's Parish Center in Buckman. \$12 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Catholic United Financial matching grant fundraiser.

**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.

**BIBLE STUDY:** Another Bible group takes places on Thursday mornings. Fellowship at 9 a.m., begin at 9:30 a.m. The current subject is the history of the Catholic Church. Call Joy at 320-630-9130 with questions.

**Pierz Community Education** will offer the 55+ Driver Discount 4-hour course for 10% off your insurance. The 8-hour class has been eliminated and everyone now takes just the 4-hour class every 3 years. Call Sarah Funk, 320-468-6458 ext. 7 to pre-register. The fee is \$24 per person. The next class will be Wednesday, November 13 from 5:30-9:30pm in Pierz.

**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.

**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](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com) Little Falls NFP Office at (320) 631-5660. For additional teaching sites <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/> or contact Sheila Reineke at [sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org) | (320) 258-7609.

**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. 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.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** Hi! My name is Amy, and I am writing this on behalf of Horizon Health Homecare and Hospice. We are looking for some Hospice volunteers that would love to come and sit with our Hospice clients. We like to help them out as much as we can and give them the last best months of their lives with us and with you. We can volunteer to take them on walks, read, eat and simply just to be with them. If you are interested, please call Amy at (320) 468-2788 ext.314. Thank you all so much for reading this, and please consider donating your time.

### **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.**  
\*Nov. 10: Catholic Teaching on Satan and the Fallen Angels (Pierz)

### **AREA NEWS:**

\***Quilt & Turkey Bingo, Sunday, November 24, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Gilman.** 7:00 p.m. Choice quilts, door prizes, handicap accessible, free lunch.  
\***Christmas Candy & Cookie Bake Sale, Saturday, December 7, 9 am — Noon.** St. Francis Xavier Church Gathering Place, 219 2nd St. N, Sartell, MN. Choose your own baked items \$8.00 per pound. Let US Do the baking for YOU. Proceeds go towards the enhancement of the Gathering Place.

### **ACC Faith Study Groups**

\*Bible Study: Thursdays at 9 a.m. is fellowship, begin at 9:30 a.m. Call Joy at 320-630-9130.  
\*The Tuesday Adult Faith study group meets on Tuesdays at 3:00 in the parish office. We use videos, a study guide and discussion. Call Hilde Flicker with questions 320-468-2649.  
\*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.  
\*Women's Group meets on Saturday mornings from 8:15-9:30 a.m. We'll meet in St. Joseph's church at 8:15 to pray a rosary followed by discussion in the parish office until 9:30. All women are welcome! Call or text Cari Stumpf with any questions, 320-761-6336.  
\*The Sunday Night Adult Education Group meets on Sunday night at 7PM in the Pierz parish office meeting room. We watch a short video on a variety of Catholic topics followed by a discussion. For more information, call Al Pekarek at 468-0220.

*Father Pierz  
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

**\*Wed, Nov. 13** – JH  
Bowling (LF bowling  
alley) 5:30pm-7:30pm  
**\*Wed, Nov. 20** – JH/ SH  
Shop for Giving Tree at  
Walmart 6pm -8pm  
(Adoration 5pm Pierz  
Church)



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**\*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.

**\*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.

**\*2025 RAFFLE CALENDAR-** The 2025 Raffle Calendar will go on sale starting 11/11/2024. You may also purchase from an HTCS family. This year's calendar is a 5" x 7" refrigerator magnet. There will still be a winner each day.

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

*Recently Baptized  
Right: Chet Arthur, son of  
Isaac & Kayla Gruber  
Below: Quinn Amanda & Lola  
Joss, daughters of Garth &  
Amanda McFadden & Corbin  
Ryan, son of Ryan & Kelsey Diers*

