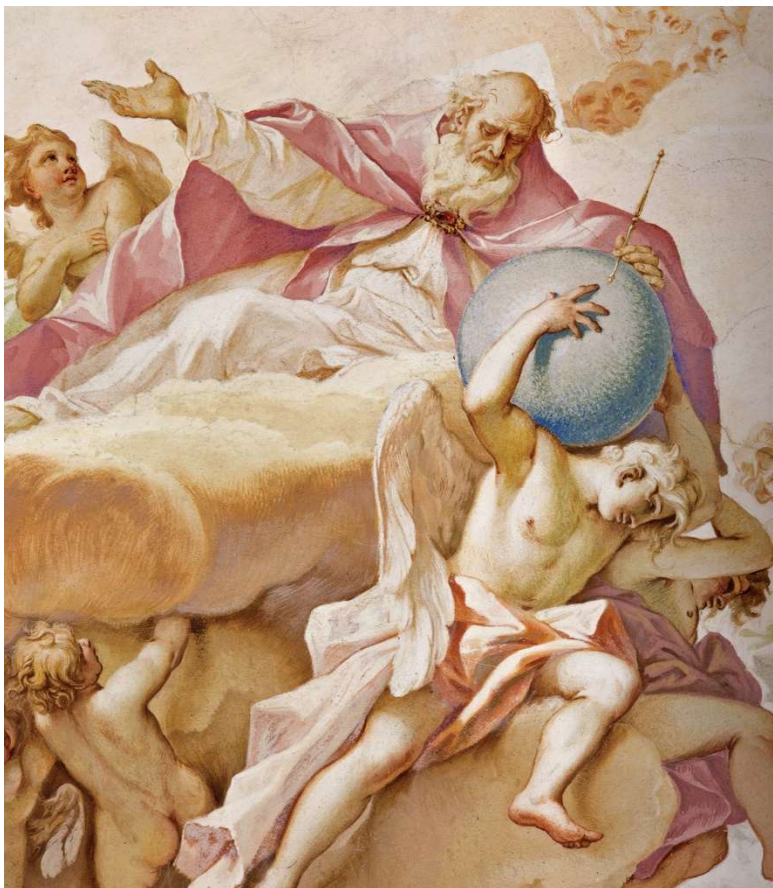




## FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



### 33<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Amen, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But of that day or hour, no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father.” - Mk 13:30-32

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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 17, 2024

#### 33<sup>RD</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 OUR PASTOR, FATHER AARON NETT



**The True Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist: The Sacrament of God’s Love**

Dear Friends,

Do you desire to be a Saint and bring peace to our broken world? If so great, the Church already has the plan for you. The greatest gift we have in our Catholic Faith is the Holy Eucharist, given to us at each Mass and always present in our Catholic Churches. The Last Supper the wonderous “Bread of Life” was instituted so that we can partake in Jesus’ own life and become who we receive.

There is a story of a man who was trying to explain the Real Presence of Christ in the Tabernacle to a man of Muslim faith. The Muslim responded that if what he said was true, that God was really and truly present in that Church, the Church would be full of his Muslim people all day and all night and they would never want to leave.

As Catholics we have too often taken for granted the greatest gift God could give us. So, we must take action in order to increase our own love for Christ in the Holy Eucharist through visits to the Blessed Sacrament, daily Mass, preparing well for Mass and frequent confession.

St. John Paul II said, "United with the angels and saints of the heavenly Church, let us adore the most Holy Sacrament of the Eucharist. Prostrate, we adore this great mystery that contains God’s new and definitive covenant with humankind in Christ." As we worthily, reverently and as frequently receive the Holy Eucharist, we become who we receive. St Paul of the Cross said, “Holy Communion is the most efficacious means of uniting oneself to God.” And St. John Bosco said, “There are two things the devil is deadly afraid of: fervent Communion and frequent visits to the Blessed Sacrament.”

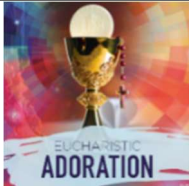
As we grow in Christ-like virtues and the gifts of the Holy Spirit we are able to bring Christ’s presence to others. “The Eucharist is the secret of my day. It gives me strength and meaning to all my activities of service to the Church and to the whole world,” Said Pope Saint John Paul II.

And as we bring Christ to others we are participating, in part, in the life of Heaven. St Peter Julian said, “The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself.”

How do we become Saints and bring Heaven to earth? Make worthy, reverent and frequent receptions of Holy Communion and visits to the Blessed Sacrament. It is the wisdom of the Saints.

God bless you, Father Aaron

Note: I will be away this week on my 8-day silent retreat in North Dakota. Please keep me in your prayers as I will you. Thank you!

| MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 19 – NOVEMBER 24   |  |
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| <p><b><u>Tuesday, November 19</u></b><br/>7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Louella Gall</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, November 20</u></b><br/>7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration<br/>8:00 a.m. Harding +Ellen Tretter</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, November 21</u></b><br/>7:00 a.m. Buckman +Leander Motschke<br/>10:00 a.m. Villa +Lois Weitalla</p> <p><b><u>Friday, November 22</u></b> – <i>HT School Mass: Ms. Cherne’s 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class</i><br/>9:00 a.m. Pierz +LaVonne Kolles<br/>3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, November 23</u></b><br/>4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Richie Boser, +John Boser &amp; +John Stoll<br/>6:00 p.m. Harding For the People of the Parishes</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, November 24</u></b><br/>8:00 a.m. Buckman +Bruce Heigl<br/>10:00 a.m. Pierz +Leander &amp; Florentine Hartmann</p> | <p><b><u>LOOKING AHEAD:</u></b> The weekly Holy Trinity school Mass will be on Wednesday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> at 9 am in Harding.</p> <p><b><u>LOOKING AHEAD: Because of Thanksgiving, there will be an early deadline of Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> for the December 1<sup>st</sup> bulletin.</u></b> You can email <a href="mailto:stjoes@midco.net">stjoes@midco.net</a>, mail PO Box 428, Pierz MN 5636, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <p><b><u>Pierz &amp; Buckman Office Hours:</u></b><br/>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><br/>Call 320-360-9720</p> <p><b><u>Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</u></b> When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> <p>*If you are seeking information on <b>baptism, marriage, or RCIA</b> 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>.</p> <p><b><u>Emergency Contact:</u></b> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</p> |
|  <p><b>EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION</b><br/>St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m.<br/>St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.<br/>Holy Cross Harding – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open</p>   |  |



**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK**  
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**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Dale Beierman

**Servers:** Zach Gall

**Ushers:** Roy Boser & Colin Boser

**E. Minister (Choir):** Dale Beierman

**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.

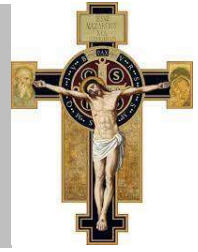
**ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

\***Saturday, November 9<sup>th</sup>:** Adult env. \$835.00, Adult loose \$77.00, Children env. \$0.00, Children loose \$4.00, All Saints env. \$45.00.

**Mass attendance:** 111

**HOLY CROSS CHURCH**

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



**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Tim Schubert

**Servers:** Maverick Woitalla

**Ushers:** Dave Skwira & Andy Woitalla

**E. Minister (Choir):** Leonard Thesing

**Rosary:** Phyllis Schmidtbauer

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Stacy Hayes, Amanda Kloss, Brooke Rudolph, Lonnie Rudolph, Nancy Rudolph, Sheila Rudolph

**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE:** New schedules for servers, lectors, etc. are on the table in the back of church

**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 9<sup>th</sup>:** Adult env. \$1,562.00, Adult loose \$109.00, Children env. \$5.50, Children loose \$8.00, All Saints env. \$132.00, All Souls Day env. \$120.00.

**Mass attendance:** 113

**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**



**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.

**ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH**

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Pierz, MN 56364

Phone: 320-468-6033

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Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Karen Stangl

**E. Ministers:** Jill Hoheisel & Deb Hall

**Servers:** Ellie Hoheisel & Maddy Kahl

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28 at 9:00 a.m. (Thanksgiving)**

**Lector:** Janice Janson

**E. Ministers:** Randi Kranz & Nicole Lochner

**Servers:** Anthony Scheel & Quinn Gruber

**Ushers for December:** Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka

**CHOIR NEWS:** Choir practice Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:00 a.m.

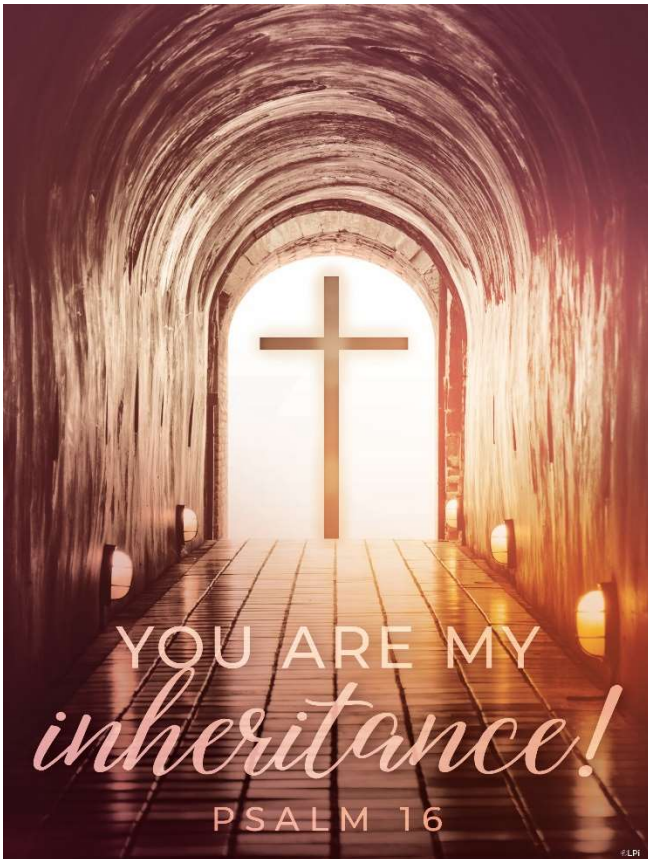
**PRAYER LINE:** If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

**ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Nov. 17)**

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Adult            | \$ 3,550.00 |
| High School      | \$ 0.00     |
| Elementary       | \$ 2.00     |
| All Saints (env) | \$ 523.00   |
| Plate            | \$ 172.00   |
|                  | \$ 4,247.00 |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance November 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 182



**ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH**

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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** Gwen Gruber

**E. Ministers:** Tracy Voigt, Beth Fischer & Jo Loidolt

**Servers:** Addison Marshik & Luke Marshik

**Sacristan:** Keith Marshik

**Ushers for December:** Jeremy Virnig (Lead), Allan Kroll, Mathew Stumpf & Andy Kapsner

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS:** 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.**

**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. 17)**

|                  |             |
|------------------|-------------|
| Adult            | \$ 8,113.00 |
| High School      | \$ 42.25    |
| Elementary       | \$ 17.75    |
| All Saints (env) | \$ 258.00   |
| Plate            | \$ 719.00   |
|                  | \$ 9,150.00 |

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance November 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 380



*Christmas*  
Mass Times

**Christmas Eve**  
4:30 p.m. Buckman  
4:30 p.m. Harding  
12:00 a.m. Pierz (Midnight Mass)

**Christmas Day**  
8:00 a.m. Lastrup  
9:00 a.m. Buckman  
10:00 a.m. Pierz




## GENERAL NEWS


### LOOKING AHEAD:

\*Thanksgiving Mass will be Thursday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. at St. Michael's in Buckman.

\*The parish office will be closed the Thursday and Friday of Thanksgiving week.

**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!

**Catholic United Financial**  St. Michael's Council of Catholic United Financial is sponsoring "**Christmas Cards to Seminarians**". Simply pickup pre-addressed 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.

**Catholic United Financial**  **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL MEETING:** Thursday, November 21, 2024, at Frosty's at 6:00 p.m. Those who volunteered at the Beef Stew Supper are invited. Thank you for your help.

**CALENDARS:** The 2025 calendars are at all of the churches.

**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.

**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 7<sup>th</sup>** 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.

**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.

### 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, contact Sheila Reineke at [sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org](mailto:sheila.reineke@gw.stcdio.org) | (320) 258-7609 or visit <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

**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.

**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.

### AREA NEWS:

\* **Ramey/Morrill Lions Fall Breakfast & Craft Sale, Sunday, Nov. 24, St. Joseph Parish Hall, Morrill, 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.** All you can eat stuffed and unstuffed French toast, Thielen's sausage, hash browns, scrambled eggs with fixings, ages 13+ \$12, 5-12 \$6, 4 and under free. Collecting old eye glasses, food for Thanksgiving food drive and new toys for the Cross Center.

\* **Quilt & Turkey Bingo, Sunday, Nov. 24, Sts. Peter & Paul Church, Gilman. 7:00 p.m.** Choice quilts, door prizes, handicap accessible, free lunch.

\* **Christmas Candy & Cookie Bake Sale, Saturday, Dec. 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.



**ST NICK NIGHT BOUTIQUE**

**Holy Trinity Catholic School PTO**

VENDORS AND CRAFTERS

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4<sup>TH</sup>**  
Time: 3:30-7:30pm

Where: 80 Edward St Pierz  
Holy Trinity Catholic School

For more info contact Lisa  
320-630-5565

33<sup>rd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME





*Father Pierz  
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

**\*Wed, Nov. 20** – JH/ SH Shop for Giving Tree at Walmart 6pm -8pm (Adoration 5pm Pierz Church)

**\*Sun, Dec. 1** – Presentation of Confirmation Candidates 10am Mass Pierz Parish

**\*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



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

**\*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. 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 is on sale now at the school office as well as through any HTCS family.

**\*HTCS PTO ST. NICK NIGHT BOUTIQUE:** Wed., Dec., 4, 3:30-7:30pm in the HTCS gym. Vendors & crafters can contact Lisa Leidenfrost for details (320) 630-5565.

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

**Right:** The 7 a.m. high school men's Bible Study on Wednesdays @ FPSR.

**Bottom Left:** High School students gave out roses & prayed with residents at Meadow Ponds & Country Place.

**Bottom Right:** Youth Group & student council collected over 1,082lbs of food & \$802 on Halloween for the Pierz Food Shelf!

