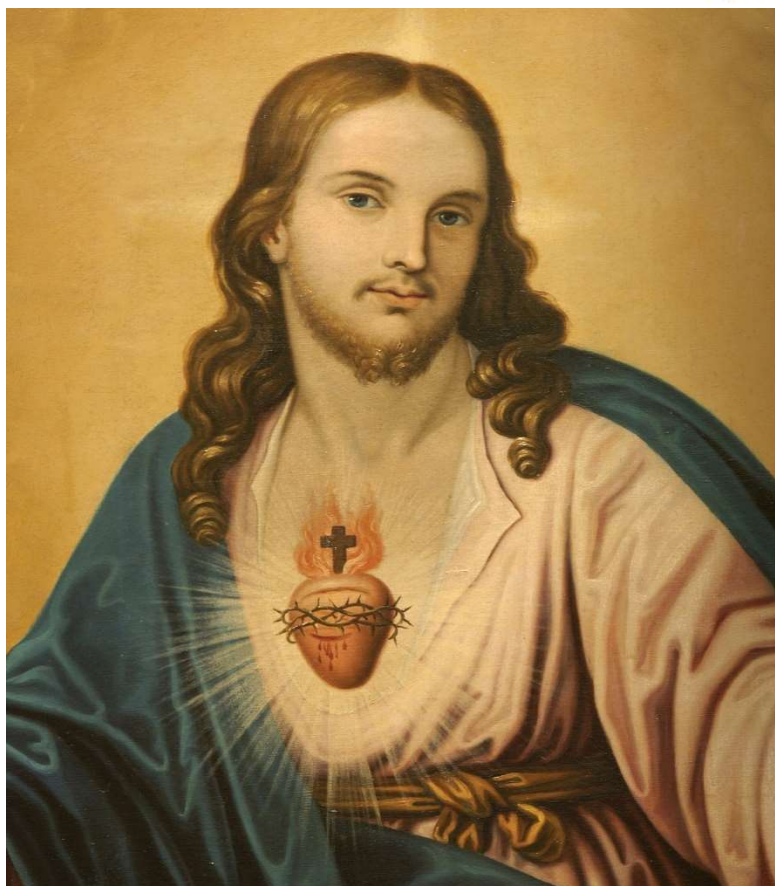




FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

So Pilate said to him, "Then you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say I am a king. For this I was born and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." - Jn 18:37

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

WEDNESDAY – HT School Mass

9:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

THURSDAY – Thanksgiving Day

9:00 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 24, 2024

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, “Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That’s Phil.” I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, “That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!” He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatshirt. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.


To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. “Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,” Christ the King proclaims. In Phil’s store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it’s all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let’s rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26 – DECEMBER 1	
<p>Tuesday, November 26 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Allen Weiss</p> <p>Wednesday, November 27 – HT School Mass: Mrs. Miller’s 4th Grade Class 9:00 a.m. Harding +Tina Brill 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Thursday, November 28 – Thanksgiving Day 9:00 a.m. Buckman Mass of Thanksgiving 10:00 a.m. Villa +Joe Woitalla</p> <p>Friday, November 29 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Joan Konen 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Saturday, November 30 4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the People of the Parishes 6:00 p.m. Harding +Darlene Rocheleau</p> <p>Sunday, December 1 – Presentation of Confirmation Candidates in Pierz 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Donald & Yvonne Pick 10:00 a.m. Pierz Mass of Thanksgiving for Abbot Gregory Duerr, O.S.B., and all the monks at Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon</p>	<p>NOTE: The weekly Holy Trinity school Mass will be on Wednesday, November 27th at 9 a.m. in Harding.</p> <p>*Please note 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 5636, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <p>Pierz & Buckman Office Hours: Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Wed. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720</p> <p>Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral: When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> <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>Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call pastoral associate Adam at 952-913-4438.</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>	



Thanksgiving Prayer

God our Father, graciously accept from your humble people a thankful heart and spirit. Everything we have and are able to share with others ultimately comes from your love of your creations. Often we think that everything we have is our own creation; we ask you this day to create in us a spirit of gratitude, that we may always know that all good gifts come from you. We ask this through Christ our brother, in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Donny Schommer & Allen Welle

E. Minister (Choir): Allen Reideman

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:

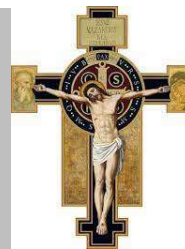
*Saturday, November 16th: Adult env. \$1,155.00, Adult loose \$122.00, Children env. \$1.00, Children loose \$10.00.

Electronic Contributions: September: \$425, October: \$405

Mass attendance: 147

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 30 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Doug Knopik

Servers: Elliott Carmona

Ushers: Allen Weitalla & LeRoy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Gloria Weitalla

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.

HARDING HORSE'N AROUND: Saturday, December 7th. Craft fair and activities, a full day of fun in Harding, with a parade at 5 p.m. followed by Mass at 6:30 p.m. at Holy Cross.

NOTE: 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.

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

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, November 16th: Adult env. \$1,129.00, Adult loose \$162.07, Children env. \$6.00, Children loose \$27.00.

Mass attendance: 125

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



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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.

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

Lector: Janice Janson

E. Ministers: Randi Kranz & Nicole Lochner

Servers: Anthony Scheel & Quinn Gruber

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

E. Ministers: Donna Solinger & Deb Hall

Servers: Logan Janson & Max Jacobson

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

New Life in Christ



Lily Gianna, daughter of Grant & Katie Stangl, was baptized on Sunday, November 17th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

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

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER: 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.

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Nov. 17)

Adult	\$ 3,370.00
High School	\$ 15.00
Elementary	\$ 9.00
Plate	\$ 268.00
	\$ 3,662.00

September Electronic Contributions: \$ 1,075.00

October Electronic Contributions: \$ 970.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance November 17th Sunday: 256

***Weekday Lector (Fri, Nov. 29 at 9:00 a.m.):** Hilde Flicker

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Al Pekarek

E. Ministers: Michelle Litke, Rachel Young & Wanda Kapsner

Servers: Lance Litke & Roman Wacker

Sacristan: Jan Kimman

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

CHRIST CHILD BABY SHOWER, 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.

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 2nd at 1 p.m. and Thursday, December 5th at 9 a.m.**

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (Nov. 17)

Adult	\$ 7,677.10
High School	\$ 8.00
Elementary	\$ 11.00
Plate	\$ 576.00
	\$ 8,272.10

September Electronic Contributions: \$ 3,730.00

October Electronic Contributions: \$ 3,165.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance November 17th Sunday: 314



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 28th at 9 a.m. at St. Michael's in Buckman.

*The office will be closed Thursday and Friday this week.


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.

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. 25th** 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.**

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

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.

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.

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!

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.

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 4TH
Time: 3:30-7:30pm

Where: 80 Edward St Pierz
Holy Trinity Catholic School

For more info contact Lisa
320-630-5565

Father Pierz School of Religion

320-468-2640

***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



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.

***COFFEE-** Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

17th Annual “MEMORY TREE OF LIGHTS” – 2024

This is in memory or honor of our loved ones, family, friends, neighbors, etc. The lights will be lit up as soon as they are paid for on the huge pine tree by the grotto at Holy Cross. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Church.

*Checks will not be cashed until January 3. Any donations and purchases of bulbs will be credited to you on your annual donation statement, regardless of which parish you are from.

The names will be listed in the church entry along with the donor’s name. All names will be read before the Christmas Eve Mass and these individuals will be remembered during that Mass. It’s a great way to honor all our loved ones during Christmas. This is a beautiful annual tradition. All bulbs on the inside and outside tree will match so if you have the 3rd red bulb and the 5th green bulb, etc., the lights will be in the same order on the inside and outside tree, so you can find your exact bulb on the outside tree. Please limit the number of names you put on one bulb. You can buy as many bulbs as you would like. They do not have to be parishioners at Holy Cross. Anyone can purchase them and for anyone. There can be more than 1 bulb for the same person on the tree.

Please drop forms in the collection basket or give to Leonard or Teresa Thesing or mail to 29482 243rd St. Pierz, MN 56364 or call 320-360-9720. Bulbs will be put on the tree in the order they are received. Thank you for your support and 17 great years! Please help us light up our tree and keep Christ in Christmas!

Orange \$25 Red-\$20 Green-\$15 Blue-\$10 White-\$5

NAME _____

BULB COLOR(S) _____

IN MEMORY/HONOR OF: _____

There are extra copies in the back of church, or feel free to copy this or just use a blank sheet.

Thank you for your support of our beautiful Tree of Lights!

WREATH SALES 2024

We will, once again, be selling our handmade Minnesota wreaths. Wreaths are a beautiful symbol of God’s unending Love for us. The wreaths will be made for us by Hinkemeyer Tree Farms. They are so pretty and fresh and have pinecones and a handmade bow on each one. The wreaths are 24” and will be sold for just \$24. They are great for your house, garage, decorating, for gifts or on the cemetery. We can put them on the cemetery on a post for you if you wish. You can order them for any week between next week and Christmas. They will be delivered to the church on the Saturday or Sunday after Mass on the week you order them for. You can order them any time or as many as you’d like. We will post this online so if family and friends want to order any just let them know they can find the information on our website. If questions, please call Teresa at 320-360-9720. Order blanks can be put in the collection basket or mailed to me at 29482 243rd St Pierz, MN. Please make checks payable to Holy Cross Church. Payment must be attached to the order form. *NOTE: Checks will not be cashed until after January 3rd. Wreaths will also be available at the craft show at Holy Cross Church on December 7th.

NAME: _____

OF WREATHS _____

DO YOU WANT THEM PUT ON THE CEMETERY? _____ YES _____ NO

IF YOU DO WANT THEM ON THE CEMETERY ON WHOSE STONE(S):

DELIVERY DATE: December 7 _____ December 14 _____ December 21 _____

*If you need it at a different time than listed, please call me and I will have some here. If you are from another parish, we will deliver to that parish for you.

Thank you for your order and helping Holy Cross Church!