



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...
He has sent me to
proclaim liberty to
captives
and recovery of sight
to the blind,
to let the oppressed
go free.
- Lk 4:18*

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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

January 26, 2025

3rd 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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All Things New Prayer and Vocation Prayer

Dear Friends,

Last week the bulletin article, bulletin insert and an announcement at Mass were about the St. Cloud Diocese' Parish Plan 2.0 called, *"All Things New: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future."* The bulletin message and the insert gave important information and statistics about the current state of the priest shortage, declining attendance at Mass and other important related information regarding the reasons for possible changes in the future. The Director of Parish Planning, Brenda Kresky, gave a timeline of late March to early April for when the criteria for the changes would be made known to the ACC's. (Area Catholic Communities)

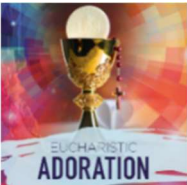
It can be difficult to face the reality of the situation but we must also remember that the Lord is with us in the changes and will see us through to a brighter future when we entrust our hopes and prayers to Him through our Blessed Mother. That is why we will begin praying the *"All Things New"* prayer for the Diocese planning after the rosary before Mass, and the *"Vocations Prayer"* after the petitions at each Mass. This prayer will help answer the desperate need we have for more vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and married life in the Church.

I want to encourage each person to pray these two prayers daily as well. When we are united in prayer and entrust our hopes and dreams to our Lord and Our Lady, our expectations will be far exceeded. Prayer moves mountains! Please see the two prayers in the bulletin and cut them out to put them in a place that will remind you to pray them each day.

Thank you for your prayers and faithful witness. I am very hopeful that united together in Christ we will accomplish great things!

God bless you,

Father Aaron

| MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 28 – FEBRUARY 2 | |
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| <p><u>Tuesday, January 28</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Allen Weiss</p> <p><u>Wednesday, January 29</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Lois Woitalla 7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, January 30</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Marie Smelter 10:00 a.m. Villa +Viola Stangl</p> <p><u>Friday, January 31</u> – <i>Holy Trinity School Mass: Mr. Wolters' 6th Grade Class</i> 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Eileen Gall 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, February 1</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes 6:00 p.m. Harding +Joey Kozulla</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 2</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Ben & Audrey Schwartz & Gary 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Floyd Mathiowetz</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 the parish office at 320-468-6033 and press 1.</p> <p>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u> You can email stjoes@midco.net, mail PO Box 428, Pierz, or call 320-468-6033.</p> <p><u>Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral:</u> When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.</p> <p><u>Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:</u> Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u> Call 320-360-9720</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> | |

"When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration." ~St. John Chrysostom

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Julie Laney
Servers: Ellie Thomsen
Ushers: Cory Loidolt & Donny Schommer
E. Minister (Choir): Traci Schommer
Rosary: Faye Diederich
Sacristan: Mark Loidolt

Weekday Mass Lector for February: Mary Lust



I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Convalidation February 15th
Natalie (Thomsen) Monson & Robert Monson

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, January 18th: Adult env. \$703.00, Adult loose \$240.25, Children loose \$19.00.
Mass attendance January 18th: 212

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

JoAnn McDonald, LeRoy Knopik, Deacon Wayne Lauer, 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.

Prayer for All Things New

Ever-present God,
just as you accompanied our biblical ancestors,
so, too, you accompanied our ancestors
who came to Central Minnesota generations ago
to begin a new life and set down
their roots of faith in our churches.

Be with us now as we, the people of the Diocese of St. Cloud,
embark on a new, uncharted journey,
heeding your call for renewal and transformation.

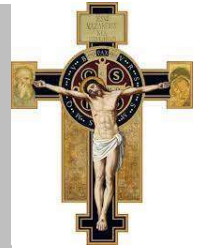
Send forth your gifts of
courage, compassion, trust and collaboration.

Help us discern the best ways
we can fulfill your call to missionary discipleship
with vibrant communities and effective ministries.
Open our hearts to the stirrings of the Holy Spirit
and give us the grace we need for this journey
as you make all things new.

We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with the intercession of Mary, our Mother,
and St. Cloud, our patron. AMEN.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbett
Servers: Maverick Weitalla
Ushers: Allen Weitalla & LeRoy Weitalla
E. Minister (Choir): Gary Matlock
Rosary: Gloria Weitalla

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, January 18th: Adult env. \$1,054.00, Adult loose \$197.00, Children env. \$2.50, Children loose \$7.00, Solemnity of Mary \$126.00.

Mass attendance January 18th: 130

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The Father Francis Xavier Pierz ACC is excited to announce that starting February 1st, there will be free access to FORMED for all parishioners of the ACC. Stay tuned for more information to come!

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

E. Ministers: Connie Kieffer & Mary Kay Zilka

Servers: Gabe Stangl & Quinn Gruber

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

QUILTING: We will be working on tied quilts every Thursday in January (weather permitting) in the Buckman Parish Center. Starting at 8:30 in the morning. Everyone welcome, even for part of the day. Call Janel 320-468-6503 if questions.

BUCKMAN HALL RENTAL: If you are interested in renting the St. Michael's Parish Center for this coming December/January, St. Michael's parishioners may do so on Tuesday, February 4th, after 9 a.m. Non-parishioners may reserve after March 1st. If there are multiple people requesting the same date, there will be a drawing. Thank you!

KIDS ENVELOPES: We are in the process of switching envelope companies, resulting in a bit of a delay with the grade school and high school children contribution envelopes. They will be handed out as soon as possible, hopefully in the next few weeks, to Holy Trinity School students as well as Father Pierz School of Religion students at school. In the meantime, you may use any envelope, just write your child's name on it. Thank you for your patience!

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 (January 19)

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| Adult | \$ 2,051.00 |
| High School | \$ 3.00 |
| Plate | \$ 109.00 |
| | \$ 2,163.00 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **January 19th Sunday:** 214

BUCKMAN FIREARMS SAFETY CLASS

Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM March 10 — April 14, 2025

Buckman Parish Center

PIERZ FIREARMS SAFETY CLASS

Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM March 10 — April 14, 2025

Eastern Morrison County Sportsman Club

4 miles west of Pierz on Highway 27

- **Must be 11 years of age by the first night of class**
- **Adults are welcome to take the class.** If you were born AFTER December 31, 1979, you must have a firearms safety certificate to purchase a license to hunt with a firearm in Minnesota.
- **A parent or guardian MUST be present to register their child the first night of class and pay the \$7.50 fee for the class**
- **If class is cancelled it will be announced on the Little Falls radio stations**
KLTF AM960 WYRQ 92.1FM KFML 94.1FM

**** Pre-registration is REQUIRED for the Pierz Class ONLY**
Shelly Boser shells291970@gmail.com

Registration for the Buckman Class takes place the first night of class
Questions about the Buckman class contact Ron Kahl (320)360-0986

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Gwen Gruber

E. Ministers: Rachel Young, Michelle Litke & David Stumpf

Servers: Hannah Kuschel & Addison Marshik

Sacristan: Wanda Kapsner

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

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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.

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE TICKETS: Tickets for the Building & Maintenance Raffle (April 25, 2025) will be sold at church entrances after Mass. Tickets are \$100 each and the grand prize is \$10,000. Tickets are also available at the parish office.

ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We have kits prepared in the parish office basement ready to be checked out. We will be quilting (tying and stitching) on **Monday, January 27th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, January 30th 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 (January 19)

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| Adult | \$ 7,180.00 |
| High School | \$ 1.50 |
| Christmas | \$ 100.00 |
| Plate | \$ 427.00 |
| | \$ 7,708.50 |

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **January 19th Sunday:** 208

SPIRIT



*The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me...*

LUKE 4:18

GENERAL NEWS

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, February 8th, at Roger & Janice Janson's house, 9093 260th Avenue, Pierz MN 56364. Gatherings start at 7:00pm with a potluck-style meal, rosary & fellowship. We'd love to have hosts from all parishes - we're specifically looking for hosts from the Lastrup & Harding areas in the near future. If you would like to volunteer to host an evening, please call or text Cari Stumpf at 320-761-6336. ALL are welcome, bring a friend!

Pierz Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest: The Free Throw contest will be held on Sunday, January 26th at the MAC at the Pierz High School. It will be between 11-2 for all boys and girls ages 9-14. Please come anytime!

NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method: Little Falls February 4 and March 4 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 (320) 631-5660 bontjesmary@yahoo.com. For additional teaching sites (320) 258-7609, or <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

DIOCESAN FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES: Monday, January 27, is your last chance to register for the **Diocesan Festival of Families!** Register at <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-festival-of-families/> for only \$25 per family. For those unable to join us, please pray for the success of this event, designed to engage families in their Catholic faith. May the families of our diocese grow closer to one another in faith and nurture their relationship with a loving God who accompanies them in their daily lives.



QUILT BINGO



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Sunday, February 2, 2025

at 1:00 p.m.

Holy Trinity School Gym

Pierz, MN

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LENTEN RETREAT: Lent will be here before you know it. Make a resolution to attend "The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's Parish in Buckman, MN on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Speakers: Cathy Maloney-Hills, OSF and Fr. Robert Altier. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$20 by Feb. 28; \$25 at the door. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. See stcloudccw.org for more info.

Benefit for Tony Brixius



February 1st, 2025

4 - 9 pm

Pierz Ballroom

**133 Main St S
Pierz, MN**

Meal starting at 4:30 pm

Tony returned home from his fifth overseas deployment for the Minnesota Army National Guard. Just five days later, on December 16, he lost his home and belongings in a devastating house fire. We are raising funds to help buy everyday necessities (food, water, gas), to start the cleanup and process of rebuilding his home of 30+ years. Chief Brixius has served in the MN National Guard for 32 years and we would like to thank Tony for his service by helping him during this challenging time.

- Silent Auction
- 50/50 Raffle
- Gun Raffle
- For more information/updates follow the event on Facebook

Please contact Karen Johnson at 320-304-0868, Mike and Niki Brixius at 320-360-2587 or Ben Isder at 320-630-8140 if you would like to make a donation or have questions.



QR Codes to donate to benefit account at Pierz Farmers & Merchants State Bank



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Karen Johnson



Thank you everyone for your support and donations!

Prayer for Vocations

Gracious God and Father,

We praise You for Your goodness and love. You teach us that each vocation is born in prayer and only through prayer does it persevere and bear fruit.

We ask You to stir the hearts of all those You call to the priesthood, diaconate, consecrated life and married life in the Diocese of Saint Cloud. Make them generous. Make them courageous. Make them joyful in giving everything to Jesus.

Send Your Holy Spirit upon our families and our children. Choose from our parishes, our homes and our schools those called to this adventure of sanctity. With Mary, Mother of every vocation, we ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

*Wed, Jan. 29 – SH Visit nursing homes & pray with residents 6pm-7:30pm (Adoration 5-6pm Pierz Church)

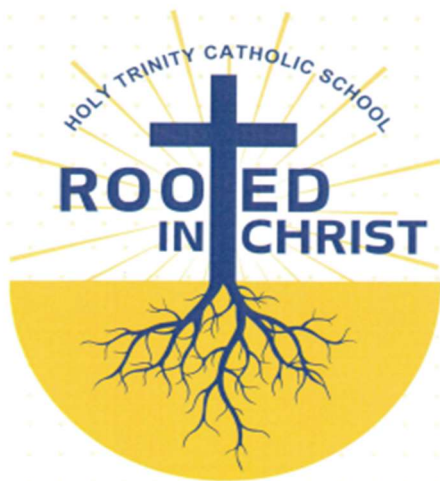
*Sun, Feb 2 – JH/SH Powder Ridge Ski & Snowboard Trip 1pm-9pm



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

*CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK- The staff and students will be celebrating Catholic Schools Week events this week. Make sure to listen to KLTF's Party Line on Monday morning from 10am-11am for our students!

*CAPITAL CAMPAIGN- Holy Trinity is excited to announce the public launch of our Capital Campaign! Please visit our campaign website at <https://www.holytrinitypierz.org/capitalcampaign> or scan the QR code to find out more! Brochures will also be available in the entryway of all 4 parishes. Please prayerfully consider a contribution to help us reach our goal. Together we are building a foundation rooted in Christ in our community.



CATHOLIC SCHOOL'S WEEK
JANUARY 25-31, 2025

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25 & SUNDAY, JANUARY 26:
"CELEBRATING OUR PARISH"

4:00 pm: Mass at St. John's, Lastrup
6:00 pm: Mass at Holy Cross, Harding
8:00 am: Mass at St. Michael's, Buckman
10:00 am: Mass at St. Joseph's, Pierz



MONDAY, JANUARY 27:
"CELEBRATING OUR COMMUNITY"

Dress up- Wear "Pierz" business apparel and support our community by donating a can of food to the food shelf. Kindergarten will deliver the food to the food shelf.
Student Activity: Students will be on KLTF Partyline from 10-11 am.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28:
"CELEBRATING VOCATIONS"

Dress up- What you want to be when you grow up.
Student activity: Alumni students from the high school will come to HTCS for relay races with our students. Students will write and send cards of encouragement to the seminarians.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29:
"CELEBRATING THE NATION"

Dress up- Stars & Stripes and Red, White and Blue
Student activity: Students will go to the school chapel to pray a rosary for our nation.
Community Open House: Enjoy a presentation by the Pine Grove Zoo from 5:45-7:00 pm

THURSDAY, JANUARY 30:
"CELEBRATING STUDENTS"

Dress up- Spirit Day- Wear HT gear
Student activity: Students will be roller skating @ Skatin' Place in St. Cloud

FRIDAY, JANUARY 31:
"CELEBRATING FACULTY, STAFF,
& VOLUNTEERS"

Student activities: Spelling Bee at 1:00 PM and Annual Staff vs. 6th Grade Kickball Game at 2:15 PM

JOIN US IN CELEBRATING CATHOLIC EDUCATION



Discover how our faith-filled community fosters academic excellence and a values-based education for preschool through 6th grade. Bring the whole family and experience our school's joy, community, and Christ-centered learning.

JANUARY 29TH FROM 5:45-7:00PM
AT HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL

80 Edward Street South Pierz, Minnesota 56364



- Enjoy a special visit from the Pine Grove Zoo
- Get up close with amazing animals!
- Special drawing for FREE admission tickets to Pine Grove Zoo



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Explore our classrooms and facilities on a guided school tour.



Hear about all the new & exciting things happening in 2025/2026.



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