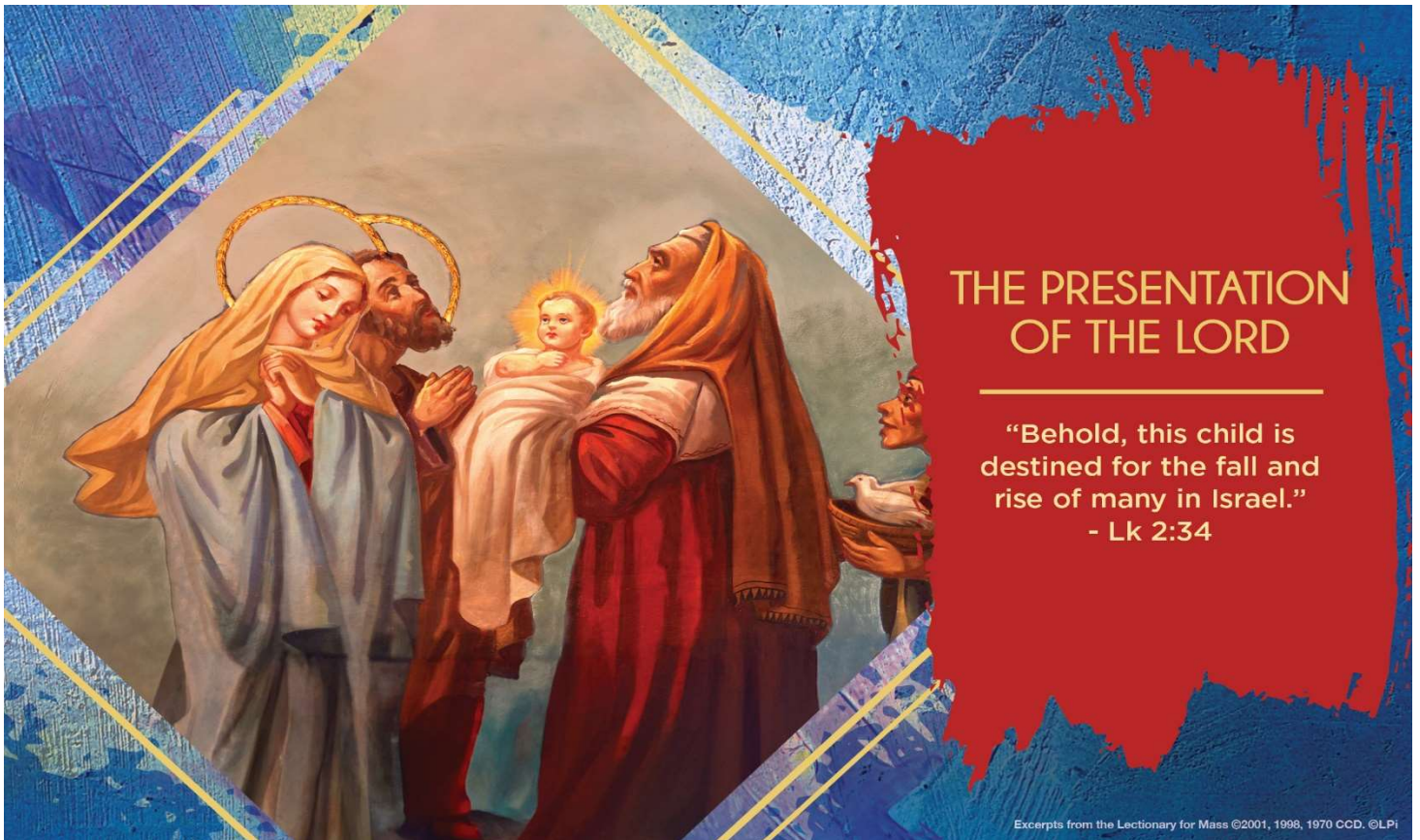




**FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**  
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



**THE PRESENTATION  
OF THE LORD**

“Behold, this child is  
destined for the fall and  
rise of many in Israel.”  
- Lk 2:34

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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

**February 2, 2025**

**THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD**

**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**



**Preparing Well for Holy Mass**

Dear Friends,

When I was younger, and quite involved in sports, I focused on getting enough practice time in so that I was well-prepared for the game. Being well-prepared is of course a virtue (habit) that one can work on which applies to many more important areas of life than sports. The offering of ourselves at the Mass is the most powerful and important prayer we have as Catholics. Therefore, shouldn't we prepare better for Mass than we do for anything else in our life?

St. Peter Julian Eymard said, *"Know, O Christian, that the Mass is the holiest act of religion. You cannot do anything to glorify God more, nor profit your soul more, than by devoutly assisting at it, and assisting as often as possible."*

Each and every Mass Heaven comes down to earth into the simple offering of bread and wine. And as God humbles himself to be made one of us, so we are called through his grace, to be made like him. What an amazing and unique gift that we are given in the Holy Eucharist. Below are some guidelines from the Church and practices to help deepen our experience and graces received:

**Church Guidelines:**

**1. One must be a practicing Catholic in a state of grace**

a. Canon Law states: *In order to be properly disposed to receive Communion, participants should not be conscious of grave sin and normally should have fasted for one hour. A person who is conscious of grave sin is not to receive the Body and Blood of the Lord without prior sacramental confession except for a grave reason where there is no opportunity for confession (canon 916). A frequent reception of the Sacrament of Penance is encouraged for all.*

**2. Fast from food and drink for one hour. (unless for reasons of age or illness)**

**Good Preparation Practices:**

1. Read over the readings before Mass (speak about them with another if possible)
2. Come early to pray before Mass (rosary or silent time)
3. Have a regular, routine prayer time each day (15-20 minutes minimum)
4. Turn down the radio to pray and reflect in the car on the way to Mass.
5. Reflect on your intentions you bring into Mass.
6. Frequent confession (every month helps us go deeper with Christ)
7. Kneel down and pray for a few minutes after Mass (thank God for graces received)
8. Wear your Sunday best to give your best for the Lord.
9. Talk about what graces you received or what message you took away (support each other)

May God bless our efforts to prepare well for the Holy Mass and receive his abundant love and grace. May we *"become what we receive."*  
 God bless you, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 4 – FEBRUARY 9	
<p><b><u>Tuesday, February 4</u></b>                      7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Rosemary Wagner</p> <p><b><u>Wednesday, February 5</u></b>                      8:00 a.m. Harding +Mike Sobiech                      7-8 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Thursday, February 6</u></b>                      7:00 a.m. Buckman Recipients of prayer blankets                      10:00 a.m. Villa +Lorraine Pohlkamp</p> <p><b><u>Friday, February 7</u></b> – <i>Holy Trinity School Mass: Ms. Cherne's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class</i>                      8:00 a.m. Pierz Prayers for Our Nation (Prayer Service)                      9:00 a.m. Pierz +Ken, Dale &amp; Dominick Dahmen                      3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><b><u>Saturday, February 8</u></b>                      4:00 p.m. Lastrup +David Hiemenz                      6:00 p.m. Harding For the people of the parishes</p> <p><b><u>Sunday, February 9</u></b>                      8:00 a.m. Buckman +Reiny, Ceil, Duane &amp; Leon Przybilla                      10:00 a.m. Pierz +Virgil Tembreull</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><i>Emergency Contact:</i></b> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033 and press 1.</p> <p><b><u>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline:</u></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, 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>

**EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
**St Joseph Pierz** – Fridays 3-6 p.m., **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., **Holy Cross Harding** – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open

## ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Mark Loidolt  
**Servers:** Zach Gall & Zayden Gall  
**Ushers:** Ron & Barb Specker  
**E. Minister (Choir):** Dale Beierman  
**Rosary:** Louise Welle  
**Sacristan:** Dale Beierman

**Weekday Mass Lector for February:** Mary Lust



### **II. BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

Convalidation February 15<sup>th</sup>

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.

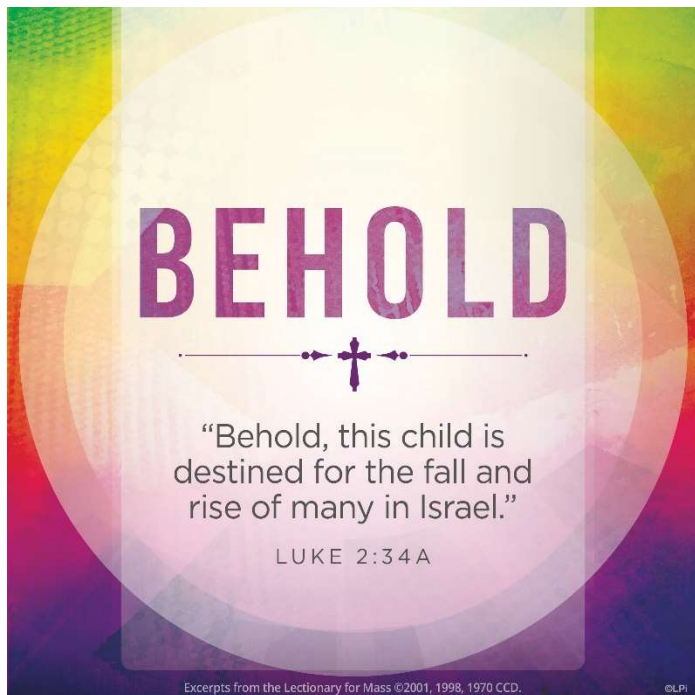
### **ST. JOHN NEPOMUK WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

\*Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$645.00, Adult loose \$250.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$35.00.

***Mass attendance January 25<sup>th</sup>: 198***

### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:**

JoAnn McDonald, 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.

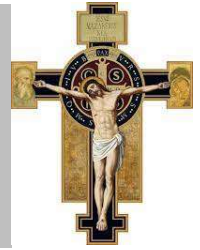


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## HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Janet Hanneken  
**Servers:** Erin Thesing & John Happke  
**Ushers:** Russ Woitalla & Dave Skwira  
**E. Minister (Choir):** Doug Knopik  
**Rosary:** Ted Boser

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Jeanna LeBlanc, Jennifer Brill, Stephanie Brill, Amanda (Andy) Woitalla, Jessica Lucking

**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE:** New schedules are located in the back of church.

**CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS/ENVELOPES:** Please pick up off the table in the back of church.

### **HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

\*Saturday, January 25<sup>th</sup>: Adult env. \$690.00, Adult loose \$87.00, Children env. \$7.75, Children loose \$5.00.

***Mass attendance January 25<sup>th</sup>: 89***

## 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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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 at 8:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Jane Funk

**E. Ministers:** Nicole Lochner & Jill Hoheisel

**Servers:** Whitney Stangl & William Stangl

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

#### *New Life in Christ*

*Ledger Gregory*, son of Ben & Hannah Thoma,  
*River Rae*, daughter of Travis & Sarah Kahl,  
*Sage Marie*, daughter of Robert & Brittany  
Schlegel, were baptized on Sunday, January  
26<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations and welcome to our  
community of faith!



### CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

**MEETING:** Thursday, February 6,

2025, at 7:00 p.m. at the Buckman parish center. Auditors are expected to be there.

**SM CM/W:** We are looking for a vice president and secretary for the CM/W open immediately, a 2-year term. If already held office can do it again. Contact Kristie Boser 320-260-5728.

**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 4<sup>th</sup>, after 9 a.m. Non-parishioners may reserve after March 1<sup>st</sup>. 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 26)

Adult	\$ 4,745.00
Plate	\$ 388.00
	\$ 5,133.00

**December Electronic Contributions:** \$1,075.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Mass attendance **January 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 355

## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9 at 10:00 a.m.

**Lector:** Al Pekarek

**E. Ministers:** Wanda Kapsner, Matt Kessler & Ruth Stuckmayer

**Servers:** Lance Litke & Isaac Thomas

**Sacristan:** Pat Hartmann

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

#### *New Life in Christ*

*Ace Norman*, son of Corey & Erin Egan, was  
baptized on Sunday, January 26<sup>th</sup>.  
Congratulations and welcome to our  
community of faith!



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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, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1 p.m. and Thursday, February 6<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.

#### ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (January 26)

Adult	\$ 4,624.00
High School	\$ 1.25
Plate	\$ 159.00
	\$ 4,784.25

**December Electronic Contributions:** \$3,730.00

**Thank you for your generosity!**

Mass attendance **January 26<sup>th</sup> Sunday:** 334

## GENERAL NEWS

**PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE:** Please join us on Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 a.m. at St. Joseph's Church to pray for our nation. Everyone is welcome to join!

**FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT:** The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, at Roger & Janice Janson's house, 9093 260<sup>th</sup> 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!

**SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET:** Sunday, February 9<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.

**SUNDAY SOCIAL:** Sunday Social resumes in February! Join us for donuts, juice and coffee following the 10am Mass at St. Joseph's on Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>! We'd love to host at all the ACC parishes, please contact Sara @3204937962 if you would like to schedule. We look forward to fellowship with you!

**SUNDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY:** The Sunday night discussion group is starting a new program, *The Eucharist: Discovering the Mass in the Bible*. The group meets Sunday night at 7 PM in the meeting room in the Pierz office. Call Al Pekarek (468-0220) for details.

**VOICES OF HOPE - BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025:** The 2025 Appeal launches soon. Your offerings change lives in so many ways through ministries that reach out to the homebound, form our children and families in the Catholic faith, protect people at all stages of life, inspire people to become faith leaders, establish mental health ministries, build bridges connecting communities and work in so many ways to bring our brothers and sisters closer to Christ.

**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.

**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](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com). For additional teaching sites (320) 258-7609, or <https://stedio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

**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](http://stcloudccw.org) for more info.

## PIERZ COMMUNITY ED:

\*Pierz Community Education will offer a 4-hour refresher for the 55+ driver discount on Wednesday, February 19 at 5:30pm. Please call Sarah at 320-468-6458 ext 7 to register.

\*Registration for 2025-26 Pioneer preschool and kindergarten will open on February 11. Families with children under age 7 are welcome to attend an open gym from 5:45 -7:15. Children can play while parents/caregivers learn more about Pioneer programs.

### **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](mailto: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



## QUILT BINGO



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**Sunday, February 2, 2025**

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**Pierz, MN**

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- \*Sun, Feb 2 – JH/SH Powder Ridge Ski & Snowboard Trip 1pm-9pm
  - \*Wed, Feb 5 – SH Girls Night/Guys Night 6-8:30pm (Adoration 5-6pm)
  - \*Wed, Feb 12 – JH Skating Place 5:15-9:00pm
  - TEC RETREAT in LF – February 15- 17
- www.cmtec.org

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\***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.

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

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for sponsoring the bus to the Capitol on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> for the March for Life!

