

FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." - Lk 6:38

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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 23, 2025 7th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

CONFESSION SCHEDULE

SATURDAY: 3:30 p.m. St John Nepomuk Lastrup SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m. St. Michael's Buckman <u>Confession Times:</u> *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

Love Your Enemies



Dear Friends.

The testimonies of the Saints can help us to see how it is possible to live out the challenging message that our Lord gives us in today's Gospel, "love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you." St. Maximillian Kolbe, who was martyred at the consecration camp in Auschwitz, lived this command of Jesus and won his heavenly crown.

One account states, "He was put into a group of other priests, all of whom were forced to work under vicious and hateful guards who treated them horribly. The peaceful nature of St. Maximilian Kolbe bothered the Nazi guards who would rather have seen him expressing his anguish and pain. In an effort to "break him" the Nazis gave him the worst jobs and beat him more often than others. In one instance, the guards beat him so badly he was left lying, wounded gravely and nearly dead."

It would have been easy for the Saint to get bitter or give up in the face of such horrible treatment and inhumane circumstances, but instead he united to Christ on the cross, and through God's grace, found the strength to love until the very end. Kolbe chose to take the place of a married man who was chosen to die by starvation. He lived out his final days bringing souls home to God. Whenever the soldiers went to check on him, they found him on his knees in the prison cell, in the middle of dying people praying and singing praises to God.

The great Saint once said, "Authentic love rises above the creature and immerses itself in God: in him, and through him he loves everyone, good and bad, friends and enemies. A hand full of love reaches out to everyone, pray for everyone, suffer for everyone, wish everyone good, wish happiness for everyone, since it is God who wants it!"

In times when we find it most difficult to love, may we look to and call upon St. Maximillian and the other Saints to draw upon the strength of Christ to love even our enemies.

God bless you, Father Aaron

Notes:

*Thank you for participating in the "Prayer for Vocations" and the "All Things New Prayer" before the Masses. It is a great way that we help prepare for the next phase of the St. Cloud Diocese planning process and continue to make disciples and call forth needed vocations for the future in our parishes.

*We are excited for the "Walk to Mary" pilgrimage coming up this May! It is sure to be a fun and faith-filled time. Consider joining us!

* Mark your calendars for our Lenten retreat happening later on in March with the Fathers of Mercy. We are looking forward to a wonderful retreat!

*Thank you for your continued prayers, good works and faithfulness shown in many ways throughout our ACC. God is good and he is at work in many ways in the hearts of his people. I am very blessed and grateful to be your pastor.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 25 – MARCH 2	*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The
Tuesday, February 257:00 p.m. Lastrup+Robert SchmidtzWednesday, February 26	deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is <u>Mondays at 3 p.m.</u> You can email <u>stjoes@midco.net</u> , mail PO Box 428, Pierz, or call 320-468-6033.
8:00 a.m. Harding +Tina Brill 7-8:00 p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration Thursday, February 27 7:00 a.m. Buckman 7:00 a.m. Buckman St. Michael's Catholic United Financial Members 10:00 a.m. Villa +Mildred Gruber Friday, February 28 - HT School Mass: Mrs. Miller's 4 th Grade Class	Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday & Friday8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:Call 320-360-9720
9:00 a.m. Pierz+Rueben & Madeline Hoheisel10 a.m6 p.m. PierzEucharistic AdorationSaturday, March 1For the people of the parishes	<u>Weekday Masses When There is a</u> <u>Funeral:</u> When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.
6:00 p.m. HardingHoly Name SocietySunday, March 2+Ervin Marshik8:00 a.m. Buckman+Ervin Marshik10:00 a.m. Pierz+Josephine Hiemenz, +David Hiemenz, & +Janet Grittner	<i>Emergency Contact:</i> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033 and press 1.
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 10 a.m6 p.m. St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2 nd Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Holy Cross Harding – Blessed Sacrament Chapel always open	*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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

28520 Church St., PO BOX 38 Lastrup, MN 56344 Phone: 320-360-9720 E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com Website: www.stjohnlastrup.org

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

Lector: Faye Diederich Servers: Zach & Zayden Gall Ushers: Corey Loidolt & Roy Boser E. Minister (Choir): Traci Schommer Rosary: Louise Welle Sacristan: Dale Beierman

Weekday Mass Lector for March: Mark Loidolt

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, February 15th: Adult env. \$925.00, Adult loose \$174.00, Children loose \$25.00.

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **February 15th** Saturday: 162

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

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.

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 AI Pekarek at 468-0220.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

29482 243rd Street Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-360-9720 E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



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

Lector: Lynn Dukowitz Servers: Elliott Carmona & John Hoppe Ushers: Russ Woitalla & Andy Woitalla E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig Rosary: Gloria Woitalla



New Life in Christ

Kinsley Lee, daughter of Bradyn & Sara Thomsen, was baptized on Sunday, February 16th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

<u>CHURCH CLEANERS</u>: Bev Copa, Sheryl Cronquist, Daisy Dembouski, Dusty Dembouski, Ivy Dembouski, Kari Dembouski

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, February 15th: Adult env. \$746.00, Adult loose \$47.00, Children env. \$2.50, Children loose \$2.00.

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **February 15th** Saturday: 79

This Week on Formed

Discerning God's Will by Fr. Larry Richards

Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!, Discovering the will of God can be an intimidating challenge in the spiritual life. Join Fr. Larry Richards as he guides us in this task through practical advice and personal stories!

Session 1: Jesus: Model and Master of Prayer

In this episode of his course on the Our Father, Dr. Ben Akers teaches us what we can learn from the perfect model and master of prayer: Jesus himself.

Father Michael McGivney: An American Blessed

In May 2020, Pope Francis approved a miracle attributed to the intercession of Fr. Michael McGivney, paving the way for his beatification. This documentary highlights Fr. McGivney's fraternal charity, evangelization, and empowerment of the laity.

- Go to signup.formed.org.
- 2 Type in our parish name.
- 3 Enter 56364 & select Father Francis Xavier Pierz
- Oownload the Formed app by searching "Formed Catholic" in the App Store.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

9251 Hwy 25, P.O. Box 428 Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-468-6033 E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



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

<u>Lector:</u> Mary Kay Zilka <u>E. Ministers:</u> Janice Janson & Jill Hoheisel <u>Servers:</u> Lydia Janson & Maddy Kahl

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



New Life in Christ

Kiah Kay, daughter of Ethan & Nicole Lochner, and Lexi Lee, daughter of Timothy & Amber King, were baptized on Sunday, February 16th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

CHOIR NEWS: Choir practice on Thursday, Feb 27th at 9 a.m.

<u>SM CM/W NEWS:</u> If any Christian Mother/Women want to be registered for the DCCW retreat on Saturday March 8, let Kristie Boser 320-260-5728 know and registration fee will be covered by the CM/W.

<u>KIDS ENVELOPES:</u> Children's envelopes are located in the middle pews of the church, sorted by grade. If you do not see your child's name, please let the parish office know and we will get you a set. Thank you! (<u>stjoes@midco.net</u> and 320-468-6033)

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 (February 16th)

Adult	\$ 5,011.00
High School	\$ 4.00
Plate	<u>\$ 243.25</u>
	\$ 5,258.25

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **February 16**th Sunday: 267

BUCKMAN FIREARMS SAFETY CLASS

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



Mondays 6:30-8:30 PM March 10 — April 14, 2025 *Eastern Morrison County Sportsman Club* 4 miles west of Pierz on Highway 27

<u>Must</u> 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 ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 68 Main St N, P.O. Box 428 Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-468-6033 E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



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

Lector: Mark Fyten

E. Ministers: Rachel Young, Michelle Litke & David Stumpf Servers: Hannah Kuschel & Lilly Kimman Sacristan: Jan Kimman

<u>Ushers for March:</u> Jeremy Virnig (Lead), Allan Kroll, Mathew Stumpf & Andy Kapsner

<u>KIDS ENVELOPES:</u> Children's envelopes are located in the back of the church, sorted by grade. If you do not see your child's name, please let the parish office know and we will get you a set. Thank you! (<u>stjoes@midco.net</u> and 320-468-6033)

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.

<u>ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE:</u> We are looking for helpers to help tie and stitch quilts on Monday afternoons and Thursday mornings. No skills needed we will teach. We will be quilting (tying and stitching) on **Monday, February 24th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, February 27th at 9 a.m.**

<u>REMINDER</u>: 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.

<u>PRAYER LINE:</u> 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 (February 16th)

Adult	\$ 4,329.00)
High School	\$ 7.00	0
Plate	<u>\$ 301.30</u>)
	\$ 4,637.30	0

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GENERAL NEWS

<u>OLD PALMS</u>: If you have any old palms you would like to drop off to be burned for the ashes for Ash Wednesday Masses, please drop them off in the baskets at each parish or at the parish office in Pierz before Tuesday, March 4th.

FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, March 8th, at Mark Loidolt's house, 16673 295th 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. 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!

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION: You are invited to spend time with Our Lord in Eucharistic Adoration. *Where:* St. Joseph's Church, Pierz. *When:* Every Friday, anytime between 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Call Jan at 320-468-2578 or Hilde at 320-468-2649 for more information or to sign up as a regular adorer or as a substitute.

PRAY THE ROSARY FOR SOULS: If anyone is interested in praying the rosary before a funeral Mass or at the visitations of deceased members of the ACC community, please call Adam Hermanson at 320-468-6033. Thank you!

40 HOUR DEVOTION: Starts at 4 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2025, and ends with 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, March 16 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. **There are sign-up sheets by the entrances of each parish in the ACC*.

QUILT BINGO: Mark your calendars for Sunday, March 16, at 1 p.m. for quilt bingo at St. Michael's Church parish center in Buckman. There will be 2 rounds of 10 games of regular Bingo at \$5/card for a tied quilt of your choice. One round of Blackout for split-the-pot at \$1/card. 1 round of 3 games of Blackout at \$5/card for a stitched quilt of your choice. There will also be homemade coffee cakes & snacks for sale, hand-stitched, pieced queen-sized quilt raffle, free lunch & door prize tied quilt. Sponsored by St. Michael's Christian Mothers/ Women.

WALK TO MARY: Save the date for the Walk to Mary, May 2-4, 2025. We will be visiting the National Shrines of Our Lady of Champion and Our Lady of Guadalupe. This will be a coach bus trip through Gary Block Tours. Call 468-6033 for more info.

<u>CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE:</u> Dare to Hope – A Call to Prayer with keynote speaker Father Scott Traynor from the Diocese of Sioux Falls, SD. Saturday, February 22nd from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at St. John's University Collegeville. Cost is \$40 per person or \$35 each for groups of 5. Registration forms are located in each church, deadline is Feb. 12th. Questions, call Jan at 320-258-7615 or jan.zylla@gw.stcdio.org.

NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:

Little Falls March 4 and April 1 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)

<u>bontjesmary(@yanoo.com</u>. For additional teaching sites (320) 258-7609, or <u>https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/</u>. **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. *(women, men and H.S. students). Mail Registration to 14267 Fairway Lane, Becker, MN 55308, with phone # and your parish in the memo section.*

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA: IS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN YOU? Are you looking for that light? How can you bring the light of Christ to someone else if you don't have it within yourself? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to <u>www.centralmnkoinonia.org</u> for more information and to register for retreats.





320-468-2640

*Wed, Feb 26 – SH Girls Night/Guys Night 6-8:30pm (Adoration 5-6pm)

*Wed, March 5 – Ash Wednesday (Go to Mass ⓒ) 9 a.m. in Pierz or 6 p.m. Youth Group Mass in Buckman **Please turn in your Catholic United Financial Raffle tickets for FPSR. The proceeds go towards our main budget to help meet the financial needs of the school. If anyone wants to buy tickets to support our school please contact us at 320-468-2640.



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

*NEW FAMILY/STUDENT ENROLLMENT- We are accepting applications for admission for 2025-26 school year. If you know of any families considering a Catholic education, please share this link <u>https://forms.gle/Jj3VEUPdB5dV9ubt8</u> After they complete this short application, we will reach out to the family to answer any questions they may have before completing registration. *CURRENT FAMILY/STUDENT ENROLLMENT- If you are a current HT family with a student in grades K-5, and you are returning to HT next year, there is nothing that you have to do at this time. Your registration for the 2025-26 school year is automatic. If your child/children will not be attending HTCS next year, (not including current 6th grade students) please email the office at <u>office@holytrinitypierz.org</u>. *If you are a current family with a child entering preschool, kindergarten readiness or kindergarten, please complete the application for admission: <u>https://forms.gle/Jj3VEUPdB5dV9ubt8</u> *Please complete this by Feb. 13th. As a current HT family, you are given priority for enrollment, but this will help us to get an accurate count of students to prepare for next year and to make sure that your child is entered into jmc and registered for next year. Please reach out to the office if you have any questions.

*CAPITAL CAMPAIGN- Holy Trinity is making some improvements to their building this spring and we need your help to complete it all at one time! Please visit our campaign website at <u>https://www.holytrinitypierz.org/capitalcampaign</u> 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!

Recently Baptized Bottom Left: Kiah Kay, daughter of Ethan & Nicole Lochner Top Right: Lexi Lee, daughter of Timothy & Amber King Bottom Right: Kinsley Lee, daughter of Bradyn & Sara Thomsen

