



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching men." When they brought their boats to the shore, they left everything and followed him. - Lk 5:10-11

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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

9:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz (School Mass)

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

February 9, 2025

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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 PASTORAL ADMINISTRATOR, ADAM HERMANSON



Dear brothers and sisters,

When it comes to the sacraments, one can find it is easy and convenient to overlook the mystery behind encountering God through them. The sacrament of baptism is no different. Some of the biggest questions that people ponder are ‘why?’ and ‘what?’. Why was Jesus baptized? What effect does it have on the soul and mean for the Church, as the Mystical Body of Christ?


In the Gospel of Matthew 3:14-15, St. John the Baptist asked Jesus, “I need to be baptized by you, yet you are coming to me?” Jesus replies, “Allow it now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness.” Scholars have taught us that, at that very moment, Jesus sacramentalized the waters of baptism during his immersion. Because Jesus is the ultimate model for Christians, we are called to follow his example. St. Paul writes about baptism and its effects throughout all his letters in the New Testament. For Instance, Romans 6:4 explains that, “We were indeed buried with him through baptism unto death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might live in newness of life.”

The reality is, when we are baptized, we are born again into a new life in Christ (John 3:3-7). Original sin is completely washed away and we become heirs and adopted children of Gods heavenly kingdom. The Holy Spirit enters the soul that is baptized and dwells there because it has become a pure vessel and temple. The Lord also pours graces and gifts according to his measure and divine will upon the soul as well. A person that has received the sacrament of baptism has been made a completely new creation, where the old has gone and the new has come! (2 Corinthians 5:17)

The gifts of the sacraments always come with a duty and a responsibility. Parents have a duty to baptize their children. The Acts of the Apostles depict how the early church would baptize entire households. The Church provides resources for parents to help with this fundamental teaching of the Church. Since baptism is the gateway to all the other sacraments, it is something we shouldn’t take lightly.

On a side note, Reborn is a wonderful presentation about baptism and can be accessed on FORMED.

Peace in Christ through Mary, Adam

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 11 – FEBRUARY 16	
<p><u>Tuesday, February 11</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Virgil, Evelyn, Jeff, Bruce & Vickie Ortman</p> <p><u>Wednesday, February 12</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Oliver Rudolph 8a.m.-8 p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, February 13</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Esther Britz 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Stella Virnig (<i>Holy Trinity Mass: Staff & Students</i>) 10:00 a.m. Villa +Larry Schmidtbauer</p> <p><u>Friday, February 14</u> – <i>No School at Holy Trinity</i> 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Eileen Gast 3-6:00 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Saturday, February 15</u> 1:30 p.m. Lastrup <i>Convalidation:</i> Natalie (Thomsen) Monson & Robert Monson 4:00 p.m. Lastrup Deceased family of Jerry & Carol Zimmerman 6:00 p.m. Harding +Joe & Lois Weitalla</p> <p><u>Sunday, February 16</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Herman & Karen Hoheisel</p>	<p><u>NOTE:</u> The Holy Trinity School Mass will be on Thur. Feb. 13 at 9 a.m. in Pierz. The regular weekday Masses in Pierz and Buckman this week 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>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is Mondays at 3 p.m. You can email stjoes@midco.net, mail PO Box 428, Pierz, or call 320-468-6033.</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>	<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>

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle
Servers: Zach Gall & Zayden Gall
Ushers: Colin Boser & Roy Boser
E. Minister (Choir): Barb Specker
Rosary: Mary Lust
Sacristan: Louise Welle

Weekday Mass Lector for February: Mary Lust



III. 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, February 1st: Adult env. \$923.00, Adult loose \$159.00, Children env. \$1.00, Children loose \$29.00.

Mass attendance February 1st: 166

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

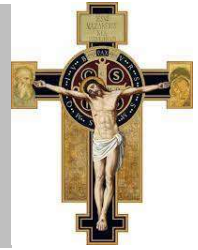
JoAnn McDonald, Deacon Wayne Lauer, Tom Dukowitz, Sara Hanneken, Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Alice Matlock, Kurt Lucking, Rhys Boser, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Aaron Boser, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Donny Schommer.

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.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Sheila Rudolph
Servers: Adam Weitalla & Morgan Weitalla
Ushers: Gary Matlock & Willie Rudolph
E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig
Rosary: Gloria Weitalla

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, February 1st: Adult env. \$1,484.00, Adult loose \$130.00, Children env. \$4.75, Children loose \$12.00.

Mass attendance February 1st: 112



This Week on Formed

Week of February 09, 2025



Sts. Benedict

A pair of holy twins, a cave, and a group of naughty monks... this is the story of Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica.



The Bible (Part 2)

Join Dr. Mark Giszczak as he answers some of the Internet's most popular questions about the Bible. What is the difference between the Old Testament and the New Testament? Do Catholics read the Bible? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.



Catholic Community

Based on the historical records and the personal testimony of his fellow friars, this is the amazing true story of the life of the famous stigmatic monk, St. Padre Pio, a contemporary saint who died in 1968.

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

**"Our complaints are poisoning our relationships.
 Try going twenty-four hours without complaining."**

MATTHEW KELLY

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

E. Ministers: Randi Kranz & Deb Hall

Servers: Logan Brisk & Logan Janson

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

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.

KIDS ENVELOPES: 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! (stjoes@midco.net 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 2nd)

Adult \$ 4,098.00

Plate \$ 194.00

\$ 4,292.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 2nd Sunday:** 237

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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***Weekday Lector (Fri., Feb. 14 @ 9 a.m.):** LeRoy Swanson

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Geri Kasper

E. Ministers: Keith Marshik, Lois & Dan Waytashek

Servers: Gross/Thomas kids

Sacristan: Mary Kimman

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

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Cohen Neil Korf*, infant son of Mark & Christen Korf, gained his wings on January 23rd. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, January 30th at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. ***Herman Hoheisel*** passed away on January 24th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, February 1st at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

KIDS ENVELOPES: 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! (stjoes@midco.net 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.

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 10th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, February 13th at 9 a.m.**

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 Pierz community, please call Pat Hartmann 320-291-0696, Jan Kimman 320-468-2578 or Adam Hermanson 320-468-6033. Thank you!

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 (February 2nd)

Adult \$ 7,873.00

Plate \$ 209.00

\$ 7,902.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 2nd Sunday:** 250

COME BOLDLY WITH CONFIDENCE

Join us for Prayer + Fasting + Peaceful Witness

March 5 - April 13, 2025

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

Monday thru Friday 7 AM - 7 PM

at
Planned Parenthood
451 East St Germain St
St. Cloud

ONCE UPON A TIME

THE SON OF GOD WAS SMALL ENOUGH TO FIT INSIDE A WOMAN'S WOMB!

You can protect mothers & children by praying & fasting for an end to abortion!

Say yes!... Get involved ... Sign up for prayer ... visit

www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud or scan  & register

**TRUTH
TESTIMONY
TRAUMA**



Russ Rooney
Life Legal Minnesota

**SATURDAY, MARCH 8
11 AM
ST. AUGUSTINE CHURCH
442 2ND ST SE
ST. CLOUD**

Contact: *July* judy4life@meitel.net or *Jan* hoelscherhorj@charter.net
320-453-7592 320-253-1779

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.

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: Sunday, February 9th. 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.

ALL DAY ADORATION: All day adoration will be on Wednesday, February 12th from 8 a.m.-8 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 320-468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

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 16th! 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!

ACC MUSICIAN MEETING: There will be a meeting for all liturgical musicians in the FFXP ACC on Thursday, February 13th at 6 p.m. at St. John's Lastrup Meeting Hall.

Please Join Us for a parish session on Wednesday, February 19th at 7 p.m. at the St. Michael's parish center in Buckman. Adoration that night will be moved to 6-7 p.m. We will explore the Church's vision of Divine Worship, "the Mass," and the role and expectations of music within the Mass. We will also look at the practical side of how this affects us and what the vision for our ACC is moving forward. Anyone in the ACC who is interested is welcome to attend!

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025: This is Announcement Week! Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota thanks to the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ.

CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE: *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 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/>.

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.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA: ARE YOU FEELING LIKE YOUR CROSS IS GETTING TOO HEAVY TO CARRY? Are you in need of Simon of Cyrene to come to your aid? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program that is designed to help you carry your cross. The next retreat is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

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

Registration for the Buckman Class takes place the first night of class

Questions about the Buckman class contact Ron Kahl (320)360-0986

Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

*Wed, Feb 12 – JH Skating Place 5:15-9:00pm

*TEC RETREAT in LF – February 15- 17 www.cmtec.org

*Wed, Feb 19 – SH Raffle Ticket Competition Night
6:00pm-8:00pm (Adoration 5-6pm Pierz Church)

*Thur. Feb 20 – Andrew Dinner 6pm-8pm with the Bishop @ Fr. Aaron's rectory (high school men)

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

**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

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

***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.

January Calendar Winners

01/01/2025 \$200.00 Gege Leblanc	01/12/2025 \$75.00 Sara Neuville	01/22/2025 \$35.00 Noah Girtz
01/02/2025 \$35.00 Lisa Smude	01/13/2025 \$35.00 Roger Janson	01/23/2025 \$35.00 Leon Probasco
01/03/2025 \$35.00 Tammy Scanlon	01/14/2025 \$35.00 Jojo Wagner	01/24/2025 \$35.00 Janell Hoheisel
01/04/2025 \$35.00 Joe & Toni Kippley	01/15/2025 \$35.00 Jerry Girtz	01/25/2025 \$35.00 Aaron & Sarah Gruber
01/05/2025 \$75.00 Craig Kapsner	01/16/2025 \$35.00 Jerry & Carol Zimmerman	01/26/2025 \$75.00 Ross Stangl
01/06/2025 \$35.00 Athena & Mark Janson	01/17/2025 \$35.00 Sheila Humbert	01/27/2025 \$35.00 Jo & Bob Loidolt
01/07/2025 \$35.00 Sara Neuville	01/18/2025 \$35.00 Kenny Popp	01/28/2025 \$35.00 Will Pappenfus
01/08/2025 \$35.00 Judy Wells	01/19/2025 \$75.00 Stephanie Lanners	01/29/2025 \$35.00 John Theis
01/09/2025 \$35.00 Tyler Veches	01/20/2025 \$35.00 Brad & Jill Scott	01/30/2025 \$35.00 Jean Flicker
01/10/2025 \$35.00 Valerie Gall	01/21/2025 \$35.00 David & Cari Stumpf	01/31/2025 \$35.00 Mike Japp
01/11/2025 \$35.00 Michelle Lipp		



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

A few photos from Catholic Schools Week. Weekend Masses, staff vs. 6th graders kickball game, spelling bee participants, and kindergarteners bringing food to the food shelf.

