



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



2nd Sunday
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While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

7:00 p.m. – St. Joseph Pierz (Confirmation)

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

March 16, 2025

2nd SUNDAY OF LENT

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

Eyes Fixed on Christ



Dear Friends,

In this Second Sunday of Lent, we encounter the Transfiguration of Jesus on Mount Tabor as he is transfigured in bright light such as his disciples had never see him before. “While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white.” (Luke 9:29) Jesus was showing his disciples a foreshadowing of the glory to be revealed. One day, through perseverance in faith, they will see the glory of the Lord face to face in the eternal life promised to God’s good and faithful servants. The transfiguration of Jesus, scholars believe, was given to Peter, James and John in order to inspire hope in the resurrection, because later on they would suffer to see their Lord and God brutally crucified and killed.

In the St. Cloud Diocese’ parish plan, “All Things New: Honoring the past, inspiring the future,” there may be a bit of anxiety about the probable changes that are coming for our diocese. Like the disciples, however, we are encouraged to keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, the source of strength and the ultimate goal of our Catholic Faith. There may be difficult times ahead, but our Catholic Church has been through many difficult times in its over two-thousand year history. In fact, some of the worst times ended up eventually producing the greatest Saints and amazing growth. We are reminded by our Lord that before the glory of God can be experienced, we first must endure the cross. So, we too, must keep our eyes forward and walk with Christ faithfully in what he is asking of us.

I ask that you would read the letter from Bishop Patrick inserted in our bulletin. He gives a heart-felt message on a tough subject for our diocese. Please keep him in your daily prayers. Also, please pray for Deanery meeting on March 29th in Foreston, in which the St. Cloud Diocese director Brenda Kresky will explain the parameters of the plan to our ACC’s. Thank you for your continued prayers and faithfulness.

One of the guiding principles of the diocesan planning process is sacramental life. We move forward as pilgrims of hope to create vibrant communities where all feel compelled to fully participate, consciously and actively, in the sacramental life of the Church. One of these sacraments, the sacrament of penance, allows us to experience the gift of God’s mercy. Please see the regularly scheduled times and the extra times of Confession this Lent for a time to receive this great gift. May God give us hope and perseverance in our Lenten journeys.

God bless you,
Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 18 – MARCH 23

Tuesday, March 18

7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Al Welle

Wednesday, March 19

8:00 a.m. Harding +Ardell Killeaney, +Eddie Bednarek, +Dennis Bednarek

7:00 p.m. Pierz *Confirmation Mass with Bishop Neary*

7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 20

7:00 a.m. Buckman +Cel Gall

10:00 a.m. Villa +Butch Maleski

Friday, March 21 – HT School Mass: Ms. Scholl’s 1st Grade Class

9:00 a.m. Pierz +Leora Poster

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

6-8 p.m. Lastrup Adoration & Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 22

4:00 p.m. Lastrup +David Hiemenz

6:00 p.m. Harding +Janice Schubert

Sunday, March 23

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Frances Stangl

10:00 a.m. Pierz For the people of the parishes

***Stations of the Cross:** On Fridays during Lent, there will be Adoration w/ Benediction at 6 p.m. followed by Stations of the Cross at 7 p.m. Please see bulletin for locations.

Pierz & Buckman Office Hours: 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.

Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720

***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.

Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033 and press 1.

*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.



EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 10 a.m.-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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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***FRIDAY, MARCH 21 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross:**

Servers: Ellie Thomsen & Zac Gall

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Julie Laney

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Cory Loidolt & Alan Welle

E. Minister (Choir): Dale Beierman

Rosary: Louise Welle

Sacristan: Dale Beierman

Weekday Mass Lector for March: Mark Loidolt

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Adoration Friday night, March 21st at 6 PM followed by Stations at 7 PM at St. John's Lastrup.

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, March 8th:** Adult env. \$585.00, Adult loose \$145.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$5.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 8th Saturday:** 142

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

Tom Dukowitz, Sara Hanneken, Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Alice Matlock, Rhys Boser, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, 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.

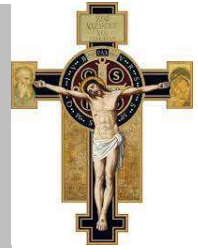
*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

*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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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, MARCH 22 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Will Corbett

Servers: Adam Weitalla & Morgan Weitalla

Ushers: Allen Stuckmeyer & Andy Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Gloria Weitalla

CHURCH CLEANERS: Jody Dombovy, Kristin Dombovy, Lynn Dombovy, Lynn Dukowitz, Robyn Galbreath, Rebecca Gammon

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, March 1st:** Adult env. \$948.00, Adult loose \$15.00, Children env. \$6.50, Children loose \$11.00.

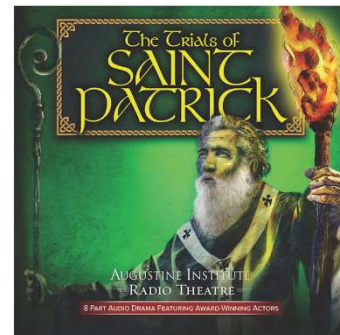
***Saturday, March 8th:** Adult env. \$1,571.00, Adult loose \$113.56.00, Children env. \$4.50, Children loose \$9.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 5th Ash Wednesday:** 142

Mass attendance **March 8th Saturday:** 144

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ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Jane Funk

E. Ministers: Connie Kieffer & Randi Kranz

Servers: Isaac Herold & Owen Stangl

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

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Parish & finance council meetings on Thursday, March 20 at Buckman Hall - Finance at 6 PM, Parish at 7:15 PM

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 (March 9th)

Adult	\$ 3,171.00
High School	\$ 2.00
Grade School	\$ 14.00
Plate	\$ 228.00
	\$ 3,415.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 5th** Ash Wednesday: 339

Mass attendance **March 8th** Saturday (Holy Face Retreat): 343

Mass attendance **March 9th** Sunday: 265

LENTEN MISSIONS & CONFESSIONS

Parish Mission with Fr. Joseph Aytona from Fathers of Mercy "The Serve is to Reign"

Sunday, March 23 in Lastrup: Adoration & Confession at 6 p.m. **The Eucharist** talk at 7 p.m.

Monday, March 24 in Harding: Adoration & Confession at 5 p.m. Mass at 6 p.m. **Mercy** talk at 7 p.m.

Tuesday, March 25 in Buckman: Adoration & Confession at 5 p.m. Mass at 6 p.m. **Holiness** talk at 7 p.m.

Wednesday, March 26 in Pierz: Adoration & Confession at 6 p.m. **Blessed Mother** talk at 7 p.m.

*Refreshments & fellowship to follow each evening.

Day Long Festival of Forgiveness

On Wednesday, March 26 at St. Joseph's in Pierz, there will be All Day Confessions from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Missionaries of Charity

March 27 the Missionaries of Charity will be visiting. More information to come.



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SUNDAY, MARCH 23 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Gross

E. Ministers: David Stumpf, Mason Zajac & Wanda Kapsner

Servers: Logan Kimman & Lilly Kimman

Sacristan: Jan Kimman

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

PARISH & FINANCE COUNCIL MEETINGS: Parish & finance council meetings on Thursday, March 20 at Buckman Hall - Finance at 6 PM, Parish at 7:15 PM

THANK YOU: We would like to extend a big thank you to everyone who helped make this year's quilt bingo a huge success! Thanks to Amanda Marshik & Eileen Pohlkamp for heading the committee, Bob's Lumber for loaning us supplies every year, all the workers who helped set up, the families who made and served the lunch and helped the day of the bingo, Bill Athman for calling the number, all the ladies who made the quilts and of course all who came to play bingo! Our profit was \$8,769.22. **Thank you!**

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.

PIERZ CM/W SALAD SUPPER: On Wednesday, April 9th at 6 p.m., there will be a Salad Supper event at St. Joseph's Church basement. There will be no formal meeting, but we will recognize all 40-Year members. Mark your calendars and bring a potluck item to share.

ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: 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, March 17th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, March 20th 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 (March 9th)

Adult	\$ 9,205.10
High School	\$ 6.75
Grade School	\$ 19.75
Plate	\$ 230.00
	\$ 9,461.60

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 9th** Sunday: 286


GENERAL NEWS

SCAM EMAILS: Please be aware that there are scam emails being sent from Fr. Aaron's email. If you are questioning if the message is actually from Father, please call the office at 320-468-6033 and we will verify.

BIBLE STUDY ON HEBREWS DURING LENT: You are invited to come to a weekly Bible study on the Book of Hebrews during lent at the St John's Parish Center in Lastrup on Mondays at 7 pm. It's not too late. If interested or want more information, contact Mark Loidolt at 701-388-2323 or mark.loidolt@gmail.com. Bring friends.

EUCCHARISTIC 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.

MARCH SUNDAY SOCIAL: This month's Sunday social is Sunday, March 16th following the 10 a.m. Mass at St. Joseph's. Donuts, coffee & juice will be served by our ACC women's prayer group. Please note that there will not be a Sunday Social in April. We look forward to fellowship with you!

Catholic United Financial  **SENIOR CITIZEN BINGO:**
At St. Michael's Buckman Parish Center conference room on Thursday, March 20th after the 7 a.m. Mass.

BABY ITEM DRIVE: Want to GIVE to a great cause this Lent? Join our ACC in supporting the cause of 'Cornerstone-Options for Women'! Cornerstone is a pregnancy resource center whose mission it is to guide and supplement the needs of expectant mothers in central Minnesota. Our Men's Accountability Group is hosting a drive to collect as many needed items as possible- we want to FILL A VAN with new diapers, wipes, formula, bottles etc. They can also accept select gently used clothing items. The full list can be found at cornerstoneoptions.com. Donations can be brought to the St. Joseph's Parish office. We will collect items now through April 1st. THANK YOU!

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 the parish office at 320-468-6033. Thank you!

QUILT BINGO: Quilt Bingo/Raffle to be held at St. Michael's Church in Buckman, MN on Sunday, March 16th at the Parish Center starting at 1 p.m. There will be homemade coffee cakes for sale, winners' choice hand stitched and tied quilts, door prize and free lunch.

NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:
Little Falls 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) 258-7609, or <https://studio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: Pierz & Buckman: Thursday, March 20th in Buckman, finance councils at 6:00 p.m. and parish councils at 7:15 p.m.

JOURNEY TO CALVARY BUS TRIP: Everyone is invited to go see a live performance of a Journey to Calvary at St. Francis of Assisi in St. Francis on Friday, April 11, 2025. Our local ACC Parishes are excited to provide a free motorcoach shuttle from all 4 parishes. Prior to the performance, we will enjoy a delicious Fish Fry Dinner at St. Mary's Church in Upsala. The play and bus ride are free. The fish fry is \$18 for adults and \$8 for children. Registration deadline is March 30th. Transportation is kindly provided courtesy of Trobec's Bus Service and Tim & Dee Schubert.

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. See flyers at church entrances for more information.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA: 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 www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

2025 MN FoodShare Campaign: March is FoodShare Month. A percentage of donations received are matched by the Minnesota FoodShare Campaign. Will you please join in the effort to help replenish our local food shelf during March? An extra can of soup, veggies or cereal purchased during your weekly grocery shopping trip will be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made payable to the Pierz Area Food Shelf and the address is PO Box 383, Pierz MN 56364 and your donation is tax deductible. The Pierz Area Food hours are 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM on Mondays, or call 320-468-7134 for information. The Pierz Food Shelf is located on Main Street next to the Pierz Fire Hall. Thank you for joining in the efforts to end hunger in our community.

RICE BOWL'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY! CRS Rice Bowl is celebrating 50 years of helping Catholic faith communities bring Lent to life and encounter God through our global family. During the 40 days of Lent, through CRS Rice Bowl, let us help those in Nigeria, Guatemala and Bangladesh who are rising above the challenges of hunger and malnutrition. Pick up your rice bowl from any of the ACC church's entrances. Visit crsricebowl.org/join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.

What are you doing for Lent this year? What if I told you, don't give up chocolate? Instead, do something life-changing. This Lent, I invite you to join me/Father [Name]* and your fellow parishioners for BEST LENT EVER, a free email program by Dynamic Catholic.

Each day you'll receive a short reflection video and spiritual coaching from Matthew Kelly, one of the best selling Catholic authors in America. But this year's BEST LENT EVER is unlike any year before. It will take us on a powerful spiritual pilgrimage through *33 Days to Divine Mercy*—a brand new consecration experience. Just imagine what would happen if every single person at [name of parish] consecrated themselves to Divine Mercy.

All you need to do is sign up at BestLentEver.com. Thank you and I hope you truly have your BEST LENT EVER.

*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

- *Wed, March 19 –
CONFIRMATION 7pm @ St.
Joseph's Church in Pierz
- *Wed, March – JH/SH Fathers
of Mercy Parish Mission
(Adoration 6-7pm, Talk 7-8pm
Pierz Church)
- *Wed, April 2 – JH Dodgeball
& Game Night 6:00-7:30
(Adoration 5:00-6:00pm)



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

- *NEW FAMILY/STUDENT ENROLLMENT- We are accepting applications for admission for the 2025-26 school year. If you know of any families considering a Catholic education, please share this link with them. <https://forms.gle/Jj3VEUPdB5dV9ubt8> After they complete this short application, we will reach out to the family to answer any questions they may have before completing registration.
- *COFFEE- Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.
- *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 <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.

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