



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks." - Lk 6:43, 45

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

WEDNESDAY – Ash Wednesday

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

6:00 p.m. – St. Michael's Buckman

7:00 p.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

March 2, 2025

8th 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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St. Joseph/St. Michael Office: 320-468-6033, stjoes@midco.net

A MESSAGE FROM MICHELLE LITKE, PRINCIPAL AT HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL




In just a few days, we will begin the season of Lent with Ash Wednesday—a time to focus on the true inner conversion of our hearts so that we can follow Christ’s will more faithfully (USCCB). When Father asked me to write something for the bulletin, I turned to the Lord in prayer, asking what He wanted me to share. The words that came from that prayer were *relationship* and *an open heart*.

Growing up, I knew a lot about Jesus, and I would turn to Him whenever I needed help. I had memorized my Baltimore Catechism pamphlet word for word. Yet, I missed some of the Church’s most beautiful teachings on the Eucharist and adoration. The earliest experience with adoration that I can recall was during college at my first Steubenville retreat. It was then that I encountered Jesus in prayerful conversation and heard His voice speaking to me in a way I never had before. I also made my first heartfelt confession, and as my heart opened, the space once occupied by sin and guilt became a place ready to be filled with the abundant graces God longed to give me.

God doesn’t just want us to know about Him or fit Him into our weekly routines. He desires a relationship with each of us. We are truly blessed in our ACC with many opportunities to spend time with the Lord in adoration. I wholeheartedly believe that if each of us set aside even a few moments each week to be with Him, our schools, families, parishes, and communities would be transformed.

This Lent, my prayer and hope for our students at HTCS and FPSR, as well as for everyone in our ACC, is that we take time to rest in His presence, open our hearts to His grace, and receive the love, peace, healing, and guidance He longs to offer us.

~Michelle Litke

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 4 – MARCH 9	
<p><u>Tuesday, March 4</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Cel Gall</p> <p><u>Wednesday, March 5 – Ash Wednesday</u> 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Lucy Kelzenberg (<i>HT Mass: Mrs. Gangl’s 3rd Grade</i>) 6:00 p.m. Buckman +Dennis Kujawa 7:00 p.m. Harding +Danny Skwira</p> <p><u>Thursday, March 6</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Charles, Anna (Ann) & Carol Ann Lochner 10:00 a.m. Villa +Herb & Elvira Stumpf</p> <p><u>Friday, March 7</u> 8:00 a.m. Pierz Prayers for Our Nation (Prayer Service) 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Joyce Leidenfrost 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration 6-8 p.m. Buckman Adoration & Stations of the Cross 6-8 p.m. Lastrup Adoration & Stations of the Cross</p> <p><u>Saturday, March 8</u> 11:00 a.m. Buckman St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women 4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes 6:00 p.m. Harding +Lois Roscoe</p> <p><u>Sunday, March 9</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Reinhard & Jeanette Janson 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Ron Boser</p>	<p>*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.</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>*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><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.</p>
 <p>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</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>

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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

Servers: Ellie Thomsen

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Dale Beierman

Servers: Ellie Thomsen

Ushers: Colin Boser & Donny Schommer

E. Minister (Choir): Stacey Thomsen

Rosary: Mary Lust

Sacristan: Louise Welle

Weekday Mass Lector for March: Mark Loidolt

GAMBLING COMMITTEE MEETING: Tuesday, March 11th
in the rectory after the 7 p.m. Mass.

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 22nd:** Adult env. \$490.00, Adult loose \$136.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$8.00.

January Electronic Contributions: \$425.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 22nd Saturday:** 118

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, 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.

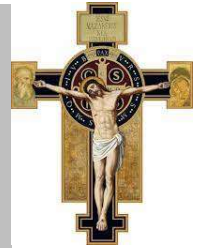
*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

*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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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 at 7:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)**

Lector: Doug Knopik

Servers: Erin Thesing & Tyler Thesing

E. Minister (if needed): Doug Knopik

Rosary: Ted Boser

SATURDAY, MARCH 8 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Janet Hanneken

Servers: Erin Thesing & Tyler Thesing

Ushers: Dave Skwira & Willie Rudolph

Rosary: Gloria Woitalla

THANK YOU: Thank you to Lynn Dukowitz for many years of being a lector. Lynn has decided to retire from lectoring. Thank you, Lynn!

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, February 22nd:** Adult env. \$1,467.00, Adult loose \$90.00, Children env. \$10.25, Children loose \$25.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 22nd Saturday:** 139

This Week on Formed

Week of March 02, 2025



How to Lent

Lent is right around the corner. In How To Lent, you will be guided by priests and religious in the disciplines of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving so that you can make this your best Lent yet.



Foretold

From the beginning, God had a plan to save man from sin. With Jesus, that plan was fulfilled. But he also has a specific plan for you. Watch Foretold to rediscover God's providential love for you.



Lent | What Catholics Believe

Join Fr. Scott Bailey, a priest in the Archdiocese of Denver, as he answers some of the Internet's most asked questions about Lent. What is Lent? Why is it 40 days long? Or even, what should I give up for Lent? Find out in this episode of What Catholics Believe.

- 1 Go to [signup.formed.org](https://www.signup.formed.org).
- 2 Enter 56364 & select Father Francis Xavier Pierz
- 3 Enter your name and email.
- 4 Download the Formed app by searching "Formed Catholic" in the App Store.

*Having trouble logging into or getting Formed?
There's help available! Please reach out to Jessica Meyer via text or call at 320.420.3900 for technical assistance or to schedule a time to meet.*

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364

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Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



***WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5 at 6:00 p.m. (Ash Wednesday)**

Lector: Nathan Gruber

E. Ministers: Randi Kranz & Connie Kieffer

Servers: Isaac Herold & Cole Solinger

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

Servers: Gabe Stangl, Nathan Posch, and Quinn Gruber

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Randi Kranz

E. Ministers: Cindy Scholl & Mary Kay Zilka

Servers: Noah Solinger & Gabe Stangl

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

SM CM/W NEWS: 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.

KIDS ENVELOPES: 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! (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 23rd)

Adult \$ 3,250.00

Grade School \$ 7.00

Plate \$ 230.00

\$ 3,487.00

January Electronic Contributions: \$1,020.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 23rd Sunday:** 252

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



***Weekday Lector (Friday, Mar. 7 at 9:00 a.m.):** Hilde Flicker

SUNDAY, MARCH 9 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Keith Marshik

E. Ministers: Kerri Kasper, Mason Zajac & Wanda Kapsner

Servers: Lance Litke & Isaac Thomas

Sacristan: Pat Hartmann

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

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Ronald "Ronnie" Boser** passed away on February 13th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, February 18th at St. Joseph's Church 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 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 3rd at 1 p.m. and Thursday, March 6th 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 (February 23rd)

Adult \$ 7,902.10

High School \$ 12.00

Plate \$ 111.42

\$ 8,025.52

January Electronic Contributions: \$3,165.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **February 23rd Sunday:** 220



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

GENERAL NEWS

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

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us on Friday, March 7th 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, 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.

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: Sunday, March 9th. Please join the Christian Mothers/Women group the 2nd 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.

ALL DAY ADORATION: From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, March 12th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

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.

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: 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.

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.

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) 258-7609, or <https://stedio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

PORK CHOP DINNER & BAKE SALE: Holy Family Church, LFs Sunday March 9 from 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. Pork chop, vegetables, salad, bread and dessert. Free will offering, proceeds to the Polish Echos Scholarships and Holy Family Church.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: Lastrup & Harding: Thursday, March 13th in Harding, finance councils at 6:00 p.m. and parish councils at 7:15 p.m. **Pierz & Buckman:** Thursday, March 20th in Buckman, finance councils at 6:00 p.m. and parish councils at 7:15 p.m. Reminder to get your agendas in this week please.

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. Mass at 11 a.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 www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

2025 MN FoodShare Campaign: March is FoodShare Month and the Pierz Area Food Shelf is requesting area churches to help our local families in need since many of these people are from our own neighborhood. Please help us to promote Foodshare Month by providing opportunities for donations of money and/or food to be collected and delivered to the Pierz Area Food Shelf located at 220 South Main Street in Pierz. If you are unable to make deliveries during the hours of 9-11 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. on Mondays, please call 320-468-7134 to arrange alternate delivery time. Thank you for joining in the efforts to end hunger in our community.

BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL 2025: Thank you so much to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2025 through the Appeal. As of February 24, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025 has raised total cash and pledges of \$232,187 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (15.48%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 1,507 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs?

Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

*March 7-9 – TEC RETREAT in LF – www.cmtec.org

*Wed, March 12 – 11th Grade Confirmation Mini RETREAT 6pm-8pm @ St. Joseph's Church in Pierz

*Fri, March 14 11:59pm – 6am Sat, March 15 – Adoration Buckman Church

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.

***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 office@holyltrinitypierz.org. 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 <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!

Right: The Andrew Dinner with the Bishop

Left: Pieced and hand stitched quilt for the quilt raffle at Quilt Bingo in Buckman scheduled for March 16th

Bottom: Ladies working on quilts for the Quilt Bingo

