



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



**3RD SUNDAY
OF LENT**

Jesus said to them in reply,
"Do you think that because
these Galileans suffered in
this way they were greater
sinners than all other
Galileans? By no means! But I
tell you, if you do not repent,
you will all perish as they
did!" - Lk 13:2-3

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY

6:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Harding

TUESDAY

6:00 p.m. – St. Michael's Buckman

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 (HT 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

March 23, 2025

3rd 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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March 23, 2025
 3rd Sunday of Lent
 John 4:5-42

My childhood best friend was Xander Price. He was the fastest runner in school, an excellent baseball player and Jewish. Though his family wasn't intensely religious, I felt totally at home with them despite our religious differences. Everything about their Judaism seemed to undergird and strengthen my own experience of being a Catholic. I knew they didn't believe in Jesus like my family did, but I intuited somehow that Jesus was "hiding" in their religion. Like a cat moving under a blanket, ready to emerge at any moment, the Lord was hidden there in a special way.

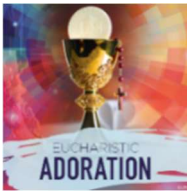
In the Gospel for this third Sunday of Lent, Jesus says, "For if you had believed Moses, you would have believed me, for he wrote of me" (John 5:46). Stunning words, those. Moses wrote about Jesus. The way therefore that we come to know and believe in Jesus is to discover him lurking in Moses' writings. The Hebrew Scripture is the wonderful womb in which Jesus gestates within a host of images: Adam, Isaac, David, Melchizedek, the Temple, sacrificed lambs, prophets and so on. Right now, in your parish's OCIA program, soon-to-be baptized people are carefully studying where Jesus is in the writings of Moses, so that they may believe in him. This works for all of us, too, who wish to deepen our knowledge and love of Jesus.

Lenten challenge: Take some time to prayerfully study one of the images of Jesus listed above in the Old Testament. Identify which one you find compelling and consider why this is so. If you don't know where to start, begin with the prophet Jeremiah as an image of Jesus.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 24 – MARCH 30	
<p>Monday, March 24 6:00 p.m. Harding +Oliver Rudolph</p> <p>Tuesday, March 25 6:00 p.m. Buckman +Jimmy Virnig</p> <p>Wednesday, March 26 8:00 a.m. Harding +Lois Woitalla 9a.m.-7p.m. Pierz <i>All Day Confessions</i> 7-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Thursday, March 27 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Leander Motschke 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Darlene Rocheleau (<i>HT Mass: Staff & Students</i>) 10:00 a.m. Villa +Rosetta Weber</p> <p>Friday, March 28 – No School at HT 9:00 a.m. Pierz Deceased members of Rose & Leo Popp family 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration 6-8 p.m. Harding Adoration & Stations of the Cross 6-8 p.m. Pierz Adoration & Stations of the Cross</p> <p>Saturday, March 29 4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes 6:00 p.m. Harding +Mike Sobiech</p> <p>Sunday, March 30 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Tom Hoheisel 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Arvin Litke</p>	<p>Fathers of Mercy Mission Schedule: Sun, Mar 23: Lastrup Adoration/Confession at 6, Talk at 7. Mon, Mar 24 Harding Adoration/Confession at 5, Mass at 6, Talk at 7. Tues, Mar 25 Buckman Adoration/Confession at 5, Mass at 6, Talk at 7. Wed, Mar 26 Pierz Adoration/Confession at 6, Talk at 7. Fellowship & refreshments to follow.</p> <p>All Day Confessions will be on Wednesday, March 26 at St. Joseph's in Pierz from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. There will be multiple priests to hear confessions during this time.</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>*Bulletin Announcement Deadline: The deadline for submissions of bulletin announcements is Mondays at 3 p.m.</p> <p>Emergency Contact: If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033 and press 1.</p> <p>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</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>	

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SATURDAY, MARCH 29 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle

Servers: Zach Gall

Ushers: Roy Boser & Donny Schommer

E. Minister (Choir): Julie Laney

Rosary: Mary Lust

Sacristan: Louise Welle

Weekday Mass Lector for April: Faye Diederich

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 15th:** Adult env. \$1,083.00, Adult loose \$163.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$8.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 15th Saturday:** 174

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

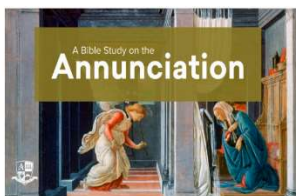
Colleen Hayes, Tom Dukowitz, Sara Hanneken, Paul Hoheisel, Ayden Boser, Jeremy Girtz, Olivia Waldorf, Pat (Rod) Boser, Alice Matlock, Rhys Boser, Doris Weiss, Mary Ann Schomer, Ione Hoskins, Gerard Virnig, Donny Schommer.

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.

- 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.

This Week on Formed

Week of March 23, 2025

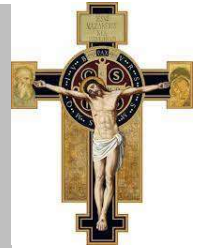


A Bible Study on the Annunciation

In this video, Dr. Ben Akers leads us through a brief study of Luke 1:26-38, highlighting some of the key Old Testament passages evoked by Gabriel's words. The reflection concludes with some thoughts on how we can imitate Mary's Yes in our own life, especially in this time of suffering.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FRIDAY, MARCH 28 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross:

Servers: Elliott Carmona, Morgan Woitalla & Adam Woitalla

SATURDAY, MARCH 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Tim Schubert

Servers: Elliott Carmona

Ushers: Gary Matlock & Kevin Dembouski

E. Minister (Choir): Doug Knopik

Rosary: Ted Boser

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Adoration Friday night, March 28th at 6 PM followed by Stations at 7 PM at Holy Cross.

HOLY NAME HAM BINGO: March 30th at 1:00 p.m. in the church basement. \$7/bingo card for 20 games. Lunch to follow.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, March 15th:** Adult env. \$899.00, Adult loose \$76.00, Children env. \$7.76, Children loose \$7.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 15th Saturday:** 137

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.



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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SUNDAY, MARCH 30 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Nathan Gruber

E. Ministers: Mary Kay Zilka & Deb Hall

Servers: Anthony Scheel & Quinn Gruber

Ushers for April: Brian Stangl, Gregg Stangl & Roger Janson

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 16th)

Adult	\$ 2,416.00
High School	\$ 1.00
Grade School	\$ 4.00
Plate	\$ 274.00
	\$ 2,695.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 16th Sunday:** 309

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.



Missionaries of Charity Sisters

On March 27, the Missionaries of Charity Sisters will be visiting our ACC at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz. There will be Adoration from 6 to 7 p.m. and Sister Joshua Marie will speak at 7 p.m.

There will be a reception after the talk, along with refreshments.



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***Weekday Lector: Friday, March 28th at 9 a.m.:** Al Pekarek

***FRIDAY, MARCH 28 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross:**

Servers: Luke Marshik & Joel Marshik

SUNDAY, MARCH 30 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Colleen Lucking

E. Ministers: Keith Marshik, Matt Kessler & Beth Fischer

Servers: Gross/Thomas Children

Sacristan: Wanda Kapsner

Ushers for April: Jon Stumpf (Lead), Robbie Becker, Gerard Kimman & Jason Sadlovsky



New Life in Christ

Jacob Michael, son of Ryan & Katie Schleper, was baptized on Sunday, March 16th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Adoration Friday night, March 28th at 6 PM followed by Stations at 7 PM at St. Joseph's.

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, Rebecca Kapsner, Eileen Pohlkamp, Bob's Lumber, 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, 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 (Friday, April 25, 2025 at Pierz Ballroom) 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. Please join us for fellowship, food and to pray the Rosary afterward. 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 24th at 1 p.m. and Thursday, March 27th at 9 a.m.**

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (March 16th)

Adult	\$ 5,082.10
High School	\$ 10.25
Grade School	\$ 27.00
Plate	\$ 242.08
	\$ 5,361.43

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 16th Sunday:** 288

GENERAL NEWS

KC Breakfast Fundraiser For Steubenville: The Knights of Columbus will be hosting a Breakfast fundraiser for the students from our ACC going to the Steubenville retreat this summer! Breakfast will be Sunday, March 30th from 8 AM 11:45 AM at the St. Joseph Church Basement. Free will offering/donations! You're invited!

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.

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!

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://stedio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

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.

THE VEIL OF VERONICA: A holy relic presentation by Vicky Gruba, at the Women's Eastern Deanery Mtg., Saturday, April 12th, at St. Louis Bertrand Church, 187 S. 1st St., S.E., Foreston, MN (just east of Foley). Meeting with morning refreshments at 9:30a.m.; Presentation from 10 – 11a.m. Join us! Text/ email to Nita Hayes @ 320-630-0388 or nitahayes@live.com.

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.

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.

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. There will be multiple priests there to hear confessions. Come any time during those hours.



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11:00 AM - 3:00 PM
HOLY TRINITY CATHOLIC SCHOOL
80 Edward St S, Pierz, MN 56364

MORE INFO:
WWW.HOLYTRINITYPIERZ.ORG

*Father Pierz
School of Religion*



320-468-2640

***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)

***Wed, April 9**-SH March 4 Life at Planned Parenthood/Buffalo Wild wings 5:30pm-9:00pm



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.



CONGRATULATIONS
NEWLY CONFIRMED!

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Saint Joseph's~Pierz

Lainey (Philomena) Bednar
Faith (Anne) Bridewell
Lucy (Catherine) Caughey
Tyler (Sebastian) Fischer
Madison (Cecelia) Gross
Henry (John) Hoffman
Mckenna (Joan of Arc) Hoheisel
Trent (Hubert) Jensen
Cheyenne (Jessica) Keehr
Madelyn (Cecelia) Kessler
Sophie (Josephine) Leidenfrost
Morgan (Francis Cabrini) Litke
Preston (Isidore) Marshik
Mataya (Anne) Pohlkamp
Bailey (Mary) Przybilla
Samuel (Hubert) Schyma
Bradley (Jacob) Tanner
Olivia (Elizabeth) Thielen
Elliot (Steven) Tomala
Abigail (Joan of Arc) Virnig
Kayla (Jane) Virnig
Kylie (Emma) Virnig
Shay (George) Watercott
Deven (Francis) Weyer
Joelle (Gianna) Young

Holy Cross~Harding

Arianna (Therese of Lisieux) Halbert
Isabelle (Grace) Lehmeier
Cole (Isidore) Loidolt
Caden (John) Lucking
Arno (Andrew) Marshall
Erin (Martha) Thesing
Nicholas (Isidore) Woitalla
Carter (Peter) Young

Saint Michael's~Buckman

Nathan (Robert) Cekalla
Cash (Michael) Fussy
Evalie (Maria Goretti) Gall
Claire (Gianna) Gruber
Caden (Jacob) Kloss
Emily (Katharine Drexel) Leidenfrost
Brooke (Mariana) Marshik
Brayden (Sebastian) Melby
Paityn (Theresa) Pohlkamp
Gavin (Alan) Popp
Delilah (Rose) Rocheleau
Chloe (Cecelia) Walcheski
Carter (Peter) Young
Gavin (Joseph) Winzenburg
Wyatt (Hubert) Young

Saint John's~Lastrup

Olivia (Cecelia) Athman
Bryce (Isidore) Boser