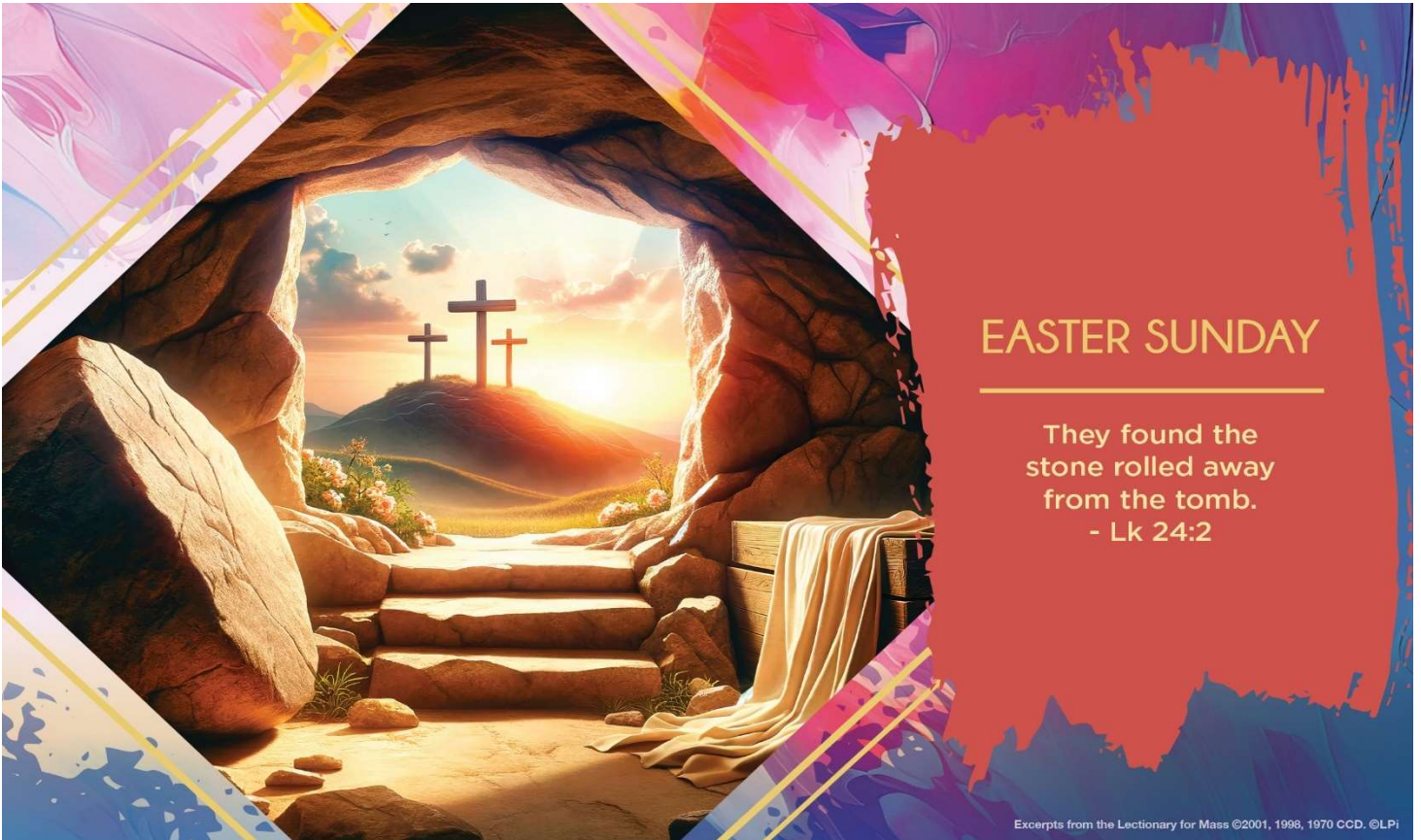




## FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



### EASTER SUNDAY

They found the  
stone rolled away  
from the tomb.  
- Lk 24:2

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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 – First Communion

4:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

6:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Harding

#### SUNDAY – First Communion / Divine Mercy

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**

## April 20, 2025

### EASTER SUNDAY

#### 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



### Christ Our Hope Has Risen!

Dear Friends,

Jesus Christ has risen indeed! Alleluia! Alleluia! Our Easter Sunday psalm proclaims, "This is the day the Lord has made let us rejoice and be glad." This is the day that hope has risen through the redemption brought by Jesus Christ. Jesus has paved the way to heaven for all who believe in Him, and in Him we have the promise of eternal happiness.

The season of Lent has been a wonderful journey together and has gone by very fast. What wonderful gifts we have been given in our Faith with the beauty of the liturgies we have been able to enter into. It is a privilege to celebrate them with you as your pastor.

I pray that the extra sacrifice you have made to strengthen the practices of prayer, fasting and alms giving, in order to be more like Christ, continue to bear fruit and bring new graces in the weeks to come. Each Lenten season we journey through helps us to be more like Jesus. Although the journey of Lent lasts only a short period of time, it is a journey that helps to strengthen our journey with Christ in this life, so that we may one day reach the Easter Pascal Feast that has no end in our Eternal Homeland.

With gratitude I would like to thank all of those who have given of their time, talents and treasure in order to help make this Lenten Season a special one. I am thankful for our Deacons the parish staff and their extra time and dedication that they have given to help others grow closer to Christ. I am thankful for our musicians, choirs, and cantors for leading us well with beautiful sacred music. I would like to thank the church decorators, sacristans, cleaners, servers, ushers, hospitality ministers and all who help out with the Mass. I am also thankful for those who have offered special Easter gifts to the parish and have continued to support the parish this past year with your monetary gifts or gifts of prayer. May you all be abundantly blessed and rewarded.

May the Easter season be a time of reflecting on all that God has done and all that he continues to do in us and in our wonderful Catholic Church. May God richly bless you and your loved ones. Christ, the reason for our hope has risen! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Happy Easter, Father Aaron

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 22 – APRIL 27

##### **Tuesday, April 22**

11:00 a.m. Pierz      **Funeral:** Colette Gangl  
7:00 p.m. Lastrup      Deceased members of the Leon Weiss family

##### **Wednesday, April 23**

8:00 a.m. Harding      +Ellen Tretter  
7.-8p.m. Buckman      Eucharistic Adoration

##### **Thursday, April 24**

7:00 a.m. Buckman      +Frances Stangl  
10:00 a.m. Villa      +Lois & Joe Weitalla

##### **Friday, April 25 – HT School Mass: Mrs. Becker's Kindergarten Class**

9:00 a.m. Pierz      +Alice Stangl  
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz      Eucharistic Adoration

##### **Saturday, April 26**      **First Communion Masses**

4:00 p.m. Lastrup      For the people of the parishes  
6:00 p.m. Harding      +Eddie Weitalla

##### **Sunday, April 27 – First Communion Masses / Divine Mercy Sunday**

8:00 a.m. Buckman      +Ben & Virginia Gross  
10:00 a.m. Pierz      Thanksgiving for Abbot Gregory Duerr, O.S.B., and all the monks at Mount Angel Abbey in Oregon for Abbott  
1-4p.m. Buckman      Divine Mercy Sunday

**Incense Schedule:** Incense will be used at the following Masses: The 1<sup>st</sup> weekend of the month at 4 p.m. in Lastrup and 8 a.m. in Buckman and the 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month at 6 p.m. in Harding and 10 a.m. in Pierz, at Adoration, 40 hour Devotion, Solemnities and Feast days.

##### **Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:**

Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday. 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. **Closed Good Friday.**

##### **Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:**

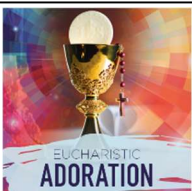
Call 320-360-9720

##### **Weekday Masses When There is a**

**Funeral:** When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.

**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](mailto:stjoes@midco.net).



#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

**St Joseph Pierz** – Fridays 3-6 p.m.

**St. Michael Buckman** – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m.

**Holy Cross Harding** – Adoration chapel always open



### ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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Website: www.stjohnlastrup.org



#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 26 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** First Communion Students

**Servers:** Zach Gall

**Ushers:** Cory Loidolt & Allen Welle

**E. Minister (Choir):** Carol Welle

**Rosary:** Faye Diederich

**Sacristan:** Mark Loidolt

**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, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Adult env. \$1,070.00, Adult loose \$101.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$7.00.

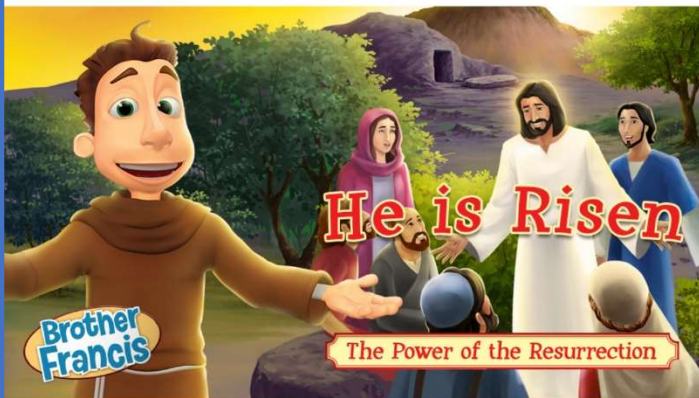
*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **April 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 160

#### **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.

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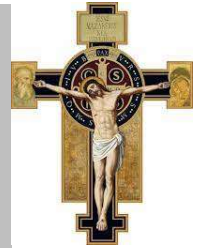
### **He Is Risen! The Power of the Resurrection**

Join Brother Francis as he celebrates the power and splendor of the Resurrection of Jesus Christ in this moving, instructive, and joyful animated presentation!

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.

### HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



#### **SATURDAY, APRIL 26 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Janet Hanneken

**Servers:** Adam Woitalla & Morgan Woitalla

**Ushers:** Allen Stuckmeyer & Kevin Dembouski

**E. Minister (Choir):** Doug Knopik

**Rosary:** Ted Boser

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Kathy Hebler, Kathy Tax, Alicia Kapsus, Donna Kapsus, Molly Tax, Jill Eich & Ashley Eich

#### **HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

**\*Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup>:** Adult env. \$809.00, Adult loose \$123.00, Children env. \$24.50, Children loose \$0.00.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **April 12<sup>th</sup> Saturday:** 122

### **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.

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.

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27 at 8:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** First Communion Students

**E. Ministers:** Mary Kay Zilka & Randi Kranz

**Servers:** Logan Janson & Lydia Janson

**Ushers for May:** Mick Gruber, Frank Hoheisel & Steve Kahl

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Marvin Gall* passed away on April 6<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**SCHEDULES AVAILABLE:** E. minister & lector & server schedules are in the back of church ready to be picked up.

**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 (April 13<sup>th</sup>)**

Adult	\$ 3,603.00
High School	\$ 7.00
Grade School	\$ 30.00
Plate	\$ 420.00
	<u>\$ 4,060.00</u>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance April 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 396



The staff of our Area Catholic Community would like to wish everyone a Blessed and Happy Easter!

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### **SUNDAY, APRIL 27 at 10:00 a.m.**

**Lector:** First Communion Students

**E. Ministers:** Wanda Kapsner, Kerri Kasper, Ruth Stuckmayer, Linda Welle & David Stumpf

**Servers:** Roman Wacker & Lilly Kimman

**Sacristan:** Wanda Kapsner

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

**MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER:** If anyone would like to donate money for flowers in memorial of someone who has passed, place envelope in the collection basket with name(s) of persons in memory of, your name and your phone number.

**BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & DINNER:** Friday, April 25 at Pierz Ballroom. Raffle Tickets are \$100 each, grand prize is \$10,000. Raffle tickets are available at parish office.

**HELP NEEDED:** St. Joseph's Building and Maintenance Raffle and German Dinner will need help with cleanup and dishwashers on Friday, April 25. If you are able to help, please call Karla Stumpf at 320-468-6516. Thank you!

### **Building & Maintenance Raffle Progress**

**Tickets Sold: 526 out of 1,000**



**ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE:** Our final week of quilting (tying and stitching) will be **Mon, April 21 at 1 pm and Thurs, April 24 at 9 am.** We will have our end of year appreciation gathering on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup> starting with quilting at 9 followed by a little quilting presentation and lunch. All who helped with the quilts are welcome to come whether you worked at home or helped in the group.

**CEMETERY CLEANUP:** Save the date for our community cemetery cleanup day on Wednesday, April 30<sup>th</sup> starting at 4 p.m. Please make sure to have everything out of the cemetery that you wish to put back up when the cleanup is finished. Please have flowers removed at least a week before the cleanup date. If you would like a hole drilled in the cement ribbon for flowers, please ask. Call the parish office with any questions (320) 468-6033. Thank you. We hope to see you there!

### **ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (April 13<sup>th</sup>)**

Adult	\$ 5,271.09
HS/GS	\$ 45.55
Plate	\$ 318.00
	<u>\$ 5,634.64</u>

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance April 13<sup>th</sup> Sunday: 383



## GENERAL NEWS

**DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY:** Sunday, April 27 is Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Michael's Church in Buckman will have Adoration, prayers, and Confessions from 1-4 PM. Regarding the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday, Jesus told St. Faustina, "The soul that will go to Confession and receive Holy Communion shall obtain complete forgiveness of sins and punishment" (699)

\*Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet pamphlet can be found at the parish office and entrances to the churches. We encourage you to pray the Divine Mercy Novena and Chaplet starting on Good Friday, and ending the Saturday after Easter. Jesus promised, "By this Novena, I will grant every possible grace to souls" You can also pray the Novena Chaplet anytime during the year for great graces.

**PRAYER INTENTIONS:** If anyone has any prayer intentions they would like to send along to the Walk to Mary, please place them in collection basket at any parish. Any questions, call Faye Diederich at 320-237-7992.

**CLEAN UP DAY:** "Clean-Up Day" for the townships of Agram, Buckman, Buh, Granite, Hillman, Leigh, Mt. Morris and Pierz Township will be held on Saturday, April 26, 8-noon, at Rich Prairie Parking Lot. Questions, Loren Meyer 320-412-0112

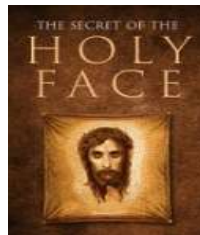
**NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:**

**Little Falls** on Tuesday, May 6 & June 3 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](mailto:bontjesmary@yahoo.com). The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up! For additional teaching sites (320) 258-7609, or <https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

**CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:** Need help? Are you feeling overwhelmed in your daily life? Jesus can help you weather the storm. CENTRAL MN KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. Next retreat is May 16-18, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more info.

**SPRING MISSION RALLY:** Come and Join us for the SPRING MISSION RALLY on Wednesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 7:30am-1:00pm at St. Mary's Church in Alexandria. It's a day filled with a Liturgy with Bishop Patrick Neary C.S.C; Missioners active and retired; Fellowship and wonderful food; Fair Trade sales; Mission Group items; Mission Office connections. Registration is \$10/person- Hope to see you there!

**MARRIAGE RETREAT:** "Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next available Weekends are Apr 25-27, 2025 in CROOKSTON, MN and Nov 22-23, 2025 in ALEXANDRIA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.



**HOLY FACE BOOKS FOR SALE:** *The Secret of the Holy Face*, by Fr. Lawrence Carney III, is available to purchase at the parish office in Pierz. We were able to get a great discount on these hardcover books, the cost being only \$17 each. Cash or check to St. Joseph's church is accepted. Thank You!



**ANTIQUE MISSION**

**SIDEBOARD FOR SALE:** There is an antique mission sideboard with mirror for sale. It is 6' long x 4'10" tall (with mirror) and 25" deep. The mirror with shelf part is 16" tall. For more info, contact the parish office at 320-468-6033.

Thank you to our fellow travelers for joining us on our Journey To Calvary. Wishing everyone a Blessed Easter, Tim and Dee.



*A special thank you to Tim & Dee Schubert for taking everyone on the bus trip to Journey to Calvary. It was a wonderful time!*





## Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

**\*Wed, April 23 – JH/SH AirMaxx Trampoline Park 5:30pm-9:00pm**

**\*Wed, April 30 – 5:30pm Steubenville Meeting/6:30pm 10th Grade Confirmation Meeting**



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

**\*CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-** The time to close the gap is NOW! Any donation - big or small - makes a difference! Phase 1 is 97% funded. **The total project is 79% funded!** Please continue to share our campaign website:

<https://www.holytrinitypierz.org/capitalcampaign>

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

**Right:** Bishop Neary joined us for weekday Mass on April 4. He also blessed the Adoration chapel at FPSR.

**Bottom:** Youth Group students the March 4 Life at Planned Parenthood.

