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AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



**2ND SUNDAY
OF EASTER
(DIVINE MERCY
SUNDAY)**

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."
- Jn 20:28-29

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REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

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**

April 27, 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 PASTOR, FATHER AARON NETT



Prayer for the Soul of Pope Francis and for the Election of a Pope

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, Masses all around the world have one small and yet significant change which happens on rare occasions. The change is, that during the Eucharistic Prayer, no Pope is listed. This, of course, is because Pope Francis passed away on the Monday after Easter.

Many in the world awoke to the news on Monday that Pope Francis had passed away, somewhat unexpectedly, after battling illness for a number of weeks and being released from the hospital. Pope Francis was the 266th Pope in our Catholic Church's history, starting with St. Peter, the first Vicar of Christ. "And so I say to you, you are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church and the gates of the netherworld will not prevail against it." (Matt. 16:18)

The Cardinals in the Church will be called to Rome in the coming days in which they will pray, have conferences and discuss the needs of the Church and who is the best qualified candidate to lead the Universal Catholic Church at this time. News media will no doubt be speculating about who the next Pope could be, but we should avoid talk about the election of a Pope that becomes political instead of a work of the Holy Spirit. We want God's choice for our Holy Father, not a political candidate.

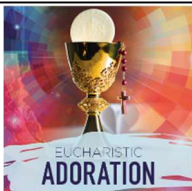
One of the duties of a Catholic is to pray for our leaders in the Church. The priest does this at every Mass during the Eucharistic prayer. However, each of us should pray for our Pope, bishops, and yes...your pastor each day. (I so appreciate your prayers.)

At this time, I ask that each of us would, first, pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis. And then, also pray each day, urgently for the election of a good, holy and Saintly Pope. You can also offer Holy Hours, your Masses, rosaries and novena prayers as well. The two prayers are listed in the bulletin. I encourage you to cut them out and put them in a place that reminds you pray them daily. We know prayer moves mountains!

May Almighty God bless and protect our Holy Mother Church at this time of transition, and may our Cardinals and Church invoke the Holy Spirit to give us the great and Saintly Pope God desires and we need.

God bless you,
Father Aaron

*Note: Please join our ACC for a special Holy Hour for the election of our new pope on Wednesday, April 30th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. There will be a rosary at 7:30 p.m.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 29 – MAY 4		<p><u>Incense Schedule:</u> Incense will be used at the following Masses: The 1st weekend of the month at 4 p.m. in Lastrup and 8 a.m. in Buckman and the 2nd 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.</p> <p><u>Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:</u> Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u> Call 320-360-9720</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><u>Emergency Contact:</u> If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033 and press 1.</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><u>Tuesday, April 29</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Caroline Schmitz</p>		
<p><u>Wednesday, April 30</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Butch Maleski 7.-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration</p>		
<p><u>Thursday, May 1</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Mary E. Otremba 10:00 a.m. Villa +Marilyn Schreiner</p>		
<p><u>Friday, May 2</u> – <i>HT School Mass: Mrs. Gangl's 3rd Grade Class</i> 8:00 a.m. Pierz Prayers for Our Nation (Prayer Service) 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Bob & Shirley Happke, & +Karla Scheel 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p>		
<p><u>Saturday, May 3</u> 4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes 6:00 p.m. Harding +Colletta, Dick & Kim Lucken</p>		
<p><u>Sunday, May 4</u> 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Marvin & Lydia Hoheisel 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Mike Hoheisel</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 – Adoration chapel always open</p>	

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, MAY 3 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Louise Welle

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Ron & Barb Specker

E. Minister (Choir): Traci Schommer

Rosary: Louise Welle

Sacristan: Dale Beierman

Weekday Mass Lector for May: Louise Welle

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:

***Sunday, April 20th:** Adult env. \$3,035.00, Adult loose \$321.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$73.00.

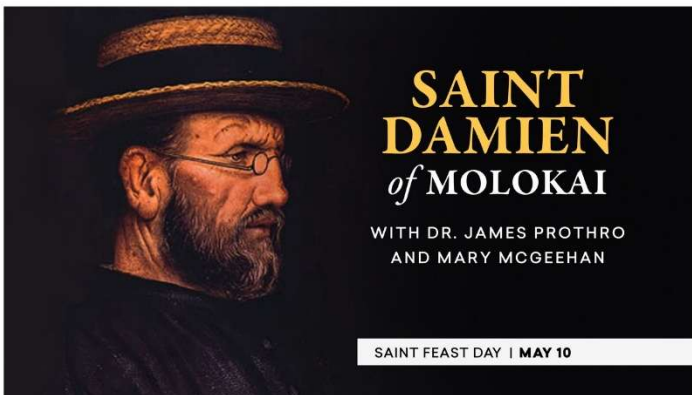
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Mass attendance **April 20th** Easter Sunday: 180

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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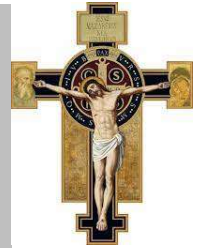
St. Damien of Molokai | Catholic Saints

St. Damien was born in Belgium but spent most of his life ministering to lepers in Molokai, Hawaii. An incredible example of holiness, he dedicated his whole life to spreading the Gospel. Sit down with Dr. James Prothro and Mary McGeehan as they discuss the life and witness of this great saint.

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, MAY 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Sheila Rudolph

Servers: Maverick Weitalla

Ushers: Andy Weitalla & Russ Weitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Gloria Weitalla

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Sunday, April 20th:** Adult env. \$800.00, Children Env. \$4.00, Holy Land \$138.00, Easter Adult Env. \$1,955.00, Easter Children Env. \$3.00, Easter Adult Loose \$253.00, Easter Children Loose \$12.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **April 18th** Good Friday: 182

Mass attendance **April 20th** Easter Sunday: 218

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.

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SUNDAY, MAY 4 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

E. Ministers: Donna Solinger & Janice Janson

Servers: Logan Janson & Lydia Janson

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

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 20th)

Regular Sunday	\$ 1,050.00
Holy Week Adult	\$ 20,847.25
Holy Week HS	\$ 26.00
Holy Week GS	\$ 21.00
Good Friday Plate	\$ 417.00
Easter Plate	\$ 528.00
	\$ 22,889.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **April 18th** Good Friday: 461

Mass attendance **April 20th** Easter Sunday: 586

Prayer for a Pope who has Died

O God, faithful rewarder of souls,
grant that your departed servant Pope Francis,
whom you made successor of Peter and
shepherd of your Church,
may happily enjoy for ever in your presence in
heaven the mysteries of your grace and
compassion,
which he faithfully ministered on earth.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Prayer for the Election of a New Pope

O God, eternal Shepherd,
who govern your flock with unfailing care,
grant in your boundless fatherly love
a pastor for your Church
who will please you by his holiness
and to us show watchful care.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of
the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

SUNDAY, MAY 4 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Mark Fyten

E. Ministers: Beth Fischer, Tracy Voigt & Michelle Litke

Servers: Tyler Kimman & Logan Kimman

Sacristan: Pat Hartmann

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

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Colette Gangl* passed away on April 12th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, April 22nd 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.

PARISH FESTIVAL MEETING: There will be a parish festival meeting for the parish council members, as well as the chairpersons and co-chairpersons, on Thursday, May 1st at 6 p.m. in the church basement.

MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER: Thank you to everyone who donated money towards flowers in memory of loved ones!

ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We have finished our group quilting for this year. You can still turn in any projects you did at home. We extend a very HEARTWARM THANK YOU to all those helped with any of the projects. We couldn't be more pleased with the participation. Hopefully see you all in fall.

CEMETERY CLEANUP DAY: Wed., April 30th 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 20th)

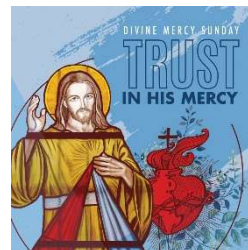
Regular Sunday	\$ 2,020.00
Holy Week Adult	\$ 20,664.00
Holy Week HS/GS	\$ 336.25
Holy Thursday Plate	\$ 321.00
Easter Plate	\$ 999.00
	\$ 24,340.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **April 17th** Holy Thursday: 471

Mass attendance **April 19th** Holy Saturday: 278

Mass attendance **April 20th** Easter Sunday: 500



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) 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.

HOLY HOUR & ROSARY FOR NEW POPE: There will be a special Holy Hour for the election of our new pope on Wed., April 30th at 7 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. There will be a rosary at 7:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION PRAYER SERVICE: Please join us on Friday, May 2nd 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, May 10th, at Galen & Karla Stumpf's house, 12344 Lake Rd., Pierz MN 56364. Gatherings start at 7:00pm with a potluck-style meal, rosary & fellowship. **We'd love to have hosts from all parishes.** If you would like to volunteer to host an evening, please call or text Cari Stumpf at 320-761-6336. ALL are welcome, bring a friend!

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: Sunday, May 11th. 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.

ST. ISIDORE'S HELPERS: In the hope to raise money for upcoming Steubenville and SEEK retreats for the youth of Pierz, we are looking for farmers who need rocks picked. The students that pick rocks will earn money that will go towards their individual retreat accounts. The date scheduled is Saturday, May 10th from 7am-3 pm. Farmers interested in this fundraising effort should reach out to Rebecca Kapsner at 320-360-7004. We are also accepting monetary donations. These retreats for the youth can be a life-changing experience that deepens their faith and strengthens their relationship with God.

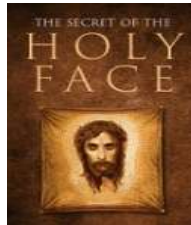
PRAYER INTENTIONS: If anyone has any prayer intentions they would like to send along to the Walk to Mary, please place them in collection basket at any parish. Any questions, call Faye Diederich at 320-237-7992.

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

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA: The next retreat is scheduled for May 16-18, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more info and to register.

HOLY FACE DEVOTIONS: On Wed., May 21st the initial meeting and devotions to the Holy Face will be held at 6 p.m. at St. Michael's Church, prior to Adoration at 7 p.m. This devotion is being held in the evening to accommodate working individuals. Handouts will be available for the devotional prayers, and any questions will be answered at the brief meeting to follow, in the church Hall. At this meeting, we will discuss the best days and times to schedule monthly devotions, which offer indulgences. This will take about one hour, to allow any to attend Adoration afterwards. All are welcome. You do not need to be a member of the confraternity to join the monthly devotions. **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**



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!

Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

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

*May 2 – 4 Walk to Mary (21 miles) at Our Lady of Champion ~ Green Bay, WI

*Wed, May 7 – SH Crossfire Paintball in Clearwater 5-9pm



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

*HIRING- FT second grade teacher. Please send letter of interest, resume and transcripts to mlitke@holytrinitypierz.org or drop off at the school during the hours of 7:30am-3:30 pm.

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- Phase 1 is fully funded, and we're thrilled to be 79% of the way to our total goal! Please check out pictures from our Groundbreaking Ceremony on our web and Facebook pages. Please continue to share our campaign website: <https://www.holytrinitypierz.org/capitalcampaign>

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE ACC!

