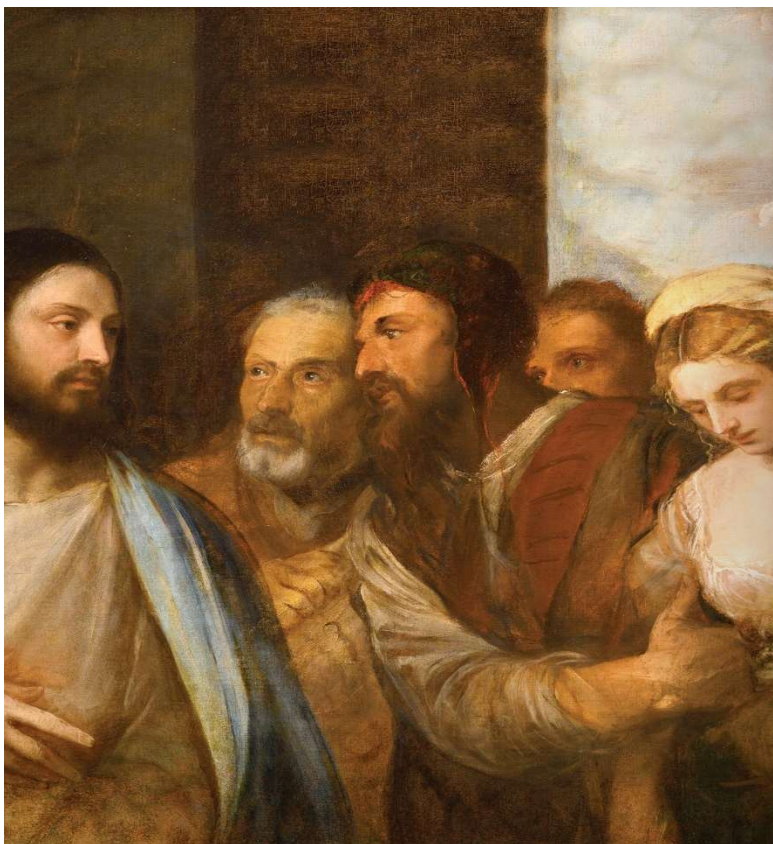




FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
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5TH SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."
- Jn 8:6b-7

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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 6, 2025
5th 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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April 6, 2025
5th Sunday Lent
John 8:1-11

“The scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle” (John 8:3). Why do they make her stand in the middle? Why not expose her on the periphery? The reason is something that affects us practically every day.

The center is what stabilizes a community’s identity. We humans tend to center ourselves around an accused and condemned victim — though we rarely admit it. This renews our fragile communities and our power as those who weaponize the accusation. This is effective because it is often a victim who represents something truly dangerous for the group. In this case, adultery stands for the breakdown of a community and those within it, because it forces questions like: who is my father? Whose child is this? Is this child one of us, or that of an outsider? The accusers place the adulteress in the center because their community, like most, is built around turning an enemy into a victim.

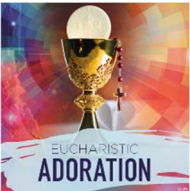
Once you understand this, you’ll see it almost anywhere humans group together (families, politics, workplaces, sports, schools, etc.). The good news is Jesus exposes this dynamic by deftly pointing out the sin-infected hearts of everyone besides the woman. They all leave, symbolizing the breakdown of the old order, and she is “left alone before him.” A new community has begun, structured around the merciful love of Christ.

What is in your center? What is in the center of our parish and family communities? Strive to center on Christ’s forgiveness, and we experience the new, lasting community we call the Church.

— Father John Muir

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MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 8 – APRIL 13	
<p><u>Tuesday, April 8</u> 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Joe Banach</p> <p><u>Wednesday, April 9</u> 8:00 a.m. Harding +Tina Brill 8a.m.-8p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p><u>Thursday, April 10</u> 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Jeff Skroch 10:00 a.m. Villa +Larry Schmidtbauer</p> <p><u>Friday, April 11</u> – HT School Mass: Mr. Wolter’s 6th Grade Class 9:00 a.m. Pierz +Virgil Tembreull 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><u>Saturday, April 12</u> – Palm Sunday (Incense used at Masses) 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Allen Weiss 6:00 p.m. Harding +Jack Skochenski</p> <p><u>Sunday, April 13</u> – Palm Sunday (Incense used at Masses) 8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes 10:00 a.m. Pierz +Harold Jansen & +Amy Jansen</p>	<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>*Stations of the Cross:</u> 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>Upcoming Lent Confessions:</u> *Tue. April 8 in Lastrup from 6-7 p.m. *Wed. April 9 in Buckman at 7 p.m. *Fri. April 11 in Pierz at 8 a.m. and after 9 a.m. Mass. *Tue. April 15 in Lastrup from 6-7 p.m. *Wed. April 16 in Buckman at 7 p.m.</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. <u>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:</u> Call 320-360-9720</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>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>	

“When you are before the altar where Christ reposes, you ought no longer to think that you are amongst men; but believe that there are troops of angels and archangels standing by you, and trembling with respect before the sovereign Master of Heaven and earth. Therefore, when you are in church, be there in silence, fear, and veneration.” ~St. John Chrysostom

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SATURDAY, APRIL 12 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector (Speaker): Mark Loidolt (choir)

Servers: Zach Gall, Ellie Thomsen & Kimmans

Ushers: Cory Loidolt & Roy Boser

E. Minister (Choir): Dale Beierman

Rosary: Louise Welle

Sacristan: Dale Beierman

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 29th:** Adult env. \$1,015.00, Adult loose \$129.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$15.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 29th Saturday:** 198

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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***FRIDAY, APRIL 11 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross:**

Servers: Tyler Thesing, Maverick Woitalla & Elliott Carmona

SATURDAY, APRIL 12 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector (Speaker): Doug Knopik (choir)

Servers: Elliott Carmona, Maverick, Adam & Morgan Woitalla

Ushers: Dave Skwira & Andy Woitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Ted Boser

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Adoration Friday night, April 11th at 6 PM followed by Stations at 7pm at Holy Cross.

ELECTRONIC DONATIONS: We now are set up to be able to take your contributions electronically through the bank. You can set up weekly or monthly withdrawals to be your envelope contributions. For more information, call Teresa at 320-360-9720 or stop at F & M Bank in PIERZ. They can withdraw your amount from any bank you list.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, March 29th:** Adult env. \$2,073.00, Adult loose \$74.00, Children env. \$4.37, Children loose \$5.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 29th 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.

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.

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SUNDAY, APRIL 13 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

E. Ministers: Donna Solinger & Connie Kieffer

Servers: To be determined

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

SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: E. minister & lector 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 (March 30th)

Adult	\$ 2,304.00
High School	\$ 2.00
Grade School	\$ 7.00
Plate	\$ 305.00
	\$ 2,618.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 30th Sunday:** 215

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***FRIDAY, APRIL 11 at 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross:**

Servers: Luke & Joel Marshik

SUNDAY, APRIL 13 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector & Voice (Passion): Al Pekarek

Narrator (Passion): Tracy Voigt

E. Ministers: Wanda Kapsner, Rachel & Chris Young

Servers: Lance Litke & Jayden, Lincoln & Emma Zajac

Sacristan: Mary Kimman

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



New Life in Christ

Jaylen Andrew, son of Andrew & Shellbie Kapsner, was baptized on Sunday, March 30th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **James Virnig** passed away on March 22nd. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, March 27th at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

THANK YOU: Thank you to the gentlemen who repaired the main entrance stairs of the church. It looks wonderful!

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.

BUS GARAGE: After many years of discussion between the Finance Council and Parish Committee, it has been decided that the old bus garage is going to be removed from the south parking lot. The garage is obsolete and is badly in need of a new roof and other repairs exceeding \$30,000. Removing this fixture will increase parking spaces and also improve the view of our beautiful church entering from the south parking lot. This will be done at no cost to St. Joseph's Parish due to an anonymous donor. Plans to replace with a new building located near the north parking lot, in the near future, have been discussed.

PIERZ CM/W SALAD SUPPER: Wed, April 9 at 6 p.m. at St. Joseph's Church basement. Please join us for fellowship, food and to pray the Rosary afterward. No formal meeting, but will recognize all 40-Year members. Bring a potluck item to share.

ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting (tying and stitching) **Mon, April 7 at 1 pm and Thurs, April 10 at 9 am.**

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (March 30th)

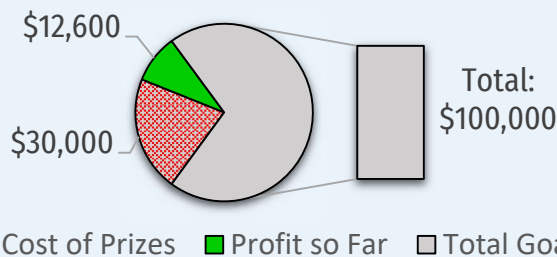
Adult	\$ 7,759.00
High School	\$ 11.25
Grade School	\$ 28.00
Plate	\$ 181.31
	\$ 7,979.56

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **March 30 Sunday:** 326

St. Joseph's Building & Maintenance Raffle Progress

Tickets Sold: 426 out of 1,000



*The funds raised from the Building & Maintenance Raffle will be used towards the immediate needs of the furnace and organ repairs. Additional donations can be made towards these funds by writing a check payable to St. Joseph's Church and putting where you would like your donation to be applied in the memo. Thank you all so much for supporting our parish!

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE & DINNER: Friday, April 25 at Pierz Ballroom. Raffle Tickets are \$100 each, grand prize is \$10,000. Raffle & Dinner tickets are available at the parish office. There are currently only 70 dinner tickets left, and they will be sold until Palm Sunday (\$25).

GENERAL NEWS

ALL DAY ADORATION: From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, April 9th at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: Sunday, April 13th. 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.

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.

GARAGE DOORS FOR SALE: There are 2 white garage doors with openers available to purchase, 12ft wide, 10ft high. Need at least a 12ft roof for it to fit. Questions, call Rob Becker at 320-360-2178.

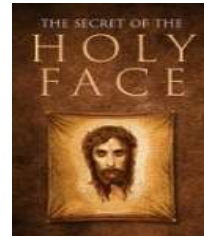
JOURNEY TO CALVARY BUS TRIP: Updated information for all registrants. Friday, April 11, 2025. Departure time: Holy Cross Harding 4:00pm, St Johns Lastrup 4:15pm, St Joseph's Pierz 4:30pm, St Michaels Buckman 4:45pm. We will be enjoying a fish dinner at St Mary's and then proceeding to St. Francis for the performance at 7:30pm and returning home after the performance. We are looking forward to seeing you all. Any questions please call Dee 218-851-9054.

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.

CLEAN UP DAY: "Clean-Up Day" for the townships of Agram, Buckman, Bue, 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

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Sunday, April 27 is Divine Mercy Sunday. St. Michael's Church 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 th Novena Chaplet anytime during the year for great graces.

WALK TO MARY: Only 10 spots left!! 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 info.



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.

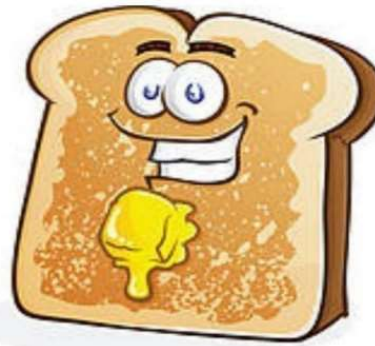
Buckman Area Lions Breakfast



**Sunday April 13th
"Palm Sunday"
8 am until 11 am**



St. Michael's Church Hall Buckman, Mn.



Please bring your old
prescription
eyeglasses to donate
for the Lions Eyeglass
Recycle Program.



French Toast, Thielen Sausage & Full Buffet

12 and up \$14

4 - 11 \$7

3 and Under Free

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Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

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

***Thurs, April 10** – SH Dinner @ Green Mill & Chrism Mass @ Cathedral 5:15pm-9:30pm

TEC RETREAT in LF – April 11-13 www.cmtec.org

***Wed, April 16** – Seniors Night 6pm-10pm (St. Cloud)

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***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>

***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-** Please visit our campaign website at <https://www.holytrinitypierz.org/capitalcampaign> or scan the QR code to find out more! Brochures 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.

MARCH RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS

03/01/2025 \$35.00 Tanya Wetterling
 03/02/2025 \$75.00 Sara (Simon) Carmona
 03/03/2025 \$35.00 Seth D Naslund
 03/04/2025 \$35.00 Paulie Elliot
 03/05/2025 \$35.00 Natalie Gruber
 03/06/2025 \$35.00 Mike Andres
 03/07/2025 \$35.00 Roger Janson
 03/08/2025 \$35.00 Natalie Gruber
 03/09/2025 \$75.00 Clara Bieganek
 03/10/2025 \$35.00 Kathy Fore
 03/11/2025 \$35.00 Brian Woitalla

03/12/2025 \$35.00 Carolynn Becker
 03/13/2025 \$35.00 Ruth Virnig
 03/14/2025 \$35.00 Dave Young
 03/15/2025 \$35.00 Adam Kloss
 03/16/2025 \$75.00 Amy Willis
 03/17/2025 \$35.00 Shelly Molitor
 03/18/2025 \$35.00 Scott Walz
 03/19/2025 \$35.00 Brenda Gotvad
 03/20/2025 \$35.00 Katie Leidenfrost
 03/21/2025 \$35.00 The Wehseler Family
 03/22/2025 \$35.00 Lisa (Kade) Klein

03/23/2025 \$75.00 Chris Banick
 03/24/2025 \$35.00 Ruth Virnig
 03/25/2025 \$35.00 Dale Fischer
 03/26/2025 \$35.00 Jeff Hoeisel
 03/27/2025 \$35.00 Savannah Gruber
 03/28/2025 \$35.00 Ginny Seelen
 03/29/2025 \$35.00 Amber Kloss
 03/30/2025 \$75.00 Ken Knettel
 03/31/2025 \$35.00 Steve & Erika Hoff

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE ACC!



LEFT: Jaylen Andrew, son of Andrew & Shelbie Kapsner, was recently baptized



RIGHT: Kiddos having fun at the Holy Trinity School Carnival
BOTTOM: Group photo at Confirmation

