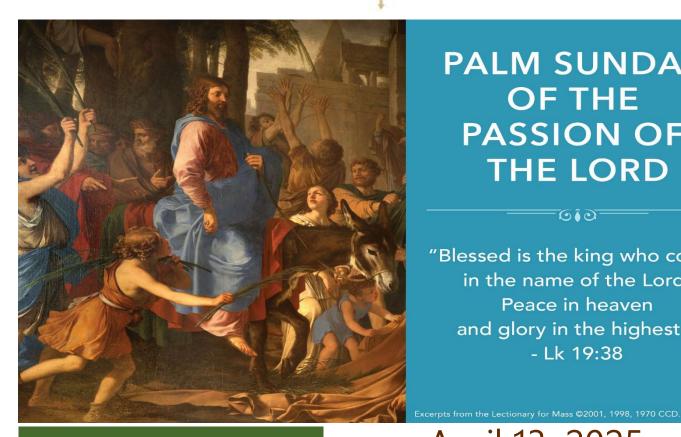


FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ **AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**



PALM SUNDAY **OF THE PASSION OF** THE LORD

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest." - Lk 19:38

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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 – Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz FRIDAY – Good Friday 3:00 p.m. – St. Michael's Buckman 6:00 p.m. – Holy Cross Harding SATURDAY – Holy Saturday 8:30 p.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz SUNDAY – Easter Sunday 8:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman 8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding 10:00 a.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz 10:00 a.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

April 13, 2025 PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

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



Dear Friends.

The Most Important Week of the Year

As we begin this most solemn week of, *Holy Week*, we are given an opportunity to enter into the Pascal Mystery of Jesus Christ, our Suffering Savior, so that we can die with Him and rise with Him.

We begin the week on what has been referred to as "*Spy Wednesday*." Wednesday is the day that Jesus was betrayed by one of His own disciples for selfish gain and given over for thirty pieces of silver. Some fasting on this day would be appropriate. (A fast that is challenging and also fitting for the individual's work and health.)

Holy Thursday is the beginning of the Sacred Triduum (or three days) in which one continuous liturgical service is stretched out until the Easter Vigil. We have the beautiful Mass of the Last Supper on Holy Thursday, where Jesus lays down His life and institutes the Holy Eucharist; His own Body given as food for the soul. The washing of the feet symbolizes Jesus' total self-giving as he teaches his disciples how to serve humbly the lowest of all people. The Eucharistic procession concludes the solemn night as Jesus goes off to pray in the Garden of Gethsemane where he is handed over and arrested. We are called to "*keep watch and pray*" as Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is held until Midnight.

On Good Friday, we chant, "Jesus, remember me, when you come into your Kingdom," as we mourn our own sinfulness and remember the love that Christ has for us, even onto death on a cross. We adore and venerate the Holy Cross on which the Savior of the world was hung, knowing that our sins put Jesus on that cross which he bore for our salvation. Fasting and abstinence is required on Good Friday.

The finale of the Triduum and the height of the entire year is the Easter Vigil and Easter Mass. The "Easter fire" is stoked and blessed and the new Easter candle is processed into the darkened House of God, as one light pierces the darkness. The light is passed on and spread throughout the body of believers warming and lighting up the entire church with the fire that God created. The *Exultant* is sung as we rejoice that the tomb is empty and sing the "A" word, or *Alleluia*! "*Christ the Lord has risen today*!" We rejoice and give thanks, for our ultimate hope is that God has redeemed us, saved us and set us free!

I hope you are able to experience an outpouring of graces that God wishes to pour out upon all of us this Holy Week. May God bless, protect and fill us with his love.

In Christ our Hope, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 15 – APRIL 20	Incense Schedule: Incense will be used
Tuesday, April 157:00 p.m. Lastrup+Rosemary Wagner	at the following Masses: The 1 st weekend of the month at 4 p.m. in Lastrup and 8 a.m. in Buckman and the 2 nd weekend of
Wednesday, April 168:00 a.m. Harding78p.m. BuckmanEucharistic Adoration	the month at 6 p.m. in Harding and 10 a.m. in Pierz, at Adoration, 40 hour Devotion, Solemnities and Feast days.
Thursday, April 17 – Holy Thursday (Incense used at Mass)8:45 a.m. PierzLiving Stations by HT School Students10:00 a.m. Villa+Nora Poginy7:30 p.m. Pierz+Joan KonenAfter Mass-MidnightEucharistic Adoration at St. Joseph'sFriday, April 18 – Good Friday / No School Mass (Incense used at Masses)	<u>Notes:</u> *There will be Eucharistic Adoration in Pierz after the Holy Thursday Mass until midnight. *There will be no Eucharistic Adoration on Good Friday.
3:00 p.m. BuckmanGood Friday Liturgy6:00 p.m. HardingGood Friday LiturgySaturday, April 19- Holy Saturday (Incense used at Mass)	Upcoming Lent Confessions: *Tue. April 15 in Lastrup from 6-7 p.m. *Wed. April 16 in Buckman at 7 p.m.
8:30 p.m. Pierz+Ken, Dale & Dominick DahmenSunday, April 20- Easter Sunday (Incense used at Masses)8:00 a.m. BuckmanFor the people of the parishes8:00 a.m. Harding+Joe Dembouski10:00 a.m. Lastrup+Leon Boser10:00 a.m. Pierz+Lydia Hoheisel	Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday. 8:30 a.m. to3:00 p.m. Closed Good Friday.Lastrup & Harding Office Hours:Call 320-360-9720
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION St Joseph Pierz – Fridays 3-6 p.m. St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2 nd Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. – 8 p.m. Holy Cross Harding – Adoration chapel always open	<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.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SUNDAY, APRIL 20 at 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Lector: Dale Beierman Servers: Ellie Thomsen & Kimmans Ushers: Colin Boser & Donny Schommer E. Minister (Choir): Stacey Thomsen E. Minister (Precious Blood): Dale Beierman & Traci Schommer 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, April 5th: Adult env. \$988.00, Adult loose \$131.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$9.00.

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **April 5**th Saturday: 176

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.



Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage

Triduum: A Spiritual Pilgrimage cinematically walks through the locations of the Holy Week story, representing the most important days of human history. Immersed in the Holy Land, the pilgrim is brought tangibly nearer to the story, the landscape, and the reality of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Go to signup.formed.org.

- Type in our parish name.
- Enter 56364 & select Father Francis Xavier Pierz
- Download the Formed app by searching "Formed Catholic" in the App Store.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18 at 6:00 p.m. (Good Friday)

Lector: Will Corbett (voice in choir) Servers: Tyler Thesing & Erin Thesing (*Server Practice at 5 p.m. Friday, April 18th) E. Minister (Choir): Gary Matlock Ushers: Russ Woitalla & Willie Rudolph

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 at 8:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Lector: Tim Schubert Servers: Tyler Thesing, Erin Thesing, Elliott Carmona & Adam Woitalla E. Minister (Choir): Gary Matlock E. Minister (Precious Blood): Leonard Thesing & Doug Knopik Ushers: Gary Matlock & Allen Woitalla

Rosary: Gloria Woitalla

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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to everyone who came to the Holy Name Society Ham Bingo on March 30th to make this a successful fundraiser. We were able to raise \$1,320. We also want to thank Urban Legends for the cash donation as well. It was a fun afternoon.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, April 5th: Adult env. \$1,880.00, Adult loose \$79.00, Children env. \$1.90, Children loose \$0.00.

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **April 5**th Saturday: 119

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.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

9251 Hwy 25, P.O. Box 428 Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-468-6033 E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



FRIDAY, APRIL 18 at 3:00 p.m. (Good Friday)

Lector: Randi Kranz <u>E. Ministers:</u> Jill Hoheisel & Debbie Hall <u>Servers:</u> Parker Talberg & Will Stangl (*Server Practice at 2 p.m. Friday, April 18th)

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 at 8:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Lector: Mary Kay Zilka E. Ministers: Cindy Scholl, Debbie Hall, Jill Hoheisel & Connie Kieffer Servers: Isaac Herold & Emmitt Hoheisel

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

New Life in Christ

Kora Elaine, daughter of Dylan & Taylor Kummet, was baptized on Sunday, April 6th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

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

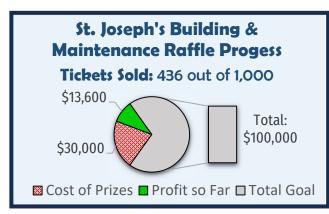
<u>THANK YOU</u>: Thanks to all who helped make the recent Quilt Bingo in Buckman a great success. For all those who sewed, made coffee cakes, sold chances and the men and women who worked at the Bingo-Much Appreciated!

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 6th)

Adult	\$ 5,434.00	
High School	\$ 4.00	
Grade School	\$ 13.50	
Plate	<u>\$ 267.00</u>	
	\$ 5,718.50	

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **April 6**th Sunday: 334



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). ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH 68 Main St N, P.O. Box 428 Pierz, MN 56364 Phone: 320-468-6033 E-mail: stjoes@midco.net Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



THURSDAY, APRIL 17 at 7:30 p.m. (Holy Thursday) Lector: Keith Marshik

E. Ministers: Dan & Lois Waytashek Servers: Caleb Koch, Ty Hayes, Kyle Stangl & Brandon Kimman (*Server Practice at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 17th) Sacristan: Keith Marshik Ushers: Jon Stumpf (Lead), Robbie Becker, Gerard Kimman & Jason Sadlovsky

SATURDAY, APRIL 19 at 8:30 p.m. (Holy Saturday)

Main Lector: Colleen Lucking

Lector for Extra Readings: Mark Fyten E. Min.: Beth Fischer, Michelle Litke, & Rachel & Chris Young Servers: Caleb Koch, Garrett Kessler, Aidan Jones, Gabe Stangl, Anna Stumpf & Elizabeth Stumpf (*Server Practice at 9 a.m. Saturday, April 19th) Sacristan: Keith Marshik

Ushers: Jeremy Virnig (lead), Allan Kroll, Andy Kapsner

SUNDAY, APRIL 20 at 10:00 a.m. (Easter Sunday)

Lector: Karen Gross

E. Min.: David Stumpf, Keith Marshik, Mason Zajac & Matt Kessler

<u>Servers:</u> Roman Wacker, Ben Rothstein & Lance Litke <u>Sacristan:</u> Jan Kimman

<u>Ushers:</u> Jon Stumpf (Lead), Robbie Becker, Gerard Kimman & Jason Sadlovsky

<u>MEMORIAL FLOWERS FOR EASTER</u>: 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.

ST JOSEPHS QUILT CIRCLE: We will be quilting (tying and stitching) **Mon, April 14 at 1 pm and Thurs, April 17 at 9 am.** We will have our end of year appreciation gathering on Thursday, April 24th 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.

<u>CEMETERY CLEANUP</u>: Save the date for our community cemetery cleanup day on Wednesday, 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 6th)

Adult	\$ 8,061.10		
High School	\$	7.25	
Grade School	\$	28.00	
Plate	\$	263.00	
	\$ 8	3,359.35	

Thank you for your generosity! Mass attendance **April 6**th Sunday: 392

GENERAL NEWS

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.

MASS SERVERS: Make sure to RSVP to 320-360-9720 if you can come for the pizza party and to serve Mass for the Last Supper on Holy Thursday. Pizza starts at 5:30 p.m. and Mass is at 7:30. We will bring your Cassocks/Albs to the church basement at St. Joseph's Church.

GOOD FRIDAY SILENT WALK FOR PEACE: The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls invite the community to participate in a Good Friday Silent Walk for Peace on Friday, April 18, 9:30 a.m. We will gather at the west entrance at St. Francis Convent and walk together in silence. One of us will lead the procession carrying a cross as we stop to pray at various designated places throughout Little Falls. Bringing the cross and offering our prayers reminds us of the ways Jesus is always with us, in our joys and sufferings. Participants can take turns carrying the cross and leading the procession. The walk concludes back at the convent around 11 a.m. In the event of bad weather, we will hold the walk <u>FLCEvents@fslf.org</u> or visit our website at <u>www.fslf.org</u>.

<u>CLEAN UP DAY:</u> "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 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.

NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:

Little Falls May 6 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 <u>bontjesmary@yahoo.com</u>. 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 <u>https://stcdio.org/natural-family-planning/</u>.

<u>CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:</u> 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 for more info.

VOICES OF HOPE - 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 Monday, March 24, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025 has raised gifts and pledges of \$770,322 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (51.35%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 4,219 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Please pray for the success of the Bishop's Annual Appeal and its ongoing support of diocesan ministries. To support these ministries, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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 or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

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.



Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640 *Wed, April 16 – Seniors Night 6pm-10pm (St. Cloud) *Wed, April 23 – JH/SH AirMaxx Trampoline Park 5:30pm-9:00pm

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE ACC!

We were blessed to have the Missionaries of Charity Sisters come to Pierz for two days and spend time with students at Holy Trinity, FPSR, staff, volunteers & parishioners!



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. <u>https://forms.gle/Jj3VEUPdB5dV9ubt8</u> 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-** Update! We are only \$96,556 away from our phase 1 goal! If you were planning on donating and haven't yet, now is the time! Every little bit helps! Please continue to share our campaign website:

https://www.holytrinitypierz.org/capitalcampaign











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