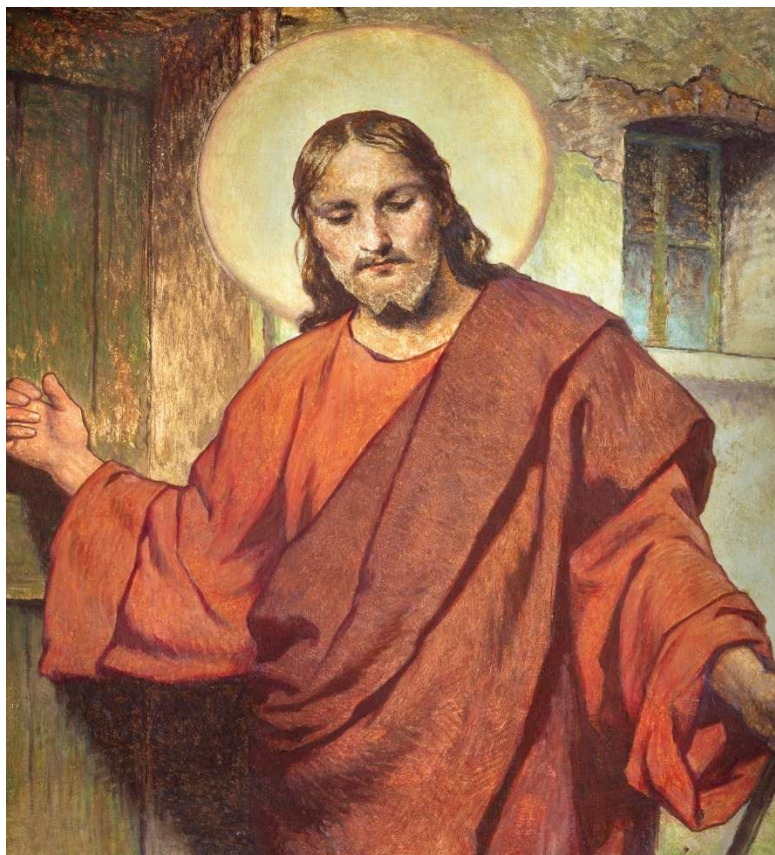




**FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ**  
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## 4<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said: "My sheep  
hear my voice; I know  
them, and they follow  
me. I give them eternal  
life, and they shall  
never perish."  
- Jn 10:27-28a

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### REGULAR MASS SCHEDULE

#### TUESDAY

7:00 p.m. – St. Joseph's Pierz

#### WEDNESDAY

8:00 a.m. – Holy Cross Harding

#### THURSDAY

7:00 a.m. – St. Michael's Buckman

#### FRIDAY – Holy Trinity School Mass

9:00 a.m. – St. John Nepomuk Lastrup

#### 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**

**May 11, 2025**  
**4<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

### 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, FR. AARON NETT

Dear Friends,

As the St. Cloud Diocese Parish Planning 2.0 moves on, we will continue to update you on the new information as we receive it. Please look for those updates in the coming weeks in the bulletin and announcements. Here is the latest message from Bishop Patrick, which was written in the diocese magazine. Thank you for your continued prayers for this planning process for our Father Francis Xavier Pierz Area Catholic community. God bless you, Father Aaron

### Awakening the lay faithful to their commission (that's you, by the way!)

It is amazing to realize that prior to the Second Vatican Council, the pastor of a parish church basically ran everything, and if he had a school, usually relied on the women of a religious order to run the school. When I was studying theology, one professor, with a grin on his face, stated that the old model of Church for the laity was basically “to pray, pay and obey.”

Vatican II dramatically changed the exclusive reliance on clergy and religious to run parishes, schools and dioceses. It emphasized the laity's essential role in the Church's mission, calling them to actively participate in the sanctification of the world and the evangelization of all people, not just through church-related activities, but also through their ordinary vocations in family, work and society. They were to be active in evangelization, sharing their faith through their words and actions, living as “salt of the earth” and “light of the world.”

Vatican II highlighted the laity as co-responsible for the mission of the Church and has gradually awakened the concept of co-governance of the Church by the laity. In my brief two years as bishop, I find so much hope in encountering all of the dedicated lay men and women who work so hard to serve the faithful of our diocese, whether they work at the Pastoral Center, Chancery, in our ACC parishes, Catholic schools and colleges and other religious and ministerial organizations. It is a labor of love for them and their passion is to awaken the lay faithful to their commission, received at baptism, to become missionary disciples of Jesus Christ in the world of today.

Also in the Second Council, the family is identified as a fundamental unit of society and the “domestic church,” where faith and values are passed down from one generation to the next. Pope St. John Paul II stated in his apostolic exhortation, “On the Role of the Christian Family in the Modern World” (“Familiaris Consortio”), that “since parents have conferred life on their children, they have a most solemn obligation to educate their offspring.” Hence, parents share in the mission of the Church as the first and foremost educators of their children.

Having recently attended the Castaway Retreat for high school students with over 400 young people in attendance, I left feeling full of joy at seeing young people so enthused about their Catholic faith. I am also thrilled to see how Young Life is growing by leaps and bounds in our diocese. Student trips to Steubenville and to the National Catholic Youth Conference are also lighting fires in the hearts of our young people. I want young Catholics to see themselves as missionary disciples, called to bring the good news of Jesus Christ to everyone they meet, but especially to their peers. As I often say to young people in my preaching, “What if you are the only Christ that your friends will ever meet?”

No matter who you are, where you work or what your status is, as a baptized Catholic you are called to love and serve the Lord and actively participate in the life of the Church. In this month of May, when we honor Mary, Mother of the Church, may she intercede for all of us, so that each of us can awaken our baptismal call to be missionary disciples of Jesus Christ wherever we find ourselves at every moment of every day!

Yours in Christ, +Bishop Patrick M. Neary, CSC, the 10th bishop of the Diocese of St. Cloud, Minnesota.

### MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13 – MAY 18

#### **Tuesday, May 13**

**7:00 p.m. Pierz** +Colette Gangl

#### **Wednesday, May 14**

8:00 a.m. Harding +Fred Sauer

8a.m.-8p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration

#### **Thursday, May 15**

7:00 a.m. Buckman +Esther Britz

10:00 a.m. Villa +Rose Janorschke

#### **Friday, May 16 – HT School Mass: Ms. Cherne's 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class**

**9:00 a.m. Lastrup** +Ron & Evie Boser, & +Nathan Winscher

10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

#### **Saturday, May 17 – Baccalaureate Masses**

4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Donald Schmidt

6:00 p.m. Harding +Lois Roscoe

#### **Sunday, May 18 – Baccalaureate Masses**

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Marvin Gall

10:00 a.m. Pierz For the people of the parishes

**LOOKING AHEAD:** The Holy Trinity School Mass on Friday, May 16<sup>th</sup> will be in **Lastrup** at 9 a.m. Therefore, the weekday Mass for Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> will be in **Pierz** at 7 p.m.

**BACCALAUREATE MASS:** The Baccalaureate Masses for the Senior Class of 2025 will be celebrated on the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at each parish.

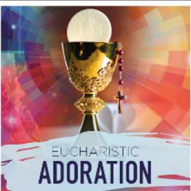
#### **Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:**

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.

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

Call 320-360-9720

***Emergency Contact:*** If you have an emergency and need a priest, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033 and press 1.



#### **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, MAY 17 at 4:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Louise Welle

**Servers:** Kimmans

**Ushers:** Colin Boser & Allen Welle

**E. Minister (Choir):** Barb Specker

**Rosary:** Faye Diederich

**Sacristan:** Mark Loidolt

**Weekday Mass Lector for May:** Louise Welle

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Larry Medek* passed away on May 1<sup>st</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at St. John Nepomuk Church with burial in the parish cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

**BACCALAUREATE MASS:** Everyone is welcome to join the graduates and their families in the parish center for donuts & refreshments after the Baccalaureate Mass on May 17<sup>th</sup>. All seniors please wear caps and gowns and sit in front pews.

**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, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Adult env. \$820.00, Adult loose \$112.00, Easter \$420.00, Children env. \$2.00.

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **May 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday:** 113

#### **PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:**

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

#### **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.

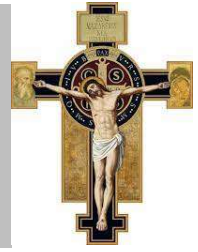
\*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

\*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.

### HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



#### **SATURDAY, MAY 17 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Lector:** Janet Hanneken

**Servers:** Elliott Carmona

**Ushers:** LeRoy Weitalla & Allen Weitalla

**E. Minister (Choir):** Leonard Thesing

**Rosary:** Gloria Weitalla

**CHURCH CLEANERS:** Christi Janorschke, Kayla Kisor  
Yvonne Kisor-Boser, Jessica Kreutter, Lori Kowalczyk

**PARISH COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS:** Congratulations to Tim Schubert and Jim Persson for winning the election for the council and to Cindy Young for winning the election to the FPSR board. Thank you to Sheila Rudolph and Andy Weitalla for accepting the nomination to be on the ballot. Thank you to Andy Weitalla for serving 3 years on the council and Chad Thesing for serving 6 years on FPSR board.

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

**\*Saturday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Adult env. \$960.00, Children env. \$8.25, Adult loose \$15.00, Children loose \$1.00, Easter \$106.00.

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Mass attendance **May 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday:** 99

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#### **The 13th Day**

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## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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Website: [www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org](http://www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org)



### SUNDAY, MAY 18 at 8:00 a.m.

#### Lector:

E. Ministers: Jill Hoheisel & Mary Kay Zilka

Servers: Cole Solinger, Nathan Posch & Parker Talberg

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



#### I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding May 31<sup>st</sup>

Lanae Sieben & Sean Brownlow

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Harvey Britz* passed away on April 27<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, May 2<sup>nd</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.



**CUF MEETING:** Catholic United Financial Meeting Thursday, May 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 p.m. at the Buckman Parish Center.

**THANK YOU:** Thank you to Funeral Group 4 and all the wonderful help for Marvin Gall's funeral. Thank you to Funeral Group 5 and the fabulous help for Harvey Britz's funeral. *Great job everyone!*

**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 (May 4<sup>th</sup>)

Regular Sunday	\$ 2,940.00
Easter	\$ 150.00
High School	\$ 4.00
Grade School	\$ 14.00
Plate	\$ 213.00
	\$ 3,321.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **May 4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 270



## ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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### SUNDAY, MAY 18 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Tracy Voigt

E. Ministers: Kerri Kasper, Michelle Litke & Tracy Voigt

Servers: Elizabeth Stumpf & Anna Stumpf

Sacristan: Keith Marshik

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



#### New Life in Christ

**Blakely Nova**, daughter of Derek & Kelsey Eisenschenk, was baptized on May 3<sup>rd</sup>.  
Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

**AT PEACE WITH GOD:** *Allan Kastanek* passed away on April 28<sup>th</sup>. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

**GRAND RAFFLE:** St. Joseph's Grand Raffle is now accepting cash donations. We appreciate every donation received to help make our grand raffle one of the best. You may drop off the donation, mail, or contact the parish office at 468-6033 any time before May 15<sup>th</sup>. *Thank You!*

**ISO SMALL CHEST FREEZER:** The parish is looking for a small freezer to use for our parish festival. If anyone is willing to donate one to St. Joseph's Church, please contact the parish office at 320-468-6033. Thank you!

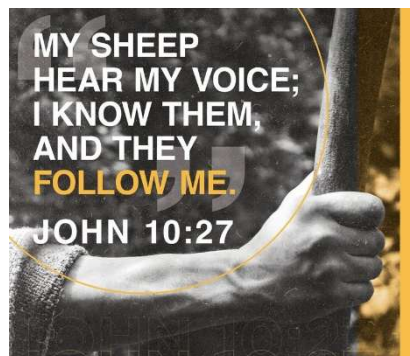
**PRAYER LINE:** If you have a prayer line request, please either call Karen Gross at 320-468-6818 or email Rachel Young at [rjyoung0521@gmail.com](mailto:rjyoung0521@gmail.com).

#### ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 4<sup>th</sup>)

Regular Sunday	\$ 10,539.33
Easter	\$ 550.00
High School	\$ 19.00
Grade School	\$ 12.25
Plate	\$ 279.25
	\$ 11,399.83

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Mass attendance **May 4<sup>th</sup>** Sunday: 283





## GENERAL NEWS

### LOOKING AHEAD:

\***Memorial Day Mass, Monday May 26<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.** The American Legion will be at St. Joseph's Church in Pierz this year for its annual Memorial Day Mass.

\*The parish office will be closed on Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>.

**FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT:** The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, May 10<sup>th</sup>, at Galen & Karla Stumpf's house, 12344 Lake Rd., Pierz MN 56364. Gatherings start at 7:00pm with a potluck-style meal, rosary & fellowship. ALL are welcome, bring a friend!

**SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET:** Sunday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please join the Christian Mothers/Women group the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**BACCALAUREATE MASS:** The Baccalaureate Masses for the Senior Class of 2025 will be celebrated on the weekend of May 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> at each parish.

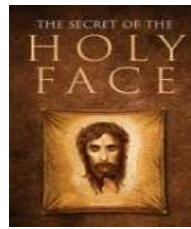
**ALL DAY ADORATION:** From 8 a.m.-8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 14<sup>th</sup> at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. Call Patty at 468-2487 with questions or to sign up.

**PRAYER BLANKETS:** Prayer blankets are available at the parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick and suffering. When receiving a prayer blanket, they know they are not alone but covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets-then Father blesses them. Donations can be left with the parish secretary.

**NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method:** Little Falls on Tuesday, 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://stdio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

**CENTRAL MN KOINONIA:** How does your pet greet you when you get home? Are you that excited to greet Jesus at Mass? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for May 16-18 at the TEC Center north of LFs & is \$70. [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more info and to register.

**HOLY FACE DEVOTIONS:** On Wed., May 21<sup>st</sup> 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!

**PRO-LIFE LEADERSHIP CAMP:** Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life (MCCL) is sponsoring the Pro-Life Leadership Camp for high school students who will be entering grades 9-12 and college freshmen fall of 2025. It provides pro-life education and training designed to equip students to be knowledgeable and effective pro-life advocates and leaders. This summer camp is at Koronis Ministries in Paynesville. The camp dates are June 23-26 or August 10-13. Registration is now open with a cost of \$100.00 per student. The Morrison County Chapter of MCCL will pay the \$100.00 cost to attend. To learn more and register go to [mccl.org/camp](http://mccl.org/camp) and call Sue Houdek 320.630.7045 to get reimbursed.



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320-468-2640

\*Wed, May 14 – JH/SH Random Acts of Kindness Night/FPSR Garage Sale 6:00pm-7:30pm (Adoration 5-6pm Pierz Church)

\*Wed, May 21 – JH/SH Party @ the Pierz Park 5:30pm-7:30pm



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

**\*GRANDPARENTS DAY-** Thank you to all our grandparents and special guests that attended our Grandparents Day event last week. We are so blessed to have so many generations of families that continue to support Holy Trinity.

**\*GOLF EVENT-** The 12th Annual Holy Trinity Golf Event will be held on Saturday, May 31, 2025 at the Pierz Golf Course. Please contact Anna Schutz (call/text 320-630-3890) to register your team or to sponsor.

**\*EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION-** We had a wonderful unexpected influx of preschool students apply this past week. As long as all that applied complete their tuition information sheet to be given this week, we will be able to offer a Preschool class (3.5-4 year olds). We currently have 1-2 spots left in our K-Readiness class (4 by Sept 1st) before having to start a wait list.

**\*TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK-** Thank you to the teachers who give and support day in and day out to Holy Trinity! We enjoyed celebrating you this week!

**\*NURSE APPRECIATION-** Thank you to our district nurses, Robyn Skwira and Jamie Johnson, who are not only in our building daily, but always a phone call away. The staff and students appreciate all you do for Holy Trinity, as well as the entire district.

**\*CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-** A thermometer was put up in front of the school to show our continued progress in funding phase 2. Meanwhile, construction has continued with phase 1! Please continue to share our campaign website:

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



Congratulations to the  
 children in our ACC who  
 received their First Holy  
 Communion!

