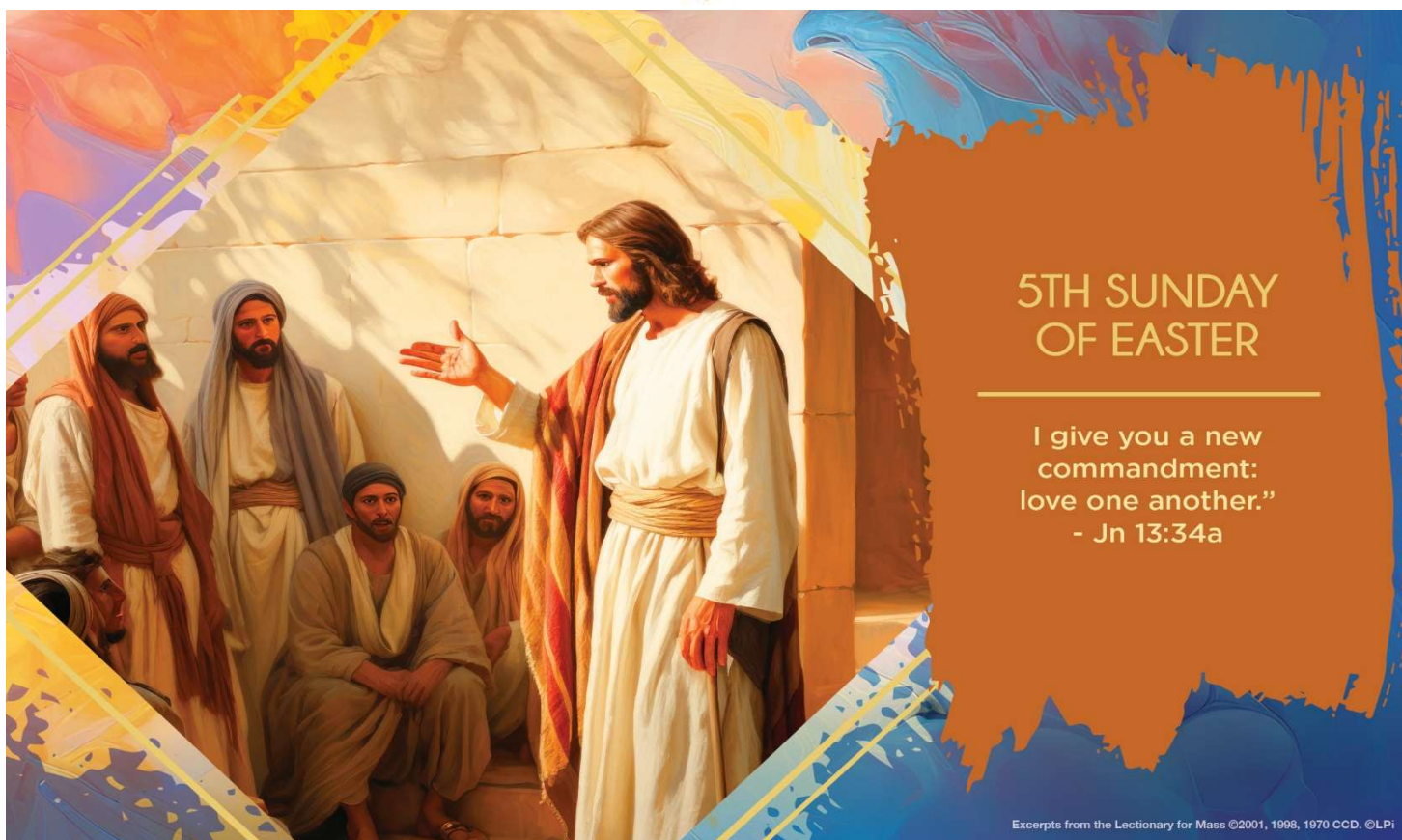




FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

I give you a new
commandment:
love one another."
- Jn 13:34a

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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**

May 18, 2025
5th 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



Habemus Papam! (We have a Pope!)

Dear Friends,

"Anuciamo vobis gaudium magnum, Habemus Papam!" These are the Latin (universal language of the Church) words that the world heard on May 8th to announce the new Pope. The phrase translates, *"We announce to you with great joy, we have a Pope."* Millions upon millions of eyes were excitedly waiting to see who would walk out onto the Loggia, or balcony, of St. Peter's Basilica in Rome, Italy.

Cardinal Robert Francis Prevost, the 267th Pope, has chosen the name Pope Leo XIV, as he accepts the great responsibility of the being the Chief Shepherd of 1.4 billion Catholics around the entire world. To the surprise of most people, including the experts, the Cardinals prayed and discerned to choose the very first American born and raised Pope, from Chicago.

Pope Leo XIV served in Peru as a missionary for many years and then was named a Bishop of Chiclayo, Peru by Pope Francis in 2015. He was then raised to be a Cardinal in the Church in 2023 and he was called to lead the Dicastery for Bishops in Rome, although he said he would have been happy to stay in Peru he accepted the assignment. Pope Leo XIV grew up on the south side of Chicago with his father, Louis, a school superintendent of Italian decent, and his mother, Mildred, a librarian, of Spanish decent. He is the youngest of three brothers, including John and Louis, who both live in the United States.

Pope Leo's brother John said that his little brother wanted to be a priest from a young age and would "play Mass" when he was younger. He remarked that the older ladies in the neighborhood said that he would be the first American Pope. The ladies likely did not know they would be prophets! Pope Leo XIV likes to play tennis and is a Chicago White Sox fan.

In his first homily to the Cardinals Pope Leo said, *"it is essential to... a personal relationship with the Lord, in our commitment to a "daily journey of conversion....experiencing together our fidelity to the Lord and bringing the Good News to all. I say this first of all to myself, as the Successor of Peter, as I begin my mission as Bishop of Rome."*

Please join me in praying for our new Holy Father each day. There is a prayer listed in the bulletin you may use. Let us continue to pray for his health, protection, faithfulness to Christ and his Church and his Sainthood. May Pope Leo XIV be a Shepherd after Christ's own heart.

God bless you, Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 20 – MAY 26

Tuesday, May 20

7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Bernadine Loidolt

Wednesday, May 21

8:00 a.m. Harding +Ardell Killeaney, +Eddie Bednarek, +Dennis Bednarek
7.-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, May 22

7:00 a.m. Buckman +Ben & Virginia Gross
10:00 a.m. Villa +Joe Weitalla
7:00 p.m. Pierz Holy Trinity 6th Graders (*6th Grade Graduation*)

Friday, May 23 – HT School Mass: Staff/Students

9:00 a.m. Pierz +John Pohlkamp
10 a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, May 24

4:00 p.m. Lastrup For the people of the parishes
6:00 p.m. Harding +Russ & Darlene Rocheleau

Sunday, May 25

8:00 a.m. Buckman +Harvey Britz
10:00 a.m. Pierz +Roger (Hulio) Hoheisel

Monday, May 26 – Memorial Day

9:00 a.m. Pierz All veterans and those presently serving in the military

LOOKING AHEAD: Starting May 30th the Mass time on Fridays in Pierz will be 7:00 a.m. until school starts.

Incense Schedule: 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.

Pierz & Buckman Office Hours:

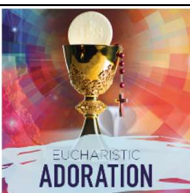
Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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.

*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.



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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, MAY 24 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Faye Diederich

Servers: Zach Gall

Ushers: Cory Loidolt & Don Schommer

E. Minister (Choir): Carol Welle

Rosary: Louise Welle

Sacristan: Dale Beierman

Weekday Mass Lector for June: Mary Lust



New Life in Christ

Isaac Mitchell, son of Joey & Christa
Froelich, was baptized on May 10th.
Congratulations and welcome to our
community of faith!

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 17th.

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 10th:** Adult env. \$725.00, Adult loose \$50.00, Easter \$100.00, Children loose \$11.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 10th Saturday:** 116

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

Jaidon Oldakowski, 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.

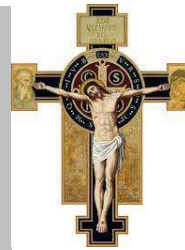
*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

*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 24 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Tim Schubert

Servers: Adam Weitalla & Morgan Weitalla

Ushers: Allen Stuckmayer & Kevin Dembouski

E. Minister (Choir): Doug Knopik

Rosary: Ted Boser

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Adeline Seitz* passed away on April 1st. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, May 9th at Holy Cross Church with burial at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery. We extend our sympathy to the families and assure them of our prayerful support.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, May 10th:** Adult env. \$1,186.00, Children env. \$2.25, Adult loose \$64.00, Children loose \$2.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **May 10th Saturday:** 92

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Join Dr. Christopher Mooney, assistant professor of theology at the Augustine Institute Graduate School of Theology, as he answers some of the internet's most popular questions about the pope and the papacy.

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SUNDAY, MAY 25 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Stangl

E. Ministers: Janice Janson & Cindy Scholl

Servers: Maddie Kahl & Max Jacobson

Ushers for June: Grant Stangl, Nathan Gruber & Shane Zilka



II. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding May 31st

Lanae Sieben & Sean Brownlow

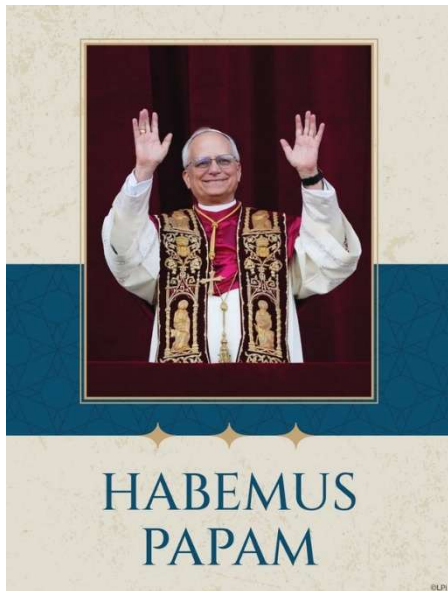
PRAYER LINE: If you are in need of prayers, please call Mary Brenny at 320-393-2781 or Mary Malinowski at 320-223-9783.

ST. MICHAEL WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 11th)

Regular Sunday	\$ 2,908.00
Easter	\$ 200.00
High School	\$ 2.00
Grade School	\$ 16.00
Plate	\$ 360.00
	\$ 3,486.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance May 11th Sunday: 307



A Prayer for the Pope

Lord, source of eternal life and truth, give to your shepherd a spirit of courage and right judgment, a spirit of knowledge and love. By governing with fidelity those entrusted to his care, may he, as successor to the Apostle Peter and Vicar of Christ, build your Church into a sacrament of unity, love and peace for all the world. Amen.

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SUNDAY, MAY 25 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Karen Gross

E. Ministers: Keith Marshik, David Stumpf & Wanda Kapsner

Servers: Lilly Kimman & Hannah Kuschel

Sacristan: Jan Kimman

MONDAY, MAY 26 at 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Veterans

E. Ministers: Volunteers Needed

Servers: Marshik children

Ushers for June: Jeremy Virnig (Lead), Allan Kroll, Mathew Stumpf & Andy Kapsner



I. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding June 6th

Brittney Boser & Matthew Kummet

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.

ST. JOSEPH WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP (May 11th)

Regular Sunday	\$ 7,354.00
High School	\$ 8.25
Grade School	\$ 11.00
Plate	\$ 236.00
	\$ 7,609.25

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance May 11th Sunday: 303



"Pray the Rosary every day.

Pray, pray a lot!"

~ Our Lady of Fatima

GENERAL NEWS

LOOKING AHEAD:

***Memorial Day Mass, Monday May 26th 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 26th.

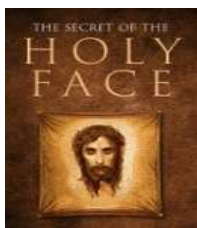
PRAYER BLANKETS: Prayer blankets are available at the parish office. Giving a prayer blanket can give comfort to the sick and suffering. When receiving a prayer blanket, they know they are not alone but covered in prayers. This ministry is committed to pray for the recipients as we prepare the blankets-then 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. 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://stdcio.org/natural-family-planning/>.

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!

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 and call Sue Houdek 320.630.7045 to get reimbursed.

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift! May 30-Jun 1, 2025 in Valley City, ND. Early registration is highly recommended. northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



REGISTRATION OPEN
SAVE THE DATE!
August 15th-17th

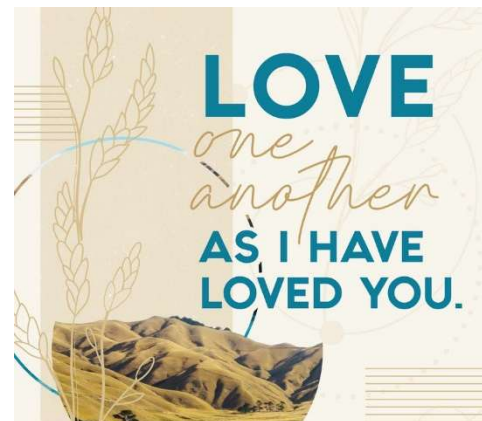
Reconnect with God.
Be supported in your faith.
Have fun as a family.



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For more information contact Cindy Loidolt 320.639.1218 |
hlfccfice@havenofmercycatholic.org

REGISTER NOW!!



Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

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

*Wed, May 28 – Adoration 5:30-6:30pm.
Seniors 6:30-8:30pm.

*Thurs, May 29 – Grasshopper Chapel in cold
Spring dinner, volleyball, rosary, Mass. Meet
at FPSR 4:30pm.

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

***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.

***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>

Right: Fr. Aaron and a bus load from Pierz and surrounding areas took a Gary Block tour on a pilgrimage to Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in La Crosse, WI and Our Lady of Champion Shrine in Green Bay, WI. The 22-mile Walk to Mary was on Saturday, May 3rd as part of the pilgrimage!

Bottom Right: Eileen Pohlkamp & Doreen Gerwing (73) walked 22 miles along with 7,000 other Catholics who walked to honor Mary!

Center: Way to go Roger & Janice Janson

