



FATHER FRANCIS XAVIER PIERZ
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to them, "Come, have breakfast." And none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they realized it was the Lord. Jesus came over and took the bread and gave it to them, and in like manner the fish. - Jn 21:12-13

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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 4, 2025
3rd 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, FATHER AARON NETT



May the Month of Mary

Dear Friends,

Each May as spring brings about new life in nature and a time of rejoicing in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, we also rejoice and give thanks to our mothers, who nurture us, teach us and carry us in their wombs. Spiritually speaking, we rejoice this May in our Blessed Mother who looks after us with powerful intercession and love.

The passage from Revelation chapter 12 calls the woman's appearance "*a great sign*" which "*appeared in heaven*," indicating that she is the mother of the Jewish Messiah and has "the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars." Accordingly, Catholic iconography of the Western tradition often depicts the Virgin Mary's assumption into heaven in this manner.

It makes logical sense that the mother of the Savior would have such an exit from this world and an entry into the next. St. John of Damascus wrote in a sermon on the Assumption as said, "It was fitting that she, who had kept her virginity intact in childbirth, should keep her own body free from all corruption even after death," and "that she, who had carried the creator as a child at her breast, should dwell in the divine tabernacles."

We are so blessed to have the rosary lead before each daily and weekend Mass so that we can pray this wonderful prayer together as a parish family before the greatest prayer, the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. I encourage everyone to make the rosary a daily routine of both personal and family prayer. The rosary is making a return. St. Josemaria Escriva once said, "*The holy Rosary is a powerful weapon. Use it with confidence and you'll be amazed at the results.*"

I encourage families to teach the children how to pray the rosary. **Here are a few things to remember. 1. The decades of the rosary are meant to be time to reflect on Jesus' life. 2. The rosary is a prayer to ask for the Blessed Mother to intercede to God for us. We honor and pray to the Mother. We do not worship her. 4. The rosary is more powerful when said in groups or pairs. 5. The rosary is a great defense against evil and a source of grace.**

May Jesus bless you and Mary keep you,
Father Aaron

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 6 – MAY 11

Tuesday, May 6

7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Marcia Athman

Wednesday, May 7

8:00 a.m. Harding +Celestine Gall

7.-8p.m. Buckman Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, May 8

7:00 a.m. Buckman +Marie Smelter

10:00 a.m. Villa +Ray Poepping

Friday, May 9 – HT School Mass: Mrs. Lanner's 2nd Grade Class

9:00 a.m. Pierz +Elvira Stumpf

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

Saturday, May 10 – Christian Women May Crowning

4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Richie Boser, +John Boser & +John Stoll

6:00 p.m. Harding +Marie Dombovy

Sunday, May 11 – Christian Women May Crowning

8:00 a.m. Buckman For the people of the parishes

10:00 a.m. Pierz +Darlene Rocheleau

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

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:

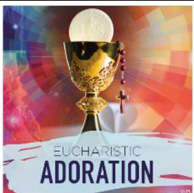
Located in Pierz. Mon, Tue, Thurs. 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday and Friday 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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

Weekday Masses When There is a Funeral: When there is a funeral, the regular scheduled weekday Mass will still take place.

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com
Website: www.stjohnlastrup.org



SATURDAY, MAY 10 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Mark Loidolt

Servers: Ellie Thomsen

Ushers: Roy Boser & Donny Schommer

E. Minister (Choir): Julie Laney

Rosary: Mary Lust

Sacristan: Louise Welle

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:

***Saturday, April 26th:** Adult env. \$620.00, Adult loose \$292.00, Easter \$1,575.00, Children loose \$28.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **April 26th Saturday:** 211

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.

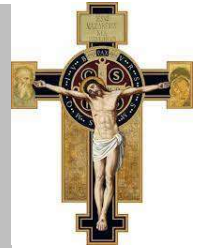
*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

*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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Pierz, MN 56364
Phone: 320-360-9720
E-mail: ltthesing@hotmail.com
Website: www.Hardingchurch.org



SATURDAY, MAY 10 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Doug Knopik

Servers: Erin Thesing & Tyler Thesing

Ushers: Dave Skwira & Willie Rudolph

E. Minister (Choir): Gary Matlock

Rosary: Ted Boser

ROSARY SODALITY MEETING: Wednesday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m. to discuss Baccalaureate Mass.

HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

***Saturday, April 26th:** Adult env. \$1,005.00, Children Env. \$5.00, Adult Loose \$68.00, Children Loose \$6.00, Holy Land \$74.00, Easter \$940.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **April 26th Saturday:** 98

CATHOLIC Q & A

The Tradition of Genuflection

Q: Why do Catholics genuflect?

A: Genuflection is an act of devotion that literally means "to bend the knee." For many Catholics, it's an almost automatic gesture that we perform before entering our pew or row of seats at Mass. But, like many of the symbols and gestures of our faith tradition, genuflecting can also be an invitation for deeper reflection.

The practice of "bending the knee" is an ancient way of recognizing the presence of someone greater than we are. It has been said that the practice dates back to the time of Alexander the Great, but it became a common part of etiquette in the royal courts of the Middle Ages. From throne rooms and palaces, it was a small step to genuflecting becoming part of the devotional lives of Christians, who used this secular gesture as a way of recognizing the presence of the One who is King of Kings, especially in the Eucharist. Today, Catholics are asked to genuflect in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament (whether in the tabernacle or exposed on the altar during eucharistic adoration). So, while it has become second nature to genuflect before entering your seat in church, we should pay attention to where the Blessed Sacrament is kept in each church or chapel that we visit, and genuflect in the direction of the tabernacle where the Blessed Sacrament is kept. In churches or chapels in which the tabernacle is in a separate space, we are invited to simply bow toward the altar. In addition to genuflecting before the Blessed Sacrament, we are also instructed to genuflect before the cross used for veneration on Good Friday (during the solemn celebrations of the Lord's Passion) and any time a relic of the True Cross is displayed for veneration. This long-standing tradition is a way of honoring the cross as the great sign of our salvation and of showing devotion to the passion of Jesus.

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Pierz, MN 56364

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SUNDAY, MAY 11 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Janice Janson

E. Ministers: Randi Kranz & Connie Kieffer

Servers: Whitney Stangl & Alayna Seelen

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



New Life in Christ

Austyn Avery, daughter of Cassondra Sawatzke, was baptized on April 27th. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

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 27th)

Regular Sunday	\$ 2,199.00
Easter	\$ 3,530.00
High School	\$ 3.00
Grade School	\$ 46.00
Plate	\$ 595.00
	\$ 6,373.00

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **April 27th Sunday:** 542

ST. JOSEPH'S CHURCH

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Pierz, MN 56364

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E-mail: stjoes@midco.net

Website: www.stjosephs-stmichaels.org



SUNDAY, MAY 11 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Keith Marshik

E. Ministers: David Stumpf, Matt Kessler & Mason Zajac

Servers: Lance Litke & Jonathan Przybilla

Sacristan: Mary Kimman

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

AT PEACE WITH GOD: **Frederick "Fred" Sauer** passed away on April 23rd. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, April 30th 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 15th. **Thank You!**

BUILDING & MAINTENANCE RAFFLE:

*Thank you to all of the German meal helpers including the cooks, servers, dishwashers and a big thank you to Nick and Crystal Ratke for the use of their kitchen and ballroom. Also, thank you to all who sold tickets and those who purchased building and maintenance raffle tickets and German meal tickets. We will have a final total after expenses are paid. *Copies of the winners list are printed off and located at the back of church and in the parish office entryway.

REMINDER: St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women would be honored to pray a rosary at the wake of any parishioner or their family member. Contact the parish office at 320-468-6033 to request when making arrangements.

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 (April 27th)

Regular Sunday	\$ 3,600.11
Easter	\$ 4,320.00
High School	\$ 15.00
Grade School	\$ 53.30
Plate	\$ 831.25
	\$ 8,819.66

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **April 27th Sunday:** 534

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- 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.

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.

GENERAL NEWS

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!

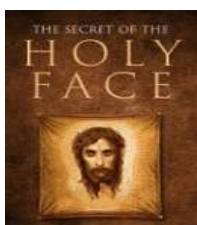
SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: Sunday, May 11th. Please join the Christian Mothers/Women group the 2nd Sunday of each month after Mass, to pray the Seven Sorrows Rosary/Chaplet. We will meet in the St. Michael's-Buckman cemetery at the crucifix. If weather does not permit, meet in the church. Everyone 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.

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://stcdio.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!

A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend renews the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! The next available Weekends are Nov 22-23, 2025 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and May 16-18, 2025 in Buffalo, 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.

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 Tuesday, April 22, the Appeal has raised gifts and pledges of \$887,640 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (59.18%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 4,657 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.



REGISTRATION OPEN

SAVE THE DATE!

August 15th-17th

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

THIS SUMMER...
plan a different summer getaway. Come experience the beauty and wonder of God alongside fellow Catholics at the historical Holy Family Church and Delta Prairie Park along the Wabigoon River.

DYNAMIC SPEAKERS!

- Michael (Mike) J. Jurek (Jude)
- Leah Jacobson (Leah) (Jude)
- Brandon Almaraz (Brandon)
- John Martinez (John)

ACTIVITIES for all ages!

- Overnight camping
- Breakout sessions for children, youth and discerning age
- Campfires
- Volleyball and yard games
- Prayer and Worship
- Mass, Adoration, Confession
- Gaga ball and Ultimate Frisbee
- Family Rosary and Chaplet

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For more information contact Cindy Loidolt 320.639.1210 | htoffice@havenofmercy catholic.org

REGISTER NOW!!



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

***COFFEE-** Guatemalan coffee is always available for purchase at the school. Holy Trinity makes \$3 on each bag sold and the rest goes to pay the farmers in Guatemala for the coffee beans. Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

***CAPITAL CAMPAIGN-** We have officially broken ground on our Phase 1 campaign priorities which are fully funded and we're thrilled to be 84% of the way to our total goal! Please check out pictures from our Groundbreaking Ceremony on our website and Facebook pages. We are actively receiving pledges every day and encourage all to continue to share our campaign website: <https://www.holytrinitypierz.org/capitalcampaign>

APRIL RAFFLE CALENDAR WINNERS

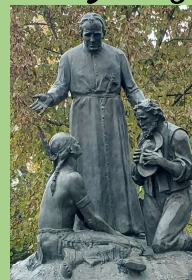
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04/02/2025 \$35.00 Emily Leidenfrost	04/12/2025 \$35.00 Beep Jacobson	04/22/2025 \$35.00 Abbey Harder
04/03/2025 \$35.00 Reese Kapsner	04/13/2025 \$75.00 Tom Przybilla	04/23/2025 \$35.00 Marvin & Marilyn Przybilla
04/04/2025 \$35.00 Vern & Gertie Kimman	04/14/2025 \$35.00 Whitney Wagner	04/24/2025 \$35.00 Katie Stangl
04/05/2025 \$35.00 Jeff Hoeisel	04/15/2025 \$35.00 Susie & Dave Gall	04/25/2025 \$35.00 Karen Poster
04/06/2025 \$75.00 Anna Schutz	04/16/2025 \$35.00 Cory Andrea	04/26/2025 \$35.00 Mary Ratke
04/07/2025 \$35.00 Dan Schraut	04/17/2025 \$35.00 Savannah Gruber	04/27/2025 \$75.00 The Wehseler Family
04/08/2025 \$35.00 The Wehseler Family	04/18/2025 \$35.00 Kurt & Joelle Lucking	04/28/2025 \$35.00 Laura Burningham
04/09/2025 \$35.00 Tim & Joanie Watcott	04/19/2025 \$35.00 The Wehseler Family	04/29/2025 \$35.00 Kyle & Nicole Welle
04/10/2025 \$35.00 Brenda Prokott	04/20/2025 \$500.00 Kyle & Samantha Bednar	04/30/2025 \$35.00 Pam Skiba

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE ACC!



Congratulations to 40-year member of St. Joseph's Christian Mothers/Women Sue Poser and 55-year member Jessica Przybilla. 40-year members not pictured are: Pat Kurtz and Mary Ann Poepping.

Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

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

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

Music in the Park

Pierz Schools Music Department Fundraiser
May 4th, 2025 @ 2:00PM

Events Include:

50/50 Raffles	Craft Fair Vendors
Pierz Lions Food	Bean-Bag Toss
Silent Auction	Chuck-A-Duck
Deck of Cards Raffles	And More!



Come Support our Student Musicians & Singers!