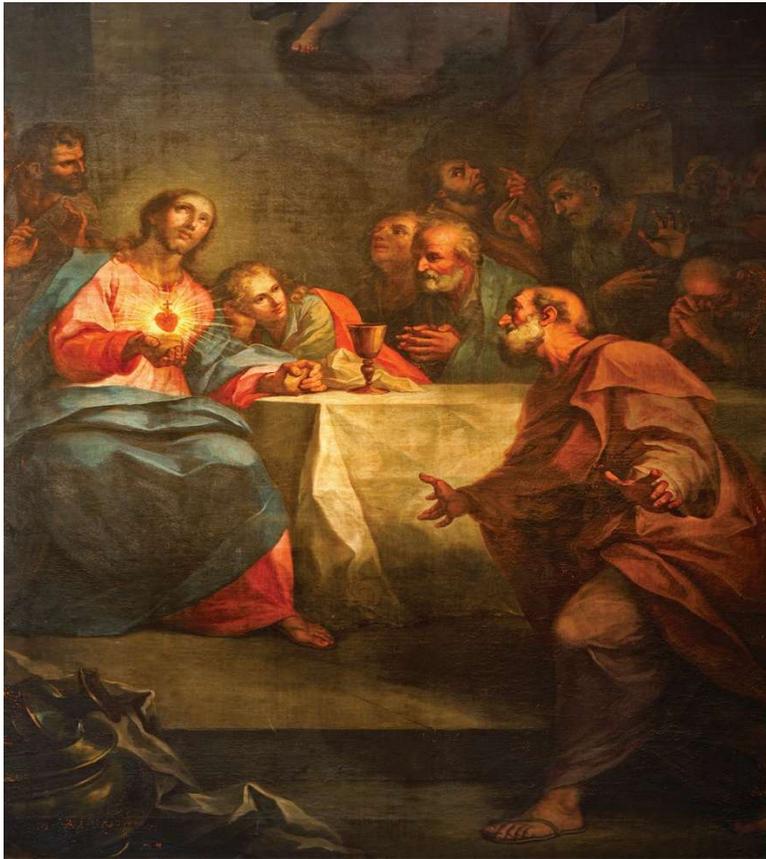




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PENTECOST SUNDAY

[Jesus said to his disciples:]
“Whoever loves me will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.” - Jn 14:23

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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 - (Summer Friday Mass time)

7:00 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

June 8, 2025

PENTECOST SUNDAY

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 Harding & Lastrup weekday Masses, 30 minutes after Pierz & Buckman weekday Masses, and by appointment

*First Weekend of the Month: After 6 p.m. Mass at Holy Cross

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The Holy Spirit: The Life of the Church

Dear Friends,

Happy Solemnity of Pentecost! This Sunday’s Feast we celebrate the birthday of the Holy Catholic Church and the conclusion of Easter Season. Jesus blesses his disciples with his peace and breathes the life-giving Spirit upon them allowing them to be instruments of God’s saving grace for the world. *“And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained.””* (Jn 20:21-23)

The Holy Spirit is alive and well in the Church today in many ways even through the challenges we face, although we may not always see or notice the Spirit’s work. As a testimony to this, an April article from the National Catholic Register stated that many diocese’ across the nation experienced a significant increase in the number of converts to the Catholic Faith this past Easter. For instance, the Diocese of Winona-Rochester, Minnesota, was up 67% this year over last year (251 in 2025 versus 150 in 2024), and up 99% from 2022 (126). The Diocese of Rockford, Illinois, converts in 2025 (743) are about 41% higher than in 2024 (528) and are 64% higher than in 2019 (452) before the virus.

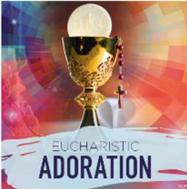
We are excited to see numbers growing here in our own ACC, as there were two Confirmed this past Easter and seven more adult individuals seeking to enter the Catholic Church currently. A few of these are students in high school.

May we continue to have confidence in the power and workings of the Holy Spirit in our own lives and in the world. God does not *“leave us orphans,”* but makes us his sons and daughters through baptism, and breathes the Holy Spirit upon us in Confirmation. It is God’s gift of love that grants us his peace and makes our hearts new each day. Come Holy Spirit!

God bless you, Father Aaron

Notes:

- We had a wonderful pilgrimage to the Grasshopper Chapel in Cold Spring on May 29th. Thank you to all who helped out with the picnic, the Mass and our great bus driver for making it a safe and enjoyable trip!
- Please keep in your prayers our mission trip to Ecuador this June 15th-20th, as over 20 youth and adults will help the poor in the city of Playa Prieta.
- Also, please keep the Steubenville youth trip in your prayers in late July as a large group of youth will travel to Steubenville University in Ohio for a retreat.
- Please keep the Family Fest retreat this August 15th to 17th in Belle Prairie on your calendars. It is a wonderful gathering of families who engage in Mass, prayer, fellowship and fun! Please see the bulletin for coming details.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 10 – JUNE 15		NOTES:
<p>Tuesday, June 10 7:00 p.m. Lastrup +Loren Schmitz & +Rob Schmitz</p> <p>Wednesday, June 11 8:00 a.m. Harding +Leander & Ellidore Thesing 8a.m.-6p.m. Buckman All Day Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Thursday, June 12 7:00 a.m. Buckman +Ben & Virginia Gross 10:00 a.m. Villa +Edward Stangl & family</p> <p>Friday, June 13 7:00 a.m. Pierz +Mike Hoheisel 8a.m.-6 p.m. Pierz Eucharistic Adoration</p> <p>Saturday, June 14 4:00 p.m. Lastrup +Deceased families of Jerry & Carol Zimmerman 6:00 p.m. Harding +Oliver Rudolph</p> <p>Sunday, June 15 8:00 a.m. Buckman +Severin & Marie Smelter 10:00 a.m. Pierz For the people of the parishes</p>	<p>NOTES: *Friday Summer Masses in Pierz will be at 7 a.m. until school starts. Confessions will be for 30 minutes after Mass. *All Day Eucharistic Adoration will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Wednesday, June 11th, with the ACC Townhall meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Emergency Contact: 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 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. St. Michael Buckman – Wednesdays 7-8 p.m. and the 2nd Wednesday of each month from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Holy Cross Harding – Adoration chapel always open</p>	<p>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.</p> <p>Lastrup & Harding Office Hours: Call 320-360-9720</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

ST. JOHN NEPOMUK

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14 at 4:00 p.m.

Lector: Faye Diederich

Servers: Kimmans

Ushers: Allen Welle & Cory Loidolt

E. Minister (Choir): Traci Schommer

Rosary: Louise Welle

Sacristan: Dale Beierman

Weekday Mass Lector for June: Mary Lust

GAMING MEETING: There will be a gaming meeting Tuesday, June 10th after the 7:00 p.m. Mass in the rectory.

BAR BINGO NEWS: Come to the Fisch House in Lastrup to play bingo every Monday evening at 5:30 p.m. This week's bingo numbers are 48 numbers for \$1,000 and 60 numbers for \$400. 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 31st: Adult env. \$1,360.00, Adult loose \$110.00, Children env. \$2.00, Children loose \$9.00.

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance May 31st Saturday: 107

PRAYER REQUESTS FOR LASTRUP & HARDING:

Jaiden 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, not during the summer, in the parish office. We use videos, a study guide and discussion. Call Hilde Flicker with questions 320-468-2649.

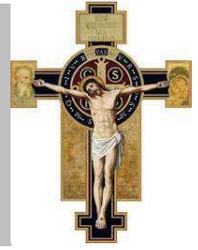
*Man Accountability: Men of all parishes, give us the honors of joining us on Saturdays from 6:45-8AM at the Pierz parish office for Gospel prayer, Acts 2:42, and accountability. Iron sharpens iron! Questions/reminders please text/call Mark Loidolt, 701-388-2323.

*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 468-0220.

HOLY CROSS CHURCH

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SATURDAY, JUNE 14 at 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Janet Hanneken

Servers: Adam Voitalla & Morgan Voitalla

Ushers: Andy Voitalla & Russ Voitalla

E. Minister (Choir): Diane Virnig

Rosary: Gloria Voitalla



II. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding June 21st

Kayla Brisk & Matthew Schoening

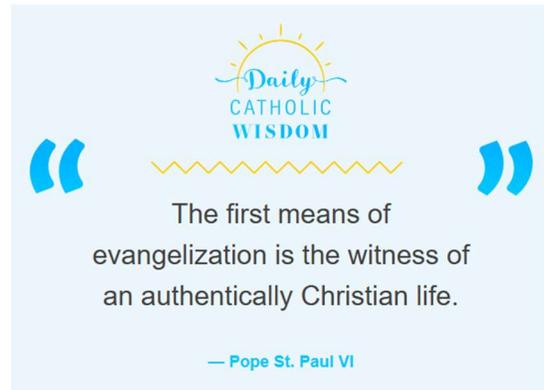
SCHEDULES AVAILABLE: New schedules are ready for pickup in the entryway.

BAZAAR PLANNING MEETING: There will be a Bazaar Planning meeting for 2025 on Thursday, June 12th at 7:00 pm in the church basement.

RAFFLE DONATIONS: Anyone interested in donating to the Holy Cross Church raffle, slips are on the table in the back of church. Fill them out and either put it in the collection or mail to me by June 7th, 2025. Or call me with the information at 320-277-3860 or email me at awoitalla@brainerd.net.

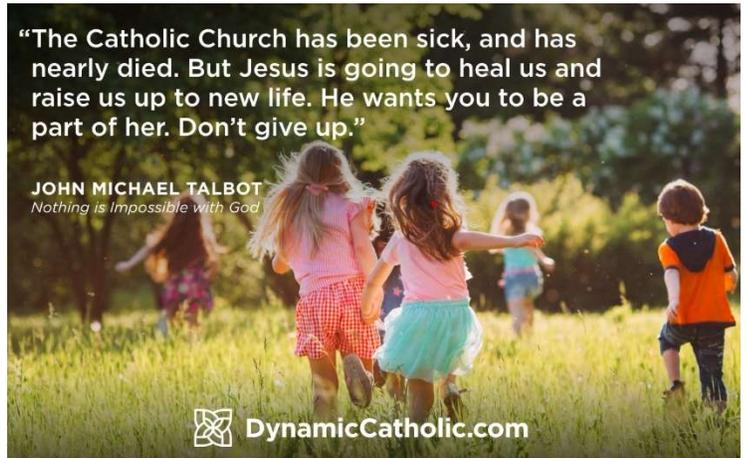
HOLY CROSS WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

*Saturday, May 31st: Adult env. \$1,100.00, Adult loose \$15.00.
Mass attendance May 31st Saturday: 70



“The Catholic Church has been sick, and has nearly died. But Jesus is going to heal us and raise us up to new life. He wants you to be a part of her. Don't give up.”

JOHN MICHAEL TALBOT
Nothing is Impossible with God



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SUNDAY, JUNE 15 at 8:00 a.m.

Lector: Nathan Gruber

E. Ministers: Mary Kay Zilka & Ron Kahl

Servers: Quinn Gruber & Logan Brisk

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



New Life in Christ

Callan Ray, son of Evan & Alivia Weitalla, was baptized on June 1st. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

AT PEACE WITH GOD: *Alfred Lanners* passed away on May 26th. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, May 30th 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.

THANK YOU: Thank you to Funeral Group 6 for your help for Alfred Lanner's funeral. *Wonderful job!*

LECTORS NEEDED AT ST. MICHAEL'S: If anyone is interested in becoming a lector to do the readings on Sundays, please call the parish office at 320-468-6033. We need some young people as well. Thank you!

NOTE: Please do **NOT** bring Country Store items for the Bazaar yet. You may bring items in August.

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 (June 1st)

Regular Sunday	\$ 1,898.00
High School	\$ 0.00
Grade School	\$ 2.00
Plate	\$ 255.09
	\$ 2,155.09

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **June 1st Sunday:** 261

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***Weekday Lector: Friday, June 13th at 7 a.m.:** Joan Kapsner

SUNDAY, JUNE 15 at 10:00 a.m.

Lector: Al Pekarek

E. Ministers: David Stumpf, Mason Zajac & Keith Marshik

Servers: Brady Pohlkamp & Shane Pohlkamp

Sacristan: Mary Kimman

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



II. BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Wedding June 21st

Randi Johnson & Simon Gruber



Congratulations to Matthew & Brittney (Boser) Kummet who were married this weekend!



New Life in Christ

Josephine Marie, daughter of Gabriel & Nicole Gross, was baptized on June 1st. Congratulations and welcome to our community of faith!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are looking for volunteer(s) to clean the church basement after funerals and special events. Please call the office at 320-468-6033 if interested. 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 (June 1st)

Regular Sunday	\$ 7,608.00
High School	\$ 10.50
Grade School	\$ 17.00
Plate	\$ 330.00
	\$ 7,965.50

Thank you for your generosity!

Mass attendance **June 1st Sunday:** 339

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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

SEVEN SORROWS ROSARY/CHAPLET: Sunday, June 8th. 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.

TOWNHALL ACC PLANNING MEETING: Parishioners from all 4 parishes are encouraged to attend an important meeting on the Diocese's All Things New planning on Wednesday, June 11th at 6:30 p.m. at St. Michael's parish hall in Buckman. Open to everyone. All Day Adoration that day will be from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ALL DAY ADORATION: Wednesday, June 11th from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. (because of ACC planning meeting) at St. Michael's Church in Buckman. To sign up for an hour, call Patty at 320-468-2487.

COUNCIL MEETINGS: Pierz & Buckman: Thursday, June 12th in Pierz, finance councils at 6:00 p.m. and parish councils at 7:15 p.m. Reminder to get your agendas in this week please.

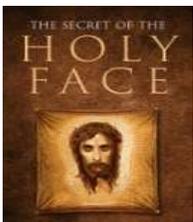
FAMILY ROSARY NIGHT: The next Family Rosary Night will be Saturday, June 14th at Jim & Susie Kasper's house, 16052 295th Avenue, Pierz MN 56364. Starts at 7 p.m. with potluck followed by rosary & fellowship. ALL welcome, bring a friend!

HOLY FACE DEVOTIONS: Join the monthly devotion at 6 p.m. on the third Wednesdays of the month, (June 18th), just prior to Adoration at St. Michael's. Prayer booklets provided to attendees. Mark your calendar!

ROSARY AT THE GROTTA: Rosary at the Grotto (corner of Hwy 25 and 27, across from Speedway/Subway) will be taking place every Wednesday at 8:00 PM until The Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (August 15th). Please join us and invite anyone who you feel would like to attend.

CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION: We will be having a procession for Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 22nd right after 10:00 a.m. Mass in Pierz. We will be processing around Pierz, followed by lunch, family, faith, fellowship, volleyball, beanbags, etc. Everyone is welcome!

NFP - First Instruction in the Billings Ovulation Method: Little Falls on Tuesday, July 1 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.



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!

FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY: How is your garden growing? Plan to attend the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's annual Fun, Food & Fund Day fundraiser. This year's theme is "Hope Plants the Garden; Faith Makes It Grow" to be held Thurs., June 26 at St. James Parish in Randall. \$20 by 6/10; \$25 after & at the door.

BLOOD DRIVE: Donors who give blood in June will receive a \$15 Amazon gift card (by email) PLUS be automatically entered for a chance to win one of two \$7,000 gift cards! St. Francis Convent (St. Francis Hall), Little Falls on Mon., June 16, 1-7p.m.; Tues, June 17, 12-6p.m.; and Wed, June 18, 8:30 a.m.-2:30p.m. 16 years of age (please bring parental consent), weighs 110 pounds and considered in good health. There is no upper age limit, and the time commitment is minimal. First-time donors are always welcome. Please bring photo identification. Make your appointment online at redcrossblood.org or by calling Sister Julien Dirkes at 320-632-0663.



REGISTRATION OPEN

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- Brandon Alvarado (Johannes)
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- Gaga ball and Ultimate Frisbee
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Father Pierz School of Religion



320-468-2640

- *Tues, Jun 10th – Valleyfair trip. Bus leaves FPSR at 8 a.m. and returns at 6 p.m.
- *FPSR & the Steubenville students will be doing a second collection on the weekend of June 14 & 15 to help with bus costs for the Steubenville retreat to Steubenville, Ohio July 24 - 28.
- *June 23 – 27: Extreme Faith Camp
- *June 28, 29, 30 – TEC RETREAT

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

***SUMMER HOURS-** Beginning Tuesday, May 27, the Holy Trinity office will be staffed from 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, or by appointment. You can reach the office by calling (320)468-6446 or emailing office@holytrinitypierz.org

***THANK YOU-** Thank you to all that joined us at our annual golf event! We appreciate your support!

***COFFEE-** Regular (ground or bean) \$13.00, in French, Dark, or Medium Roast. Decaf (ground or bean) \$14.00.

***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>

LOOK WHAT'S NEW IN THE ACC!



Photos from the Steubenville rock picking fundraiser & Grasshopper Chapel

