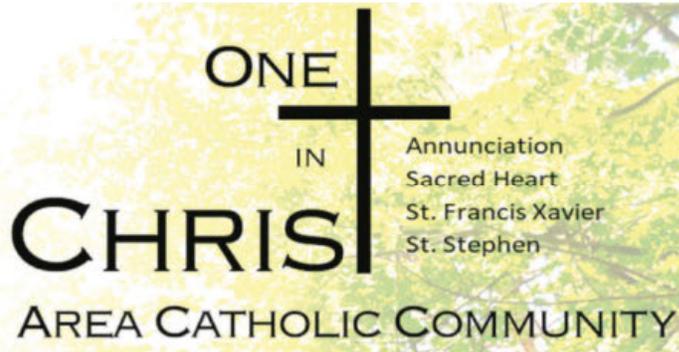
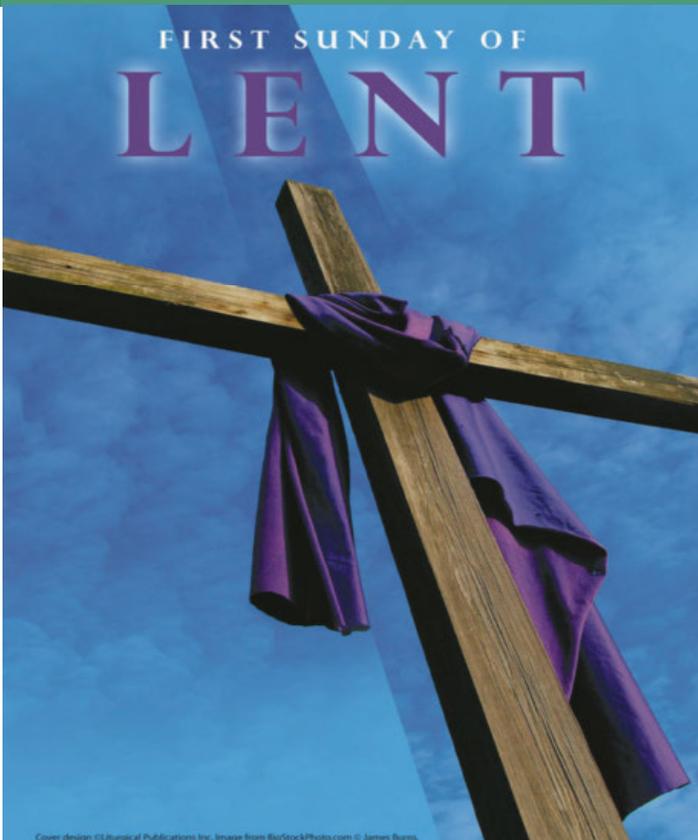


February 26, 2023  
1st Sunday of Lent



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### Annunciation

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### Sacred Heart

2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

### St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377  
320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

### St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375  
320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday February 27</b> <i>St. Gregory of Narek</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<i>Word &amp; Communion</i> † Donna Poganski
<b>Tuesday February 28</b> Weekday	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>Sacred Heart</b>	† Al Then † Mike Notsch † Sue Oldakowski
<b>Wednesday March 1</b> Weekday	8:00 am 8:00 am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Leo Esselman † Loretta Buley
<b>Thursday March 2</b> Weekday	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	† Al Then † Norma Vouk Conversions
<b>Friday March 3</b> <i>St. Katharine Drexel</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Norbert & Nancy Motzko † David & Marlene Robertson
<b>Saturday March 4</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Stephen</b>	† Ren Pearson † Gary Thorsten † Harvey Legatt
<b>Sunday March 5</b> <i>2nd Sunday of Lent</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	<b>Annunciation</b> <b>*Sacred Heart</b> <b>*St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b>	<i>For the People of the Parishes</i> Linda Neu † Cliff Zirbes † Clarence Justin

\*Livestreamed Mass

### PASTORAL SERVICES

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays** 3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
6:30 pm St. Stephen  
**Sunday** 7:40 am Annunciation

**Anointing of the Sick**  
**Home Bound Communion**  
**Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests,**  
**Marriage and Baptism Preparation**  
If you have any of the above pastoral needs, please contact your Parish Office.

Bulletin announcements are due in the parish office by 8:00 am on Mondays. Thank you! Please contact your Parish Office for more information.

### DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 /Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19 /Lk 11:29-32

**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 507a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8 /Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 (22)/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

It has been a year since Russia invaded Ukraine. The pictures show the devastation that has taken place in Ukraine. Countless people have died because of the fighting. It is as if World War III is being waged in Ukraine, as many nations supply weapons for

both sides. How unspeakable as a global community we allow these atrocities to take place, there seems to be little effort at bringing the fighting to an end.

Recently mass shootings have been reported in Memphis, Tennessee; Tate County, Mississippi; East Lansing, Michigan. Sadly, mass shootings are the rule rather than the exception. Daily people die from gun violence in their homes, places of work and entertainment, and in the streets. Last weekend, Auxiliary Bishop David O'Connell of Los Angeles, was shot to death. Gun violence has become so common place, that we are almost desensitized by the incidents. It is obvious that what we are doing in this country to end gun violence is not working.

May God stir hearts to thoughts and actions of peace; and comfort those who are grieving.

Against this backdrop is our annual reading of Jesus' temptation in the desert. These temptations are not about the personal struggles Jesus had in his ministry. They are about the clashing of kingdoms — the kingdom of God versus the kingdom of Satan.

In this battle we see Jesus prevail. At the core it is not about whether Jesus is the Son of God. The question is what it means for Jesus to be the Son of God. For Jesus to be the Son of God means being obedient to God and God's plan for salvation. Salvation will be achieved through his suffering, death, and resurrection. Jesus accomplishes this salvation not through awe and power. He doesn't transform stones into bread. He doesn't wow the crowd by leaping from heights and having angels save him. He doesn't perform all kinds of magical deeds. Rather Jesus brings this salvation through service, acceptance, forgiveness, compassion, and love.

By the Spirit we too are led into this clashing of the kingdoms — the kingdom of God versus the kingdom of Satan. Adam and Eve, through partaking of the forbidden fruit, illustrate that humans do succumb to the kingdom of Satan. Original sin isn't so much a stain on our souls, as that we are born into a world where sin is present. The cleansing waters of baptism provide us the graces to fight off temptation and to join others in helping the kingdom of God to prevail. The question isn't are we a child of God but what does it mean for us to be a child of God.

To be children of God is to rely on the power of God. In our lives we are to be a people of service, acceptance,

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

compassion, forgiveness, and love. To be a people who see the needs of another before focusing on one's own needs and wants. To be a people who can welcome all as Christ. To be a people who are on fire with the Spirit, who can bring the good news of a caring God even to the hurting. To be a people who seek forgiveness instead of revenge. Willing to take the first step even though we think the other should initiate. To be a people who respect all people even that person, who bothers us, has hurt us deeply, or is a foreigner.

Lent is a time to rededicate ourselves to our baptism and to work for the furthering of God's kingdom.

**Fr. Ron**

## WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Mark Saturday, March 18, 2023, on your calendars to attend the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat to be held at St. Paul's Parish in St. Cloud. Registration is \$20. Contact Lora Knafla at (320) 393-2701 to register or mail check payable to St. Cloud DCCW to Lora at 11719 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367 by March 10.

Speaker, Dana Webskowski, was a lukewarm "cradle Catholic" who found church boring and contemplated leaving the church but is now in love with God, the Catholic faith and the Eucharist. Her mission is to help fallen away Catholics come back to His church, light a fire for the lukewarm Catholics out there, and help other Christians to see that the Catholic church has absolute truth and everything they need to grow in holiness. Dana grew up on a farm near Millerville, MN and now resides in Sioux Falls, SD.

## LEADERSHIP



### ACC Pastoral Leadership

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Ron Weyrens</b> 320-252-1363, Ext.401 (days) Ext. 402 (night/weekends) rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org
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<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Terry Jancik</b> 320-251-8115
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Steve Pareja</b> 320-761-2503
<b>Pastoral Associate</b>	<b>Sandee Kremers</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org

*"It is written: 'The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.'" — Matthew 4:10*

Tempted between the riches and power of this world and service to God, Jesus chose service to His Father. If we wish to truly follow Jesus, we, too, must decide to turn away from worldly power and riches and put God at the center of our lives. Lent is our time to prune ourselves of earthly things and develop and nurture heavenly things. Lent is a time to repent and let go of the other "gods" we have put before God.

### MENTAL HEALTH FOR EVERYONE



*Have you noticed someone who was struggling and wondered what can I do to help? Have you tried to start a dialogue with someone who you know is struggling? Have you wondered how to*

*encourage self-help or want support strategies?* You are invited to join us for information, insight and tools to use as we help ourselves and/or those around us who suffer from Mental Illness.

**Presented by Dr. Bethany Tollefson DNP, RN, PHN, FCN**

Dates: Tuesday, February 28, Tuesdays, March 7, 14 & 21 (come for one or all)

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

5:30-6:00 pm Soup Dinner (with a Free Will Offering)

6:00-7:00 pm Presentation

Where: St. Francis Xavier, Gathering Space

Please register by Monday, February 20, 2023 -

Call St. Francis Xavier to register 320-252-1363 or

Contact Sandee Kremers at [skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org) or 320-252-1363 x403.

### KC FISH FRY

A Fish Fry is scheduled for **Friday, March 10<sup>th</sup>**. The Knights of Columbus are leading the charge, but more help will be needed. A sign-up genius for kitchen and "runners" will be made available. It is "to go" only. Only 500 meals to be made. If you want to make a purchase, you can pay in the St. Francis Xavier Parish office. **OR**, place an order online at [www.stfrancissartell.org](http://www.stfrancissartell.org) and click on the Donate Button.

Near the bottom of the donate page is a place for making payments. Meals are **\$12.00**. Orders will be confirmed and will be placed on a will call list to show that payment has been made. On Friday the 10<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm to 7:00pm, you pull up in front of St. Francis Xavier School and runners will check your order and will bring you your meals.

Proceeds will be going to Terebinth Refuge. From their website: *Terebinth Refuge is a Christ-centered shelter and safe home that brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women.*

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser.

### BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children baptized into our parish family and the Christian community:



**Brielle Joan Willis**, daughter of Jeb & Jacquelyn, who was baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

**Nolan Joseph Hartman**, son of Joseph & Jordanne, who was baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

**Colten Charles Euteneuer**, son of Matthew & Megan, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.

**Anthony Robert Dirks**, son of Matthew & Rachel, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.

### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Jerome Supan, who passed away February 16, from St. Stephen.



Eternal Rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.

### YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### Young Adult Bible Study

We continue our journey with the Acts of the Apostles. Join our small conversations as we dive deeper into our faith and God's Word. This is a great safe / casual way to come, share and meet other young adults. We hope to see you on Thursday March 2nd at 7:00 PM at Annunciation in Mayhew Lake. You don't have to have attended previous Bible Studies to join. Questions? Contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486).

#### Theology on Draft presents 'Bread Talks'

Don't miss the next Theology on Draft, Thursday March 9th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Backshed Brewing in Waite Park. That night we will be hosting the Diocesan Bread Talks as part of the Eucharistic Revival with guest speakers: Jason Prigge and Philip Sheveland. Our keynote speaker is Laura Kelly Fanucci who is well known for writing and sharing her daily life in correlation with the Sacraments. Food is provided, drinks are your responsibility - bring a friend and join in the conversation!

#### Young Adult Summit and Mass

Join the Diocesan Core Team for Young Adult Ministry for a Young Adult Summit. The Summit is for young adults (18 -39 years old) who see themselves in a leadership role or would like to be a part of the conversation for forming goals and objectives for Young Adult Ministry in the Diocese of St. Cloud. The day starts at 10:30 AM and ends with 5:00 PM Mass at Sacred Heart. Contact Jason Prigge to join the conversation - all are welcome to Mass and Meal\* following.

\*Meal will take place off campus and is your responsibility.

## FISH FRY TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE



St. Katharine Drexel School will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, March 24th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Both dine-in and drive-thru meals are

available! The cost of an adult presale ticket is \$14.00 and \$8.00 for children 4-10 years old. (Drive-thru and a ticket at the door is \$15.00.) Presale tickets are available in our SKD School Office (251-2376) and in the Sacred Heart Parish office. Thank you for your support to this great fundraiser!

## BOY SCOUTS

Troop 17 Scouts have a great spring planned. Escape the great indoors! Any youth in 5th grade or older from any parish are welcome to come join us.

- 3-3-23 to 3-5-23 winter camp near Ely MN
  - 4-21-23 to 4-23-23 Blue Mounds State Park in Southern MN, for some hiking, biking and Buffalo!
  - 5-19-21 to 5-21-23 Canoe Trip on the Namekagon River in WI
  - Service: Buckthorn removal at Bend In The River Park later this spring.
  - 6-6-23 to 6-8-23 Glendalough State Park for fishing, paddling and swimming.
- Scouts meet most Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 pm at Sacred Heart  
Call or Text Patrick Howard, Scoutmaster, at 320-291-1130 with questions.

Words to Live By...A Scout is...

TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL HELPFUL FREINDLY  
COURTEOUS KIND OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY  
BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT

## THANKS & CONGRATULATIONS TO BISHOP KETTLER

If you would like to offer your thanks and congratulations to Bishop Kettler, please send your card or note to the Chancery and it will be forwarded to Bishop Kettler as he enjoys his well-deserved retirement.

Bishop Kettler, c/o Diocese of St. Cloud, PO BOX 1248, St. Cloud, MN 56302



This is Announcement Weekend for the 2023 Bishop's Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520  
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Hours:** Mon-Fri 2:00 -6:00 PM

ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066  
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

### Financial Offerings - February 19 weekend

Adults	\$1,830.00
Plate	229.00
Online Giving: Feb 11-17	710.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$2,769.00</b>
Central MN Catholic magazine	80.00
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget:	\$2,740.00

**Faith Formation:** March 1 for Grades 1-4 & Confirmation. Meal will be Chicken alfredo, broccoli & garlic toast.

**Adoration:** Join us on Thursday, March 2, for Adoration beginning after 8 AM Mass until 4 PM.

**Cor Jesu - First Friday Novena:** Everyone is welcome to come to All Saint's in Holdingford on March 3rd for Cor Jesu. This is an initiative of the Diocese of St. Cloud's Eucharistic Revival Team to draw the people of the Diocese to the Eucharist. The evening begins with Mass at 6:30 followed by Adoration and Reconciliation.

**St. Stephen American Legion Auxiliary** will be meeting at the Rusty Nail on March 7 at 7:30 PM.

**Stations of the Cross** will be Friday's at 6:30 pm.

**Prayer Line:** If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please call the office to have your prayer request added to the Prayer Line.

**Well n Fit exercise classes** Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall. Wednesday class will be followed by a half hour Line Dancing class.

### Helping Hands Outreach

**Senior Dining -** Every Wednesday at **Trobec's Bar & Grill** at noon followed by cards. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.  
**Monthly Lunch & Learn -** Will be March 16. Social starts at 11:30, meal at 12:00, speaker at 12:30, entertainment to follow. St. Stephen Parish Hall.  
**Feet First Clinic -** Call Helping Hands to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960.

**Upcoming Book Study -** St. Stephen Church will be hosting a 6 week book study beginning February 27. We will be reading: Radical Hospitality - Benedict's Way of Love. The group will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the annex of Church. Small group discussions will take place each week. Books are provided and there is no charge for the book study. For more information & to sign up, contact Dianne Blonigen at 333-7767. Parishioners from all parishes are welcome to sign up.

## SACRED HEART PARISH

**Contact:** Jill Lieser — 320-251-8115, X114  
parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org  
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30am-4pm

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

### Income for the Week of February 19, 2023

Adult Collection.....	\$15,492.80
Children's Collection.....	\$16.00
Friends in Need.....	\$10.00
Central MN Catholic.....	\$290.00
Holy Days.....	\$413.00

Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$19,673

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Stewardship:** Please keep an eye out for our time and talent which will be coming out mid March. There are many areas to be involved in at Sacred Heart. A goal we have is to have people involved, active and meeting others within our community!

### FESTIVAL

**Hand Quilter Needed:** We are looking for someone that is a hand quilter to help finish a quilt that was started and donated to the parish for the festival. If you are someone with this talent, please contact Vicki in the office at 320.251.8115 ext 129. or by email [vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)



**Festival donations:** Everyone received a letter in the mail to donate to the raffle prizes. There is still time for you to donate. You can either put the donation in the mail or you can drop it in the collection basket during Mass. We appreciate every donation we receive and are so thankful for so many generous people in our parish and community.

### Festival Volunteer(s) Needed

We are looking for a chair or a couple of volunteers to assist with going to local businesses to invite them to financially support the Parish Festival. If you enjoy going out and about and especially visiting with people, this is the perfect opportunity for you! Contact Jason Prigge or Vicki Sanborn to help!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Jan Jaskowiak and Gloria to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the prayer list, please call 320-251-8115



**Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain.** Please call 320-492-9361, 320-252-3401 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**WNL Episode 10** We're back and we'll be live this Wednesday from 7:30 - 9:00 pm for grades 5-12! Come for games, prayer, friends and food! We'll see you there.

**Breakfast and Bible Study** Students in grades 6 - 12, come for Breakfast and Bible Study this Friday March 3rd from 7:00 - 7:55 AM. Breakfast and conversations are free - bring your friends!

**Stations of the Cross** Join our Youth Group as we pray the Stations of the Cross on Friday March 3rd beginning at 6:30 pm. Our evening will be lead by our Peer Ministers and Youth Ministry Team.

## FAITH FORMATION

**Safe Environment Training** During the month of March, youth in grades K-8th faith formation will be completing the Diocesan required Safe Environment Training. A specific email will be sent out to faith formation families and materials will be available March 1st for parents to preview if they wish.

**9th Grade Schedule Change-** The 9th Grade Session Scheduled for Wednesday, March 8th is canceled due to a scheduling conflict. The next 9th Grade Session will be Wednesday, March 22nd at 8:00pm. Sorry for the mistake.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Stations of the Cross** will happen every Friday at 6:30pm through Lent. Everyone is welcome to join us during this time of prayer. Exposition and Benediction will follow on all weeks except March 3rd.

March 3: Sacred Heart Youth—Contemporary  
March 10: Catholic United Financial—Traditional  
March 17: Rich Wolter—Traditional  
March 24 & 31: Dcn Terry Jancik—Traditional



## THANKS & CONGRATS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 26; 10am—Blood Pressure Checks  
5:30pm—Painting the Word, Karen Handeland
- February 27; 5:45pm—Child/Parent Group
- March 1; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
7:30pm—WNL
- March 2; 4pm—Discipleship Committee  
7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- March 3; 7am—Breakfast & Bible Study  
8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration  
11am—Rosary & Benediction  
4pm—SKD Fish Fry  
6:30pm—Stations of the Cross-Youth Ministry
- March 4; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**Contact:** Cindy Gans 320-252-1729  
annunciation@cloudnet.com  
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

#### Income for Sunday, February 19th, 2023

Adult Sunday .....	\$2,823.32
Visitor .....	\$45.00
Youth .....	\$6.50
St. Cloud Visitor .....	\$100.00
Confirmation Breakfast .....	\$704.00
Building Fund .....	\$25.00
Votive Candles .....	\$4.10
Total Income .....	\$3,707.92

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00

### Mass Schedule

#### Sun. March 5th, 2023, 8:15am Mass

**Lector:** Gene Poser

**Eucharist:** Lloyd Lyon (H), Brenda Carstensen-Boe©, Lori Popp©

**Servers:** Reid Kiffmeyer & Mariah Simmons

**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom & Lillian Piotrowski

**Ushers:** John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin & Teresa Heck



**Happy Birthday:** Scott Brenny, Hannah Scapanski, Jayden Gerads, Samantha Jahnke, Aiden Robinson, David Peterson, Ray Schlichting, Tom Britz, Wayne Carriveau, Gena Hiemenz, Cory Popp, Mona Ackerman, Morgan Zeleny.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes Wednesday at 6:30pm:

Classes: March 1, 8, 15th, 22 and 29th,

March 8 there will be reconciliation, March 22nd will be learning centers for 2nd grade, March 29th will be stations of the cross/washing of feet.

**ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED:** Practice are on Monday's from 6:30-8:00pm in the church choir loft. You do not need to know how to read music ♪.



Are you feeling like the world is moving faster and faster and you can't keep up? **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 March 3-5, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

Show your spouse how much you appreciate them with some quality time together. A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** makes a great gift for any special occasion. The next available **Weekends** are Oct 28-29, 2023 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and Mar 17-19, 2023 in Grand Forks, ND. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

**RICE LIONS BREAKFAST** Sun. March 5th at Graham United Methodist Church. 8am-noon. Silent Auction, Bake Sale & Breakfast.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363  
bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org  
Fr. Ron Weyers, Pastor

Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Friday

**Parish Nurses** Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135  
Julie Kouba 701-721-5083

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$20,192.31
Collected 02/19/2023.....	\$20,401.81
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$ 209.50</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$686,538.54
YTD Collected .....	\$734,593.28
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$ 48,054.74</b>

I was asked if this number included the Christmas collection. It does not. We budgeted \$55,000.00 for our Christmas collection. The actual was \$44,476.92, so we are short \$10,523.08.

And, as we try to be good stewards of how the resources are used and keep to what is budgeted on the expense side. We are doing pretty good on that side. However, like everyone, energy costs are higher than planned and snow removal has taken a much bigger bite as well. Those are 2 items we do not have a lot of control over.

We are also facing some challenges with our video projection system. We want to be able to live-stream "in-house" and have been looking at some upgrades. As we have been working through this, we are facing the reality that the "guts" of our video system are 16 years old. The projectors have been changed out a couple times — each time showing great upgrades in what we see.

16 years is well past expected and usual service — especially with regards to technology. Many of you have seen the hiccups at Mass when a screen goes out or the projection is larger than the screen. The old components are not working like we need them to work, so many upgrades are going to be necessary. I will share more when I learn more.

Thank you for your continued support of St. Francis Xavier Parish. If you have any questions, please call me at the parish office.

Tom Offerdahl, Parish Business Manager

### 75TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

I'm looking for assistance with marketing the St. Francis Xavier 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Some new ideas for getting the word out and someone who can help with the details for planning this big get-together would be a blessing to me. The big draw will be the *Killer Vees – Killer Country*, but we have much of the usual things going on and maybe some new things too. Call or email Tom at 320-252-1363, Ext. 405 — [tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org) .

## KIDS FIGHTING HUNGER REMINDER



Please join us as we collect coins for KFH the next 2 weeks in February!

It is a great opportunity for SFX families, especially children to shake their Piggy Banks, check the couch cushions, give up that Latte & give to starving children in 3rd world countries! Money raised is used to send packaged nutritional meals to children all over the world! KFH is making a difference in so many lives, but they can't do it alone! TOGETHER we can help!

God bless you all for being a part of this Mission!  
St Monica's Christian Women

### Coffee & Community

Please join us for 1st  
Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on  
Wednesday, March 1, after the  
8 am Mass.



Don't forget to pick up your white Prayer bag by the Cross in the Gathering Space.  
Also leave a prayer at the Cross and/or pick one up to pray for someone's prayer request.  
You can also leave your prayers for a staff member to pray for you in the box by the doors.

Heavenly Father,

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