

March 24, 2024
Palm Sunday



PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" - Mk 11:9

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MASS TIMES

Monday, March 25	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Tom Knott
Tuesday, March 26	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Todd Mastey
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† William "Billy" Supan
Wednesday, March 27	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Charles Hansen
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Merlyn O'Malley
Thursday, March 28	6:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Kuklok
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Grace Lytle and Gail Kiekow
	7:00 pm	Annunciation	† Barney & Linda Molitor
	9:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier	- In the Garden Prayer Service
Friday, March 29	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Morning Prayer on Calvary
	12:15 pm	Sacred Heart	- The Passion of the Lord
	1:00 pm	Annunciation	- The Passion of the Lord
	1:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	- The Passion of the Lord
	2:00 pm	St. Stephen	- The Passion of the Lord
7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	- The Lord's Burial	
Saturday, March 30 Easter Sunday	8:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Theresa Larson
	8:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Jeff Voit
Sunday, March 31 Easter Sunday *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Dennis & Reda Regnier
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Kathy Janson
	10:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Raymond Rymer
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Shawn Kissner

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation Saturdays

3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier
3:30 pm Sacred Heart
6:15 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

(Readings found on page 3)

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari....

The finish line is in sight; Easter is next Sunday. Today is Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, quite a mouthful.

While it is a lot of words for a title, it does serve to remind us that today has a dual focus: the blessing and procession with palms and the proclamation of the Passion.

Passion (Palm) Sunday begins what is traditionally called Holy Week. The week really consists of two distinct parts: Sunday through Thursday afternoon are still days of Lent. Thursday evening through Sunday evening comprise the Triduum or the Great.

The Three Days, this Easter Triduum (Latin for "three days"), is the center, the core of the entire year for Christians. These days mark the mystery around which our entire lives are played out. In these days we will once again, with renewed focus, remember the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and we are also challenged toward a personal share in the passion of Jesus Christ. The Triduum celebrates Christ's self-giving love, and the foot washing on Thursday and the adoration of the cross on Friday, reminds us that we are called to the same kind of self-sacrifice for others. On Saturday we gather around the fire, and with candles lit we are called to bring Christ's light into all aspects of our life.

Give some thought to how you can enter prayerfully into each of the liturgies of this week. Perhaps take a few minutes at home before each liturgy and begin to remember the presence of God and to reflect on the meaning of the day. What does this liturgy mean to you? What part of it usually touches you the most deeply? What do you want God to do for you or within you as the community celebrates this liturgy? Is your heart open to ways that God might surprise you?

The challenge, of course, is finding a few minutes for prayer. Can you claim a time of quiet and undistracted prayer when you first arrive at church? Do you need to arrive earlier to church than you normally would? Maybe you need to take the time at home before you

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leave for church. Can you convince your spouse, housemates or family to join with you in a few minutes of quiet prayer?

I invite you to enter these days as fully as you can. Try to make this time as free from social engagements and entertainment as possible. Plan simple meals. Consider extending the fast and abstinence of Good Friday through Holy Saturday, so that you can come to the Easter Vigil hungry, parched, and full of excitement. Ready to see the light shatter the darkness; to hear the living word reach your heart; to feel the sacred water of the font on your skin; to taste the holy meal and fill your soul.

This paring down of our normal hectic schedules allows us more time for prayer and reflection. It is important that the Three Days be seen not as a series of liturgies distinct from one another but as one movement.

May these Three Days enkindle your faith and find you rejoicing in the great love of God.

Fr. Ron

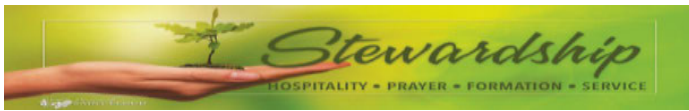


LEADERSHIP

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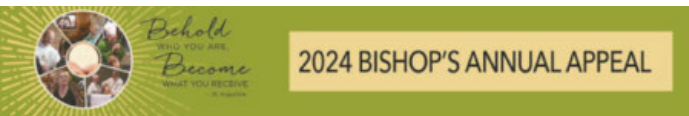


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“Pilate again said to them, ‘Then what shall I do with the man whom you call the King of the Jews?’ ‘And they cried out again, ‘Crucify him.’” – MARK 15:12-13

Jesus told us “Whatever you do for the least of my brothers, you do for me.” Every day we are presented opportunities to help someone. Every day we have the opportunity to see the face of Jesus in others and be the face of Jesus to others. Every day we pass by someone in need. Pray for the strength and courage to be the answer to someone’s prayer.



Have you attended a baptism, first Communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

SACRED HEART MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST



Sacred Heart Men’s Club Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 7th. Breakfast will be served from 9-11am. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage and fruit! The cost is \$8.50 for adults, youth 6-12 \$5.00 and children 5 and under are free.

MASS READINGS

- Monday:** Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday:** Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday:** Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday:** *Chrim Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21
Evening Mass of the Lord’s Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15
- Friday:** Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42
- Saturday: Easter Vigil:** Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 (30) or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez, 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3, 4 (42:2)/Rom 6:3-11/Mk 16:1-7
- Next Sunday:** Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23 (24)/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7

BAPTISM

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



Nathaniel Joe Sweeter, son of Luke & Kayla, McKenna Rose Shirley, daughter of Mark & Breanna and Ray Richard Sailor, son of Jacob & Lydia, who were baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION –SH and ML

Easter Vigil Reception for Sacred Heart and Mayhew Lake: We will be getting the food ready for the Easter Vigil Reception on Holy Saturday morning. **Please join us from 8-11am** to help prepare. This is a great opportunity for Confirmation students to get some experience in. We will also be looking for people to stick around after the reception to help set up chairs for the following morn-

We will be welcoming FOUR people into the Church! That is something to celebrate for sure! We are looking for bottles of wine to serve at our reception as well as candy (individual wrapper candies or jelly beans) You can bring any donation to the office at Sacred Heart or Annunciation OR you can bring it to Mass on the weekend and someone can get it from you then.

Easter Vigil Choir Rehearsal Annunciation & Sacred Heart Easter Vigil Choir rehearsals will be on Tuesdays, March 19th & 26th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart.

SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Where kids will dive into a friendship with God!

Registration materials are available at all 4 parishes for students and volunteers. VBS is open to kids ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Students in 6th grade and older can volunteer to help in various ways throughout the week. Lots of volunteers are needed both the week of VBS and leading up to VBS-See the volunteer form for more information on how to get involved.

ALASKA MISSION FUNDRAISER

In July 2024, One in Christ missionaries will be ministering in remote Toksook Bay Alaska with a Yupik indigenous community. We will provide support in areas such as mental health, suicide prevention, and helping to maintain facilities. To help make this mission possible we are seeking donations. We have been presented with a \$1,000 matching donation to help encourage support. Any support is greatly appreciated. Please make your check payable to Sacred Heart with Alaska on the Memo line. This is a tax deductible contribution. Contact Dan Joe for more information.



LENTEN RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

St. John Cantius	March 24, 1 pm
St. Anthony	March 25, 6:30pm
St. Mary’s Cathedral	March 26, 6:30pm

SFX BLOOD DRIVE

SFX Gathering Space

Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:00pm—7:00pm

Appt/Info: Call or email Greg at
320-250-9137 or
schlossergregory@gmail.com



SACRED HEART YOUTH BUTTER BRAID SALES



Butter Braid sales have officially started! All Butter Braids sold help the young people of Sacred Heart attend events such as Castaway, SummerFestival, Mission Trips and NCYC. This year there are also individual sellers raising funds for their Alaska trip. Butter Braids also make a perfect addition to your Mother's Day

celebrations! You can pick-up a form in the SH Gathering Space, stop by the Sacred Heart office OR order online by scanning the QR Code. All orders must be in by Wednesday, April 17th at noon! Contact Jason Prigge for more information.

ANNUAL WAY OF THE CROSS



26th Annual Way of the Cross—Sponsored by Communion and Liberation

Good Friday, March 29, 2024 @ 3pm St Mary's Cathedral. Please join us as we reflect on the passion of Jesus through scripture, hymns and silent reflection. Procession begins at St Mary's Cathedral Church and proceeds to Lake George and concludes back at St. Mary's. All are welcome and should come dressed for that day's weather.

For more information about Communion and Liberation and this event please contact John Steichen at jsteichen@aol.com or 320-492-7063

STRONGER TOGETHER

Stronger Together Presentation & Meal On Wednesday, March 27th from 6pm-9pm at Sacred Heart, 16+ are invited to join us for the presenter, Bethany Tollefson, DMP, MSN, RN, PHN. She will be speaking on how we can better support those who are struggling with mental health concerns. A meal will be served during the talk. Please contact Deacon Joe if you have questions at 320-292-4857

FOUNDATIONS OF FAITH COMM. NURSING

Our One in Christ Area Catholic Community is looking for that special person who is interested in this opportunity. If this is something that you have thought about and prayed about, now is the time. Please call Bethany Tollefson for all the details and any questions that you may have. Faith Community Nursing (FCN) is a specialty of nursing that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit and whole-person health. Some examples of how FCNs may serve (depending on their availability and the need) ● Home and hospital visits and calls, ● Educational offerings ● Connection to community resources, ● Care group facilitation, ● Baby blankets and prayer shawl ministry, ● Mental health education and resources ● Much, much more! The next Community Nursing Course is offered virtually on April 28, 29, 2024 and May 5, 6 2024. Scholarships available. Contact Bethany at bethany.tollefson@centracare.com.

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8:30-2:00
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
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Financial Offerings for March 16-17

Adult	\$ 1,845.00
Adult online giving Mar 9-	403.00
Plate	282.00
Children	2.00
Catholic Relief Services	100.00
Total	\$2,632.00

Weekly Adult income to meet budget: \$3,150

Ushers:

Mar 29 Good Friday: Sandy Paggen, Peter Schumer, Matt Nienaber

Mar 31 Easter Sunday: Art Lyon, Jim Schumer, Tim Rudser

Faith Formation/Youth Group News - NO Classes March 27

The Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, March 19, in the Parish Hall at 7pm.

Vacation Bible School (June 23-28) Registration packets were sent home with students. There are donation boxes available at the entrances if you are able to donate any of the items needed for the VBS. A list of supplies needed are also at the entrances.

Individual Reconciliation Fr. Ron will be here on Tuesday, March 26, at 5 pm and stay for at least 15 minutes, and again from 6:15-7:15pm.



Easter Basket Blessing - Bring your Easter basket filled with food and goodies and place it on the steps by the Easter candle next Sunday. Fr. Tom O. will bless the baskets during Mass.

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet on Sunday, April 7, at 6:00 pm in the church annex. The April gathering will focus on Deborah.



Do you want to learn to quilt? The St. Stephen Quilters will teach anyone that wants to learn. The quilters meet each Monday from October through May, 9am to 5pm, in the church basement. For more information, contact Liz at 320-251-5062 or Barb at 320-251-0462, or stop by on Monday's to check it out.

Well n Fit exercise class: Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, 9:30-10:30am. Wednesday class followed by half-hour line dance.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Wednesday's at **Trobec's** at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.

Feet First Clinic - Call Helping Hands for more info or to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960.

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for the Week of March 17, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$9,658.04
Automatic Giving.	\$5,619.79
Central MN Catholic.	\$43.00
Easter.	\$171.00
Easter Flowers.	\$190.00
Catholic Relief.	\$20.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Triduum Help Needed Liturgical Ministers, please sign up on the web terminal or on the sheets by the sacristy if you can help in your ministry for our Holy Week liturgies.

We need greeters, ushers, altar servers, and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday.

Easter Decorating We will be preparing spaces for the Easter Season on Saturday, March 30th at 8:00am. Help is needed with placing fabric and flowers and various other tasks. We will also need help putting taper candles and drip protectors together for over 400 candles. Please come and help if you are able. Thank you!

Easter Flower Donations If you are interested in donating to our flower fund, which covers the cost of Easter flowers, Christmas greens and poinsettias, fabric and so much more, please pick up an envelope in the gathering space. You can return it in the collection or to the parish office.

Vigil Donations Needed We are getting ready to host the annual Vigil Reception after the Easter Vigil on Saturday night. We are accepting donations of wine and candy. Candy can be wrapped chocolates or jelly beans. Please bring all donations to the office.

PRAYER BLANKET MINISTRY

Prayer Blanket Ministry The warmth and softness of a blanket, along with a prayer, can bring a calm and peace to a new baby or an adult going through a rough time. We need volunteers to make these comforting blankets. Our Prayer Blanket making ministry is open to ANYONE! You do not need to know how to sew. They meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1 o'clock. We hope to see you there!!!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Kohlton Kjorsvik, Daniel Kowalczyk and Marietta Pulles 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Peer Ministry Applications Now Open Are you in grades 8-11? We want you on our Peer Ministry Team!

Peer Ministry is for students who have a desire to learn about being a leader in their Church and their community using their God-given gifts. Applications are available on the table near the Grounded board or online. Applications are due on Wednesday, April 17th. Contact Jason Prigge for more information!

SummerFestival Camp Are you currently in grades 6-8? If so, you automatically qualify for SummerFestival Camp! Come experience God's love for you through energizing games, talks, life-changing conversations, music and of course lots more. Dates for SummerFest are Sunday, July 14th - Wednesday, July 17th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Cost of camp is \$270 - fundraising is available. Permission slips are online and of course by the Grounded board. The sooner you register, the better - contact Jason Prigge for more information or questions!

FAITH FORMATION

First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat is Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 am until Noon at Sacred Heart Parish. Families should also bring their completed First Eucharist Banner to the retreat. If you have questions, Contact Scott Frieler.



AV HELP NEEDED

A few more people are needed to help with Audio Visual Ministry about once a month. There are three parts to our system: the projection screens, the sound, and the livestream video. The screens are relatively easy to operate. If you have any experience with PowerPoint you can easily advance the slides during Mass. Basic sound operation includes unmuting microphones and adjusting the volume. Sacred Heart has two cameras that are used for livestream video and a cool camera switching system. For more information contact Sarah in the parish office or stop by the AV desk before or after Mass.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 26; 6:15pm Choir Rehearsal ML & SH
7pm—Vigil Choir Rehearsal
7pm—Summer Festival Zoom Meeting
- March 27; 9am—Decorate for Holy Thursday
9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6pm—Foundation Presentation in the Parish Hall
- March 28; Holy Thursday
6:30pm—Mass-Holy Thursday
8pm—Decorate for Good Friday
- March 29; GOOD FRIDAY-OFFICE CLOSED
12:15pm—Good Friday Liturgy
- March 30; Holy Saturday
8am—Decorate for Easter
8am—Prepare for Easter Vigil
8pm—Easter Vigil
10pm—Easter Vigil Reception



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, March 17th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,430.83
Visitor	\$127.50
Youth	\$11.00
Votive Candles	\$1.00
Rent	\$1,200.00
Food Shelf	\$435.00
Catholic Relief	\$75.00
Total Income	\$4,480.33

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

Mass Schedule

Thurs. March 28th, 2024 7:00pm Holy Thursday

Lector: Jenessa Strande and Jill Brenny
Eucharist: Amy Krajsa(H), Rita Knott(C) and Katie Lentner(C)
Servers: Ava Krajsa, Halle Krajsa, Cole Lentner
Greeters: Dustin, Zoey and Lucas Heck
Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin & Teresa Heck

Fri. March 29th, 2024 1:00pm Good Friday

Lector: Bob Rajkowski and John Koenig
Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau
Servers: Mariah Simmons and Noah Lentner
Greeters: Dan Bemboom
Ushers: Dan Bemboom, Peter Ackerman, Lawrence & Jane Thell

Sun. March 31st, 2024 8:15am EASTER

Lector: Loren Popp and Karla Koenig
Eucharist: Brenda Carstensen-Boe (H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Lori Popp (C)
Servers: Halle Krajsa and Volunteer
Greeters: Volunteers
Ushers: Tom, Barb, Jeremy and Eric Brand

HELP WITH SET UP FOR EASTER VIGIL 8:00am Sat. March 30th at Sacred Heart Church. Help make sandwiches and/or decorate. Donations of wine and chocolate are accepted. Please bring to the office and it will be brought to Sacred Heart.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Maureen Athman, Magdalen Cigelske, Troy Novak, Dennis Skroch, Maycee Britz, Donald Montag, Lillian Piotrowski, Alexander Dinnebier, Shaun Hiemenz, Kayla Brenny.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

Wed. March 27th, NO Religious Education Classes.

Wed. April 3rd, Rel Ed Classes at 6:30pm

Wed. April 10th, Classes, Practice for 1st Communion: 6:30pm

Sun. April 14th, First Communion at 8:15am Mass

Wed. April 17th, Rel Ed Classes at 6:30pm

Wed. April 24th, Last Rel Ed Class, Student/Parent Meal 6:30pm

2024 LAWN CARE BIDS: Bid forms and written requirements are available in the Parish Office for anyone wishing to make a bid for the 2024 Lawn mowing Season for Annunciation Church, Cemetery and ball field. Call 320-252-1729 or stop by for a form. All signed bids are due Friday, April 12th at noon in the parish office.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 3/17/2024.....	\$18,939.67
Excess (Deficit)	\$(1,733.41)
YTD Collection Budget	\$787,395.91
YTD Collected	\$840,327.41
Excess (Deficit).....	\$52,931.50

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Friday, March 29.

CHURCH SPRING CLEANING

Church Spring Cleaning - Wednesday, March 27th-2:00pm

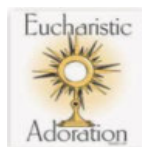
I'm looking for helpers to come and give our worship space a nice "spring cleaning". Wednesday, March 27th at 2:00pm is set for getting this done. We wipe down the pews and kneelers and do some other dusting to make things ready for the Triduum and Easter celebrations. Bring your own "gloves" and your favorite pail if you wish. We have the supplies - pails, Murphy's Oil soap, scrub rags and more. You and your labor are what we need most! Thanks for helping with this ministry!

RECONCILIATION

Monday, March 25

3pm, 4pm, 5pm, 6pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration

March 26, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

SPRING BLING SALE

Gathering in the Arts is holding its annual Bling Sale on Friday, May 3 from 4-7 pm in the Gathering Place. If you have been putting off cleaning your closets & jewelry boxes, this is a good time to consider doing it. We will be collecting new, vintage and slightly used jewelry, scarves & handbags beginning April 1 through April 28. Please place items outside the parish office in the designated boxes. Questions contact Geri 320-255-7009.

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

The Vibrancy Committee from St. Stephen and the Gathering in the Arts Board from St. Francis Xavier Parishes invites you to a reception in the Gathering Area immediately following the 8:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass. Please join us in welcoming our two new members: Elect, Jenna Nielsen - she will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation. And Candidate – Carson Thorstenson—he will receive the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

SOCIAL CONCERNS COLLECTION

The three pillars of Lent are fasting, praying, and almsgiving. Almsgiving is not limited to giving money. The St. Francis Xavier Social Justice and Concerns group will be collecting personal supplies to give to one of two organizations.

- Any men's personal products (shampoo, deodorant, soaps, shaving cream, etc.) will be given to The Dream Center in St. Cloud, which is a service to help adult men face their challenges, find wholeness, and successfully integrate back into society after being incarcerated (www.dreamcenterstcloud.org)
 - Any feminine products (shampoo, deodorant, soap, sanitary supplies) will be donated to Terebinth Refuge which is a safe home that brings hope, healing, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women. (www.TerebinthRefuge.org)
- There will be a container in the Gathering Place starting March 16 and running through Easter Sunday. For more information contact Mary Barron-Traut at Trautline@gmail.com. Thanks for your generosity.

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Service Sundays

Sunday, April 14 @ SFX for youth grades 6-12

TREMOR Night

April 14 5:30-7:30pm Snacks & program for grades 4-5.

Youth Group Nights

April 28 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00-8:30pm. Grades 6-8 Welcome.

Aftershock

April 17 & May 15. Grades 6-12 welcome 6:30-7pm Supper & 7-8:30 programming

Save the Date

August 5-9. Youth in grades 6-11 are invited to participate a week of Service this summer. We will be volunteering locally as well as having a day in the cities. Registration material will be sent on April 1.

May 19 Baccalaureate Mass @ 9:30 Mass. Formal invites will be sent out.

****Watch Flocknote for more information and details****

HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITORS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to visit parishioners that are in the hospital or homebound. Contact Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org.

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