

March 2, 2025
8th Sunday of Ordinary Time



8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit."
- Lk 6:43

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Annunciation
Sacred Heart
St. Francis Xavier
St. Stephen

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Annunciation

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday, March 3 St. Katharine Drexel	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- Seminarians
Tuesday, March 4	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Living & Deceased Members of St. Monica's Society
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Eddie Rudolph
Wednesday, March 5 Ash Wednesday ASL Interpreted Mass	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jim Schmitz
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Clara Knettel
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Elaine Ayer
	6:40 pm	St. Stephen	† Dec. Hylla & Kantor Families
	7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Marie Gerads
Thursday, March 6	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jake Feneis
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Lloyd Pogatchnik
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- Living and Deceased members of the Bernard Family
Friday, March 7 Sts. Perpetua & Felicity	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Lee Esselman
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Rose Pearson
Saturday, March 8 1st Sunday of Lent	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	- For the People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Donald & Rosemary Pflipsen
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Rose Then
Sunday, March 9 1st Sunday of Lent *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† John Jochum
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Jerome Mehrwerth
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	- Int. of Monica Swanson Family
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Andrew & Irene Blenker

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

Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32

Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 (see 5b)/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)



Lent 2025 – Sharing Hope

The hopeful and demanding season of Lent begins this week with Ash Wednesday on March 5. During this Jubilee Year, our One in Christ ACC is adopting the theme of “Sharing Hope.”

The phrase is intentionally open to more than one meaning. We share hope because we are part of the one Body of Christ, all striving together though in our own ways to grow closer to Jesus. The hope of God’s presence, mercy, and grace are our common heritage from the past and promise for the future. We share, together, the one Hope.

Yet we are also called to share that hope actively with others through our prayer, our service, the sacrifices we make and the kindnesses that we show. For those whose circumstances and struggles overwhelm them, we are called by Jesus to share hope.

Each Ash Wednesday we listen to the same Gospel from Matthew, where Jesus commends to us anew the three classic and interconnected penitential disciplines: to pray, to fast, and to give alms. Of these three, fasting is often the “stretch goal” that requires regular attention and the deepest change of routine and habit.

Most of us are used to living among abundance of material blessings and the ready availability of whatever we want for ourselves. Intentionally saying “No” to things that are in themselves good has at least three purposes.

First, like the triple physical fitness goals of strength, flexibility, and endurance, fasting can exercise our will to make the engagement of our personal freedom stronger, more flexible, and more durable. Rather than simply taking the path of least resistance and solidifying habits that may hinder our personal growth, we actively and thoughtfully choose, mindful that our choices are there because of God’s overflowing goodness and gifts.

Second, fasting can make us ware of those who are not blessed as we are – those who live in daily want, with no assurance of even their next meal or a safe place to sleep. Doing without by choice helps grow our compassionate response to those who do without because they have no other choice.



Third, fasting frees up resources in our lives – less spending on material things, more time to pray and learn and serve, greater bandwidth in our interests and relationships.

This last area makes more sense when we think more broadly about what we choose to fast from. We need it to live, but what is intended to be our servant can with time become our master. We think “I can always give that up or change that habit” – until we really try. Then we see what a hold our habits have on us.

There will always be growth in denying our bodily appetite for food. We need it to sustain health and life, so disciplining ourselves to use it wisely and well is itself an exercise of stewardship.

But food may not be the element in our lives that has the strongest grip that holds us back. Consider other forms of fasting – from your smartphone; from gossip; from negative judgments and complaints; from doomscrolling; from the impulsive purchases when we already have enough; from the voices that you know will stir up your suspicions and resentments; from whatever keeps you bound and does not allow the voice of Hope to be heard.

Jesus brings us hope – open your life to the share he desires to give you this Lent.

LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” - LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.



Thank you so much to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2025 through the Appeal. As of February 24, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2025 has raised total cash and pledges of \$232,187 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (15.48%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 1,507 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

ACC ADULT FAITH ON TAP

Save the Date - The second ACC Adult Faith On Tap event is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd from 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Bad Habit Brewing in St. Joseph with guest speaker Fr. Jean Claude Duncan, parochial vicar from the All Called to Christ ACC in St. Cloud. Fr. Duncan will share his conversion story and how that led him to the Catholic faith. All adults in the ACC are invited.

WALK WITH JESUS DURING LENT

All sessions follow Mass and include a light brunch.

March 9, 10 D's of Discipleship @ **Sacred Heart**

10:30am: What do you imagine? Let's talk Disciples.

***March 16, Ch. 3&4 @ St. Stephen 11:15 am:** What does it mean to be a disciple? Where does it happen?

***March 23, Ch. 5&6 @ St. Francis Xavier 10:45 am:** Why do people leave the church? What's the value of church to my life?

***March 30, Ch. 7&8 @ Annunciation 9:15 am:** How do I listen to my friend's questions? Faith is a life journey.

April 6,, My Story @ St. Stephen 11:15am: Easy to share your favorite concert with family and friends but wondering how to share a great faith moment?

**Each chapter session offers a Jubilee Pilgrimage experience and sharing of a parish memory.*

MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT



Monday, March 17- The Life of St. Patrick

This movie will be shown in the library of St. Peter's church (930 31st Avenue North, St. Cloud) at 6pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please enter door 4."

BAPTISM

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



Logan Elizabeth Janson, daughter of Andy & Krista, from Annunciation.

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Richard Notsch, who passed away on February 22, from St. Stephen.



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

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FISH FRY

March 21 at St. Augustine's parish center
4-8 dine in-----4-7 Drive Through
\$14 presale/\$15 at the door/\$8 kids



Serving: Hand breaded cod, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and bread.-----with a Bake sale and silent auction to benefit SKD students.

CARD GROUP

St. Francis Xavier

2nd & 4th Thursdays

March 13 & 27, 2025

Xavier Hall, 1-3 pm All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables. Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions.



ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION-ADULTS

Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? We invite you to O.C.I.A.

The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) formally called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), is a process of faith formation that recognizes the uniqueness of each Individual's faith journey. For adults who have not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian tradition and desire to explore becoming Catholic and for adults baptized in the Catholic faith and seeking to be Confirmed? We also invite you to inquire into the process of helping you to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the tremendous blessings that all the sacraments of initiation provide. Interested or Have Questions? Contact Fr. Ron Weyrens, Fr. Tom Knoblach, Deacon Joe Kresky, Deacon Terry Jancik or Sandee Kremers.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days For Life Spring/Lenten campaign runs from Ash Wed, **March 5th to Sun, April 13th** 2025. From **7am-7pm MON-FRI**, we are out doing peaceful, prayerful VIGIL on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in East St Cloud. **We PRAY for an End to MN Abortions and for a return to the Culture of LIFE!!!** Beginning & Ending **Rallies are Sat March 8 and April 12th**, both 10am-noon, beginning at the Vigil site in front of planned parenthood and proceeding to St Aug's for prayer, pizza, and program. Opening Rally (MARCH 8) speaker is **Russ Rooney** from "Life Legal Minnesota" Talk at 11 am: **"TRUTH, TESTIMONY, TRAUMA"**

THANK YOU & God Bless

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us for the next conversation at Annunciation at Mayhew Lake on Thursday, March 6th from 7-8:30 PM in the parish center. Expect great conversations in a low key environment! Contact Jason Prigge if you have questions.

Theology on Draft

Back by popular demand, Kelli Kleinschnitz is back at the Keller Bar (Red Carpet) on Thursday, March 13th from 6-8 PM. We hope to see you there!

One in Christ Volleyball Team

If you have interest in joining a One in Christ Young Adult (18-39) volleyball team, please reach out to Jason Prigge so we can begin planning!

Young Adult Team

We are now seeking some new members to serve on our Young Adult Team. We particularly would love some representation from Annunciation and St. Francis Xavier. Contact Jason Prigge for the details!

YOUNG LIFE

Club Update

Don't miss any upcoming Clubs! 6:15-6:45 PM Open Gym | 6:45-7:45 PM Club

*Wednesday, March 19th

*Wednesday, April 16th

*Wednesday, May 21st

Summer Camp

Have you signed up for summer camp yet??? Register at: granitecity.younglife.org/camp

Donations

If you'd like to make a donation to our Wyldlife Area for either club supplies or for camp, please contact Jason via phone or email. We sincerely appreciate your contribution in our efforts making sure middle schoolers are known, loved and cared for.

Follow Us on Social Media

Be sure to go like our page on Facebook: Granite City Wyldlife

Follow Us on Instagram: gcwyldlife

Skit Characters from Club: gcinstagramparents

Prayer Team Needed

Don't forget to join us for Prayer on Wednesdays at Noon! Scan for Zoom Link:



LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The following days and times are scheduled for individual Lenten Reconciliation around the Diocese.

Thursday, March 9, 6:30pm—St. Joseph, (WP)
Monday, March 17, 6:30pm—St. Anthony
Tuesday, March 18, 6:30pm—Holy Spirit
Tuesday, March 25, 7pm—St. Francis Xavier
Thursday, March 27, 6:30pm—Sacred Heart
Tuesday, April 1, 6:30pm—Christ Church Newman Center
Thursday, April 3, 6:30pm—St. Paul
Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm—St. John Cantius
Saturday, April 12, 1pm—St. Peter
Tuesday, April 15, 6:30pm—St. Mary's Cathedral



ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
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Financial Offering for February 22 & 23

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,771.00
Adult online giving Feb 15-21	\$ 908.00
Plate	\$ 241.00
Children	\$ 11.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,931.00
Central MN Catholic magazine to date	\$ 580.00
Easter Flowers to date	\$ 20.00

Ushers:

Mar 5: Mitch Pangerl, David Pogatchnik, Will Hellmann
Mar 8: Dave Fiedler, Dan Warzecha, Amanda DeYaeger

Faith Formation: March 5 - No classes - Ash Wednesday.
March 8 - Grade 2 First Communion Retreat

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet Sunday, March 2, in the annex at 6:00 PM. This month we will discuss Rebekah.

Ash Wednesday Mass at 6:40 PM.

Stations of the Cross will be Friday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Holdingford Firefighters Relief Association breakfast will be held March 9 at Holdingford City Center from 8:00-12:30. Sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, hashbrowns and caramel rolls. Free will offering.

Ministry Schedule April 5 - June 29: If there are dates you know you are unavailable, please contact the parish office by March 10. This schedule includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday Service, Easter Vigil at SFX, and Memorial Day.

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, March 6, from 8:30 AM - 4:00 PM. Everyone is invited to come and spend time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament. Spend your time in prayer or sit and listen to what He is trying to tell you.

Funeral Lunch group lead: We are looking for a new lead person for the South end funeral lunch group. You do not need to live in the South end to be the lead contact. If you have questions or you would like to be the funeral lunch lead, please contact the parish office.

The Church Steeple monthly newsletter. Do you have an interest in writing about events in the church and community? We are looking for someone to continue the tradition of **writing** The Church Steeple. The printing of the newsletter will be done by the parish office. If you have questions about or would like to volunteer to write the newsletter please contact Betty at 252-6009 or the parish office.

Well n Fit exercise class: A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio and balance exercises. **Fall/winter hours:** 9:30-10:30, Wednesday & Friday. Line dance after Wednesdays.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach:

Senior Dining: Wednesday's at Trobec's, January-March, at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn: Thursday, March 20, in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social at 11:30, meal at 12:00, followed by speaker & entertainment. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings: 305 Main St E.
Tuesdays 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)
Wednesdays 5:30pm-Al-Anon/AA Mixed meeting
Wednesdays 7pm-AA Big Book meeting
Saturdays 8pm-AA meeting

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 23, 2024

Adult Collection.....	\$30,421.25
Automatic Giving.....	\$6,905.42
Children.....	\$13.00
Friends In Need.....	\$1,000.00
Central MN Catholic.....	\$375.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$20.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Liturgy of the Word CLOW is for Pre-K (with an adult) through grade 3 takes place at the 9 AM Mass on Sundays. We have leaders but we are needing assistant leaders to be in the room with the main leader to assist with kiddos. Contact Jason Prigge to learn more!

Lent Reconciliation Ministers Needed We are in need of ministers to help with our 6:30 pm Lent Reconciliation Service on March 27th. If you can help, please sign up using the web terminal or on the sheet near the Sacristy. Thank you!

Lent Decorating Decorating for Lent will take place on Tuesday, March 4th at 9:00 am. We'll be removing green plants, setting up our Lenten "path", hanging fabric and doing other decorating. Please come lend a hand if you are able.

Festival The deadline for the donations for the festival raffle is approaching quickly (March 1st). If you are interested in donating, please put your donation in the weekend collection, bring them in or mail them to the office. So far we are just over half way to our goal!

Cana Dinner Thank you to those 60 couples (mostly from our ACC) that came to the Cana Dinner on Saturday evening. It was a wonderful night that really embraced marriage in our faith! Thank you to Fred and Diane Haack for speaking, thank you Father Tom for speaking, thank you to Dana and the crew she had in the kitchen for making the meal, thank you to the committee and thank you to the people who provided childcare for the event! It was a successful night because of those who attended and those who made it happen!

Stations of the Cross Help Needed We will again pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at **6:30 pm**. If you, your family, or a group you are part of would like to lead Stations of the Cross, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office as soon as possible. If you would like to help as a lector, musician, or AV operator, please sign up using the online terminal. Thank you!

- March 7—Young Adults
- March 14—Catholic United Financial
- March 21—OCIA
- March 28—
- April 4—Boy Scouts
- April 11—



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry March Theme: Grounded in Service

Upcoming Dates & Times:

*Sunday, March 9th | Gr. 9-12 | 5-7 PM

*Wednesday, March 12th | Gr. 5-8 | 7:30-9 PM

***Wednesday, March 26th | Gr. 5-12 | 6:30-7:30 PM |**

Good Shepherd Nursing Home More details to come on this service opportunity towards the end of the month.

Castaway 2025 Castaway update for Sacred Heart:

44 students

10 Adults

9 Work crew

THANK YOU for your generous support. We look forward to an amazing weekend.

If you're registered, payments can be dropped off at the office or made online.

Parent / Student meeting is on Monday, March 17th at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall.

Butter Braid Sales Start Soon Be on the lookout for our annual Butter Braid fundraiser which supports youth activities and trips. More information next week!

SKD FISH FRY TICKETS

Once again this year, we have fish fry ticket sales in the office, for the St. Katharine Drexel Fish Fry. Please bring correct payment amount. Fish Fry information:
March 21 at St. Augustine's parish center
4-8 dine in-----4-7 Drive Through
\$14 presale/\$15 at the door/\$8 kids



Serving: Hand breaded cod, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and bread.-----with a Bake sale and silent auction to benefit SKD students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 3; 5pm—Men's Group
6:30pm—Baptism Prep— Rm D
6:30pm—Monday DTS Sessions
- March 4; 9pm—Decorate for Lent
4pm—St. Monica's Society
- March 5; ASH WEDNESDAY
9am—Wednesday Bible Study
- March 6; 4pm—Discipleship Committee Meeting (SFX)
- March 7; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
11am—Rosary & Benediction
6:30pm—Stations of the Cross
- March 8 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- March 9; 10:30am—Lenten Session-Let's Talk Discipleship
5pm—Grounded (9-12)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Rosie Hennen, Patricia Olson and Jayne Wruck 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.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

Income for Sunday, February 23rd, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$3,755.00
Visitors	\$174.00
Youth	\$15.00
Votive Candle	\$9.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$60.00
Initial Offering	\$6.00
Building Improvement	\$10.00
Total Income	\$4,029.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. March 9th, 2025

Lector: David Zimmer and Jill Brenny
Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau (H), Lloyd Lyon(C), Rita Knott(C)
Servers: Ava Krajsa, Halle Krajsa and Nora Fitch
Greeters: Dustin, Zoey & Lucas Heck
Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom and Dustin & Teresa Heck

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Tom Britz, Wayne Carriveau, Gena Hiememz, Cory Popp, Mona Ackerman, Morgan Zeleny, JoAnn Marshall, Kenley Jurek, Ashley Popp, Gavin Dahler, Jeffrey Kaeter, Devin Barnum, Rose Lubbesmeier, Sharon Popp.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Logan Elizabeth Janson, daughter of Andy and Krista who was received into our Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism yesterday here at Annunciation Church. Many blessings to her and her family.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. March 5th, Ash Wednesday Mass @ Sacred Heart at 6:30pm for **All Students**.

ABC Wed. March 12th, 6:30pm class. Elevate for 9th & 10th grade.

Sun. March 17th, St. Patrick's Day

Wed. March 19th, 6:30pm class. Wlyd life

RICE LIONS BREAKFAST TODAY, from 8am-Noon at Graham United Methodist Church along with a Bake Sale and Silent Auction. Everyone is Welcome.

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES with individual confessions:

Tues., March 25th, 7pm at St. Francis Xavier
Thurs., March 27th, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart
Sun., April 6th, 3:00pm at Annunciation

VISITATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY committee meeting **Thurs. March 6th at 9:15am** at the Parish Hall. Open to anyone who is interested in helping with social events or visiting/contacting parishioners to see how they are doing. Contact 493-1116 or 339-6800 if you are interested in joining the Parish Ministry Team.

- If you are homebound, recently widowed, recovering from hospitalization or would just like a phone call or visit please call the parish office.

BREAKFAST Here, Sun. March 9th. 4H will be serving. Proceeds going to maintenance at the ball field.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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

Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 2/23/2025.....	\$16,780.66
Excess (Deficit)	\$(4,565.49)
YTD Collection Budget	\$725,769.10
YTD Collected	\$741,222.66
Excess (Deficit).....	\$15,453.56

COFFEE & COMMUNITY



Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on **Tuesday, March 4**, after the 8 am Mass.

LENTON SERIES

Join St. Francis Xavier's Health & Wellness Team for a free Lenten series titled "Life's Challenges from a Christian Perspective" in the St. Francis Xavier Church Gathering Space, 219 2nd Street S, Sartell.

This four week Tuesday evening series covers the following topics from 6-7 p.m.

March 11: Loneliness by Deacon Steve Pareja, St. Francis

March 18: Bullying by Alyssa Knese, Director of Behavioral Health, Catholic Charities

March 25: Caregiver Support by Deacon Steve Pareja, St. Francis Xavier

April 1: Stress & Anxiety by Bethany Tollefson, Faith Community Nurse

An optional soup and sandwich meal will be available from 5:30-6 p.m. for a free-will offering. Registration is encouraged by contacting Sandee Kremers at 252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org. Attend one or all four nights.

GATHERING IN THE ARTS CRAFT FAIR

Thank you to the crafters for their wonderful artwork, to the shoppers that came out during the frigid weather and the youth group for frosting & selling donuts, the Boy Scouts for making popcorn and selling beverages, Christian Women for making pulled pork sandwiches. A special thank you to Tom and Diane Offerdahl for preparing and frying the donuts for the youth group. A thank you to the volunteers that help setup and take down tables.

Gathering in the Arts Board members



FISH FRY

Fish Fry Meal Orders

Scan the QR code to go directly to the site for ordering and paying for your fish fry meals. We will also accept pre-orders/payments for meals in the parish office.

Order by March 3rd for the discounted price of \$13 a meal for adults (age 13 & up). Seniors and children 12 & under, the price is \$9.00. When you order your meals or stop by the office, for planning purposes, please let us know if you plan to "eat in" or have a "to go" meal. Your name will be on a "will call list" so when you come in to dine or pick up your meal, we just check you off - you are good to go!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30pm at SFX March 7 thru April 11 (Not Good Friday). This is a great way to add to your prayers during Lent. With the Stations of the Cross, we need volunteers - Ideally we have a cross bearer, 2 candle bearers and a prayer leader - 4 people. We can get by with 2, but 4 makes for a more reverent prayer experience. A sign up sheet is available in the parish library. You are welcome to call the parish office to offer to volunteer. This can be a great prayer to be lead by a family or combination of families and by youth. Please call Becky or Tom in the parish office 252-1363.

SOCK & TOWEL DRIVE

The St. Francis Social Justice Concerns Committee is holding a sock and towel drive. Place your **NEW** bath size towels in the barrel and **NEW** socks in the box in the Gathering Space. Collecting now thru Lent.

VBS

MARK YOUR CALENDARS
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
SUMMER 2025
JUNE 23-27
9AM-NOON

Held at St. Francis Xavier
 Open to all youth ages 4 through students going into 5th grade next year
 Students going into 6th grade through adults are needed for volunteers.

Registration materials will be made available starting Monday, February 24th in the Gathering Area. Registration forms will also be sent electronically next week.

Join us for the best week of the summer!

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