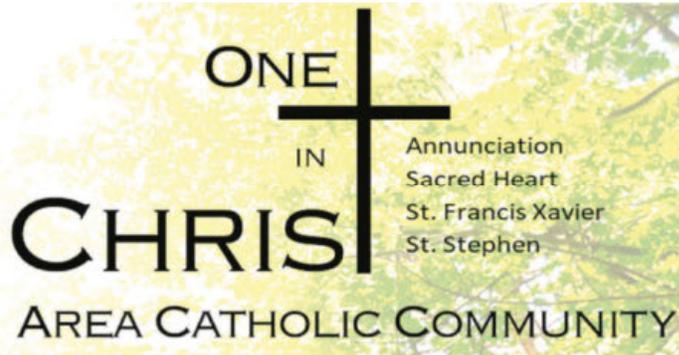
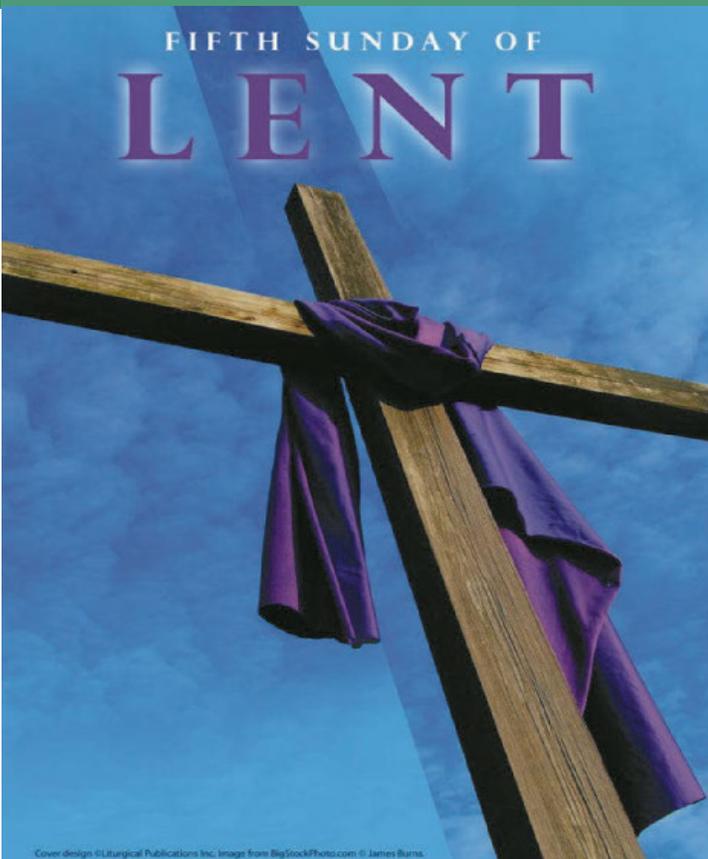


April 3, 2022
5th Sunday in Lent



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MASS TIMES

Monday April 4 <i>St. Isidore</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	<i>Word & Communion</i> † Scott Pekarek
Tuesday April 5 <i>St. Vincent Ferrer</i>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Sacred Heart	† Rose Pearson † John & Yvonne Ferche † Rich Kierzek
Wednesday April 6 <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Lisa Novak † Linda Ley
Thursday April 7 <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Stephen St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	† Maurice Palmersheim † Paul Mergen Priest & Religious
Friday April 8 <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Irene Laudenschach † LeRoy Czech
Saturday April 9 <i>Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord</i>	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	<i>For the People of the Parishes</i> <i>For the People of the Parishes</i> † Marie Nelson
Sunday April 10 <i>Palm Sunday of the Pasion of the Lord</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Audra Papp † Jack Hibbard † Diann Opatz † Kathleen Vouk

*Livestreamed Mass

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
4:00 pm St. Francis Xavier
7:50 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: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5-6/Jn 8:12-20
Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 /Jn 8:21-30
Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Jn 8:31-42
Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Ps 105:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 /Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 /Jn 10:31-42
Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
Sunday: Lk 19:28-40/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11 /Lk 22:14—23:56 or 23:1-49

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Remember not the events of the past,
the things of long ago consider not;
see, I am doing something new!

Now it springs forth, do you not
perceive it? (*Isaiah 43:18-19a*)

Do you remember the **Renew** program?

In many dioceses, including our own, **Renew** convened small groups for prayer, faith-sharing, and catechesis in the 1980s. A later generation was conducted about 20 years ago, **Renew: Why Catholic?** In many parishes, bonds were formed around **Renew** and some groups still meet today. God was doing something new.

This Scripture from Isaiah has special memories for me. I was a seminarian working in maintenance at Immaculate Heart of Mary Seminary during the summer months. The rector was part of the **Renew** team in the Diocese of Winona and one day asked me to suggest a Bible passage for their materials. The Holy Spirit led me to Isaiah and this passage, and I still find it profoundly hopeful. God continues to do something new: do we not perceive it?

In a culture where novelty, innovation, fresh ideas and “disruption” are valued, the tradition and outward “sameness” of the Church’s life can seem boring, archaic, irrelevant. But perhaps we can understand this differently against the turmoil of our times with war in Ukraine and fears of escalation; COVID; the political scene; the economy and the uncertainties all of these things bring. Maybe we can see that “sameness” as stability, a point of reference, something solid and reliable amid the many disruptions of the day.

God is always doing something new, as the work of salvation takes place in each life and each day. Christ’s merciful love is fresh and new moment by moment. This is our faith: not simply remembering what once was, but what now is, the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit that makes the Church ever young and ever new, adapting to the times but with the timeless gifts of the Scriptures, sacraments, and our communion rooted in faith, hope, and charity.

Isaiah is not asking us to forget the mysteries we celebrate, especially in Holy Week: the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Rather, the prophet tells us not to treat these realities as something restricted to the past, memories of important things that once were but now are no more. Instead, they are made ever new in every place, every generation, every life.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Every time we come to confession, it is a new work of mercy. Every time we pray, it is a new conversation with the eternal God. Every time we receive the Eucharist, it is another entry of God’s love into the world, the Body of Christ given to the Body of Christ to advance the Kingdom of God, “on earth as it is in heaven.” Every time we do a work of mercy and kindness for another, a new passage is inscribed in the Book of Life, as the Book of Revelation suggests.

Those saving moments of the past give us the pattern and context for God’s action today. But they are not lost in some dim memories of “once upon a time.” They are new, alive, current, today. What new thing is God doing in your life? Isaiah would still ask us: do you perceive it?

Fr. Tom



LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

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STEWARDSHIP

A "stewardship story" from Marcia & Lee Riedel:

Lee grew up Lutheran, and Marcia grew up Catholic. Going to church was a normal part of our lives as children, and financial stewardship was a high priority for both of our families. Lee, as a single adult in the Air Force and later, rarely attended church, but always felt that there was something missing in his life. He is glad he found Marcia, who had continued to attend church every week, and we have been going to Mass together ever since.

While we do believe that financial stewardship is important to a healthy parish, as everything you see in church, or experience in church programs, takes money to run, we feel that other parts of stewardship, particularly the sharing of time & talents, provide some of the most rewarding experiences of belonging to a parish. For Lee, he's been involved in the music ministry in the choir since we joined Sacred Heart, and more recently helping out as an usher. Marcia has been involved as a lector, eucharistic minister, ushering if needed, helping with the youth programs and religious programs as needed. Those activities have allowed us to meet many parish members that we wouldn't have met otherwise, including some that have become good friends. We have gained a whole church family at Sacred Heart, and we are very thankful for the support we get from that second family. We both feel that whatever time or talent we give to the parish, the benefits we receive far outweigh what we put in.

Thanks for the opportunity to share our stewardship story!

BAPTISMS

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

Kinsley Elizabeth Wagman, daughter of Justin & Casey baptized at St. Francis Xavier.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



II Joshua Puhalla & Sarah Hendrickson, Sacred Heart.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Theology on Draft

Theology on Draft is this Thursday at 6:00 PM! We will be meeting at **NEWMAN CENTER** in St. Cloud.

Young Adult Bible Study

Our next gathering will be on Holy Thursday (April 14th). We will attend 6:30 PM Mass at Sacred Heart, followed by Adoration, and concluding with a small gathering to discuss chapters 3 & 4 of Mark. All you need to do is bring a Bible and join us. Contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions.

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Abbott John and the monks of St. John's Abbey invite you to take part in a special prayer service at the Abbey Church on Saturday evening, April 9, the evening before Palm Sunday. Beginning at 7:00 pm, the service, with its special music and prayer setting, is an opportunity to enhance the beginning of your Holy Week. A reception will follow in the Great Hall and will include light refreshments. Please join us for this special vigil service, Saturday, April 9 at 7:00 pm. And feel free to bring a friend or two. All are welcome

MONUMENTAL VBS

Planning for VBS is underway and this year our One in Christ Catholic Parishes are teaming up and offering not one but **TWO** choices of VBS sessions at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell!



Join us for this **Monumental** week for a choice of an evening track, June 19 - 23 (6:00 - 8:30 PM) OR in the morning, June 20 - 24 (9:00 - Noon). VBS is for students ages 4 to grade 5. Cost for VBS is \$25 per student. Register now to guarantee your spot, your shirt and much more!

Payment and forms are available online at: oneinchristacc.org/vbs. All checks should be made out to: St. Francis Xavier.

All paperwork can be turned into your home parish office. If you have questions, please contact your parish office.

VBS Volunteers

While we are excited for this **Monumental** step in our ACC, there is a **HUGE** need for volunteers to make VBS happen for all of our families and young people. Volunteers who are in grade 6 and up (young adults / adults) are welcome and appreciated to help with crews, stations, etc. Form to volunteer can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/vbs
All volunteers who have students attending VBS have their tuition waived.

CHICAGO MISSION TRIP

Exciting opportunity for all students in grades 9 - 12, young adults and adults in our ACC! You're invited to join us for our Chicago Mission Trip, July 16 - 22.

Details can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/chicago. Hurry, spots are being filled! See your Trip Directors for questions and to register.

2022 HUMANAЕ VITAE AWARD

July 25, 2022 will mark the 54th Anniversary of Humanae vitae! In celebration, we'll host our annual diocesan Humanae vitae Mass & Award Reception on Thursday, July 28 at Saint Mary's Cathedral, Saint Cloud at 7:00 p.m. with Bishop Donald Kettler. We are blessed to have people in our diocese who have dedicated themselves to the promotion of Natural Family Planning and the principles of Humanae vitae. If you know a person(s) who has demonstrated courage in promoting Natural Family Planning, submit your nomination in writing (500 words or less). For more information visit: <https://stcdio.org/event/humane-vitae-award-nominations-open/> Send, fax, or e-mail nominations before April 29, 2022 to the Office of Marriage and Family, Natural Family Planning Advisory Committee, 305-7th Avenue North Suite 100, Saint Cloud, MN 56303 Fax: 320-258-7658 e-mail: omf@gw.stcdio.org Questions? Contact Sheila Reineke, sreineke@gw.stcdio.org or 320-252-4721 x308.



Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the appeal. As of March 23, the Appeal raised \$802,931 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 5048 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

FF LENTEN PROJECT



This year for Lent, Sacred Heart Faith Formation participants will be doing a project to help people in need all around the world through **Heifer**

International. We will be collecting donations beginning March 9, 2022, and ending April 6, 2022 and you can help by donating online at <https://fundraise.heifer.org/fundraiser/3724839>, by dropping off a check (written to Sacred Heart Church with a notation for "Heifer International," or by dropping cash in our giant piggy bank in the Parish Hall during our Faith Formation meal. We will track the amount we collect on a chart in the Parish Hall. Sacred Heart Social Concerns Committee will also match the amount we collect dollar for dollar up to \$1000! Whatever you choose to give is welcome and important in helping out – no matter how small. Together our small contributions will make a big difference!

CHICKEN DINNER

Holdingsford Knights of Columbus #9307 Chicken dinner at Pelican Lake Ballroom in St. Anna, April 3, from 3:30 - 7:00 PM. Tickets: \$12 Adult, \$7 Kids. Take out available.

TEC RETREAT FOR LENT



You Are Invited to Attend a TEC Retreat this Lent. Sign up to participate in the April 9-11 Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreat and pay just \$30. The regular price is \$95 – so this is quite the deal. Sign up today at cmtec.org and pay the \$30 deposit. We will take care of the rest. TEC is a three-day retreat for youth (age 16+) and adults. Described as one of the most relevant and life-changing retreats around, TEC promises to inspire and surprise. This encounter retreat is perfect for those searching, those needing direction and a little peace, and those looking to deepen their relationship with God. Come find out what 41,000 others have already experienced. www.cmtec.org today!

DIOCESAN TV MASS

Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11 am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers the family of Bob Sexton who passed away March 26 from St. Francis Xavier.

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



SPONSORS COUPLES

The Office of Marriage & Family is hosting a Sponsor Couple Ministry Enrichment event on Saturday, April 30 from 2-4:00 PM at Seven Dolours parish in Albany. RSVP electronically by April 20th at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SC-RSV-2022>. Questions contact pflynn@gw.stcdio.org or 320-258-7619.



ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Office Hours: M-F 2:00 - 6:00 pm
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

Financial Offerings - March 26 & 27

Adult.....	\$ 1,585.00
Plate.....	97.00
Children.....	2.00
Online Giving: March 19-25.....	311.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,995.00

Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: 2,500.00

America Needs Fatima Rosary Crusade-Thank you

to all those that came to pray in the parking lot, those that could not make it but still supported in prayer wherever you were. In support of traditional marriage between a husband and wife, upholding of Christian family values. Thank you Blessed Virgin Mary and St. Joseph for interceding for us.

St. Stephen American Legion Auxiliary will have a meeting at the Rusty Nail on Tuesday, April 5, at

Stations of the Cross: Join us every Friday evening at 6:30 pm during Lent.

Egg dyeing & palm weaving: On April 10 after Mass in the Parish Hall. Come try your hand at Traditional rice egg dyeing & Slovenian egg dyeing along with palm weaving. A light lunch will be served. Everyone welcome.

Save your onion peels - The Vibrancy Committee needs onion peels for an upcoming egg dyeing project on April 10 in the Parish Hall. There are boxes at the entrances of church for the onion peels.

Holy Thursday Feet Washing - We are looking for parishioners to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrances of the church.

Upcoming Events:

April 6-Sloppy Joes - Faith Formation Meal

April 7 - Adoration after 8:00 AM Mass until 4 PM.

Apr 12 - Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm in the Annex

Apr 17 - Blessing of Easter baskets at Mass. Receive bagged cookies after Mass.

Apr 24 - Tractor and seed blessing after Mass.

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 with Lorene Deford will be held on Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall.

Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Every Wednesday at **Rusty Nail** at noon followed by cards. Cost is \$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - will be April 21 starting with 11:30 social, followed by meal, speaker & entertainment in the Parish Hall.

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

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, March 27th, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$6,046.12
Visitor	\$45.00
Youth	\$5.00
Easter Flowers	\$90.00
Votive Candle	\$1.00
Building Fund	\$200.00
Catholic Relief Fund	\$165.00
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00
Rent	\$750.00
Total Income	\$7,312.12

*Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00**

Mass Schedule

Sun April 10th, 2022, 8:15am Mass Palm Sunday

Lector: Jenessa Strande & John Koenig

Eucharist: Amy Krajsa

Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa

Greeters: Clarice Lyon

Ushers: Tom, Barb & Jeremy Brand and David Lentner.

Wedding Banns I

 We are happy to announce that there is a promise of marriage between: Josh Puhalla and Sarah Hendrickson.

Communal Penance Service TODAY, at 3:00pm

Happy Birthday: Brittany Reich, Clara Fitch, Barb Gravelle, Dennis Brand, Sheri Brenny, Sara Britz, Clara Knettel, Shirley Scapanski, Janice Sowada, Jeanne Lahr, Joy Piotrowski, Lawrence Thell, Michael Zeleny, Elizabeth Krueger, Elaina Scapanski.

Religious Education:

Wed. April 6th—Learning Centers 2nd Grade

No Class on Wed. April 13th

Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers a meatless Soup

 Supper will be served at 6pm with Stations of the Cross afterwards at 7pm. *Soup will be served on April 8th. (Stations will be every Fri. during Lent)

Rice Area Community Spring Blood Drive on

Mon., **April 11, 1:00 – 5:45** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Apts. recommended. Sign up by going to the Red Cross website <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html> and enter 56367 or call Lora at 320-393-2701.

Holy Week Collection: Holy Thursday is for the Rice Bowl. And Good Friday is for the Holy Land.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: If you know of times when you are not available for your ministry in the next four months please let Lora know by April 6th. 320-393-2701.

Easter Sat. Vigil: See Sacred Heart page for information.

SACRED HEART PARISH

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

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for the Week of March 27, 2022

Adult Collection.....\$14,673.00
Children's Collection.....\$14.75
Friends in Need.....\$408.00
Easter.....\$25.00
Easter Flowers.....\$243.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$18,500

EASTER SUNDAY MASS TIME

There will be one Mass Easter morning at 10:00 am.
Please note the time.

TRIDUUM HELP NEEDED

If you are able to help in your ministry for Masses during Holy Week, please sign up using the web terminal or on the sign up sheets near the sacristy. Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 3; 10:30am—CPR/AED/First Aid Training
April 4; 5pm—Men's Group
6:15pm—Bells of the Heart
6:30pm—Lenten Journey with Henri Nouwen
6:30pm—Baptism Prep-SH
April 5; 9:30am—Pew Cleaning
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
April 6; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
4pm—Reconciliation
5pm—Faith Formation
5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm—WNL
April 7; 6pm—Theology on Draft
6:30pm—Faith Formation Committee
6:30pm—Social Concerns Committee
April 8 6:30pm—Stations of the Cross
April 9; 9am—Decorate for Palm Sunday
3:30pm—Reconciliation

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 320-251-8115: Harold Lutz & Emma Walker.

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.

WNL

Want to hear about our awesome Castaway experience? Want to play some awesome games? WNL is full of both! Grades 5 - 12 welcome, starting at 7:15 PM in the Church and ending at 9:00 PM!

PEER MINISTRY TEAM

Are you looking for a way to go deeper into your faith, serve your community and peers? If you answered yes to these questions and are currently in grades 8 - 11, we want **YOU** on our Peer Ministry Team. See Jason Prigge to apply.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join our Youth Ministry group for Stations this Friday at 6:30 PM!

ALTER SERVERS NEEDED

Attention boys & girls in 4th grade and older!

If you would like to become an altar server at Mass, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office to set up training. Scheduling for altar servers is flexible and based on family preferences and availability.

BUTTER BRAID PICK UP

Butter Braids will be ready to pick-up next weekend following all Masses. We do have a few extra for sale if you didn't get your order in. Thank you to all who supported us!

EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION

This year the Easter Vigil will be at Sacred Heart at 8pm on Holy Saturday. We are excited that we can once again have an Easter Vigil reception to celebrate those joining the Church. If you would like to help decorate for this event we will be decorating on April 16th 9-11am at Sacred Heart. If you would like to donate anything (Easter candies, wine, money) for this event, please bring that to Mass or to the parish offices by April 10th. Please contact Jean Bemboom or Vicki Sanborn with any questions.

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT DECORATING



Saturday, April 9th

9:00am: Lent take down & preparations for Palm Sunday

Thursday, April 14th

9:00am: Preparations for Holy Thursday

Thursday, April 14th

8:15pm: Preparations for Good Friday

Saturday, April 16th

8:00 am: Preparations for Easter Season

****Contact Jill K. with questions****

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget \$19,230.77
Collected 03/27/2022..... \$8,949.99
Excess (Deficit) \$(11,280.78)

YTD Collection Budget \$750,005.03
YTD Collected \$799,488.81
Excess (Deficit) \$49,483.78

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Monday April 11 and April 25 from 4-7 pm. Thank you for spending time with Jesus.



ROSARY MAKING

St. Rose of Lima rosary making group has decided to meet twice a month 1st and 3rd Thursdays. The next meeting is April 7 @ 9am in Xavier Hall. Please join us.



Spring Bling Sale

BAUBLES, BANGLES & BEADS

Friday, April 22, 2022
4:00 — 7:00 pm



Please join us at our Spring Bling Sale
Come and enjoy light refreshments
Shop our collection of
New, Vintage & Repurposed
Jewelry, Scarves & Handbags

Please Join Us!



Spring for Students Annual Event

All are invited to the Spring for Students annual event on **Friday, April 29, 2022** for a social at 6 p.m., then cuisine and an inspiring program at 7 p.m. in the parish Gathering Place.

We hope to raise \$70,000 (100% will be used fully for scholarships). Last year, 1/3 of our students needed scholarships to make a Catholic education possible.

Reserve your seats today:

Contact:

Michael Hemmesch at michaelhemmesch@gmail.com
or Anne Strack at annestrack.10@gmail.com

TITHING VS. STEWARDSHIP

Both tithing and stewardship are part of a spiritual way of life that calls us to use all of our resources for the service of the Gospel. Everything we are and everything we have comes from God. Offering back to God what He has given us is part of how we worship and give thanks to God.

Tithing is the practice of giving back 10 percent of what we earn. It comes from the Old English word for "ten." The first Scriptural example of tithing came from Abraham who gave a tenth of his possessions to the priest Melchizedek. He did so as an act of thanksgiving to God.

Stewardship as a way of life calls us to use well all that we have and all that we are, placing all things in service of others and God. Stewardship helps us see the good we can accomplish by making God and our spiritual life the most important values in our life. Whatever we accumulate in this life stays here. We can't take it with us! Both tithing and stewardship help us remember that nothing is mine or even ours ... all belongs to God.



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