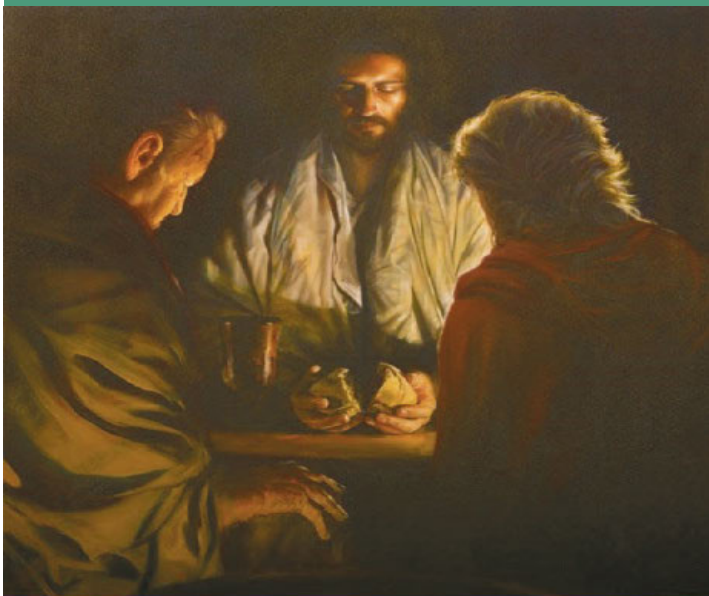


January 14, 2024
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi"—which translated means Teacher—"where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see." - Jn 1:38-39a

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MASS TIMES

Monday, January 15	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Virginia & Raymond Brand
Tuesday, January 16	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Diane Rau
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Members of the Herb & Ida Majerus Families
Wednesday, January 17	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Millie Theisen
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Rita Schaefer
Thursday, January 18	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. St. Monica's Christian Women
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Joseph Selensky, Sid & Lavon Freitag
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Jim Nierengarten
Friday, January 19	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Judy Whalen
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Bob Kloss
Saturday, January 20 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Bob Czech
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Jeremy Wyrowski
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† William Supan
Sunday, January 21 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time <i>*Livestreamed Mass</i>	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† For the Members of the Parish
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Bill Dickinson
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† LeRoy Czech
	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: 1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28
Wednesday: 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday: 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Jon 3:1-5, 10/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)/1 Cor 7:29-31/Mk 1:14-20

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari...

Back to Ordinary Time we return, on this the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time. This first leg of Ordinary Time will be rather short. Easter occurs on March 31, so Lent begins on February 14. That means we only have five Ordinary Time

Sundays this winter.

In the liturgical calendar before the Second Vatican Council, these Sundays were called Sundays after Epiphany. While these weeks are now referred to as Ordinary Time, the Gospels for these Sundays do echo the themes of Epiphany. The introduction to the Lectionary notes, "On the Second Sunday of Ordinary Time the Gospel continues to center on the manifestation of the Lord. ... Beginning with the Third Sunday, there is a semi-continuous reading of the Synoptic Gospels. (This year from the Gospel of Mark.) This reading is arranged in such a way that as the Lord's life and preaching unfold the doctrine proper to each of these Gospels is presented. ... Thus after Epiphany the readings are on the beginning of the Lord's preaching and they fit in well with Christ's baptism and the first events in which he manifests himself" (#105)

An English professor came in to the classroom and wrote the words "Woman without her man is a savage" on the blackboard and directed his students to punctuate it correctly. The men wrote: "Woman, without her man, is a savage." The women wrote: "Woman! Without her, man is a savage."

How something is viewed depends on one's perspective. In today's scripture people are asked to view things from a different perspective. Samuel was already in the service of the Lord at the temple. However, God calls Samuel to a new mission as prophet.

Paul writes to the Corinthians who were influenced in Greek philosophy. A philosophy which saw the body as a useless and evil cage and within which the spirit was shackled. They were inclined to use their bodies in less than holy ways. Paul reminds them that in accepting Christ into their lives, the Spirit of God had come to dwell in them. Therefore, their bodies needed to be revered and they needed to live lives of holiness.



(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Jesus invites others to join him, as we hear in this exchange between Jesus and two of John's disciples, "Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, "What are you looking for? They said to him, "Rabbi" — which translated means Teacher —, "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come, and you will see.""

The disciples of John asked a profoundly theological question: "Where do you abide?" It was impossible for Jesus to respond to that question with an address or geography. Only after they spent three years with him could Jesus answer more fully. At the Last Supper, reminding them that following him is a matter of the heart and soul as much as the feet, ears and eyes, he said, "Abide in my love ... just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love" (John 15:9-10). The real answer to that first question is that his abode was in them. As we begin the season of Ordinary Time, these readings invite us to remember our common vocation, "come and see," to remain with, to abide in Christ. How are you abiding with Christ?

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION

LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



“Jesus turned and saw them following him and said to them, ‘What are you looking for?’” - John 1:38

When we recognize who we are, it's easier to find what we are looking for. Once we see ourselves, and others, as children of God, we spend less time looking for the material comforts of the world. Instead, our hearts long for something deeper that can only be filled by God. Ask God daily how He wants you to live the life He intended for you.



Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

EUCCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY



Come see the Eucharistic Miracles Display created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Who was Blessed Carlo Acutis? Born in London and raised in Milan, Carlo's wealthy parents were not particularly religious. Upon receiving his

first communion at age seven, Carlo became a frequent communicant, making a point of praying before the tabernacle before or after every Mass.

At school Carlo tried to comfort friends whose parents were undergoing divorce, as well as stepping in to defend disabled students from bullies. He volunteered his time with the city's homeless and destitute. Considered a computer geek by some, Carlo spent four years creating a website dedicated to cataloguing every reported Eucharistic miracle around the world. He also enjoyed films, comics, soccer, and playing popular video games. Diagnosed with leukemia, Carlo offered his sufferings to God for the intentions of the sitting pope—Benedict XVI—and the entire Church. His longtime desire to visit as many sites of Eucharistic miracles as possible was cut short by his illness. Carlo died in 2006 and was beatified in 2020. (Franciscanmedia.org)

Join us at Sacred Heart to see the exhibit.

Friday, Jan. 19th 9am-noon

Saturday, Jan. 20th 2-5 pm

Sunday, Jan. 21st 10 am– 2 pm

Wed. Jan. 24th 5-8 pm.

Bring smart phone and headphones if you'd like to use the audio version.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Banquet of Love is a gift to couples and support to the ACC's of the Diocese of St. Cloud from Bishop Neary. An 18 month access to the course materials are available at the diocesan web page .

Teaching Mass Fr. Tom will be having a teaching Mass at Sacred Heart on Wed., January 17 at 6:30pm.

—To find out more information on the Eucharistic Revival, visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Hurley Hommerding, who passed away on December 27th from Annunciation and Timothy Kedrowski, who passed away on January 4th from Sacred Heart.

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



MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join MCCL for their March for Life on Monday, January 22. The walk will begin at noon at the Minnesota Capital in St. Paul and will be followed by a program on the Capitol steps from 12:30-1:00. Please sign up by registering at mccl.org/march.

ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY PILGRIMAGE

JOIN FR. STEVE BINSFELD & FOLLOW ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY SEPTEMBER 15-29, 2024

*Walk the stones where Saint Paul walked through Athens and Corinth. Then set sail on a 9-night Celebrity Cruise through the Greek Isles continuing the journey as we visit six ports of call: Santorini, Ephesus, Mykonos, Volos, Thessaloniki, and Kavala. Enjoy both private group tours and free time in Athens and on the cruise. Learn of the spiritual, historical, and cultural significance of Greece and Paul's missionary journey. Mass is celebrated every day, especially in Corinth, Thessaloniki and Ephesus. This quality, customized tour is done through Magi Travel. Space is limited on this pilgrimage so sign up today! Call **Magi Travel** 952-949-0065 or visit the web at www.magitravelinc.com and click on Greece, then Fr. Steve Binsfeld*

SPONSORS NEEDED-ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Last year, for Catholic Schools Week (CSW), our SKD students went out into the community and served others - the first time we have ever done something like that as a school! It was a fabulous morning - one that reinforced our school's commitment to instill in our students the love of community service and of helping others. The school will need around \$3000 to cover the cost of transportation and materials for their service project.

If you feel moved to sponsor our Community Service/ Outreach day, please consider making a monetary donation to St. Katharine Drexel School. Donations can be dropped off at the school office during school hours, or mailed to the school (428 2nd Street South., St. Cloud, MN 56304).

If you have any questions, or would like more information regarding the day, please contact Michaela Barrett at mbarrett@ourcatholicsschool.org.



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Needs Assessment

Thank you to all of the young adults and parishioners who have taken and shared the Needs Assessment. The Young Adult Team will be evaluating responses from the assessment in the coming months. More to come soon! If you are a Young Adult (18 - 39) and still would like to share your thoughts, we are still very committed to keep listening to you, please contact Jason Prigge to set-up an in person conversation.

Theology on Draft

Join us for the biggest Theology on Draft of the year! We are bringing in the hosts of "The Storydrum Podcast" which features Kory Lacroix and Chris Kostelc. They are super energetic and engaging and you certainly won't want to miss it!

Kory and Chris will be leading us through "The Art of Storytelling" this idea that everyone has a story to share regardless of how big or small it might feel. We'll be exploring the idea that God uses small moments (micro-conversion) to touch our hearts which in turn has the ability to touch someone else's in the form of a story. So bring family, friends and WHOMEVER! Help us pack Great River Bowl in Sartell on Thursday, January 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Food is on us, drinks and bowling are your responsibility.

Questions? Contact Jason Prigge or Philip Shefvland. Listen to the Storydrum Podcast here: <https://open.spotify.com/show/3f5D2gutTFGNt5pKUvVH1K?si=aafb855a4e9d4c04>

Young Adult Mass & Meal

Young Adult Mass & Meal will take place on Sunday, January 14th beginning with 10:00 AM Mass at St. Stephen. This is the perfect opportunity to meet other Young Adults (18-39). Meet the Young Adult Team in the annex after Mass. **Everyone is responsible for their own meal.**

Praise Night

Young Adults (18-39) - please bring a friend, partner, spouse, kids, family, etc. to our next Praise Night on Sunday, January 28th from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at Newman Center in St. Cloud for Praise & Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation and food! If you have children, please bring them, there will be plenty of activities and ways for them to participate in prayer and afterwards. No need to RSVP, please just join us for prayer and fellowship. Questions? Contact Jason Prigge!

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus invite everyone to our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Thursday, January 18th at 4:30 - 7:00 in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for Children ages 5-10.



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
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings for Dec. 30-31 & Jan 1, 6-7

Adult Dec 30-31, Jan 6 & 7	\$ 4,183.00
Adult online giving Dec 26-Jan 5	545.00
Plate	390.00
Christmas	320.00
Solemnity of Mary envelopes	467.00
Solemnity of Mary Plate	47.30
Religious Retirement	15.00
Total	\$ 5,967.30

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

Ushers

Jan. 20: Mitch Pangerl, Will Hellmann, Amanda DeYaeger

Jan. 21: Ralph Barhorst, Art Lyon, Jake Rothstein

Faith Formation/Youth Group News

Classes January 17: Grades 1-4 & Confirmation. Ham and turkey sandwiches will be served in the Parish Hall before class. Meal includes fruit, dessert and beverage.

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 7pm in the Parish Hall. Agenda's will be emailed to you.

Blood Drive will be held at St. Stephen Parish Hall on January 22, from 1-6pm. <https://www.redcross.org/>

Prayer Line: If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayers and would like to be added to the Prayer Line, please contact the parish office.

Mass Intentions - the office is now accepting Mass Intention requests for 2024. Simply write who you would like a mass intention said for along with your name. Put it in an envelope marked 'Mass Intentions' and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish house. Each mass intention is \$10 - please include in the envelope.



Thank you to those who helped on Monday to take down the Christmas decorations. Volunteers do not necessarily have the time; they just have the heart
- Elizabeth Andrew

Contribution Statements - If you are signed up for Online Giving, you can print your statements from the OSV website. A link is on the parish website. For those who use the contribution envelopes, your statements will be on the table in the annex beginning January 20.

Pictorial Directories are available in the annex for those who had their picture taken or submitted a picture.

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.

Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach

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

Monthly Lunch & Learn - January 18 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social starts at 11:30. Suggested donation \$5.

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

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 January 7, 2024

Adult Collection.....	\$8,426.03
Automatic Giving.....	\$6,641.18
Christmas.....	\$1,620.00
Holy Days.....	\$750.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$7.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$19,673	

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Hotdish Challenge/Winter Raffle Time is running out to sign up for the hotdish challenge. We invite you to check out the sign up sheet in the gathering space and add your name to the list to bring a hotdish on January 21st by 11:30am. (You can bring it before Mass if you would like and we will plug it in for you.) The challenge runs from 12-3:30, the drawing for the winter raffle will be at 3:30. Tickets are sold until we sell all 250.

Welcome new parishioners This weekend is new parishioner weekend, where we show new parishioners on the screens. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner at Sacred Heart, please contact Vicki in the office at 320-251-8115 ext 129.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) CLOW will continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 9 am. CLOW is for young people in grades PreK - grade 3. We are always looking for more assistance, please contact Jason Prigge to learn more!

Stations of the Cross 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!

Bells of the Heart and Adult Choir New Members Bells of the Heart is welcoming new members for the Spring. If you have ever wanted to try the handbells please contact Sarah in the office. New members will be paired with an experienced ringer as a mentor. The Adult Choir is also welcoming new members. Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:15 pm. Contact Sarah for the full schedule.

INK JET RECYCLING

Help the Environment and the Youth Group Recycle those old Ink jet cartridges, cell phones, laptops, or small electronics. Useable ones are repurposed, the rest are recycled for components. Drop off in the gather space Kiosk or in the Office. Contact Gerry Kittok for more information (320) 420-9050

YOUTH MINISTRY

January Theme: Grounded in the "Storm"

Upcoming Dates

Grounded isn't an exclusive club, it's for everyone - come join us! Activities to be printed next week, stay tuned to see what is happening!

Wednesday, January 17th (grades 6-12): 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Sunday, January 21st (grades 9-12): 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, January 24th (5th grade only): 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Castaway 2024 Did you hear the news?! Due to generous donations, we are able to ask for \$25 DOWN with a max total of \$90 for Castaway 2024! God is so good. Thank you to those who have donated so our young people can experience God's love for them. If you're in grades 9 - 12, you won't want to miss it, March 22 - 24. Forms are online or near the bulletin board. Questions? Ask Jason Prigge!

Jr. High Lock-In Registration for the Jr. High Lock-In is online and by the Youth Ministry board. Don't miss the 2nd annual Winter Spectacular on Saturday, January 27 - Sunday, January 28 starting with 7 PM Mass at Sacred Heart and ending at 6 AM at the YMCA! Cost is \$40, contact Jason Prigge for more information.

PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE +18

Painting the Word will take place January 28th from 6pm to 7:30pm at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 18+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be offered. This event is free thanks to the Building Bridges Thriving Mission Grant! Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 15; Office **CLOSED**
3pm—Winter Youth Day
- January 16; 7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club
- January 17; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6:30pm—Teaching Mass
7:30pm—Grounded (6-12)
- January 18; 1pm—Card Making
4:30pm—KOC Spaghetti Dinner
6pm—Youth Ministry Team Meeting
- January 19; 9am—Eucharistic Miracles Display
- January 20; 2pm—Eucharistic Miracles Display
3:30pm—Reconciliation
6pm—Parish Pot Luck
- January 21; 10am—Eucharistic Miracles Display
11am—Winter Raffle Event
5:30pm—Grounded (9-12)
6pm—Grade DTS Session 2 Parish Hall)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Alex Euteneuer, Christopher Fuchs and Darlene Hiscock 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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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, December 31st, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$3,735.00
Visitor	\$65.00
Youth	\$8.00
Votive Candles	\$1.60
Pictorial Directory Purchase	\$25.00
Christmas	\$1,400.00
Total Income	\$5,234.60
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Income for Sunday, January 7th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$17,354.78
Visitor	\$122.05
Youth	\$2.00
Votive Candles	\$1.30
Pictorial Directory Purchase	\$25.00
Christmas	\$400.00
Initial Offering	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$115.00
Building Fund	\$81.00
Catholic Magazine	\$20.00
Church in Europe	\$25.00
Total Income	\$18,196.13
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. January 21st, 2024 8:15am

Lector: JoAnn Marshall & Loren Popp
Eucharist: Deacon (H), Jean Bemboom(C), Amy Krajsa(C)
Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa
Greeters: John & Karla Koenig, Kendra Carlson
Ushers: Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence & Jane Thell



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Francis Adelman, Craig Nelson, Lynda Gans, Tim Scapanski, Lane Jurek, Maralyn Larson, Sandra Rajkowski, Thomas Knott, Sarah Larson, Kimberly Dahler, Kyle Haus, Jeremy Janson.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY: our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Hurley Hommerding who's funeral was here on January 3rd. Eternal rest grant onto him Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

Wed. 17th, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm
Wed. Jan. 24th, Rel. Ed. Classes, 9th grade bus tour 6:30pm
Wed. Jan 31st, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm, Speaker Gr 7-10

JESUS ISN'T JUST THE REASON FOR THE SEASON... He's the reason for every day of our lives. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

SOCIAL: after morning Mass on Monday, January 22nd. Everyone is invited.

THANK YOU: to everyone who donated to the Poor Clares for Christmas. They are very appreciative.

Thank You.

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 12/24/2023.....	\$25,673.08
Excess (Deficit)	\$5,002.92
YTD Collection Budget	\$578,846.24
YTD Collected	\$604,780.43
Excess (Deficit).....	\$25,934.35

SFX SCHOOL

Greetings SFX Faith Community, Happy New Year! We are excited for all of the learning opportunities awaiting us in 2024! St. Francis Xavier School has much to offer the families of our community.

1. Our Catholic school partners with parents to form children in the virtues of faith, hope and charity, and our world needs renewal of these virtues. Children are proof that God is good and with us.
2. Our Catholic school is small and committed to developing the whole child through academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community service.
3. We work with our families to adjust to changing economic situations.
4. Our Catholic school teachers and staff model to our students how to rely on their faith to persevere through challenges that may emerge.
5. Our Catholic school is purposefully planning for possibilities to improve our instruction and strengthen our community.

We welcome you to join us at an Open House for new and prospective families for the 2024- 2025 school year on January 28th after 9:30 Mass or January 30th from 4:00-6:00pm. We also offer personal tours of our exceptional school if the dates for our Open House do not work for your family. If you or someone you know are interested in enrolling as a SFX and want to know more about our programs, please contact the school office at (schooloffice@sfx61.org) or call 252-9940. Heidi Schloe, Principal

1ST ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Please join us Sunday, February 11, 2024 for the 1st Annual Arts & Craft Fair. There will be over 25 area artists & crafters featuring hand-crafted artworks and crafts. 1:00pm-4:00pm in the Gathering Place. Refreshments will be available.



PLACE OF HOPE



We are looking for volunteers to cook and serve at Place of Hope on Tuesday, January 23.

ST. ROSE OF LIMA ROSARY GROUP

The St. Rose of Lima Rosary group meets the 1st & 3rd Thursday of every month from 9:00–11:00am in Xavier Hall. Learn to make rosaries and all of the supplies are provided. Easy to learn, we will teach you! All rosaries are donated to missions around the world.

SFX ROCKS SAVE THE DATE

Our school will be hosting its 13th annual SFX Rocks fundraising celebration featuring the Maiden Dixie Band on Saturday, February 10th, 2024. The evening will be filled with music, dancing, delicious food, libations and silent auction items. All of the money earned from this event will be used to support technology initiatives and school-wide programming. More information to come including a link to purchase tickets.

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Service Sunday Events:

February 11th Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 10am – 3pm. We will help with the Diocesan Family Rally event.

Aftershock:

January 17th grades 6-12 at SFX from 6:30-8:30pm.

February 21st grades 6-12 at SFX from 6:30-8:30pm.

Youth Group Nights:

January 21st grades 6-12 (note grade change from original calendar) at Xavier Hall from 6:00-8:30pm.

February 3rd grades 6-12 from 4-8pm (note time change from original calendar) at Xavier Hall.

February 25th TREMOR for grades 4-5 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Gathering Place of SFX.

Diocesan Events:

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, January 17th for the Middle School Lock-in for grades 6-8 on January 27-28 beginning at 7pm at Sacred Heart. We will end our time at 6am at the St. Cloud YMCA.

Castaway 2024 Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN for youth in grades 9-12. **If you are interested in learning more about this retreat experience, please contact Jennifer before Wednesday, January 31st!**

****Watch Flocknote for more information and details on these events****

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