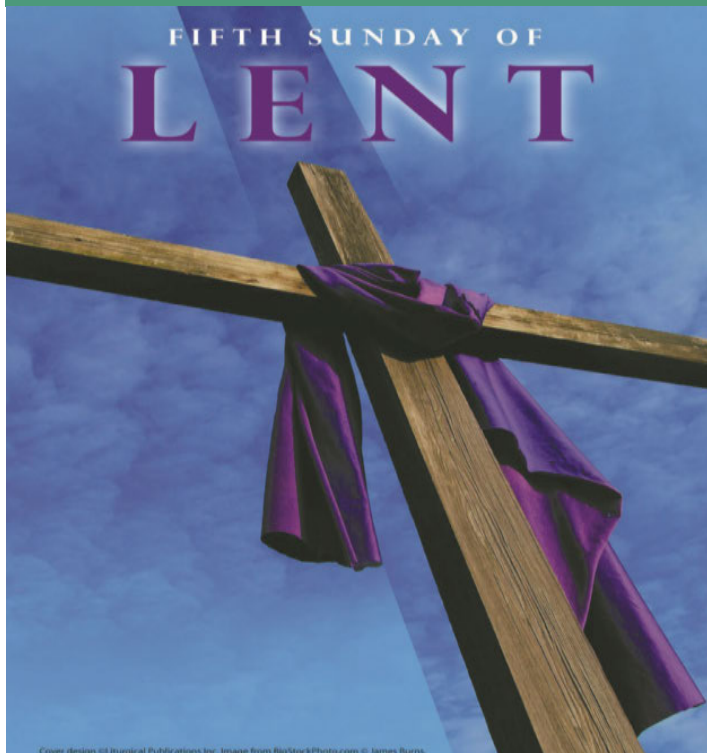


April 6, 2025
5th Sunday of Lent



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MASS TIMES

Monday, April 7 St. John Baptist de la Salle	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Dick Brand
Tuesday, April 8	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Marrietta Pulles
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† James Honer
Wednesday, April 9	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Int. Andrew Allen
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Viola Schloeder
Thursday, April 10	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Richard Notsch
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Jim & Irene Fischer
Friday, April 11 St. Stanislaus	9:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Rita Rengel
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Roger Lortz
Saturday, April 12 Palm Sunday	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Diann Opatz
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Leo & Frances Prom and Jerome Prom
	7:00 pm	Interpreted & Incense St. Stephen	† For the People of the Parish
Sunday, April 13 Palm Sunday	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Jim Novak
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Dennis Burski
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† BriAnna Kruzuel
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Rod Fischer

*Livestreamed Masses

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: 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

Next 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



From Safari....

From my childhood, I remember the roadrunner cartoons. Wile E Coyote was constantly planning ways to trap the roadrunner in hopes of getting a meal. His traps failed, and the roadrunner was free to run.

The Gospels are sprinkled with stories of the scribes, Pharisees and Jewish leaders plotting to trap Jesus. Today's Gospel is an example. They bring a woman before Jesus who was caught in the very act of committing adultery. This time they had an iron-clad case, they would finally get Jesus out of the picture.

The dilemma for Jesus --- if he agreed to the Law of Moses that a woman should be stoned, Jesus would lose the respect of the sinners and others, who found hope in his words of mercy and love. The Romans had also taken away from the Jews the right to take the life of another. If Jesus agreed to stone the woman, he would be in violation of the Roman law. If Jesus said no to stoning, he would be seen as one turning from the very word of God. How could he be the Son of God, for he is straying from God's word. Again, people would turn away from him and, they could point him out as a false teacher.

Jesus, however, responds in an unexpected way. Let the one without sin, be the first to cast a stone at her. In that simple statement, Jesus moves the focus away from the sin of the woman, to the hearts of those who were ready to stone her. Where they free of sin? Even if someone were free of sin, to stand ready to stone her would itself be a sin of pride.

Jesus in this action teaches that God's law is not an instrument of condemnation, but is a guide to help believers live in a godly way. In addition, John writes, "Jesus did not come into the world to condemn it but to save the world; not to lose anything of what the Father has given him." So, when the woman is alone with Jesus, he does not condemn her but gives her life. And in this new life she is to sin no more.

Mark Mossa reflecting on this passage from John, writes, "I'd always found it pretty easy to get behind tough punishments for drug users until the summer I was assigned as chaplain to a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center. As an outsider, I expected to be uncomfortable with the group. But I soon discovered that many of the clients weren't all that different from me. With great remorse, they described how they had stolen from and hurt their families in order to satisfy their uncontrollable cravings.

It forced me to reflect on how I had hurt people I loved, not because I was controlled by an addiction, but merely in pursuit of selfish desires for pleasure or success. How could I condemn them when I had committed similar wrongs, without even a destructive addiction to attribute it to? Awareness of my own sins underlined my need to meet them not with judgment but with compassion."

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Like the crowd in the Gospel, how easy is it to point fingers? Yet you and I often hurt others because of our selfishness, our seeking pleasure at any cost, our desire for success or to look good before others. Wayne Teasdale, a spiritual writer, writes, "We can only judge others if we can fulfill two conditions: that we know the other's heart totally, and that we love them unconditionally. Only God can possibly meet these two conditions, therefore only God can judge."

We come before God, and he does not condemn us; through the actions of his Son, the grace of forgiveness is ours. Hear God say to you today, "Neither do I condemn you, go, and from now on, do not sin anymore."

On a personal note. Reaching the age of 70 this year, my plan was to retire. Plans took a different turn three weeks ago, when the Priest Personnel Committee of the Diocese asked if I would stay on as pastor at St. Francis Xavier and St. Stephen for another year. The request was made to allow "The All Things New" planning process to develop plans for all the Area Catholic Communities. After prayer and discussion, I did agree to stay on next year.

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“...For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ...” (Philippians 3:8)

The first commandment says that we should not put other gods before the Lord. Sharing all of our gifts - our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works, and our treasure to support the Church helps us keep God first in everything. It helps us from putting other gods before God. It helps us from becoming a slave to our possessions. It helps us to use our gifts for the glory of God and not for the glory of ourselves.



Thank you so much to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2025 through the Appeal. As of Monday, March 24, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2025 has raised gifts and pledges of \$770,322 toward our goal of \$1,500,000 (51.35%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 4,219 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Please pray for the success of the Bishop’s Annual Appeal and its ongoing support of diocesan ministries. To support these ministries, visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

FUNERAL PLANNING

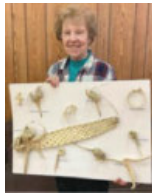
Sunday, April 27th 12pm - 2pm Planning your own funeral in advance can ease the burden on your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and allow you to make informed decisions about your final arrangements.

Learn about and begin planning: song choices, reading choices, burial choices, etc. Lunch will be provided. Contact Dcn Joe for questions. Please call the parish office to register to help with meal planning.

PALM BRAIDING

Palm Braiding with Lois Maciej
April 12, 2025, at St. Stephen Parish Hall
2 classes: 12:30 - 2:30 or 3:00 - 5:00

Pre-registration required if you would like to make a Palm Fan (large braided palm in picture) so supplies can be ordered. An adult must accompany a child. Both classes are the same. You can sign up for one class or both if you want to spend more time braiding palms. **Pre-register by calling St. Stephen Parish, 320-251-1520, by April 6.**



COMPASSIONATE HOPE FAMILY CENTER REMODEL



Social Concerns is recruiting volunteers to help prep and paint apartments at Compassionate Hope Family Center (Transitional housing for families). Days and times will vary. We have completed one apartment and are working on more. We are preparing rooms for transition housing for families. We can also use donations for supplies. Contact Dcn Joe if you have an interest in supporting this effort.

BAPTISM

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

Kamdyn Lee Will, son of Evan Robinson and Kaleigh Will.

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Earl Udermann, who passed away on March 21, from St. Francis Xavier.

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



CARD GROUP @ SFX



St. Francis Xavier-Xavier Hall
2nd & 4th Thursdays-April 10th & 24th, 2025
1-3 pm All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables.
Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions.

SPRING BLING SALE

Gathering in the Arts—Spring Bling sale
Friday, April 25 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Final day to donate jewelry, scarves & handbags is Sunday, April 13. Drop off items in designated areas outside parish office. If you cannot attend the Bling Sale on Friday, April 25 stop by the Gathering Place after weekend Masses April 26 & 27. Invite your friends and family to an awesome shopping experience. Enjoy a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverages, meat & cheese and snacks. Thank you for your support.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Jubilee Year of Hope Way of the Cross
Good Friday, April 18, 2025 - 3:00pm
Join our procession around Lake Goerge, Beginning and ending at St. Mary’s Cathedral, St. Cloud, MN

SFX PRESENTATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The St. Monica Christian Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish invite everyone to join them on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall. They have invited guest speakers from the *Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center* to talk about what’s happening in our local areas in regards to sex trafficking, what things to watch out for and how we can support their efforts at their upcoming fundraiser walk on May 3. Please help us spread the word to others and make plans to attend. The Christian Women will then meet for a brief meeting.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE ENDING RALLY

Created in the Dignity of Life: Called to Live Out the Culture of Life Presentation will cover John Paul II’s Theology of the Body regarding the dignity of the human person.

Speaker Ann Marschel will share her experience of supporting the culture of life, and give us on how we can live out our call to uphold the value of life.

10am-Walk & pray at Planned Parenthood
10:45am-Return to St. Augustine Cafeteria
11am-Presentation by Ann Marschel
11:20am-Light lunch provided/Learn about 40 Days for Life



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us as we wrap up our study with Pope Francis on Thursday, April 3rd at Sacred Heart from 7-8:30 PM. We'd love to see you there!

Young Adult Praise Night

Join us for a special edition of Praise Night on Thursday, April 10th from 6-7 PM at St. Augs in St. Cloud. Young families are encouraged to attend!

Mass and a Meal Join us at Sacred Heart on Saturday, April 26th for 5 PM Mass. We'll meet in the Gathering Space following Mass to go out for a meal*.

*Each Participant is responsible for their own meal.

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 LIFE

Club Update

Don't miss any upcoming Clubs! 6:15-7:45 YMCA

*Wednesday, April 16th

*Wednesday, May 21st

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.

Prayer Team Needed

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



Granite City Next Steps

Be on the lookout for new updates regarding our Wyldlife area. It's an exciting time as we begin looking to expand our ministry. We are in need of some new people to jump on some various teams - please prayerfully consider one of the following:

Core Committee-Creates a vision for the area

Adult contact work-Financial planning / fundraising

Please contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions or if you would like to serve in one of these capacities.

SACRED HEART -ANNUNCIATION VIGIL



Sacred Heart will be the site of the Easter Vigil to accommodate the people who will be attending the Mass. We are once again looking for **candy** and **wine** donations to have at the reception that follows the Mass. Please bring all donations to your parish office or to the church when you come for Mass prior to Good Friday.

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

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
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for March 29 & 30

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,705.00
Adult online giving Mar 22-28	\$ 478.00
Plate	\$ 135.83
Children	\$ 13.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,331.83
Easter Flowers to date	\$ 620.00
Catholic Relief Services to date	\$ 440.00

Ushers:

Apr 12: Amanda DeYaeger, Dave Fiedler, Mitch Pangerl

Apr 13: Ralph Barhorst, Steve Vouk, Merlin Berndt

Faith Formation: April 9 classes for grades 5-9 &

Confirmation. Pizza will be served in the Parish Hall before class. **Youth Group:** will meet in the Parish Hall on April 9 for students in grades 6-9, from 8:00-9:30 pm, . Bring a friend!

Stations of the Cross will be prayed at 6:30pm on Fridays.

Holdford KC #9307 Chicken & Ham dinner, April 6 at Pelican Lake Ballroom, serving 3:30-6:30. Take out available.

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet Sunday evening, April 6, in the annex from 6-7 PM. We will be discussing Esther.

Caramel Roll and Palm Braiding - TODAY is the last day to sign-up! Caramel rolls can be picked up in the Parish Hall on April 12 at 12:15 pm. Palm Braiding Classes on April 12, 12:30-2:30 and 3:00-5:00.

Vibrancy Committee meeting on Tuesday, April 8, in the annex at 6:15 pm.

St. Stephen Legion Auxiliary meeting Tuesday, April 8, at Rusty Nail at 7:00pm.

St. Stephen American Legion Steak Fry and Silent Auction will be Saturday, April 12, 4:30-7:30pm at Rusty Nail Bar. Take out is available.

Holy Thursday at St. Stephen: We are looking for six people to have their feet washed. Sign-up in church or call the parish office. Two men, two women, 1 HS student and 1 Elem student.

Thank You to all that attended the Breakfast Fundraiser for NCYC to support our youth and adults. Donations provided by Daisy A Day Floral and Gift (flowers) and Spartan Nash (sausage). Thanks also to the Vibrancy Committee and all the helpers, we would not be able to do this without you. God Bless you all.

Well n Fit Exercise Class - All level of fitness welcome!

A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises.

Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays.

Spring & Summer hours 9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

Holdford Helping Hands Outreach:

Senior Dining: Wednesday's at Rusty Nail, April-June, at noon followed by 500. Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.

Monthly Lunch & Learn: Thursday, April 17, 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 March 30, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$7,079.00
Automatic Giving.	\$5,360.87
Children.	12.00
Friends In Need.	\$270.00
Catholic Relief Services.	\$20.00
Easter Flowers.	\$210.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Good Friday We will be moving chairs from the parish hall to the gathering space to accommodate larger crowds for Easter Masses. This will happen on Good Friday following the Good Friday liturgy. If you are available your help will be greatly appreciated!

Easter Mass set up We will be moving chairs and setting up the gathering space and parish hall following the Good Friday service. Times should be from the end of the service 1:15 ish-3ish. If you are willing and able to help, please meet in the parish hall around 1/1:15.

Palm Sunday Decorating We will decorate for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 12 at 9:00. Help will be needed taking down the Lent décor, setting up the tomb and decorative palms and fabric. Many hands make light work!

Palm Stripping We will be stripping palms again this year for Palm Sunday. This will happen on Saturday, April 12 at 9:00 am in the gathering space. The palm branches arrive as large bunches and help is needed to cut and pull them apart. We need lots of help with this project. Please bring gloves, garden shears, loppers or small saws if you have them. If you have never had this experience before, please consider trying it!



Palm Braiding Stick around after the Palm Sunday Masses and we will teach you how to braid palms in the gathering space. All ages are welcome to join us. No tools required, just the palms you receive at mass.



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, banners, 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. Thank you!

Easter Decorating We will be preparing our spaces for the Easter Season on Saturday, April 19th at 8:00 am. 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded: April Theme: Grounded in Jesus

Upcoming Dates & Times:

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

*Sunday, April 13th | Gr. 9-12 | 5-7 PM

*Wednesday, April 23rd | Gr. 5-12 | 7-8:30 PM

NCYC 2025 Don't miss out on this 'twice' in a lifetime opportunity! The National Catholic Youth Conference happens biannually at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for Sr. High students in grades 9-12. Students from all over the country (10-20 thousand) gather to pray, learn, play and grow in their Catholic faith. It's an experience like no other.

*Who: Current Students in grades 8-11

*When: November 19-23, 2025

*Cost: \$500 (normally priced at \$940 - parish subsidizes close to 50%).

*\$100 deposit due April 15th. Fundraising is available.

Contact Jason Prigge to register.

Butter Braid Sales Our annual Butter Braid sale is OPEN NOW!! Since you have a bulletin this weekend, go ahead and start your order using this QR Code:



Braids are \$16 each, proceeds benefit our young people going to NCYC, Castaway, Wyldlife, Youth Ministry Events, etc. We really appreciate your support as this is the only fundraiser we run for our young people! Forms are also available in the Parish Office if you would prefer in person ordering.

Peer Ministry Peer Ministry Applications are now available online and by the Youth Ministry board. Peer Ministry is for students currently in grades 8-11 who desire to deepen their faith, take a large leadership role and learn life skills that will set them up for lifelong success - plus it looks great on College applications. Apply today or contact Jason Prigge for details.

Baccalaureate Mass 2025 Seniors, you should have received a postcard in the mail as a 'Save the Date' for Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 18th at the 9 AM Mass. RSVP by the Wednesday before (May 14th) using the QR code or link in your email to help us plan your celebration!

KID'S AND TEEN CHOIRS

Kid's Choir will sing for Palm Sunday Mass on April 12th at 9:00 am (along with Teen Choir), as well as Easter Sunday Mass at 10:00 am. Watch for information about our end of the year party!

Teen Choir Teen Choir rehearses on Sunday, April 6 from 6:00-7:00 pm to prepare for our final Mass of the season on Palm Sunday, April 13th at 9:00 am (with Kids Choir). All teens are welcome to come and sing or play instruments. Contact Jill Kiffmeyer for more information.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For **UPCOMING EVENTS**, please go to
sacredheartsaukrapids.org

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Ron Novotny, Patricia Olson, Mike Pinkosky, Pam Smoley 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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729
cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com
Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, March 30th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$1,952.90
Visitors	\$37.00
Youth	\$10.00
Votive Candle	\$3.30
Catholic Relief Services	\$220.00
Food Shelf	\$50.00
Building Improvement	\$20.00
Easter Europe	\$20.00
Bulletin Profit Share	\$752.00
April Rent	\$1,200.00
Easter Flowers	\$55.00
Total Income	\$4,320.20
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. April 13th, 2025 PALM SUNDAY

Lector: Lori Schaefer and Loren Popp
Eucharist: Lora Knafla (H), Lori Popp(C), Amy Krajsa(C)
Servers: Cole Lenter, Halle Krajsa, Grayson Herbst
Greeters: Dustin, Zoey and Lucas Heck
Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin & Teresa Heck.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Shirley Scapanski, Janice Sowada, Jeanne Lahr, Joy Piotrowski, Lori Stellmach, Lawrence Thell, Michael Zeleny, Nita Zwilling, Reese Herbst, Elizabeth Krueger, Elaina Scapanski, Brad Rajkowski, Brianna Rajkowski, Chad Erdman, Debra Funk, Mary Popp, Erica Ackerman, Brenda Carriveau.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. April 9th, 6:30pm Sedar Meal.
Thurs. April 10th, Chrism Mass, 7pm at Cathedral of St. Mary's

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES with individual confessions: TODAY, Sun., April 6th, 3:00pm at Annunciation

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION Sunday's from 7:45-8:05am and Mon., April 7th, from 9am-10am at Annunciation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Friday's during lent at 6:30pm.

LEAD SOFTBALL PERSON NEEDED We are in need of someone to take over running the church summer softball program this year. Ball games run the months of June & July. Call Parish office.

BIDS FOR 2026 LAWN CARE: bid forms are available in the parish office for anyone interested. Bids due 4/14.

SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HELPING WITH EASTER LITURGIES will be in the back of church. Please sign up for: **HOLY THURS:** Baking bread during the day, or Washing feet during Mass at Annunciation. **HOLY SAT.:** at Sacred Heart, Decorating: 8am-11am the morning of. After Easter Vigil: help during the Reception and to help with clean up after the Reception to get ready for Easter Sunday's Mass. Please call Shirley at 320-259-4941 if you have any questions.

SPRING BLOOD MOBILE: Do you know someone who needs or needed blood? There is a serious shortage of blood products. Sign up and donate blood on **Monday, April 28, 1:00 – 6:15 pm** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. Appointments highly recommended/Info: Call Lora at 320-393-2701.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Contact: Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363
bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday

Parish Nurses Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
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 3/30/2025	\$16,633.95
Excess (Deficit)	\$(4,712.20)
YTD Collection Budget	\$833,305.95
YTD Collected	\$848,603.57
Excess (Deficit)	\$15,297.62

COFFEE & COMMUNITY RESCHEDULED

Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on **Wednesday, April 9**, after the 8 am Mass.



COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation services will take place on April 9 at 7:15pm and April 12 at 12:00pm.

PATCH THE PARKING LOT RAFFLE

Ticket sales have started, and we've sold about 70. That is great, but we have a long way to go to reach our goal of 400 tickets. At **\$50.00 per ticket**, this would NET us \$10,000 for the parking lot repair. That also means we would be giving away \$10,000. The *Patch the Parking Lot 50/50 Cash Raffle* is a great way to share in making this fix happen. Grand prize is \$3,000, 2nd prize is \$2,000, and third prize is \$1,000. All 400 tickets sold would mean 18 prizes awarded (there would be some \$500, \$250 & \$100 winners), so the odds of winning are pretty good. Prizes awarded would be added to complete the 50/50 terms of the raffle. We need to sell out to reach the goal of \$10,000. Parishioners and guests who park in the south lot know of the growing "pothole" and some rough areas throughout the lot. There is an area that **needs** to be done - it is breaking up. 6 or 7 years ago the north lot was redone when we did our Focus on Facilities capital campaign (\$100,000+.) We did a portion of our south lot a few years ago and it cost us \$32,000. If we were gifted with \$150,000, we would complete the remainder of the south lot. If you are considering such a gift - please see me. Tickets are available in the parish office Monday through Friday during regular office hours. They will also be available for sale after Mass the next 2 weekends OR until sold out. If you have any questions, please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office - 320-290-3228. Thank you for supporting St. Francis Xavier!

LENTON SERIES

Thank you for joining us for our Lenten Series! We look forward to seeing you next year! If there are topics you are interested learning more about please contact your Health and Wellness Team!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30pm March 7 thru April 11 (Not Good Friday). We need volunteers. A sign up sheet is available in the parish library. Call the parish office to offer to volunteer at 252-1363.

KC TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

Bishop Trobec Council 5276 Knights of Columbus will be at the 2 Sartell Coborn's stores on Friday, April 25th & Saturday April 26th in addition to being at both St. Francis Xavier and The Church of St. Stephen after each Mass on the weekend. They will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations. All proceeds go to support youth and adults with special needs. WE make donations to the Sartell-St. Stephen Special Education department, The Special Olympics, Camp Courage in Annandale & more. Your generosity in supporting this is appreciated.

NORTH SIDE STREET REPAIRS

After Easter, the road construction will begin in full force in our neighborhood. 2nd St. N from the corner of our property at 4th Ave all the way east to the bottom of the hill by Dezurik's will be redone. There are other streets in our neighborhood that will see construction as well. This includes, new water & sewer lines, curb & gutters, sidewalk and street replacement. This will make entry into the north parking lot of campus a challenge and school, church, and event pick-up and drop-off will require extra planning and care to keep everyone safe. As more is known, the information will be shared. Please show courtesy and be patient as we go through this process.

CHURCH CLEANING

I'm looking for helpers with church cleaning just ahead of Easter. If you are able, please join me on **Wednesday, April 16th at 2:30pm**. We will wipe down pews and kneelers and dust throughout the worship space, gathering place and other areas as needed. We have the cleaning cloths, Murphy's Oil Soap and pails - bring your own rubber gloves. Any questions, please contact Tom in the parish office - or email tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

BLOOD DRIVE

Tuesday, April 8, 2025 12:30pm - 6:30pm SFX Gathering Space. You can register now to give blood by contacting the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or RedCrossBlood.org and enter SFX to schedule an appointment.

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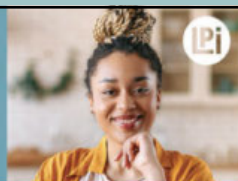
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