

April 20, 2025
Easter Sunday



EASTER SUNDAY

They found the stone rolled away from the tomb.
- Lk 24:2

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MASS TIMES

Monday, April 21	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Donna Poganski
Tuesday, April 22	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Marcel Knapke † Mike Notsch † Elaine Kowitz & Linn family
Wednesday, April 23	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	† Sr. Del Marie Rysavy † Loretta Plafcan
Thursday, April 24	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† David Heim † Math, Rose & Carol Court † Gene & Millie Gruber
Friday, April 25	8:00 am 8:30 am	*Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† David Massman † Regis LaFleur
Saturday, April 26 2nd Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier *Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Daniel Lewellyn † Robert Borgert - For Betty Skaj
Sunday, April 27 2nd Sunday of Easter	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier	† Dan Slimmer † For the Members of the Parish - Robert Kirchner Family
*Livestreamed Masses	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Donald & Rita Stangler

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: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10,
11/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn
20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk
24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2 and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn
21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19
-21/Mk 16:9-15

Next Sunday: Acts 5:12-16/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/
Rv 1:9-11a, 12-13, 17-19/Jn 20:19-31

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari....

Happy Easter!

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song! Easter is our annual 50-day celebration of the Resurrection of Jesus

Christ. As we begin this festive season I share the following story.

A mouse and a wren sat there together, huddled beneath the lowest branches of a pine tree, watching the snow falling and enjoying a little conversation.

"How much do you think a snowflake weighs?" the mouse asked the wren suddenly.

"A snowflake weighs almost nothing," the wren replied.

"A snowflake is so insignificant; it carries almost no weight at all. How could you possibly weigh a snowflake?"

"Oh, I disagree," said the mouse. "In fact, I can tell you that last winter, around this time, I woke up from my winter dreaming and came out here for a breath of fresh air, and because I had no companions and nothing better to do, I sat here counting the snowflakes as they fell. I watched them settling on these branches, and covering the pine needles with a blanket of whiteness. I got as far as two million, four hundred and ninety-two thousand, three hundred and fifty-nine. And then—when the very next snowflake fell and settled on the branch—the branch dropped right down to the ground and all the snow slid off it. So you see, just that one last snowflake weighed enough to make the branch sink down and all the snow slide off. So a snowflake does weigh something. It does make a difference!"

Today we celebrate Christ's resurrection. Jesus' selfless love did make a difference. Through many miracles he gave hope to the sick, sinner, and stranger. Most significantly through his passion, death, and resurrection, we are freed from sin and death. This is the day to rejoice and be glad. As Gregory Wiest writes, "The risen Jesus will not measure his grace based on what we deserve or even what we can

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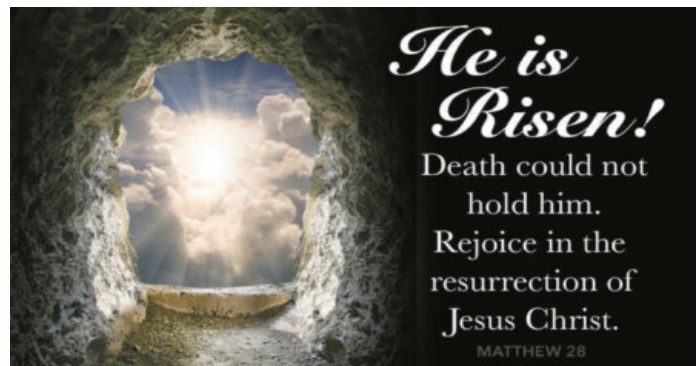
handle. He will measure his love only according to his infinite generosity and goodness. He will always show us a better, larger reality than the sad, smaller one to which we cling. He will always show us how to define ourselves by a restorative, renewing power in which there is always copious goodness and abundant salvation for all. (*From "Easter Redemption: Celebrating the Power of the Resurrection", Gregory Wiest CSSR, 2019 Liguori Publications*)

As grace-filled people, may we continue to contribute to the world around us (family, coworkers, neighborhood, friends...) through our words and deeds. Knowing that no matter how small we think our contribution may be, it does make a

DIFFERENCE!

Christ is Risen! Indeed he is Risen!

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!



The Lord is risen! Blessings to you and those you love on this most holy of days.

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 Sacred Heart parish office to register to help with meal planning.

CARD GROUP @ SFX

- St. Francis Xavier-Xavier Hall
2nd & 4th Thursdays-April 24th, 2025
- 1-3 pm All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables.

GATHERING IN THE ARTS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Gathering Place
219 2nd St. N, Sartell, MN

Spring Bling Sale


BAUBLES, BANGLES & BEADS

Friday, April 25, 2025
4:00 - 7:00 pm

Join us for a Fun late Afternoon or early Evening

Shop our Collection of

- New**
- Vintage**
- Repurposed**
- Jewelry**
- Scarves**
- and**
- Handbags**



Something for All Ages

Most Items \$10.00 & Under

Light Refreshments

Proceeds go towards the Enhancement of the Gathering Place

BAPTISM

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

Parker John Ronning, son of Nicholas & Megan from St. Francis Xavier.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Phillip Wolter & Mariah Delcastillo



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.

SKD SPAGHETTI DINNER & MAYFEST

St. Augustine Men's Group will hold a Spaghetti Dinner and Meat Raffle fundraiser on Friday, April 25 from 4-7pm at St. Augustine cafeteria. Money raised will go toward a new roof for St. Katharine Drexel School. Enjoy spaghetti, meat or meatless sauce, garlic bread, green beans and a salad. Adult tickets are \$12, youth 5-12 tickets \$7, under 4 eat for free.



St. Katharine Drexel's MayFest Fundraiser needs you!

Are you creative? Do you have some unique gifts or a hand-crafted item looking for a good home? MAYFEST needs you! We are looking for donations for our silent auction! Maybe it's a birdhouse, a garden planter, or a beautiful quilt, we would love your donations! Not crafty but still want to help the school? You can donate a gift card, craft beer, or wine for our raffle! Any help is greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the school office by May 1st! Thanks for your help!!

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST-SH

Sacred Heart Men's Club Breakfast
Sunday April 27th.
Serving from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Free will offering.
Breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and orange juice. Please come and enjoy the breakfast and fellowship with each other.



YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Draft

Join us for a special edition of Theology on Draft on Thursday, April 24th at Great River Bowl in Sartell from 6-8 PM. Our keynote speaker will be Bishop Patrick Neary, do not miss this amazing opportunity to listen to our Bishop in a great environment.

This edition of Theology on Draft is in collaboration with the Diocese of St. Cloud.

Young Adult Mass and 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 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!

*Wednesday, May 21st | 6:15-6:45 PM Open Gym | 6:45-7:45 PM Club

SUMMER CLUB DATES COMING SOON!

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

Committee Members Needed

Are you a go-getter? Are you good at planning and visioning? Perhaps you are good at fundraising - if you answered yes to at least one of these questions, we need you on the Granite City Wyldlife committee. Contact Jason Prigge ASAP to learn more.

Join Us for Prayer

Don't forget to join us for Prayer on Wednesdays at Noon!

Scan for Zoom Link:



DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

We are happy to announce two speakers at the event. Leah Brix is a published author of [St. Joseph's Hammer](#) and the co-founder of Catholic Country Chronicles. She is passionate about the Catholic Faith, and making it accessible to everyday people. The second speaker is Fr. Doug Liebsch from the All Called to Christ ACC.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sun., Apr. 27, from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. There will be Adoration and an opportunity for reconciliation.

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

Financial Offering for April 12 & 13

Not available at time of printing

Ushers:

Apr 26-Karen Skaj, Amanda DeYaeger, Dave Fiedler
Apr 27-Matt Nienaber, Jake Rothstein, Tim Rudser

Faith Formation: April 23 classes for grades 1-4 and Confirmation. A smorgasbord of food will be served in the Parish Hall before classes.

Poor Clare Collection: April 26-27. The focus for this collection is food: meatless soups, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, noodles, crackers, etc. There will also be a container for monetary donations.

KC Tootsie Roll Fundraiser: April 26 & 27 after each Mass.

First Communion next Sunday, April 27, 10:00 am Mass. Please keep our First Communicants in your prayers.

Blood pressure checks next Sunday, April 27, in the annex after 10:00 am Mass.

Tractor and seed Blessing will be May 4 after 10:00 am Mass. Bring your tractors, big and small, old and new, to have them blessed along with seeds.

Ladies...Let's Gather will have a guest speaker on May 4 at 6:00 pm in the annex/church. Kelley Newell will be here to speak about the Israel/Hamas conflict. Light snacks will be provided. **ALL** are Welcome !!!



Easter Flowers in Memory of:

Alice & Steve Hlebain; Clarence Justin; Robert Slivnik; Annie Slivnik; Deceased Priests; Doris Schefers; Stanley & Mary Ann Legatt; Margaret Robich; Skroch & Paggen family; Martha Schumer; Dolores Huls; Joan Ring; Alyssa & Brittany Klein; Dennis, Mary Jane & Sam Schuneman; Deceased members

of Steve & Frances Supan family; "Kitty" Traut (Supan); Stephen Slivnik; Ben 'Benny' Paggen & Janis Paggen; Shawn Kissner; Ron Schmitz; Edwin & Virginia Kowitz; Donald Vouk; Novak Day family; Dennis Janssen; Rose Hlebain; Gertrude & Joe Hellmann; Genevieve & Tillman Knapp; Elizabeth Gillen; Noamia Schultenover; Dennis Smoley; Jacqueline Maier Warnert; James & Eleanor Maier.

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

Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach - Senior Dining:

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

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 April 6, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$19,755.00
Automatic Giving.	\$6,105.87
Children.	\$9.00
Friends In Need.	\$170.00
Central MN Catholic.	\$20.00
Easter Flowers.	\$270.00

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!

Homebound Communion & Visitation Ministers Needed
Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Besides receiving the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit. Contact Dcn Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

Donations of Fleece are being accepted for the Family Night of Service for families to make fleece tie blankets. Baskets will be available at Sacred Heart and Annunciation to collect donations through Sunday, May 3rd. Financial Donation may also be dropped off at either parish office to support this cause or placed in an envelope labeled "Family Service Night" and placed in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler at the Sacred Heart parish office and thank you for your support.

THANK YOU

Holy Week A huge thank you to all who helped to make our Holy Week liturgies as wonderful as they always are! Special thanks to all musicians, liturgical ministers, Art & Environment volunteers, and to the assembly for their active participation. Liturgy is the work of the people, as well as the source and summit of our faith, and the people of Sacred Heart never fail to make it beautiful and meaningful. Wishing you all a blessed Easter season.



Easter Flower Donation Thank you to all who donated to our Easter Flower fund. Your generosity keeps our worship and gathering spaces looking beautiful all through the Easter season.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Rosie Hennen 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry April Theme: Grounded in Jesus
Upcoming Dates & Times:

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

Metro Night Friends in grades 6-12, save the date for Friday, May 9th from 6-9 PM at Husky Stadium for a bunch of fun games under the lights. Bring somebody along, all are welcome!

Butter Braid Sales Thank you to all who ordered Butter Braids this year. Our young people sincerely appreciate it. Stay tuned for results but also save the dates for May 3/4 for pick-up after all Masses!

Peer Ministry Peer Ministry Interviews have begun! Pray for our Youth Ministry Team and young people discerning a role in leadership these next few weeks.

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!

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Once again, the staff of Sacred Heart will be serving those who serve our parish community. If you volunteer in any capacity for the church, please join us on **May 13th** for our annual volunteer appreciation dinner. We will begin with Tuesday Mass at 5:30 followed by dinner in the parish hall. No need to RSVP.



FAITH FORMATION

First Eucharist Parent Child Retreat is Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 AM - Noon at Sacred Heart. The make up retreat will be Monday, April 28th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

End of the Year Faith Formation Picnic and Bingo is Wednesday, April 23rd from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. The night is a celebration of the faith formation year with a picnic meal including Hotdogs, chips, beans, and dessert and bingo for the family. Please join us and celebrate another wonderful year of faith formation.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025 Registration begins in April. The ACC will again be hosting a combined VBS at St. Francis Xavier June 23rd - 27th from 9:00 AM- Noon each day for children currently in preschool- 5th grade. The theme of VBS is "True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Cost is \$45.00 per participant for the week and includes a T-shirt if registered by Thursday, May 1st. Registrations can be found at Sacred Heart or on the parish website and can be turned into any of the ACC parish offices.

VBS Volunteers Needed Last year, almost 100 volunteers helped to make VBS the success that it was. Your help is needed again. Volunteers (grade 6 - adults) can fill in a variety of different areas including table leaders and assistants, station leaders and assistants, program elements, decorating, and so much more. Volunteering can also reduce or eliminate the registration fee for your child(ren) to participate.

If you have any questions about VBS, contact Scott Frieler at the parish office.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

Income for Sunday, April 6th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$2,518.00
Visitors	\$348.00
Youth	\$19.00
Votive Candle	\$0.30
Catholic Relief Services.....	\$50.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Building Improvement	\$115.00
Misc	\$10.00
Social Lunch Donation	\$60.00
Easter Flowers	\$345.00
Total Income	\$3,468.30
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. April 27th, 2025

Lector: Jill Brenny and David Zimmer
Eucharist: Jason Zwilling (H), Jean Bemboom(C), Gene Poser(C)
Servers: Cole Lentner and Halle Krajsa
Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Mason & Carson Zwilling, and Spencer Ackerman
Ushers: Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, Spencer Ackerman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Greg Ireland, Katie Ackerman, Dawn Belgarde, John Koenig, Robert Rajkowski, Lilly Skroch, Todd Lubbesmeier, Layne Albright, Robert Boe, Peyton Keeville.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. April 23rd, 6:30pm **Last Class**, Practice for 1st Communion.

Sun. April 27th, 8:15am **1st Communion Sunday**.

LEAD SOFTBALL PERSON NEEDED to take over running the church summer softball program this year. Ball games run the months of June & July. Call Parish office if interested.

SPRING BLOOD MOBILE: 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.

COMMUNITY SOCIAL The last games party until Fall will be **Thursday, May 1**, beginning with Mass at 8:30. This will be a bingo party with prizes. No charge for games, but a limit of one card per player. Last game a blackout with a \$1 charge, money collected going to the winner. Games/socializing for those not wishing to play bingo.

Potluck lunch following.



Easter Blessings

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 4/6/2025.....	\$23,553.43
Excess (Deficit)	\$2,207.28
YTD Collection Budget	\$854,552.10
YTD Collected	\$872,157.00
Excess (Deficit).....	\$17,604.90

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration April 22, 4-7 pm.
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

HAPPY EASTER FROM THE OFFICE

Thank you to the many people who help make things GO around St. Francis Xavier and to the prayer warriors that lift our parish and people up in prayer every day. We are blessed by those who just "do" what is needed for everything from assisting with projects to cleaning to filling ministry roles at worship to funeral lunches to food shelf and hospitality and more. We wish you a Blessed Easter!

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 are available in
the gathering area or by contacting
your parish leader.

Join us for the best week of the summer!

PATCH THE PARKING LOT RAFFLE

There are still tickets available, and we want to sell them all to maximize funds for the fix and prizes to be awarded. Through April 8th (the time of this note) 150 tickets have been sold and **250 tickets remain**. **Two** parishioners have each donated \$500 (so \$1,000 total) as matching donations to promote ticket sales. The drawing is Sunday, April 27th, so we need help from more of you to make this happen. Tickets are available in the parish office Monday thru Friday during office hours (8:00am to 4:30pm). They are also being sold after each mass in the gathering place. Thanks to those who have already purchased and to the handful of parishioners who have made donations.

CEMETERY PLANT STANDS

One of the guidelines for decorating at our parish cemetery is to use single pole plant stands (NOT shepherds hooks or 3 prong stands or other configurations). This is to help keep the cemetery looking nice and making it safer and more efficient for those who mow at the cemetery. We have approved, single pole plant stands available at the parish office. They are made locally and we sell them for what we pay for them - \$65.00. They are made for approximately a 10" pot. They can hold larger or smaller pots by some "squeezing" or "stretching" the brackets on the stand. Questions, call the parish office at 320-252-1363.

FUNERAL PLANNING

The loss of a loved one is a difficult and painful time. At St. Francis Xavier we are here to support you through prayer and pastoral care. If you are planning to have a funeral at St. Francis Xavier or would like to preplan your funeral, please contact Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363 for a personal appointment.

WELCOME!

St. Francis Xavier joyfully welcomed into Full Communion with the Roman Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil Trinitie Downare and Ava Nicoll! Welcome and may God continue to bless you abundantly!



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