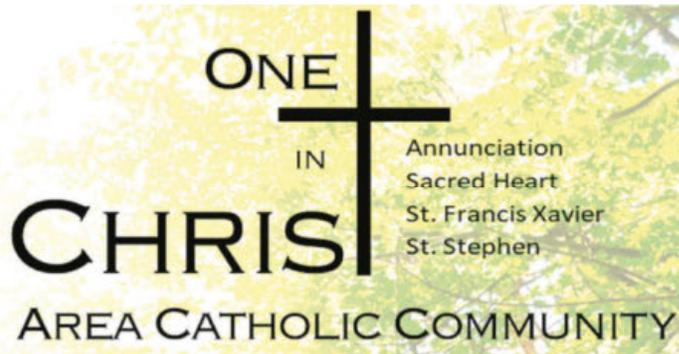
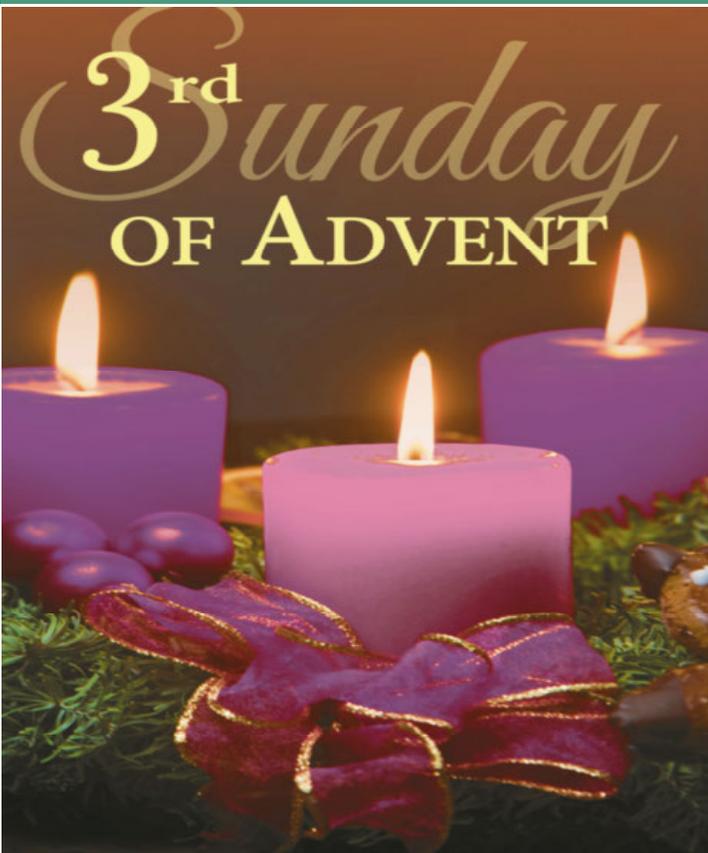


December 12, 2021
3rd Sunday of Advent



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MASS TIMES

Monday Dec 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	Word & Communion † Yvonne Ferche
Tuesday Dec 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Sacred Heart	† Erv & Monica Baltes † David Cropper † Sharon Casey Wippler
Wednesday Dec 15 <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Tom Roske † Royce Nies
Thursday Dec 16 <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Stephen St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	† Marie Nelson † Joseph Mandernach † Melvin & John Miller
Friday Dec 17 <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Regina & Nicholas Schutz † Bill Knoll
Saturday Dec 18 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Robert Oldakowski For the People of the Parishes † Eddie Rudolph
Sunday Dec 19 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes † David Kimmes † Lucille Ross † Larry Rudolph

*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:	Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [4]/Mt 21:23-27	Friday:	Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17 [cf. 7]/Mt 1:1-17
Tuesday:	Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23 [7a]/Mt 21:28-32	Saturday:	Jer 23:5-8/Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19 [cf. 7] /Mt 1:18-25
Wednesday:	Is 45:6b-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [Is 45:8]/Lk 7:18b-23	Sunday:	Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4] /Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45
Thursday:	Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a, and 13b [2a]/Lk 7:24-30		

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that you through His poverty might become rich” (II Corinthians 8:9).

Over the remaining days of Advent, spend some time with the manger scene as a focus for personal prayer and family conversation. As you perhaps know, popularizing the custom of the manger scene, or Bethlehem stable, or crèche, as it is variously called, is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi.

St. Francis had a special love of poverty, not for its own sake, but because of the example of Jesus, who emptied Himself (Philippians 2:7) of the divine glory that was His by right as the Son of God. He accepted our human weakness in the Incarnation and even more, on the Cross. In the manger scene (at first a live nativity in Greccio, Italy), St. Francis saw this mystery so powerfully revealed, and wanted to communicate this lesson in a visible way. St. Francis is also associated with the Stations of the Cross in parish churches as a way for the faithful to accompany Jesus in prayer during that final surrender of His life on Calvary. These two traditions – the crèche and the Stations – were intimately linked in Francis’ mind and heart. Both reveal the humility and poverty accepted by the Lord for our sake, at the beginning and at the end of His earthly life.

Mary, too, reflects that poverty, offering her womb to the Word made flesh and surrendering her life to the mystery of the Redeemer. Her words in answer to Gabriel – “Let it be done according to your word” – demonstrate her courageous faith in handing over her future to the mission of this Child, leading ultimately to the Cross. “There was no room for them in the place where travelers lodged,” Luke tells us, a foreshadowing of the fact that we are all wayfarers passing through time to the place prepared for us in the Father’s house (see John 14:2).

Also among the figures of poverty in the manger scene are the shepherds. Luke tells us: “In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night” (Luke 2:8). The implications and Scriptural connections are rich. The night watch was kept during lambing season; Jesus is born as the Lamb of God. The shepherds were generally considered outcasts in the society of their day, of the poorer class, and little respected; Jesus comes to proclaim the Good News to the lowly.

The shepherds nevertheless linked Israel to its earliest days, a nomadic people who followed their flocks in grazing lands; this made them more easily reliant on God’s providence. Later in their history, they settled in cities and built temples and a kingdom; but this was a risk for them, too readily relying on worldly wealth and power and drifting away from the Covenant, as the prophets often warned (see for example I Samuel 8; II Samuel 24; Judges 9). The announcement of the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds is symbolic of God renewing the Covenant with His people.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Later, Jesus would declare Himself to be the Good Shepherd, a fulfillment of the promise in Ezekiel 34:15: “I will feed My flock and I will lead them to rest,” declares the Lord GOD.” As the shepherds would protect their flocks from attackers, so Jesus tells us: “I will lay down my life for the sheep” (John 10:15).

While it is true that tradition, legend, carols, artwork, and so many other sources have informed our understanding of the details of the first Christmas, they too grew out of pondering the spiritual lessons of that moment when the Eternal Word entered time. The great – like the angels and the Magi – share the same joy and awe as the small. In Jesus, we all meet the eternal Word Who empties Himself for us.

Let the manger scene slow you down in the mystery of the humble poverty of that first Christmas, where the infinite riches of God’s love and mercy are poured forth for the world.

Fr. Tom



2021 Advent Reconciliation Services

St. Anthony	Sunday, Dec. 12	1:00 p.m.
St. Paul	Tuesday, Dec. 14	6:30 p.m.
St. John Cantius	Thursday, Dec. 16	6:30 p.m.
Holy Spirit	Monday, Dec. 20	6:30 p.m.
St. Mary’s Cathedral	Tuesday, Dec. 21	6:30 p.m.
St. Stephen	Saturday, Dec. 18	11:00 a.m.





STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is not just for church or for Sundays.

Whatever you do serves God. So whatever you do today, do it well. You might ask God how you're doing.

Romans 12 9-13: Let love be sincere; hate what is evil, hold on to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; anticipate one another in showing honor. Do not grow slack in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, endure in affliction, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the holy ones, exercise hospitality.

BAPTISMS

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

Isla Genevieve Kotta, daughter of Matthew & Stephanie baptized at St. Stephen.

Peyton Elaine Ditlevson, daughter of Daniel & Whitney.

Jackie Primrose Klehr, daughter of Bryson & Rachel, both baptized at St. Francis Xavier.



LAST CHANCE STOCKING STUFFER SALE

Saturday, Dec. 11th, Noon-5 pm and following mass

Sunday, Dec. 12th, 9-11:30 am

St. Francis Xavier Gathering Space

In case you missed it the first time, Fair Trade shopping will return for one more weekend!

Coffee, chocolate, tea and cocoa - these make wonderful hostess gifts too

Beautiful jewelry, bags and scarves (guys?)

Small gifts for babies and kids

Handwoven textiles and baskets

Hand carved wooden items (new pieces added!)

Christmas ornaments and nativities

All items are handmade and benefit the Guatemalan artisans directly, as well as fund scholarships for students and support the Elder Center, where over 65 elderly receive meals and health care.



REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers the family of Carol Cropper who's funeral was Dec. 9th at St. Stephen.



Remember in your prayers the family of Ed Wacha who passed away November 29th, and the family of Mary Bronder, who passed away December 3rd, both from St. Francis Xavier.

Eternal Rest grant unto them.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



I Mackenzie Dockendorf & Nick Jensen
St. Stephen.

SPIRIT OF IRELAND TOUR

Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland
April 19-30, 2022

Join Fr. Steve Binsfeld, now retired and living in Speltz House, in exploring the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Highlights include Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Knock, Belfast, the Shrine of St. Patrick, ending in Dublin with Trinity College and "Book of Kells." For more information, call **Magi Travel** at 952-949

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YOUNG ADULT ADVENT PRAYER EXPERIENCE

Are you in the age range of 18 - 39? Single, married, or have a family? These events are for you (and we would welcome "experienced young adults")! Join us tomorrow night, Monday December 13th at St. Stephen for Taize (repeated Psalm refrains and silence) at 7:00 PM. We will gather in the Church. Light refreshments to follow.

YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY –THEOLOGY ON DRAFT

Thank you to all who participated in the inaugural Theology on Draft series this fall. We'll be back with a new look in Spring. We look forward to having you join us!

DONATION DRIVE FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

In addition to the request for Hygiene, School, Cleaning, Linen, and Kitchen Supplies requested for Afghan Refugees, we are also requesting any Financial Donation you are able to provide to support these families setting into their new homes in the St. Cloud area.

To the attention of Sacred Heart Social Concerns and Dcn Joe Kresky - 320.251.8115

COMMUNITY EVENTS



For Sale

2021 Pro Life Across America Christmas Cards
10 Cards & Envelopes
Donation \$8.50

Available in the Parish Office at St. Francis Xavier.

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

Spots are filling fast for our Jr. High Mission Trip to Duluth! Dates are June 5 - 10, 2022, cost is \$325. Applications and details can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/youthministry or by contacting your youth minister. Applications and a \$50 **non-refundable** deposit are due Wed. December 15th!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING



Join in bringing the message of HOPE, JOY, and PEACE of Christmas to the “darkness” of abortion clinics. Remember, our Savior was born into this world through an unplanned pregnancy.

Song sheets will be provided. Signs not provided as we will be holding our music. People of all ages are invited to attend. Bring a mask and your singing voice!

Park in the parking lot at St. Augustine Catholic Church
442 2nd Street SE
St. Cloud, MN

Walk to the sidewalk of Planned Parenthood
451 East St. Germain
St. Cloud, MN

Contact Judy Haag
320-453-7592

PIZZA RANCH FUNDRAISER

Monday, December 13
The Knights of Columbus Council 961 hosts a fundraiser for St. Katharine Drexel School at Pizza Ranch in Waite Park from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Free pictures with Santa Claus. (Mention the fundraiser and put your receipt in the bucket for proceeds to go to the school.)

LESSONS & CAROLS

Celebrate Advent with the choirs of St. Mary's Cathedral and Cathedral High School with scripture and music on Sunday, Dec. 19, at 2:00 pm at St. Mary's Cathedral. Bring your baby Jesus to be blessed.

YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A TEC RETREAT



Now until Christmas, sign up to participate in the January 15-17 or February 19-21 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!



Blessings to you and those you love on this third Sunday of Advent. Our diocesan ministries are walking with you as we joyfully anticipate the birth of our savior who comes to us to save us from our sins and bring new life. Please support these ministries with an end-of-year gift at www.stedio.org/annualappeal.

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.

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
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings - Dec. 4 & 5

Adult.....	\$ 1,685.00
Online Giving Nov 27-Dec 3	430.00
Plate.....	228.00
Children.....	2.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,345.00

Weekly Adult & Online needed for budget: 2,500.00

Faith Formation menu for December 15 will be Pizza and December 22 will be Hamburger gravy and mashed potatoes. Every meal comes with a drink (juice and water), fruit and a dessert. Free-will offerings are accepted.

Do you have a medical/nursing background?

We are looking for someone to help with doing blood pressure checks after Mass the last weekend of the month. Please call the office for more information.



Thank You to the Faith Formation families who donated to Operation Christmas Child (Shoebboxes) again this year. Thank you for your generosity.

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.

St. Stephen Church Advent Projects

Giving Tree: This is the last weekend - December 11th & 12th - to place a gift under the tree.



Parish Christmas Card: Print your name(s) on an envelope marked "Christmas Card", enclose a donation of your choosing and drop it in the collection basket by **December 19th**. Your name(s) will be included in the Parish Christmas card that will be distributed at Christmas Masses.



Starting January 5 - Well n Fit group exercise classes with Lorene Deford. Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 1 & 2 - Blood pressure checks after Mass
Jan 11-Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm
Jan 18-Finance meeting 7:00, Parish Council at 7:30 pm

Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Exercise class in the Parish Hall, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30.

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

Monthly Lunch & Learn - The next date is **December 16th** in the Parish Hall. Social at 11:30 followed by meal, speaker and entertainment. **Note Date change**

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729
annunciation@cloudnet.com
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, December 5th, 2021

Adult Sunday	\$3,590.00
Visitor	\$93.00
Youth	\$20.25
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$70.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Votive Candles	\$2.00
Christmas Flowers	\$270.00
Total Income	\$4,060.25

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00*

Mass Schedule

Sun. December 19th, 2021, 8:15am Mass

Lector: JoAnn Marshall

Eucharist: Deacon

Servers: Reid Kiffmeyer & Mariah Simmons

Ushers: Peter Ackerman, Jenny Zwilling, Chuck Wocken and Clarice Lyon.

Happy Birthday:

Brynn Ackerman, Myla Ackerman, Lacey Popp, Damon Strande, Lacey Brenny, Luke Brenny, Cynthia Petron, James Petron, Benett Kiffmeyer, Nicole Robinson, Eric Brand, Jane Dietman, Cindy Gans, Kim Kosloski, Brett Leabch, Bryanna Martinson, Lane Piotrowski, Lisa Popp, Seralyn Sperlberg, Jennifer Melby, Barb Bemboom.



Religious Education:

Wed. Dec. 15th 6:30pm Rel. Ed Classes

Wed. Dec. 22nd & 29th, No Religious Ed Classes

Thank You To the Religious Ed students, parents & teachers that did Christmas Caroling last week to some of our parishioners. It was greatly appreciated & enjoyed by all.



Collection for Poor Clares There will be a box in the entrance of church for collecting items. Items needed: Stamps, envelopes, Kleenex, toiletries, canned vegetables, meatless soup, cleaning supplies, white thread, glue sticks, scotch tape, medicated cough drops, etc. Box will be taken to the Poor Clares after Mass on Dec. 19th. The Sisters appreciate any & all gifts they receive at this time.

Confessions at Annunciation:

Sun's from 7:45am-8:05am and Thurs. Dec. 23rd from 3:30pm-4:30pm.

Thank You from Tim Popp, the Girls and their families for all of the support to them during Audra's sickness and death. There is just to many people to thank for all the kindness shown and everything you've done for us. We are so grateful and appreciative for all of you.



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 week ending December 5, 2021

Financial information not available at time of printing.

LIFE IS MESSY

A Christmas gift for you...a generous ACC parishioner has supplied our 4 parishes with the Life is Messy book by Mathew Kelly. Please pick a copy up in the Gathering Space. One book per family.

ASL INTERPRETER SCHEDULE

Dec. 7th 5:30pm (Immaculate Conception)
Dec. 9th 6:30 pm (Penance Service)
Dec. 11th 5:00 pm (Advent 3)
Dec. 19th 9:00 am (Advent 4)
Dec. 25th 10:00 am (Christmas Day)



INCENSE USE

Incense will not be used for our Christmas Eve or Day liturgies. Incense will be used during the Masses for Epiphany on January 1st & 2nd.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 13; 6:15pm—Handbell Rehearsal
6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group
6:30pm—Advent Study
7pm—YA Advent Prayer
December 14; 4pm—Healing from Loss Support Group
6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
7:30pm—Choir Rehearsal
December 15; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
3pm—Reconciliation
5pm—Faith Formation
5:30pm—Kids' Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm—WNL
December 18; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
December 19; 10am—Christmas Decorating
1pm—Christmas Caroling Youth and YA

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: Josh Alessio, Karen Johnson, Linda Midas, Sheila Pulju, Bob Scaffidi and Mary Sebas.

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

Young people (gr. 6 - 12), join us for UGLY SWEATER NIGHT and Christmas activities at WNL. We'll meet at 7:15 PM and wrap up with the Gaga Game of the Week at 9:00 PM. Invite your friends!

CHRISTMAS CAROLING

Save the date for Sunday December 19th! We're going Caroling! All youth and young adults (parents) are invited to join in the fun. Meet at Sacred Heart @ 1:00 PM. Contact Jason (320.281.9486).

WALDO HUNT/PHOTO SCAVENGER HUNT

Join us for a new Christmas Break tradition! We are going to Mall of America on Wednesday December 29th to look for Waldo and partake in a photo scavenger hunt. Registration materials are available online and on the youth ministry board. Sign up soon!!

We will need chaperones, along with some people (young adults or adults) to dress as Waldo. Contact Jason Prigge to inquire.

CHRISTMAS DECORATING

Helping to prepare our worship space for the coming of our Lord is an important task, and this is a great way for families to give their time to our parish! **Sunday, December 19 @ 10 am.** Gather near the kitchen for instructions. Questions? Contact Jill 251-8115 x122



NOVEMBER FINANCIAL REPORT

As we enter into the last month of 2021, we wanted to give you an update on regular giving and our deficit. To make our budget and cover the deficit, our goal is \$18,500 per week in the weekend collection. As of December 2, which is 22 weeks into the fiscal year, we should have \$407,000 in regular giving and we are currently at \$355,805 representing a deficit of \$51,195. Six weeks ago, that deficit was \$48,892. While the warmer weather and lack of snow helps a bit with costs, winter will surely visit us before long. The good news is we have had a little increase in giving in the last six weeks that has helped us slow the decline, but the deficit remains a concern going into the next six months. We typically see a bit of an increase in giving at the end of the calendar year (note that the Christmas collection is accounted for in a separate line item on the diocesan report). We welcome this trend and need to ask your help to make it continue into 2022. We truly appreciate your generosity - in time and talent as well as treasure. If you are able to increase your giving even by a small amount, please consider doing so. In return, we renew our commitment to be good and careful stewards of your gifts.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget \$19,230.77
Collected 12/05/2021.....

Financials not available at time of printing.

Tips to Prevent Holiday Stress & Depression

Set Aside Differences – Try to accept family members and friends as they are, even if the don't live up to all your expectations. Set aside grievances until a more appropriate time for discussion. And be understanding if others get upset or distressed when something goes awry. Chances are they're feeling the effects of holiday stress and depression, too.

Stick to a Budget – Before you go gift and food shopping, decide how much money you can afford to spend. Then stick to your budget. Don't try to buy happiness with an avalanche of gifts.

Try these alternatives:

- +Donate to charity in someone's name
+Give homemade gifts
+Start a family exchange

Plan Ahead – Set aside specific days for shopping, baking, visiting friends and other activities. Plan your menus and then make your shopping list. That'll help prevent last-minute scrambling to buy forgotten ingredients. And make sure to line up help for party prep and clean up .

If you need help talk to someone . Contact the Parish Office to set you up with our Parish Nurses, Friends in Faith or the Pastoral Associate. We have many resources available to us and we are happy to help you!

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT



SHARE THE SPIRIT TREE

Share the Spirit Tree at St. Francis Xavier. Please Return gifts to SFX no later than this weekend December 11 or 12.

Judy Pohlkamp -259-9483



Children's Choir Rehearsals for Christmas Eve 4PM Liturgy



Children from the parish in grades three through sixth are invited to sing at the Christmas Eve 4:00PM Liturgy and on Sunday December 26th at the 9:30 Liturgy for the celebration of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. There will be three rehearsals. Sundays December 5th and 19th following the 9:30 Liturgy, and Monday, December 20th at 6:00PM. Also, please reserve the evening of Wednesday, December 22nd as an additional rehearsal night if needed. Parents are welcome/invited to stay during the rehearsals. To add your child(ren) to the list, please send an email to Jacque Windschitl at jwindschitl@sfx61.org Or if you have any questions.

SFX Adult Christmas Choir

In the spirit of tradition, I am returning to direct the SFX Adult Choir for Christmas.

I am inviting you to join us for the Christmas Liturgies! If you are currently in the choir, have been in the choir previously, always wanted to become a member of the 4-part choir but just haven't done so yet, please join us! We will have four rehearsals during December. All on Thursdays - December 2, 9, 16, and 23. The rehearsals start at 7:00pm, and I will try to be done by 8:30pm. The SFX Adult Christmas Choir will be leading the sung prayer on:

- Friday, December 24 at 8:00pm, with carols starting at 7:30pm
- Saturday, December 25 at 8:30am, with carols starting at 8:00am
- Sunday, December 26 at 8:30am

If you can only make one or two of the three liturgies, I would still love to have you join us. For answers to your questions, please call me at 320-420-0820. Happy Advent to all-Karen Dembowski

Year End and Electronic Giving

Please remember St. Francis Xavier Parish as you consider charitable donations at the end of the year. For parishioners who have reached the age that Required Minimum Distributions (RMD) from your IRA are being done, please consider gifting St. Francis Xavier. There may be tax benefits for such a donation. Please see your accountant or financial advisor for verify and for more information about how to make such a contribution. Thank you to all who continue to support St. Francis Xavier Parish and the many ministries that take place here.

If you have any questions regarding electronic giving, please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office – 320-252-1363, ext. 1105 or email toffedahl@stfrancissartell.org.



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