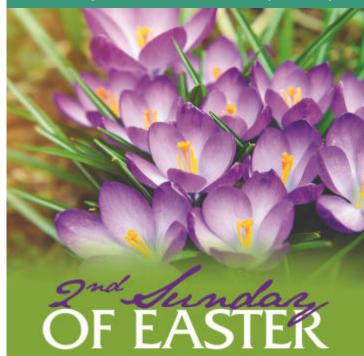
April 11, 2021 2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday



"Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - in 20.298c

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1998, 1970 CCD.

MASS TIMES



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Annunciation Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Annunciation

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Sacred Heart

2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377 320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375 320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

Monday	April 12	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Weekday		8:30 am	*Annunciation	† Julio Gomes, Jr.
Tuesday	April 13		St. Francis Xavier	NO MASS
St. Martin		5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Jim Fiedler
		5:30 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Dennis Burski (Anniv)
Wednesda	y April 14	8 am	*Sacred Heart	† Special Intentions
Weekday		8 am	St. Francis Xavier	Trevor Michaud & Family
Thursday	April 15		St. Francis Xavier	NO MASS
Weekday		8 am	St. Stephen	† Mary Kroll
		8:30 am	*Annunciation	Vocations
Friday	April 16	8 am	*Sacred Heart	† Chuck Hansen
Weekday		8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Sharon Heim
Saturday Weekday	April 17	5 pm	*Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased members of Catholic United Financial
		5 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Lucille Ross
		7 pm	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes
Sunday	April 18	8:30 am	*Annunciation	For the People of the Parishes
3rd Sunday		9 am	*Sacred Heart	† Lorraine Carlson
of Easter		9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Allen Jarnot
		10:30 am	St. Stephen	† Gerald & Lorraine Ross
		12:00 pm	Annunciation	First Communicants & Families

* Livestreamed Masses



PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturday	s 3:30 pm	Sacred Heart
	4 pm	St. Francis Xavier
	7:50 pm	St. Stephen
Sunday	7:50 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.

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.

Bulletin announcements are due in the parish office by noon on Mondays. Thank you! Please contact your Parish Office for more information.

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Peace Be With You

With all that we have experienced this past year, being at peace was most likely not at the top of our list. We may more easily identify with fear, or anxiety, or even anger. Peace might well be something we have longed for. This

day in John's Gospel, we hear proclaimed how Jesus appeared to his disciples who were held up in a room, seemingly paralyzed with fear and anxiety because of what they had experienced in the recent past. Then Jesus appears and speaks an incredibly gentle and caring message:

Peace be with you. And again, Peace be with you.

Can you imagine what that was like for his devoted followers – first, to see Jesus again in the flesh and then to hear his kind words? We can almost hear the anxiety being exhaled by the disciples in receiving this message from Jesus. These were the men who had betrayed him, denied even knowing him. These were the men who had fallen asleep when Jesus asked them to stay with him in the garden of Gethsemane as he prayed to his Father. Surely, Jesus would not be happy with them.

Yet he greeted them with tenderness and words of peace. In doing so, Jesus continued to teach. He taught that even in the tough times, when we might not make the best decisions, he will not leave us. He will be there to comfort and console us. He will be there to bless us with peace of mind and heart. He will love us always.

That is what we celebrate as an Easter people! Jesus is alive and he is with us for all time. Our faith in him gifts us with a "new lease on life". We are saved from the destruction of sin. Our sins are forgiven. We, too, can receive the gift of Peace.

What can we do but rejoice and sing alleluia? What can we do but share the Good News? What can we do but be grateful for the gift of salvation and eternal life with God?

Celebrate these seven weeks of Easter and let the Peace of Christ be with you.

With joy in the Risen Christ, Deb Rudolph

DAILY READINGS

- Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9 [cf. 11d]/Jn 3:1-8
- **Tuesday:** Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 [1a]/Jn 3:7b-15
- Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [7a]/Jn 3:16-21
- **Thursday:** Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20 [7a]/Jn 3:31-36
- Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [cf. 4abc]/Jn 6:1-15
- Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 [22]/ Jn 6:16-21
- Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 [7a]/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

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STEWARDSHIP



The time we are given on earth is time gifted to us by our Creator God. It is good that we cultivate our relationship with God. Friends spend time together, sharing and listening.

Consider: Am I setting aside daily time to pray with my Creator, my divine friend, God?

When you feel like you have no time to spare, that is the time to increase your time to pray.

This week: Try to step up your time with God. Read a prayer from the Psalms of the Bible. Sit quietly with God and listen well.

Divorced, Widowed, or Separated? A Beginning

Experience (B.E.) one-day workshop will be held on April 24 at Sacred Heart Church. This program is designated to facilitate the grief resolution process of those who are suffering from a loss of a significant person, thereby enabling them to again love themselves, others & God. The workshop fee is \$55, which includes the programs costs, and lunch. For more information or to receive an application, call 320-319-8863.

www.beginningexperiencemn.com



Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11

St. Mary's Cathedral, 25 8th Ave. S., St. Cloud, will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday on April 11 from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm. On this very special Sunday, the Divine Floodgates from Heaven are wideopened and Jesus offers forgiveness of sins. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and several confessors will be on hand to hear confessions. We will have a speaker on the hour. We are pleased to announce our three speakers:

- " Fr. Tom Skaja at 1:00 pm
- " Grant and Shannon Hillestad at 2:00 pm
- " Fr. Doug Liebsch at 3:00 pm

REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers the families of Donald Pflipsen who passed away March 25 and Lorraine Carlson who passed away April 2 from Sacred Heart. Eternal Rest grant unto them.

BAPTISMS

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



Keith Edward Conateh, son of Stephanie

Callie Loriann Scherping, daughter of Bryan & Kimberly



"Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34 - Attend a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend and experience the love of your spouse like you never have before. The next

available **Weekends** are Apr 16-18, 2021 in OLIVIA, MN and Oct 8-10, 2021 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website

at: <u>northmnwwme.org</u> or contact Brent & Tracy at <u>applications@twincitieswwme.org</u> or 612-756-8720.

Vaccine Connector has now launched in MN

All Minnesotans may sign up for the <u>Vaccine</u> <u>Connector</u> to stay informed on their eligibility for the COVID-19 vaccine and get connected to vaccine opportunities once they become eligible. This tool is for all Minnesotans who have not yet been vaccinated. Whether you are eligible for a vaccine now or later, the Vaccine Connector will notify you when you it is your turn for a shot. Go online to <u>https://mn.gov/covid19/vaccine/</u> connector/index.jsp.

2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729 annunciation@cloudnet.com

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, March 28th, 20 Adult Sunday	. \$1,950.00 . \$8.00
Youth	. \$1.00 .\$154.16 \$750.00
Total Income Income for Sunday, April 4th, 2021 Adult Sunday Visitor	. \$940.00
Youth Votive Candles Easter	.\$54.25 .\$8.00
Easter Flowers Rice Bowl Holy Land Building Fund	.\$77.88 \$60.00
Reimb. Bks for ACC from SH *Weekly Income needed to meet yearly	\$57.81 \$10,308.46

Sunday 8:30am Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 18th, 2021

Lector: Loren Popp Eucharist: Deacon Steve Ushers: Jeff & Lisa Popp, Lora Knafla and Volunteer.



Happy Birthday: Addison Nellis, Brad Rajkowski, Brianna Rajkowski, Chad Erdmann, Debra Funk, Mary Popp, Erica Ackerman, Brenda Carriveau, James Novak, Erik Brenny, Sierra Brenny, Helen Sondrol, Amanda Zwilling,

Adam Carlson, John Bemboom, Halle Krajsa, Frank Legatt, Cooper Reich, Braylee Scapanski, Thomas Surma.

Religious Education:

Wed. April 14 6:30pm Rel Ed & 2nd Gr. First Communion Rehearsal

Sunday, April 18th, First Communion Mass 12:00pm. Wed. April 21st 6:30pm Last Class for Religious Ed. Sun. May 23rd 8:30am Graduation Sunday Mon. May 31st Memorial Day Mass, 10:30am at cemetery (weather permitting)

Annunciation Stewardship/Evangelization

Committee meets at Annunciation Hall on April 19th at 9:00am Mon. after Mass. We welcome new members.

Taking Bids for 2021 Lawn Care: Bid forms and written req.'s are in the Parish Office for anyone wishing to bid. Call 320-252-1729 or stop by for a form. due Fri. April 16th at noon.

ST. STEPHEN

<u>Contact</u>: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com <u>Faith Formation</u>: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066 ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings—March 28 & April 4			
Adult\$	1,716.00		
Plate	167.00		
Children	1.00		
Easter	7,448.25		
Rice Bowl/Holy Thursday	1,018.00		
Holy Land/Good Friday	895.51		
Catholic Relief Services (Bishop's Overseas)			
TOTAL: \$	11,455.76		
Online Giving March 20-Apr 2	1,570.00		
Easter Online Giving	50.00		

Vibrancy Committee Next meeting: April 13, 6:15 pm in the Church annex

Blood Pressure Checks will be after Mass the weekend of April 17 & 18 in the annex.

Confirmation Class Project: We are collecting donations for Pathways for Youth, an organization helping youth who are experiencing homelessness. Items they are in need of are: travel size deodorant, body wash, hair ties, shampoo/conditioner, and facewash. Baskets are at the entrances of church. They will be collecting donations until Sunday, April 18.



Blessing of Tractors & Seeds:

Bring your tractors (big and small) and seeds to church on April 25 for our annual Blessing after Mass.

150th Anniversary Books: Each registered family of St. Stephen will receive a free, complimentary copy of the 150th Anniversary book. If anyone else would like a copy of the book please call the St. Stephen Parish office. The cost for additional books is \$15.00. Deadline to order is April 28.

Upcoming Events:

April 20-Parish Council meeting 7 pm April 24-Singing Slovenes 7 pm Polka Mass.

Slovenian Flag blessing after Mass April 25-Singing Slovenes 10:30 am Polka

Mass. Breakfast 8:30-12:30

May 2-First Communion 10:30 Mass

May 16-Baccalaureate Mass 10:30

June 4-Car Show (Variety Show cancelled) June 6-150th Anniversary Mass & celebration



SACRED HEART PARISH

Contact: JoAnn Mo — 320-251-8115, X114 parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

<u>Office Hours</u>: Monday – Closed Tuesday and Thursday 8am-4pm Wednesday and Friday – 8:30am-4pm

ALL Masses at Sacred Heart are livestreamed. Go to www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org and click on LIVESTREAM

YOUTH MINISTRY

Wednesday Night Live

Youth group for 6-12 graders will be held in the Parish Hall from 7-8:30pm. No registration required. We hope to see you there! Upcoming WNL is April 14.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet at Sacred Heart on Monday, April 19, 7 pm in Room C. Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, April 20 in Room C. Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

YOUNG ADULT BIBLE STUDY

Join a group of young adults as we open up the Sunday Gospel and spend time in fellowship with each other. Sundays at 7pm on Zoom. Contact Philip at 320-281-9518 for details on how to join.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Angela Meyer who was received into the Catholic Church and confirmed at the Easter Vigil. Also congratulations to Chelsea Lahr, Kailee Loehrer and Kasandra Voigt who were confirmed.

CARD MAKING GROUP

The card making group will meet at 1pm on Thursday, April 15 in Room C. All are welcome to come and learn! Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 11; 10am—RCIA
- April 11; 1pm—First Communion Retreat
- April 11; 7pm—Young Adult Virtual Bible Study
- April 12; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group
- April 13; 6:30pm—Pastoral Council Meeting
- April 14; 9am—Bible Study
- April 14; 7pm—Wednesday Night Live Youth Group
- April 15; 1pm—Card Making Group
- April 16; 8:30am—Year of St. Joseph Holy Hour
- April 16; 1pm—Craft Group
- April 18; 9am—First Communion
- April 18; 10am—RCIA
- April 18; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for week ending March 28, 2021

Adult Collection	\$15,278.16
Children's Collection	\$30.00
Central MN Catholic	\$50.00
Friends in Need	\$320.00
Easter Flowers	\$105.00
Improvements	\$20.00
Easter	\$1,758.00
Rice Bowl	\$50.00

Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$16,346

Income for week ending April 4, 2021

Adult Collection	\$16,900.80
Children's Collection	\$23.00
Central MN Catholic	\$40.00
Friends in Need	\$103.00
Improvements	\$100.00
Easter	\$23,603.14
Rice Bowl	\$955.54
Good Friday Holy Land Collection	\$77.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00

CRAFT AFTERNOON

Find your happy place at Craft Afternoon on Friday, April 16 beginning at 1pm in Room C. Come for the whole afternoon or only a portion of it! Bring a project to work on while you visit with other adults. Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

THANK YOU

A very special thank you to everyone who helped out with the funeral for Donald (Papa) Pflipsen. Fr. Tom, your very personalized homily will always be remembered. Deacon Joe, thank you for the many hours spent with us. Thank you all for the support and prayers of so many. Thank you for the kindness and compassion that was shown to our family.

—The Donald Pflipsen Family

LENDING LIBRARY



A Lending Library is located in the sitting area outside of the Parish Office. The bookshelf in that area contains a variety of reading materials that you are welcome to read here or take home and return when you are finished. We operate on an honor system so please return the books you borrow.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please contact 320-251-8115: Max Finlayson, Pat Jones, Joanne Mick, Randy Midas, Sue Nelson, Cynthia Schauland, Mary Beth Sebas and Pam Smoley.

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.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



Return to me, with all your heart. Joel 2.12

This line from the prophet Joel is an invitation to turn back to God, perhaps after a person has been away for some time. It also calls to mind returning to the obligation for weekly Eucharist. More than a year ago, for the first

time in our lives the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday was removed. This was not an easy decision, however a wise and necessary one that served to protect people and save lives. How important it was for the Catholic Church to stand in solidarity and take action for the common good.

We are nearing the time when the obligation to gather as community and pray together the Mass will return. For many this will be a blessing, a return to a normal that was put on hold for far longer than we ever imagined. Others may have become comfortable with praying the Mass via live-stream and appreciated not having to leave home to do so. And for some, the live-stream Mass provided an opportunity to return to Mass, in a safe and private way, without judgment. I have heard from more than one person that praying the Mass at home with family has been a rewarding experience which prompted many conversations about the Scripture Readings and homily providing a new experience of faith that otherwise may not have happened. For that we are grateful.

So, when we are able again, and even beckoned by our Church to re-instate the obligation to be at Mass in a Church on Sundays and Holy Days, will you join with your brothers and sisters in faith? The Church in her wisdom understands the needs of all people to have a relationship with God – Father, Son and Holy Spirit AND to be in relationship with one another. Our experience of lived faith is made stronger as we come to know one another. Jesus gave us the Greatest Commandments, Love God, and Love Your Neighbor – we need these relationships in our lives that we might become all God intended we be.

It might be good to engage in conversations with family and friends about living once again the obligation to weekly celebrations of the Eucharist. Prepare your hearts, ask God for guidance and strength to commit once again to a practice that is sure to provide a blessed experience for all who participate.



Lord be with us each day as we make efforts to deepen our relationship with you and our brothers and sisters in faith. Guide us in our commitment to weekly celebration of the Eucharist when we gather as one body in Christ.

Bless us all with the grace to live as your disciples in relationship with you and your people. Amen.

ln faith, Deb Rudolph

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Two Week Collection Budget Collected 3/24 - 4/4/2021 Excess (Deficit)	\$34,257.85
YTD Collection Budget YTD Collected Excess (Deficit)	\$765,615.71
Easter Offerings YTD	\$23.014.00

ADORATION

Adoration will be on April 12 and April 26 from 4-7pm. Thank all of you for being so faithful to spending time with Jesus.





Fr. Ron and Jake Schneider handing out nails after the Contemporary Reconciliation Service.



The seeds of a Catholic education are planted by families in the home. St. Francis Xavier Catholic School helps parents and students plant those seeds and grow strong roots, the kind that harvest character, compassion and a willing heart to serve others.

Spring for Students Annual Appeal was established to ensure all children seeking Catholic education at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School are able to attend. If you are interested in supporting our efforts to raise \$70,000 to make Catholic education possible for students needing tuition assistance to attend SFX, please join us for our virtual 2021 Spring for Students Annual Appeal program on Friday, April 16, 2021 at 7:00 PM. A link to the program can be found on our school website at stfrancissartellschool.org.



Please remember to continue to pray for all those affected by illness, their caregivers and public officials working to keep us safe. Please pray • for God's wisdom for our President and all world leaders • for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious • for legal protection for unborn children • for peace in our world • for all pregnant women • for all those lost to COVID • for those seeking cancer treatment • for all Parish Prayer Line requests and those who have recently received prayer blankets.

Please visit your Parish website for those in your Parish needing provers.



Please take time this week to read the April edition of The Central Minnesota Catholic, where you'll find stories of how our Catholic faith is transforming lives in positive ways. Visit <u>www.stcdio.org/annualappeal</u> for information about the ministries of the appeal.

Do you love to pray and sacrifice for others? We are forming a Seven Sisters apostolate in our ACC Community to pray for our pastor, Fr. Ron. Please call either Jane (320-293-6863) or Julie (320-248-6823) from St. Stephen, for more information. The link for Seven Sisters Apostolate is https:// sevensistersapostolate.org/ Fr. Tom already has a group praying for him.



Look for Thank you to all who wrote their "acts of love" on hearts and placed them on the Cross during Lent.

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CATHEDRAL BASEBALL BREAKFAST TO-GO

WHEN Sunday - April 18, 2021 8am - 12pm

WHERE **Cathedral High School** 312 7th Ave. N, St. Cloud Pick up meal at Door #26

TICKET PRICE \$10 per meal

Purchase tickets online only at https://www.vancoevents.com/KYT

FEATURING

- Scrambled Eggs **Cheesy Hash Brown**
- Potatoes Caramel Roll
- Sausage
- Bacon

Buy an extra 1/2 dozen caramel rolls online

BENEFITING

Cathedral High Schoel Baseball Program Grades 7-12



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