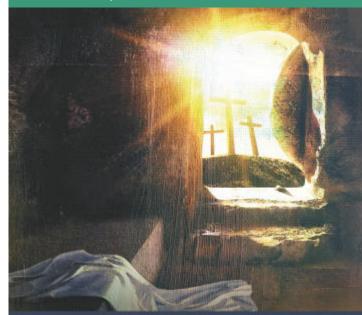
April 4, 2021 Easter Sunday, The Resurrection of the Lord



EASTER SUNDAY

He bent down and saw the burial cloths there, but did not go in. When Simon Peter arrived after him, he went into the tomb and saw the burial cloths there, and the cloth that had covered his head, not with the burial cloths but rolled up in a separate place. - Jn 20:5-7

MASS TIMES

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Annunciation Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Annunciation

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Monday	April 5	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion	
Easter Mon	day	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Clem & Issy Messer	
Tuesday	April 6	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Pasquale (Pat) Serrano	
Easter Tuesday		5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Pious & Barbara Gillitzer	
		5:30 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Rich Kierzek (Anniv)	
Wednesday April 7		8 am	*Sacred Heart	† Ellie McNeal	
Easter Wed	nesday	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Eric Wochnick	
Thursday	April 8	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Lynn & Gene Borgert	
Easter Thursday		8 am	St. Stephen	† Lenora Sobania	
		8:30 am	Annunciation	Special Intention	
Friday	April 9	8 am	*Sacred Heart	† Keehr Family Members	
Easter Frida	У	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Sharon Pesonen (Memorial Mass)	
Saturday	April 10	5 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Rosemary Pflipsen	
2nd Sunday	of	5 pm	St. Francis Xavier	For the People of the Parishes	
Easter		7 pm	St. Stephen	† Fred Legatt	
Sunday	April 11	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Dennis & Reda Regnier	
2nd Sunday		9 am	*Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes	
of Easter		9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Diane Opatz	
		10:30 am	St. Stephen	† Don & Rita Stangler	

* Livestreamed Masses



PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm	Sacred Heart
4 pm	St. Francis Xavier
7:50 pm	St. Stephen
Sunday 7:50 gm	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



Easter Greetings!

All of our faith hinges on the fact Jesus Christ, the God-man, rose from the dead. This is crazy!

When we think of oxymoron, irony and paradox, we often don't

understand at face value what is going on. Most of us enjoy the use of oxymorons: Definitely-maybe, farewell-reception, original-copy, deafening-silence, tight-slacks, jumbo-shrimp, alone-together and the list goes on. Insights into the context of these things of course gives us a greater understanding, but there does remain something a little mysterious about them.

When it comes to the paradoxes of our faith, this takes on a new level. The mysteriousness of our faith takes on a more concrete form when we say yes to that paradox, the God-man. One of my favorite passages speaking about the mystery of God is from St. Augustine, where he states,

"What then are you my God? most piteous and most just; most hidden and most near; most beautiful and most strong, stable, yet contained by none; unchangeable, yet changing all things; never new, never old; making all things new, yet bringing old age upon the proud without their knowing it (Job 9:5); always working, yet ever at rest; gathering, yet needing nothing; sustaining, pervading, and protecting; creating, nourishing, and developing; seeking, and yet possessing all things. You love, yet do not burn; are jealous, yet free from care; You repent, yet do not suffer; are angry, yet serene; You change Your ways, leaving Your plans unchanged; You recover what You find, without ever having lost it." (Confessions, Book 1, Chapter 4)

Today in our sequence we contemplate the tomb of Christ, who is living. This does not make sense to us at face value. Only when we enter into the mystery and begin to contemplate the wounded-healer, who gives life through death, do we realize that we really need to die to self if we desire to receive his life within us. May God bless you all!!

Fr. Doug

DAILY READINGS

- Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Mt 28:8-15
- Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22 [5b]/Jn 20:11-18
- Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [3b]/Lk 24:13-35
- Thursday: Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2, 5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Lk 24:35-48
- Friday: Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, 4, 22-24, 25-27 [22]/Jn 21:1-14
- Saturday: Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1, 14-15, 16-18, 19-21 [21a]/Mk 16:9-15
- Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 [1]/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-3

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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Easter is a festival of Grace..

It seems right that our focus during Lent was to prepare ourselves. Now what?

When you use your gifts, will people see that you belong to Christ?

How does it show?

John 1.16 And from his fullness have we all received, grace upon grace.



The <u>Area Catholic Community of Mayhew Lake, Sauk</u> Rapids, Sartell, St. Francis Xavier The purpose of the ACC is to respond to the call of Jesus to be missionary disciples. We strive to strengthen parish life by working together to share our resources, talents, and efforts in providing for the pastoral and spiritual needs of all.

Updates for One in Christ ACC Planning Council virtual meeting held March 2, 2021.

Committees:

- Stewardship Committee reviewed its efforts to educate parishioners on stewardship and discussed ways to coordinate with the Evangelization Committee on common goals. They looked at what other dioceses are doing and ways to make their message clear and consistent in all of the member parishes.
- Evangelization Committee Follow-up phone calls to those who received letters from the ACC Council are being made to connect with parish households, ask for any prayer requests and questions they may have, and welcome them to share their faith journey in our ACC. Work is being done to promote a better understanding of Evangelization.
- Young Adult Committee Sacred Heart continues to offer events that are open to all parishes. The Council discussed the need for a more detailed job description for a Young Adult coordinator and the amount and method of compensation. The committee will finalize this proposal and share it with the Finance and Pastoral Councils in each parish for their consideration and questions. Any decision regarding hiring will be considered in the future with the consent of the four parishes and their pastors.
- Worship Committee will meet to discuss adding more members to the committee and discussing the role of this committee going forward.

The Council reviewed the joint bulletin and discussed parishioners' feedback and the content for the individual parishes. Ways to make the best use of space in the bulletin are being explored.

The next meeting will take place on April 6th, 2021. More information on the work of the ACC can be found on the One In Christ website: <u>www.oneinchristacc.org</u>

REST IN PEACE

Please Remember in your prayers the family of Mary Kroll who passed away March 20 from St. Stephen Parish. Eternal Rest grant unto her.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Alex Stroh & Bridget Sylte (SFX)



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 wide-opened 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



"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: **northmnwwme.org** 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> <u>connector/index.jsp</u>.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

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

FINANCIAL OFFERING

Income for Sunday, March 21st, 2021

Adult Sunday	\$6.300.00
Visitor	\$0.00
Youth	\$5.00
Votive Candles	\$8.00
Food Shelf	\$40.00
Donation to Choir	\$150.00
Catholic Relief Service	\$70.00
Easter Flowers	
Total Income	\$6,768.00

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00

Sunday 8:30am Mass Schedule

Sunday, April 11th, 2021

Lector: Gene Poser

Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau

Ushers: Peter Ackerman, Jenny Zwilling, Chuck Wocken, And Randy Miller



Happy Birthday: Barb Gravelle, Sarah Lentner, Dennis Brand, Sheri Brenny, Sara Britz, Clara Knettel, Shirley Scapanski, Janice Sowada, Jeanne Lahr, Joy Piotrowski, Lawrence Thell, Michael Zeleny, Elizabeth Krueger, Elaina Scapanski, Adam Zwick.

Religious Education:

Wed. April 14 6:30pm 2nd Grade Rehearsal Sunday, April 18th, First Communion at Noon.

Other News

Wed. April 21st 6:30pm Last Class for Religious Ed. Sun. May 23rd 8:30am Graduation Sunday Mon. May 31st 10:30am at cemetery (weather permitting)

Spring Blood Drive Blood is needed every day. Sign up to give blood on Mon. April 12, from 1-5:45pm at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Appt/info: Call Lora at 320-393-2701.



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

<u>Financial Offerings—March 21</u>			
Adult\$	1,715.00		
Plate	64.00		
Children	0.00		
Ash Wednesday	5.00		
Easter flowers	40.00		
Catholic Relief Services (Bishop's Overseas)	80.00		
TOTAL: \$	1,904.00		
Online Giving March 13-19			

Weekly Adult offering needed to make budget:



Adoration: Thursday, April 8, after 8 am Mass until 4 pm. Everyone is invited to come spend some quiet time in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament.

Easter Flower donations

Donations to the Easter flowers are in memory of:

Deceased parents of the Pantzke family David Cropper Deceased members of the Slivnik & Trobec families Deceased members of Steve & Frances Supan family Stanley & Mary Ann Legatt Mary Robich Chris Platz Tillman & Jenny Knapp Constant & Veronica Puchalla Ed & Theresa Sura Donald Vouk Members of the Legatt families Mr. & Mrs. Nich Justin Steve Hlebain Mr. & Mrs. Frank Pyka Dennis Smoley Holy Souls in Purgatory Clarence Justin Joseph & Gerty Hellmann



Thank you!

to Betty Pogatshnik, Liz Legatt and Ann Soderholm for helping to serve lunch to the 2nd Graders and their Parents at the Reconciliation and First Communion Retreats.

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.

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

HOLY HOUR FOR YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

As part of our observance for the Year of St. Joseph, we will offer a series of five Holy Hours from 8:30-9:30am at Sacred Heart with common and silent prayer and Benediction, on five consecutive Fridays. We will begin after the 8am Mass on April 9, 16, 23, and 30, and conclude



on May 7. All from our ACC and beyond are welcome.

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who gave time and talent to our celebration of Holy Week, Triduum and Easter Sunday. So much time and talent was given to rehearse, prepare, setup and decorate. Also thank you to all the liturgical ministers who served.

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club will be meeting in Room D on Thursday, April 8 at 6pm. New members are always welcome. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Anita at 320-380-1120.



MOTHER'S BOOK STUDY

The Mother's Book Study will be meeting on Thursday, April 8 at 7pm in Room B. Please contact Shelly at 282-8453 if you a have any questions or are interested in joining. This group is different from the Women's Book Club.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 5; 5pm—Men's Faith Sharing Group
- April 6; 6:30pm—Baptism Prep at St. Francis Xavier
- April 6; 6:30pm—Finance Council Budget Meeting
- April 7; 9am—Morning Bible Study
- April 7; 5:45pm—Faith Formation Grades 6-12
- April 8; 6pm—Women's Book Club
- April 8; 6:30pm—First Communion Retreat
- April 8; 7pm—Mother's Book Study
- April 9; 8:30am—Year of St. Joseph Holy Hour
- April 9; 6:30pm—First Communion Retreat
- April 10; 9am—First Communion Retreat
- April 10; 1pm—First Communion Retreat
- April 11; 10am—RCIA
- April 11; 1pm—First Communion Retreat
- April 11; 7pm—Young Adult Virtual Bible Study

FINANCIAL OFFERING

Income for week ending March 21, 2021

Adult Collection	\$14,350.30
Children's Collection	\$4.00
Central MN Catholic	\$185.00
Friends in Need	\$562.00
Easter Flowers	\$95.00
Improvements	\$15.00
Easter	\$240.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$75.00

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

AV PROJECT UPDATE

Thanks to your generosity, we are able to move forward with the upgrade to our video capabilities. We are excited to work with Excel AV on this project that will allow us to modernize our equipment and simplify the system allowing us to continue to livestream into the future! Thank you to all who contributed.



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.



If you receive an email or text from "Father Tom" asking you for a favor or gift cards, IGNORE IT AND DELETE IT



Our diocesan priests WILL NEVER email you asking for help with a special/discrete project.

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, Linda 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



The strife is over! The battle is done! Jesus is Risen and we are saved!

How will we thank our God? Can we now live as an Easter People?



What a glorious day for Christians around the world! A day to celebrate, giving honor and glory to God for the gift of salvation. By Jesus' death and Resurrection, the power and destruction of sin no longer keeps us from God.

Saved by his love, we receive the promise of eternal life through his Son Jesus Christ. We need only love God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and love one another as taught by Jesus.

Out of the darkness of sin comes the Light of the World that illuminates the way to our heavenly home. How gifted are we!? How grateful we must be!

How will you celebrate the gift you have received? How did walking with Jesus through the darkness make today's light even brighter for you?

> Jesus, we thank you and we praise you. We give our lives to you. Gift us with the wisdom to open ourselves to your mercy and forgiveness and grant us the grace we need to be Christ to one another.

Touch our hearts with a desire to love and serve others. Inspired by your love, provide us opportunity to show love, mercy, and forgiveness to those with whom we share life.

By your Resurrection you have set us free, we no longer need be a slave to sin. Be with us as we rejoice and sing Alleluia to our Lord and Savior!

Amen. Alleluia

Go now and live with joy as an Easter people, rejoicing in the love of Jesus Christ.

Have a Blessed Easter Day! Deb Rudolph



FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$19,230.77
Collected 03/21/2021	\$18,474.13
Excess (Deficit)	\$(756.64)
YTD Collection Budget	
YTD Collected	
Excess (Deficit)	\$588.63

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.



Livestream Issues

We began to livestream Sunday Mass nearly a year ago with Bitstream TV and for the first nine months, it worked flawlessly. Now in the last couple of months, we have had spotty internet issues and have been working diligently to identify the problem. To be clear, Bitstream TV and their equipment is not responsible for the issues we have experienced. Rather, the issue has been the stability of St. Francis Xavier's internet network at the time of broadcast. It has been extremely frustrating as we have been unable to fully identify the root cause. We have a plan in place to test Spectrum's internet speeds to our network an hour before Palm Sunday's 10:30 livestreamed Mass to help identify and correct any issues before we go live. We apologize for the recent problems we have had with our broadcast and we thank you for your patience as we work through these issues.

Masks

We continue to make steps forward to normalcy. It was a year ago that COVID restrictions started. Just a reminder we need to continue wearing masks and practicing physical distancing at Mass. Recently I received a call from a parishioner who decided to attend Mass in person and was disturbed that not everyone was wearing a mask. Until we reach the day that masks are not required for Mass, I ask that you wear a mask at Mass so that all feel welcome. Thank you. Fr. Ron

PRAYER REQUESTS

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 peace in our world • for all pregnant women • for all those lost to COVID • for those seeking cancer treatment • for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious • for legal protection for unborn children • for God's wisdom for our President and all world leaders • 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 prayers.



Rejoice in our risen Lord! Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the appeal. As of March 23, the Appeal raised \$842,817 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 5,804 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

EASTER



SFX PARISH STAFF

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Stop the silence - Make It OK

Mental illnesses are a touchy subject, creating voids in conversation. Here are some tips to help you.

Stop the silence. If someone shares with you that they're experiencing a mental illness, they are opening up to you in a big way. Ask questions, show concern and avoid awkward silences.

Be nice. It sounds simple enough, but try to say the right things with openness, warmth and caring.

Listen. In your conversation, try to do more listening and less searching for a solution.

Keep in contact. Offer to be available by phone, text, email or meet up in person. Just be there.

Don't ignore it. Don't be afraid to ask about someone's well-being if you think they might be hurting. Trust your judgment.

Offer support. Everyone is different, and may want very specific help or no help at all. Either way, ask and be open to the answer.



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		Bev Wiehoff	320-492-0135	
		Julie Kouba	701-721-5083	
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Parish Trustee		Kathryn Kelly	320-333-6002	
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