

March 3, 2024
3rd Sunday of Lent



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Annunciation
Sacred Heart
St. Francis Xavier
St. Stephen

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday, March 4	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Gene & Millie Gruber
Tuesday, March 5	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Marie Gerads
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	- Living & Deceased Members of St. Monica's Society
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Jerry Mehr
Wednesday, March 6	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Pat Smith
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Terry Barrett
Thursday, March 7	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Gene & Lynn Borgert
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Chris Platz
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Kathy Janson
Friday, March 8	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Norb & Nancy Motzko
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Gloria Budik
Saturday, March 9 4th Sunday of Lent	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Jimmy Schultz
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Bernie Raymond
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Math, Rose & Carol Court
Sunday, March 10 4th Sunday of Lent *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Ray Schlichting
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† For the members of the Parish
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Richard Sura
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Lillian Dullinger

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: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3,4/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (6ab)/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



“What are we to do, my brothers?” That question comes from the very first day of the Church’s ministry to the world on Pentecost. Hearing Peter’s proclamation of God’s saving work in the death and resurrection of Jesus, those listening to the Gospel message understand that this Good News demands a response: “What are we to do?”

The question expresses the enduring pattern of the Church’s life to this day: to hear the Gospel and ponder what we are to do as individuals and as a Church to live the new life of salvation and grace. In changing places, cultures, historical upheavals, and daily routines, we are called to ask that same question of the Holy Spirit: what are we to do? It is this question that is meant to spur every ecumenical Council, synod, retreat, institution, and planning discussion in Church history. As times, resources, needs, and opportunities change, we continue to seek God’s will with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Listening to the Spirit’s guidance is necessary not only to understand what are to be our goals, but also to know how to proceed practically. “What are we to do?” means not only “Where are we going?” but also “How do we get there?”

In recent years, the term “co-responsibility” has emerged as part of this strategic conversation in the Church. It is also found in business, education, health care, and other segments of common endeavor. But it means something profoundly more in the Christian sense, for we are not simply a human institution with a pragmatic even if noble purpose. We are the living Body of Christ.

This is more than simply a picturesque image. It is our identity, and it begins for each of us with the sacrament of Baptism. All the baptized by that very fact become sharers in the three-fold mission of Jesus as Priest, Prophet, and King. The priestly mission involves sanctification, bringing God’s holiness in the world through prayer, worship, sacrament, and sacrifice. The prophetic mission proclaims the Word of God in evangelization, catechesis, and missionary outreach.

The kingly mission – and this is especially critical for understanding co-responsibility – is exercised in service, both within and beyond the structures of the Church. Jesus models this kind of kingship – “I came not to be served but to serve”; “the greatest among you will be last of all and servant of all” – and in the washing of his disciples’ feet teaches us to imitate him: “As I have done, so you must do.”

Co-responsibility means that each member of the Church has a role in the mission entrusted to us by Christ. The scope and contours of each one’s role are refined by their particular vocation and state of life, their natural gifts, and their specific area of responsibility in the whole. It is the idea St. Paul outlines in the teaching that the Church is the Body of Christ, made up of many different members and functions, but all are necessary for the health and flourishing of the whole body.

A proper understanding of co-responsibility, then, depends on an adequate understanding of the scope of the mission of the Church itself. As Pope Benedict noted, too narrow an idea of this mission identifies it with the visible structures and organization of the Church. Co-responsibility can then be misconstrued as a sharing as equals by all in governance, liturgical and pastoral ministries, and activities at the parish and diocese. Necessary as these things, they are means, not ends. The Church exists in the

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world as a mission, inviting all to know God’s love through Jesus, whose Body we are. If we focus our energies only inwardly, we are not fulfilling our purpose.

Similarly, a secular idea of “collaboration” can mislead, as it focuses more on doing than being. Instead, co-responsibility is an ordered living out of the complementary roles of all the members of the Body as leaven in the world. What we are to do is grounded in the unique calling Jesus gives to each.

Co-responsibility is not important because there are fewer priests, as some kind of strategy to broaden the workforce. Rather, it acknowledges the Baptismal dignity and responsibility of laypersons who have a vast field of service. The role of lay people is not primarily found within diocesan and parish ministries and volunteer opportunities, necessary as they are. It is found first and foremost in their daily lives and work. This role is the call to transform the whole temporal order of the world we see with the transcendent values of the world we do not yet see in its fullness, the Kingdom of God.

Lay members of the faithful are called, gifted, and sent into politics, business, health care, education, agriculture, communications, and above all into family life, the basic cell of the human community. It is there that they live out the mission as priests, prophets, and kings that was given to them by the same Jesus Christ in Baptism and enriched by the other sacraments and spiritual supports of the Church. We are all working toward the same goal of Christ’s Kingdom, though in complementary ways.

As we ponder the future of the Church in the Diocese of Saint Cloud, we are rightly asking anew the question spoken on Pentecost: “What are we to do?” The question is not confined to how parishes will be arranged and staffed. It is as broad as the world and all its need for the Gospel.

In the end, the true co-responsibility is between Christ the Head and Cornerstone and all the members of his Body, called to share his mission as Priest, Prophet, and King.

LEADERSHIP

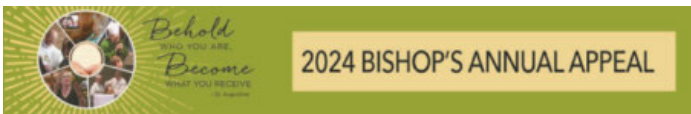
ACC Pastoral Leadership



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"You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - Exodus 20:4
 How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health. Pray for God's help to prune our vices and to grow in virtue.

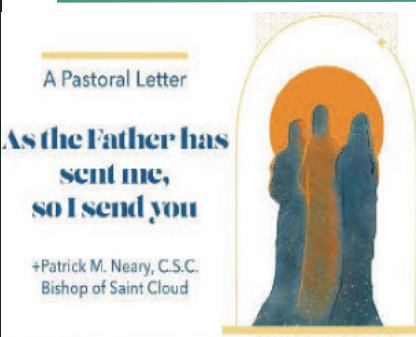


Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. The Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$477,417 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (34.10%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 3,095 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Teaching Mass with Fr Tom

All are invited to join Fr. Tom Knoblach as he offers a Teaching Mass at Annunciation in Mayhew Lake on Wednesday, March 6th from 6:30 - 7:45 PM. This is an actual Mass with intentional breaks to gain a deeper appreciation of the Mass. At the conclusion of the Mass, Fr. Tom will also answer questions from participants. Please join and invite a friend.



Small Groups
 are now
 forming
 to read
 & reflect

Monday Mornings at SFX Sartell 9-10:30am
 March 11 & 18, April 1 & 8
 Julie Bruns-Leader

Thursday Mornings at Annunciation 9:15 am
 February 29, March 7, 15 & 22
 Maureen & Roger Athman-Leaders

****New Opportunity Added!****

Wednesday Evenings in Sartell 6:30 pm
 April 3, 10, 17, 24
 Tom & Diane Offerdahl – Leaders
 (Space is limited to 6 participants – first come, first serve)

Please contact Sandee Kremers to sign up or if you have any questions. 320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org

ALASKA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISER

One In Christ Alaskan Mission Trip Fish Fry Fundraiser/ Meat Raffle at the Sauk Rapids VFW - Friday, March 8th from 5:00-8:00pm. Thirty five missionaries are reaching out as the Body of Christ to a remote Yupik village "Toksook Bay" on the west coast of Alaska. Come help us be the hands and feet of Christ.



MOVIE AND DISCUSSION

Adults are invited to join us at Sacred Heart for a movie and discussion. We will be watching "A Man Named Otto", March 17th from 12-3:30pm. Please be aware this movie has content about suicide and may be triggering for some. We will be serving a light lunch. Feel free to bring a snack to share. RSVPs are welcome for planning but not necessary. Please contact Dcn Joe with questions or to sign up at 320-292-4857.

STRONGER TOGETHER

Stronger Together Presentation & Meal On Wednesday, March 27th from 6pm-9pm at Sacred Heart, 16+ are invited to join us for the presenter, Bethany Tollefson, DMP, MSN, RN, PHN. She will be speaking on how we can better support those who are struggling with mental health concerns. A meal will be served during the talk. Please contact Deacon Joe if you have questions at 320-292-4857

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL-SYNODAL LISTENING

Bishop Invites us to Diocesan Synodal Listening Sessions in March

If you were involved in the first go around with our Synodal Listening Sessions, here is another opportunity to contribute! And if you missed the first time - here's your chance! Pope Francis is encouraging all of the dioceses in the US – and around the world – to engage in conversations about key questions that emerged in the Synod gathering at the Vatican this past October. Our diocese is offering a couple of in-person synodal listening sessions – Sat, March 9th (9:30 am – 1 pm; at Immaculate Conception parish in Rice), and Sat, March 23rd (9:30 am – 1 pm; at Our Lady of Victory parish in Fergus Falls). There are also two Zoom sessions – Mon, March 11th (7-9:30 pm) and Wed, March 13th (7-9:30 pm). Bishop Neary has shared that "these listening sessions will help to inform our Holy Father, but – most importantly – they will provide essential information for me and our diocese." Registration is required – go to: www.stcdio.org/listening2024

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Bible Study

After an amazing discussion last month, we hope you don't miss the next one! Join us on Thursday, March 7th from 7-8:30 pm at Annunciation in Mayhew Lake as we break open Chapter 2 of Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist. We'll meet in the parish hall (building to the left of the Church). All are welcome, contact Jason Prigge for more info!

Theology on Draft

Save the date for Thursday, March 14th from 6-8 pm for Theology on Draft! Kelli Kleinschnitz, our speaker, will be sharing about Love Languages. Location is TBD.

GRIEF: MIND, BODY & SPIRIT

Grief is a normal and natural reaction to loss in your life (death of a loved one, job, mind, health, divorce etc.) Each person has their own timetable and style of grieving. Come and explore grief this Lent at St. Francis Xavier Church, Sartell, MN. Attend one session or all. **All are Welcome!**

Tuesdays in Lent – March 5, 12, 19

5:30-6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Dinner
6:00-7:00 pm Guest Speaker
7:00-7:30 pm Social & Discussion



Guest Speakers include Deacon Steve Pareja, Bethany-Tollefson, DNP, MSN, RN, PHN, Hannah Warzecha, APRN, CNP, Liz Fiedler, APRN, CNP, Roland Brunner, RN. Questions or to register contact Sandee Kremers.

SACRED HEART MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST



Sacred Heart Men's Club Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 7th. Breakfast will be served from 9-11am. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage and fruit! The cost is \$8.50 for adults, youth 6-12 \$5.00 and children under 5 are free.

SKD FISH FRY

It's FISHFRY TIME!!!! Join us at St. Katharine Drexel on Friday, March 15 from 4-8pm. There will be eat in or drive through options. Adult ticket presales are \$14. Tickets the day of Sale are \$15. Youth tickets sold at the door only are \$8. Adult tickets can be purchased ahead of time in the Sacred Heart Parish Office or by scanning the QR code. If you choose to purchase tickets online with the QR code, be ready to present your confirmation email at the door.



St. Katharine  Drexel School

LENTEN RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

St. Paul	March 5, 6:30
St. Joseph (WP)	March 7, 6:30pm
St. Francis Xavier	March 12, 7pm
St. Augustine	March 14, 6:30pm
Holy Spirit	March 19, 6:30pm
St. Peter	March 23, 1pm
St. John Cantius	March 24, 1pm
St. Anthony	March 25, 6:30pm
St. Mary's Cathedral	March 26, 6:30pm

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8:30-2:00
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings for February 24-25

Adult	\$ 1,946.00
Adult online giving Feb 17-23	648.00
Plate	194.00
Children	5.25
Easter flowers	375.00
Total	\$ 3,168.25
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$3,150

Ushers: Mar 9: The 7th Grade class
Mar 10: Art Lyon, Ralph Barhorst, Matt Nienaber

Faith Formation/Youth Group News - Classes March 6: Grades 5-9 and Confirmation. Chili, breadsticks & Au Gratin potatoes will be served in the Parish Hall before classes.

Youth Group will meet from 8-9:30 pm for grades 6-12.

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, March 7, from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come spend some quite time with Jesus.

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Friday evenings during Lent at 6:30pm.

St. Stephen American Legion Auxiliary will be having a meeting at the Rusty Nail on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:30pm.

Alaska Mission Trip-Caramel Roll sales Those going on the Mission Trip will be taking Pre-orders for caramel rolls after the weekend Masses of March 2/3 and March 9/10 at the entrances of church. Caramel rolls will be ready for pick-up on March 17.

Egg Dyeing and Palm Braiding will take place March 17 after the 10am Mass. There will be a demo on Ukrainian Egg decorating also. A Free-will lunch will be served. If you want to braid a **fan palm**, you will need to register ahead of time. You can sign up after church the weekends of March 2/3 and 9/10 or you may call the parish office.

Deadline to pre-order caramel rolls and to register for fan palm braiding is March 10.

Reconciliation Service: Wednesday, March 13, 6:30pm. There will be multiple priests here.

Senior Refresher Driving Class will be held in St. Stephen Parish Hall on Thursday, March 21, from 5:30-9:30pm. Please contact Holdingford Helping Hands at 746-9960 or go to <http://www.stse.biz/> to register.

Ministry Schedule April 7-June 30 If there are dates you know you will be unavailable please call or email the office by **March 17**. Included with this schedule is Corpus Christi (June 2).

Prayer Line: If you or someone you know needs prayers, please call the office to have your prayer request added.

Well n Fit exercise class: Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, 9:30-10:30am. Wednesday class followed by half-hour line dance.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Wednesday's at **Trobec's** at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - March 21 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social starts at 11:30. Suggested donation \$5.

Feet First Clinic - Call Helping Hands to for more info or to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960.

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 February 25, 2024

Adult Collection.....	\$7,925.00
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,762.79
Central MN Catholic.....	\$215.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$130.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$883.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Easter Flower Fund If you are interested in donating to our flower fund, which covers the cost of Easter flowers, Christmas greens and poinsettias, fabric, candles, and so much more throughout the year, please pick up an envelope in the gathering space. You can return it in the collection basket or to the parish office. Thank you!

Children’s Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) CLOW will continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 9 am. CLOW is for young people in grades PreK—grade 3. If children are in PreK, a parent or older sibling are to accompany them to CLOW.

As this ministry continues to grow, we are in need of helpers each Sunday. Helpers don’t have to prepare anything but simply be present to assist in activities or walk children to and from Mass or Bathroom, etc. Please consider helping so we can be safe environment compliant. Contact Jason Prigge.

Stations of the Cross We will again pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm. If you, your family, or a group you are part of would like to lead Stations of the Cross, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office as soon as possible. If you would like to help as a lector, musician, or AV operator, please sign up using the online terminal. Thank you!

March 8– Knights of Columbus- Traditional

March 15– Sacred Heart Men’s Club

March 22– Dcn. Terry-Traditional



PAINTING THE WORD 18+

Join us March 17th from 6 pm-7:30 pm for the Painting the Word with Women & Wine event at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 18+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be offered. This event is free thanks to the Building Bridges Thriving Mission Grant! Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up or scan the code.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry

March Theme: Grounded in Prayer

Upcoming Dates

Grounded isn’t an exclusive club, it’s for everyone - come join us! Activities to be printed next week, stay tuned to see what’s happening!

Wednesday, March 6th (Grades 5-8): 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Sunday, March 10th (Grades 9-12): 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, March 20th (Grades 5-12): 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Grounded Small Group Leaders We are now seeking 2-3 people to be Small Group Leaders for our 5th Graders! 5th meets regularly on the first and third Wednesday of the month from 7:30 - 9:00 pm. Training and resources available, contact Jason Prigge ASAP!

Peer Ministry Applications Now Open

Are you in grades 8-11? We want you on our Peer Ministry Team! Peer Ministry is for students who have a desire to learn about being a leader in their Church and their community using their God-given gifts. Applications are available on the table near the Grounded board or online. Applications are due on Wednesday, April 17th. Contact Jason Prigge for more information!

SummerFestival Camp

Are you currently in grades 6-8? If so, you automatically qualify for SummerFestival Camp! Come experience God’s love for you through energizing games, talks, life-changing conversations, music and of course lots more.

Dates for SummerFest are Sunday, July 14th - Wednesday, July 17th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Cost of camp is \$270 - fundraising is available.

Permission slips are online and of course by the Grounded board. The sooner you register, the better - contact Jason Prigge for more information or questions!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 4; 5pm—Men’s Group
- March 5; NO CHOIR PRACTICE
6:30pm—Baptism Class (SS)
- March 6; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
6:30pm—Teaching Mass @ Annunciation (ML)
7:30-pm—Grounded (5-8)
- March 7; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- March 8; 6:30pm—Stations of the Cross
- March 9; Food Shelf Collection Weekend
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- March 10; Food Shelf Collection Weekend
5pm—Grounded (9-12)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Phyllis Bautch, Dennis Gapinski, Kohlton Kjorsvik, Daniel Kowalczyk, Patricia Jones 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.

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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, February 25th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,173.75
Visitor	\$127.00
Youth	\$15.25
Votive Candles	\$3.83
St. Cloud Visitor (Catholic Magazine)	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Church in Central & Eastern Europe	\$35.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Confirmation Breakfast	\$740.00
Easter	\$30.00
Easter Flowers	\$30.00
Catholic Relief	\$30.00
Home Mission	\$30.00
Total Income	\$3,342.83
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. March 10th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: Jill Brenny and David Zimmer
Eucharist: Rita Knott(H), Amy Krajsa(C), Lori Popp(C)
Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa
Greeters: Dan Bemboom and Lane Piotrowski
Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski and Dan Brenny

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Tom Britz, Wayne Carriveau, Gena Hiemenz, Cory Popp, Mona Ackerman, Morgan Zeleny, JoAnn Marshall, Dan Wocken, Kenley Jurek, Ashley Popp, Gavin Dahler, Jeff Kaeter, Devin Barnum, Rose Lubbesmeier, Sharon Popp, Melissa Thell.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

Wed. March 6th, Rel Ed Classes grades 1-6, Teaching Mass, grades 7-10, along with parents and parishioners at 6:30pm
Wed. March 13th, Rel Ed, 2nd grade Learning Centers at 6:30pm
Sun. March 17th, Parish Breakfast after Mass
Wed. March 20th, Rel Ed Stations of the Cross at 6:30pm
Wed. March 27th, NO Religious Education Classes.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS will be said every Friday during Lent leading up to Palm Sunday, here at 6:30pm.

EGG TREE We invite you to take an Egg from our Prayer Tree at the entry to church. Hanging eggs hold a prayer intention inside. Choose your eggs. Take them home. Pray for the intention enclosed in your eggs, during the weeks of Lent. *If anyone is a worshiper of God and does his will, God listens to him. Such is the power of the Church's prayer in the name of her Lord. CCC 2827*

SMALL GROUP DISCUSSIONS: We will have small group meetings to read and reflect on Bishop Patrick Neary's letter, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you", after the 8:30 Masses on March 7, 14, and 21. There are copies of this letter on the table in the church entrance. Please join us and call Cindy @252-1729 or Maureen @252-7650.

ALL LITURGICAL MINISTERS: If you are willing to help out with your ministry on Holy Thurs., Good Fri. and Easter at Annunciation and/or Holy Sat. at Sacred Heart, call Lora 393-2701 ASAP.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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

Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday
Parish Nurses Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158
Prayer Line Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 2/25/2024.....	\$21,299.14
Excess (Deficit)	\$626.06
YTD Collection Budget	\$723,643.26
YTD Collected	\$765,800.51
Excess (Deficit).....	\$42,157.25

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on **Fridays at 5:30pm** at St. Francis Xavier February 16th thru March 22nd (NOT Good Friday). This is a great way to add to your prayers during Lent.

MARCH IS FOOD SHARE MONTH

St. Francis Xavier Parishioners have a long history of supporting the local food shelves. Thank you! As we continue our journey through Lent, one way to offer almsgiving is to support the food shelf. March is Food Share month, so having increased contributions to the food shelf will also mean more "matching" contributions. Please consider being a part of this. Additionally, Catholic Charities is having its annual "Pack the Porches" event. Coborn's matches contributions of food and cash up to \$13,000 that day, so we encourage contributions to get to us before March 22nd.

GRIEF: MIND, BODY & SPIRIT

Join us on Tuesday, March 5

Grief: Mind, Body & Spirit Series
Week Two—Body

Our speakers are Hannah Warzecha, RDN, LD & Liz Fiedler, APRN, CNP

5:30-6:00pm Optional Soup & Sandwich
6:00-7:00pm Speakers
7:00-7:30pm Optional Social & Discussion

Contact Sandee Kremers to register at 320-252-1363



FISH FRY SAVE THE DATE



Order your meal and bring it to eat with fellow parishioners! Bishop Trobec Council #5276 will be hosting a Fish Fry on Friday, March 15. The plan be to sell 500 meals and allow parishioners to bring their meal into the school gymnasium to eat. More details to come!

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

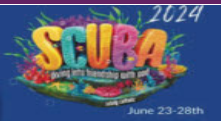
Communal Reconciliation services will take place on March 12 at 7:00pm, March 16 at 12:00pm and March 20th at 7:00pm. Additional priests will be here on March 12 for individual confessions.

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YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Service Sundays

Sunday, March 18 & April 14 @ SFX for youth grades 6-12

TREMOR Night

Sunday, April 14 5:30-7:30pm Snacks and program. Grades 4-5 welcome.

Youth Group Nights

March, 17th & April 28 6:00-8:30pm. Grades 6-8 Welcome.

Aftershock

Wednesdays—March 13, April 17 & May 15. Grades 6-12 welcome 6:30-7pm Supper & 7-8:30 programming

****Watch Flocknote for more information and details on these events****

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Please keep in your prayers: Jenna Nielson, Elect and Carson Thorstenson, Candidate

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide their journey this Lent!

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