



# AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY one inchristacc.org

## Annunciation

9965 Mayhew Lake Road NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320-252-1729 • oneinchristacc.org

## 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

MASS TIMES				
Monday, January 22	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Jerry Molitor	
Tuesday, January 23	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Bob & Pat Koenig † Robert Schmitt † Stanley & Mary Ann Legatt	
Wednesday, January 24	8:00 am 8:00 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Judy Whalen - LaVonne Villenueve	
Thursday, January 25	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† Evelyn Karboviak † Larry & Verdell Rudolph † Cesarina Manganelli	,
Friday, January 26	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Delores Robak † Kevin Hanson	lf
Saturday, January 27 4th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Cy & Paul Valerius † For the Members of the Parish † Tony & Lorraine Rutz	
Sunday, January 28 4thSunday of Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Clifford & Alfrieda Jacquemart † Aubrey Ann Dirks † Jan Roering † Clarence Justin	

#### **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
f 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 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Mk

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 7:4-17/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 Mk 16:15-18

**Friday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 7-8a, 10/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

**Next Sunday:** Dt 18:15-20/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 7-9 (8)/1 Cor 7:32-35/Mk 1:21-28

#### MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Do you remember the Big Bear store on Division Street in St. Cloud? The site is now Panera Bread. It carried farm supplies, yard and garden items, hardware and tools, and those orange circus peanuts my dad would

occasionally buy if they were on sale.

It's over 30 years ago now that I was there, picking up some bolts and washers for some project or another. It was cool enough to wear a jacket, and on my jacket was the Precious Feet pin. For those not familiar with it, it depicts the actual size of a fetus' feet ten weeks after conception.

"That's cool," said the clerk, a young woman in her early 20s. Not sure that my 3/8" bolts and lock washers were really that cool, I eloquently asked, "Huh?" "Those feet," she said, pointing to the pin. "What's that for?"

I explained the meaning of the Precious Feet. "Where can I get one of those?" she asked. I gave her the pair I was wearing and replaced them on my jacket when I got back to the rectory.

That was a passing conversation between two strangers, an unexpected encounter to share a conviction on the sanctity of human life as a gift of God to each person. I did not use philosophical arguments, political platforms, statistics or history. It was a small pin, a minor risk (what if she didn't think it was so cool when I told her what they stood for?), an opportunity that seemed random but was evidently a moment of grace for both of us.

Ma'am, if you're out there, I hope you were able to use the Precious Feet to explain to someone else. Maybe you still have them. Maybe they persuaded someone — even just seeing them — that we all begin this way, small and dependent on the care and love of others who have not even seen us yet.

In the January issue of the Central Minnesota Catholic magazine, I wrote a piece on the remarkable discoveries science continues to make about genetics and the unfathomably complex design that both makes us one human species and yet individually unique and

#### (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

unrepeatable in our persons. As I note there, the science inspires awe; but vastly more awe-inspiring is the immortal soul that God gives to each person, a life granted that has a beginning but will never end. Our souls, along with angels and black holes and DNA, and the child in the womb, are among those things we mean in the Creed each week: "I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible." Your witness to the dignity of every person made in God's image might start with a pin, or the rose for life, or an op-ed; but it might also be a gesture of kindness to a stranger, a donation to a charity that promotes respect for human life all across the spectrum of age and need. It might be a prayer, or a conversation with your children, or a co-worker, or a neighbor. Maybe it will start in a check-out line amid the circus peanuts and threaded steel.



LEADERSHIP				
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#### STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION

## LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



"Follow me and I will make you fishers of men."- Mark 1:17

Jesus' call to "follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule, but that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.



The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

#### **EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES DISPLAY**

Just **TWO** days left to come see the Eucharistic Miracles Display created and designed by Blessed Carlo Acutis. Join us at Sacred Heart **TODAY** or Wednesday.

Sunday, Jan. 21st 10-2 pm Wed. Jan. 24th 5-8 pm.

\*Bring smart phone and headphones if you'd like to use the audio version.\*

#### MCCL MARCH FOR LIFE

Please join MCCL for their March for Life on Monday, January 22. The walk will begin at noon at the Minnesota Capital in St. Paul and will be followed by a program on the Capitol steps from 12:30-1:00. Please sign up by registering at mccl.org/march.

## **EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL**

Cana Dinner 2024 Please join us at Sacred Heart on February 24th for our Cana Dinner as part of our Eucharistic Revival. We will begin with Mass at 5pm followed by social time, dinner, speakers and reaffirmation of



vows. This is an event that is focused on marriage, but is not limited to married couples. Childcare is available on site if needed. \$25 per couple or \$12.50 for an individual. Please call your parish office to RSVP by February 20th or if you have questions.

Banquet of Love is a gift to couples and support to the ACC's of the Diocese of St. Cloud from Bishop Neary. An 18 month access to the course materials are available at the diocesan web page.

—To find out more information on the Eucharistic Revival, visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/

#### **BAPTISM**

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

Carter Jon Nielson, son of Michael & Kendra and Roman James Boxell, son of Michael and Holly, who were baptized at St. Stephen

Jonah David Forst, son of Jared & Ashton, Aiden John Schwinghammer, son of Matthew & Cassidy and Grayson Jay Lichte, son of Brandon & Johanna, who were baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

And Jaylen Devon Brown, son of DeAndre Brown and Brittany Mohs, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.

#### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY MOBILE APP

#### **Pictorial Directory:**

Did you know we have a mobile app for the directory? You can have the directory at your fingertips! An email was sent out with the log in information. If you did not









receive that email, please email Vicki at vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org and she will send you the information.

## ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY PILGRIMAGE

#### JOIN FR. STEVE BINSFELD & FOLLOW ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY SEPTEMBER 15-29, 2024

Walk the stones where Saint Paul walked through Athens and Corinth. Then set sail on a 9-night Celebrity Cruise through the Greek Isles continuing the journey as we visit six ports of call: Santorini, Ephesus, Mykonos, Volos, Thessaloniki, and Kavala. Enjoy both private group tours and free time in Athens and on the cruise. Learn of the spiritual, historical, and cultural significance of Greece and Paul's missionary journey. Mass is celebrated every day, especially in Corinth, Thessaloniki and Ephesus. This quality, customized tour is done through Magi Travel. Space is limited on this pilgrimage so sign up today! Call Magi Travel 952-949-0065 or visit the web at www.magitravelinc.com and click on Greece, then Fr. Steve Binsfeld

#### SPONSORS NEEDED-ST. KATHARINE DREXEL

Last year, for Catholic Schools Week (CSW), our SKD students went out into the community and served others - the first time we have ever done something like that as a school! It was a fabulous morning - one that reinforced our school's commitment to instill in our students the love of community service and of helping others. The school will need around \$3000 to cover the cost of transportation and materials for their service project.

If you feel moved to sponsor our Community Service/ Outreach day, please consider making a monetary donation to St. Katharine Drexel School. Donations can be dropped off at the school office during school hours, or mailed to the school (428 2nd Street South., St. Cloud, MN 56304).

If you have any questions, or would like more information regarding the day, please contact Michaela Barrett at mbarrett@ourcatholicschool.org.

#### **YOUNG ADULTS**

#### **Praise Night**

Young Adults (18-39) - please bring a friend, partner, spouse, kids, family, etc. to our next Praise Night on Sunday, January 28th from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at Newman Center in St. Cloud for Praise & Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation and food! If you have children, please bring them, there will be plenty of activities and ways for them to participate in prayer and afterwards. No need to RSVP, please just join us for prayer and fellowship. Questions? Contact Jason Prigge!

#### FREE THROW CONTEST

## Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest Saturday, February 3 @ 10:00am

The local council of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Trobec Council #5276 would like to invite the children of Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Stephen & St. Francis parishes to take part in the annual Free Throw Challenge! All children ages 9-14 are invited to participate. The event will be held at SFX School in the gym. This event is sponsored annually by the KC's with the winners from the local level advancing to district, region, and state competitions. All contestants from the local level are recognized for their participation in the event and the winners at each level will receive a trophy. Registration is at the event and must have written consent and age verification from a parent or guardian. Please contact Jake Schneider 320-761-7143 or jakeschneider 34@gmail.com with questions.

#### **VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Plans are being made for a great VBS session this summer. Supplies are needed: Med & large boxes, fake greenery, blue fabric/bed sheets, any fish or sea creature stuffed animals, old scuba gear, 2 liter bottles cleaned out with lids, dowel of various sizes and old pool noodles. Donations can be dropped off at the parish anytime. Questions? Please contact Melissa at St. Francis Xavier— 252-1363



## ST. STEPHEN

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

<u>Faith Formation:</u> Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066 ststephenfaith@gmail.com

## Financial Offerings for January 13 & 14

Adult	\$ 2,561.00
Adult online giving Jan 6 - 12	455.00
Children	11.00
Plate	196.85
Total	\$ 3,223.85

Weekly Adult income to meet budget: \$3,150

#### **Ushers**

Jan. 27: Dave Fiedler, David Pogatchnik, Peter Schumer Jan. 28: Matt Nienaber, Nancy & Tom Vouk

#### Faith Formation/Youth Group News

<u>Classes January 24:</u> Teacher Inservice - No classes <u>except</u> Grade 9 will meet for their Church Tour. No meal tonight.

<u>Contribution Statements</u> - If you are signed up for Online Giving, you can print your statements from the OSV website. A link is on the parish website. For those who use the contribution envelopes, your statements will be on the table in the annex.

<u>Blood Pressure checks</u> will be available next Sunday, January 28, after 10 AM Mass in the annex.

**Lost & Found:** A couple items were found in church during December. A ring was found in the ladies bathroom in the annex and a Fleet Farm bag with various repair items was found under the Giving Tree. If you think these items belong to you, please call the parish office.

#### **Upcoming February dates:**

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet on Sunday, February 4, from 6-7pm in the church annex. We will focus on Ruth in the Bible. Come, Connect and Learn from One Another. If you have any questions, please contact Danna Gasperlin at 251-5066.

St. Stephen Lions Fish Fry: Our 52nd annual Walleye Fish Fry will be held February 9 at the St. Stephen Parish Hall. We will be serving from 5-9pm. Tickets are \$20/person. Contact Dennis (320-428-8171) or Linda (320-260-8290) for tickets.

Fellowship after 10:00am Mass: Come to the annex on February 11 for treats and meet someone new.

<u>Prayer Line:</u> If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayers and would like to be added to the Prayer Line, please contact the parish office.

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 <u>Trobec's</u> at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - February 15 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 January 14, 2024

Adult Collection	\$8,447.00
Automatic Giving	
Christmas	\$300.00
Improvements	\$110.00

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

#### STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Office help** If you are looking for something to do on Wednesday January 24th from 8:30-9:30 you are welcome to come to the gathering space and help stuff a mailing for us. We will stuff following Wednesday morning daily Mass.

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. We are always looking for more assistance, please contact Jason Prigge to learn more!



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!

#### PERSONAL PA DEVICES

Did you know? Sacred Heart has Personal PA devices that can be checked out from the AV desk. The device has an earbud or headphones that works with our sound system so the user can control the volume. Stop by the AV desk if you would like to try one.

#### **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL**

Catholic United Financial will be meeting on January 23rd from 6:30-8pm in room D.

#### PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE +18

Painting the Word will take place January 28th from 6pm to 7:30pm 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.

#### **YOUTH MINISTRY**

## **Grounded Youth Ministry**

January Theme: Grounded in the "Storm" \*Upcoming Dates\*

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



Sunday, January 21st (grades 9-12): 5:00 - 7:00 pm Wednesday, January 24th (5th grade only): 6:30 - 8:00 pm

#### Castaway 2024

Did you hear the news?! Due to generous donations, we are able to ask for \$25 DOWN with a max total of \$90 for Castaway 2024! God is so good. Thank you to those who have donated so our young people can experience God's love for them. If you're in grades 9 - 12, you won't want to miss it, March 22 - 24. Forms are online or near the bulletin board. Questions? Ask Jason Prigge!

#### Jr. High Lock-In

Registration for the Jr. High Lock-In is online and by the Youth Ministry board. Don't miss the 2nd annual Winter Spectacular on Saturday, January 27 - Sunday. January 28 starting with 7 PM Mass at Sacred Heart and ending at 6 AM at the YMCA! Cost is \$40, contact Jason Prigge for more information.

#### FAITH FORMATION

**DTS Session** for Sacred heart Confirmation Candidates begins this Sunday, January 21st at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart. Please enter through the main office doors.

Foundation Adult Night is Wednesday, February 7th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. All adults in the parish are invited to hear Fr. Tom share about Marriage and Eucharist. Please join this parish Eucharistic Revival presentation.



#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 22; 6:30pm—Finance Council

January 24; 8:30am—Stuff February Festival Letter

9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5pm—Euchgristic Miracles Display

5:45pm—9th Grade Field Trip

6:30pm—Grounded (5th Grade Night)

January 27; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

7pm—Diocesan Youth Mass (Jr. High Lock-in)

January 28; 7am—End of Lock-in-Pick up at YMCA

4pm—Praise Night (Newman Center)

6pm—Paint the Word

## **PRAYER REQUESTS**

Please add Alex Euteneuer, Christopher Fuchs, Darlene Hiscock and Jeff Voit 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, January 14th, 2024

 Adult Sunday
 \$3,120.47

 Visitor
 \$98.00

 Youth
 \$5.00

 Votive Candles
 \$1.59

 Food Shelf
 \$20.00

 Confirmation Retreat
 \$10.00

 Initial Offering
 \$23.00

 Solemnity of Mary
 \$20.00

 Building Fund
 \$70.00

 Total Income
 \$3,368.06

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00

#### Mass Schedule

Sun. January 28th, 2024 8:15am Lector: David Zimmer & Jill Brenny

Eucharist: Anita Montag(H), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C), Katie

Lentner(C)

Servers: Reid Kiffmeyer & Cole Lentner

**Greeters:** Don & Carol Weyer

Ushers: Tom, Barb, Jeremy Brand & David Lentner



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Fr. Thomas Knablach, Ryan Brand, Heather Hiemenz, Gloria Nelson, Onnika Strande, Barb

Kaeter.

**SOCIAL:** after morning Mass on Monday, January 22nd. Everyone is invited. Come for coffee & conversation.



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

Wed. Jan. 24th, Rel. Ed. Classes, 9th grade bus tour 6:30pm Wed. Jan 31st, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm, Speaker Gr 7-10

HEAVENLY FATHER, help me to understand clearly the reason that you have created me and gifted me in the way you have so I can fulfill your purpose in other's lives. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to <a href="www.centralmnkoinonia.org">www.centralmnkoinonia.org</a> for more information and to register for retreats.

## **COMMUNICATION FAITHFULLY IN THE DIGITAL AGE** This

presentation explores the call to lend a faithful presence to digital culture, especially on social media platforms. Benedictine spirituality is a tradition deeply rooted in the Word. From this foundation we can reflect on what it means to remain rooted in the Word and let this shape our communication practices as we interact with one another in digital spaces. Jan 26th, presentation from 9am—1pm, Emmaus Hall, St. John's University, Collegeville, Synchronous. Free event. Registration is required: www.collegevilleMN.com/theologyday, 320-363-3560 or theologyday@csbsju.edu.

#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Contact: Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363 bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Prayer Line** 

Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday

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Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158 Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

## **FINANCIAL OFFERINGS**

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 1/14/2024	\$19,223.64
Excess (Deficit)	\$(1,449.44)
YTD Collection Budget	
YTD Collected	\$621,042.32
Excess (Deficit)	

#### **SFX ROCKS SAVE THE DATE**

Our amazing SFX Rocks event is less than a month away!

Tickets are now available for \$15/person. If you purchase your tickets by January 28th, you will get your name entered into an early bird drawing for a \$300 Holiday Inn and \$50 Legends gift card. The drawing will happen the night of the event! Tickets can be purchased at

https://one.bidpal.net/sfxrocks2024/ticketing.

#### **PLACE OF HOPE**



We are looking for volunteers to cook and serve at Place of Hope on Tuesday, February 27. Contact Sandee Kremers for

more information or to volunteer @ 320-252-1363.

## **1ST ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR**

Please join us Sunday, February 11, 2024 for the 1st Annual Arts & Craft Fair. There will be over 25 area artists & crafters featuring hand-crafted artworks and crafts.

1:00pm-4:00pm in the Gathering Place. Refreshments will be available.



## **GRIEF: MIND, BODY & SPIRIT**

#### Save the Dates for this Lenten Seminar!

Grief is a normal and natural reaction to loss in your life whether it be loss of a loved one or loss of a job, health divorce etc. Come and explore grief with us. All are Welcome! Save these dates and watch for more details to come.

February 20 & 27, March 5, 12 & 19

5:30-6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Dinner (optional)

6:00-7:00 pm Speaker

7:00-7:30 pm Social & Discussion (optional)

#### **BENEFIT BREAKFAST**

Bishop Trobec Knights of Columbus Council #5276 is serving breakfast from 8:30am to Noon on SUNDAY, February 4, 2024.

Pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage links, fresh fruit, coffee & juice will be served. There is no ticket/set price we invite your **FREE WILL OFFERINGS**.

Join us in the St. Francis Xavier School gym for some great food and fellowship.

The Knights of Columbus are a men's fraternal organization. Our principals are Charity, Unity, Fraternity & Patriotism. We support our local parishes, vocations, Pro-Life, youth and those in need..

Guys—want to know more . . . Visit us at the breakfast.

#### SFX SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

We welcome you to join us at an Open House for new and prospective families for the 2024- 2025 school year on January 28th after 9:30 Mass or January 30th from 4:00-6:00pm. We also offer personal tours of our exceptional school if the dates for our Open House do not work for your family. If you or someone you know are interested in enrolling as a SFX & want to know more about our programs, please contact the school office at (schooloffice@sfx61.org) or call 252-9940. Heidi Schloe, Principal

#### YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

#### **Service Sunday Events:**

**February 11**th Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 10am – 3pm. We will help with the Diocesan Family Rally event.

#### Aftershock:

February 21stgrades 6-12 at SFX from 6:30-8:30pm.

#### Youth Group Nights:

**January 21**<sup>st</sup> grades 6-12 (note grade change from original calendar) at Xavier Hall from 6:00-8:30pm.

**February 3**<sup>rd</sup> grades 6-12 from 4-8pm (note time change from original calendar) at Xavier Hall.

**February 25**th TREMOR for grades 4-5 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Gathering Place of SFX.

#### **Diocesan Events:**

**Registration Deadline is Wednesday, January 17**th for the Middle School Lock-in for grades 6-8 on January 27-28 beginning at 7pm at Sacred Heart. We will end our time at 6am at the St. Cloud YMCA.

Castaway 2024 Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN for youth in grades 9-12. If you are interested in learning more about this retreat experience, please contact Jennifer before Wednesday, January 31st!

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







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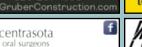
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