

April 7, 2024
Divine Mercy Sunday



2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:28-29

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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
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MASS TIMES

Monday, April 8	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† David & Lorraine Bemboom
Tuesday, April 9	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Sharon Larson
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Donna Peternell
Wednesday, April 10	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Dec. Members of the Jochum Family
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Living & Deceased Members of the Tim Kedrowski Family
Thursday, April 11	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Pat & Mary Kroll
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- Healing of Hearts
Friday, April 12	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Dennis Burski
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Diann Opatz
Saturday, April 13 3rd Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Terry Sufka
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Nick Prom
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Peter & Frances Legatt
Sunday, April 14 3rd Sunday of Easter *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Dan Slimmer
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† For the Members of the Parish
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Firmin Traut
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Dec. Members of the Cyril & Mary Ferche Family

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: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/Ps 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9 (7a)/1 Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

Today concludes the Easter Octave, an eight day celebration, since expressing the joy of the amazing gift of Christ

conquering sin and death by His death and resurrection cannot be confined to just one day. While the intensity of these first eight days will fade some, the Easter Season concludes on Pentecost Sunday, which this year is May 18th.

Today is the Second Sunday of Easter. It is also Divine Mercy Sunday.

In the ancient Church, today was called Dominica in albis — “Sunday in white” — because it was the day that the newly baptized, who had been vested in white robes at their Baptism during the Easter Vigil, took them off. In that ancient Church, the eight days were also a period of intense catechesis, when the newly initiated had all the “sacred things” — the sacraments — explained to them.

Today is also “Divine Mercy Sunday,” designated by St. Pope John Paul II, based on the private revelations of St. Faustina Kowalska who, in her Diary (no. 49), records that Christ had expressed his desire for a “Feast of Mercy”.

In a decree dated 23 May 2000, the Congregation for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments stated that “throughout the world the Second Sunday of Easter will receive the name Divine Mercy Sunday.

This Second Sunday of Easter calls us to bring the joy of the Resurrection to others and to keep our lives focused on Christ. The following creed captures the intent of this Second Sunday of Easter.

Creed of Discipleship and Christian Ministry

We believe that we, members of the Body of Christ, are sent to all nations to proclaim the Gospel.

We believe that we must be the salt of the earth and light of the world, summoned with special grace to save and renew life.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

We believe that we who live by his Spirit and are anointed in his grace are sent to bring good news to the poor, to heal the broken hearted and the sick.

We firmly believe that the mission of the church, and therefore our mission, is fulfilled by activity which makes us present to all, so that wherever we live, we are bound to show by the example of our lives and speech, the new humanity we have put on at baptism, and the power we have from confirmation.

Prompted by that Spirit, we walk the road Christ walks—a road of obedience, service and self-sacrifice so that others who see our good works will perceive the real meaning of human life and glorify the Father forever. Amen

---Source Unknown.

May Alleluias resound in you!

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

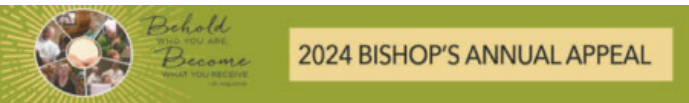


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"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.



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 \$894,706 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (63.91%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 5,341 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

THANK YOU-SH & ML

Thank you to everyone who helped get ready for the Easter Vigil Reception. It was a beautiful Mass followed by a well attended reception to welcome the newest people into our church.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Want to join the Eucharistic Pilgrimage but can't do the larger national walk?

You don't have to wait for the National Eucharistic Pilgrimage to pass through your city to be a part of this historic journey! Make pilgrimage a part of your experience of revival by planning a self-led personal pilgrimage in the next couple of months.

This can be anything from visiting a faraway shrine to walking to Mass in the morning. Remember, the value of a pilgrimage is not in the distance traveled but in the disposition of our own hearts and the zeal with which we seek God. Find the guide you can use to plan your own pilgrimage at the link below to get started.

Becoming Eucharistic People—April 12

A day of formation with Dr. Timothy O'Malley Join with people from across the diocese to hear from Dr. Timothy O'Malley, author of the book "Becoming Eucharistic People." The day begins with Mass at 9 a.m. followed by a keynote address with Dr. O'Malley, breakout sessions, small and large group discussions, lunch and fellowship. Participants will choose two of four breakout sessions focused on four eucharistic themes: hospitality, boundaries, theology and spirituality. The event is open to everyone. **Registration is required by April 8.** Cost: \$10

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Jacob Enneking & Jordan Helmin



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Clarence Rueter, who passed away on March 22 and Weston Lentner who passed away on March 22 from St. Francis Xavier



And Louis LeBlanc, who passed away on March 23, from Sacred Heart.

Eternal Rest grant unto them Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

ALASKA MISSION TRIP

Donations One in Christ Missionaries continue to seek your prayers and support as 30 disciples are sent to evangelize, support and grow in solidarity with our Yupik brothers and sisters from Toksook Bay Alaska. We are very grateful to Bishop Donald Kettler for providing the connections that have helped make this mission location possible. To help make this mission possible please send your prayer and financial support. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart, attention Alaskan Mission, Dan Joe Kresky. This is a tax deductible contribution. Contact Dan Joe for more information.



CANCER SUPPORT GROUP

There is interest in starting a cancer support group at St. Francis Xavier, It will involve prayer and discussion and will focus on seeing the graces received and experienced in the trial of fighting cancer. This is open to anyone who has fought through cancer, is presently experiencing it, or to family members who have walked the cancer journey with a loved one. If you might be interested in such a group, please contact Tom Offerdahl at the parish office 320-252-1363, ext. 405. Early thoughts would be to meet on a weekday morning in Xavier Hall. Time and dates to be determined.



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 5 and under are free.

SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Where kids will dive into a friendship with God!

Registration materials are available at all 4 parishes for students and volunteers. VBS is open to kids ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Students in 6th grade and older can volunteer to help in various ways throughout the week. Lots of volunteers are needed both the week of VBS and leading up to VBS. See the volunteer form for more information on how to get involved.

YOUNG ADULTS

Join us at the brand new Tequila Town in downtown St. Cloud on Thursday, April 11th from 6-8 pm. We will be meeting on the **2nd floor of Tequila Town**. Parking in the ramp is free after 5 pm.

SACRED HEART YOUTH BUTTER BRAID SALES



Butter Braid sales have officially started! All Butter Braids sold help the young people of Sacred Heart attend events such as Castaway, SummerFestival, Mission Trips and NCYC. This year there are also individual sellers raising funds for their Alaska trip. Butter Braids also make a

perfect addition to your Mother's Day celebrations! You can pick-up a form in the SH Gathering Space, stop by the Sacred Heart office OR order online by scanning the QR Code. All orders must be in by Wednesday, April 17th at noon! Contact Jason Prigge for more information.

COME AND SEE RETREAT

Join other single women for a weekend of self-discovery and vocation discernment with the Sisters of the Order of Saint Benedict, Sunday, April 21 at 1 pm.

*Learn and discover some Benedictine Values that shape us.

*Listen to Personal reflections to help you better understand if God is calling you to explore religious life.

*Learn about our sisters whose prayers and lifestyle are rooted in faith.

To register or for more information, contact Sister Marilyn Mark at osbvocations@cbsbsju.edu or 320-363-7180.



JUSTICE OF THE JESUS TABLE

Fr Ed Foley, award-winning author and celebrated preacher, is the speaker. His presentation, entitled "The Justice of the Jesus Table: Eucharist Origins, Inclusion, and Mission", explores the connection between the Eucharistic liturgy and the Gospel call of social justice. It's a connection deeply rooted in the disruptive table ministry of Jesus, practiced in the early Church, and reaffirmed in the US Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on economic justice. Join us on Sat, April 13th, at 7 pm at Christ Church Newman Center (396 1st Ave S) in the Terrace.

PAINTING THE WORD

Painting the Word for Mothers & Daughters

We are excited to offer a Painting the Word event for mothers and daughters 7 years old and up. This will take place Saturday, April 13th from 11 am-1 pm. A light lunch will be served. If you do not have a mother or daughter to bring along, please feel free to adopt one for the day. Please contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up.



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 March 23-24 and 28-31

Adult	\$1,559.00
Adult online giving Mar 13-29	1,366.00
Plate	266.00
Children	22.00
Easter	6,562.00
Holy Land	892.00
Rice Bowl	567.56
Total	\$11,234.56

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

Ushers:

April 13 - Will Hellmann, Dan Paggen, Dave Fiedler
April 14 - Ralph Barhorst, Steve Vouk, Merlin Berndt

Faith Formation classes April 10 for grades 5-9 and Confirmation. Sloppy Joes will be served in the Parish Hall before classes.

Youth Group for students in grades 6-12 will meet in the Parish Hall from 8:00-9:30pm. Invite your friends to come along.

Holdingford Knights of Columbus #9307 Chicken and Ham dinner, April 7, at Pelican Lake Ballroom, serving from 3:30-6:30pm. Adults=\$15 and students K-12 = \$10. Take out available.

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet April 7 at 6:00pm in the church annex. The April meeting will focus on Deborah in the Bible. Come, connect and learn from one another.

The Vibrancy Committee will meet on Tuesday, April 9, at 6:15pm in the church annex. We are planning for the upcoming Tractor/seed blessing and Poor Clare's collection. New members are always welcome.

Thank you to everyone who attended the Palm Braiding, Egg Dyeing and Ukrainian Egg Demo and purchased caramel rolls. Proceeds will go the Alaska Mission Trip. A special Thank You to the Vibrancy Committee for putting on this event, Lois Maciej for teaching the Palm Braiding, Carol Spychala for demonstrating Ukrainian Eggs and all those who helped with the caramel roll sales and the lunch.



Upcoming Events:

Tractor & Seed Blessing will be April 21.

Poor Clare's Collection weekend is April 27-28. This month we are looking for fresh produce, yogurt, cheese and eggs. Coolers will be at the entrances of church to place cold items in. Other items (stamps, envelopes, meatless soups, toiletries, white thread, scotch tape, medicated cough drops, etc.) will also be accepted. Monetary donations always welcomed.

Well n Fit exercise class: Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, **9:00-10:00am**. The Wednesday class will be followed by half-hour line dance.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach

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

Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.

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 March 31, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$6,677.77
Automatic Giving.	\$4,289.18
Easter.	\$16,771.00
Friends in Need	\$120.00
Catholic Relief.	\$440.74

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Pew Cleaning Please join us on April 19th following daily Mass to clean to pews in church. We will have buckets, rags and magic erasers for everyone. We just need people to help.

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 who 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.

Day of Service - We are looking for volunteers to help with our Spring Day of Service-Sat., April 27, 9-12pm. Volunteers will enjoy a light meal and then will be sent as a community to clean yards, windows or other manageable projects. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space. There still may be an opportunity to help even if this day does not work. Please contact Dan Joe.



Are you in need of some spring yard clean-up, window cleaning or manageable house projects? Please contact Dan Joe at jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org or parish office 320-251-8115 for support or questions.

Homebound Communion Ministers and Visitation Ministers Needed Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Beside sharing the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. We are in need of support after the 2pm Monday Mass at Good Shepherd. Contact Dan Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

Blood Pressure Checks Free blood pressure checks will be available in the Hospitality Suite after Masses on the 3rd full weekend of the month. Upcoming dates are April 20/21 in the Hospitality Room after Mass.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry

March Theme: Grounded in the Resurrection

Upcoming Dates

Grounded isn't an exclusive club, its for everyone - join us!
Sunday, April 14th (gr. 9-12): 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Wednesday, April 17th (gr. 5-12): 7:30 - 9:00 pm

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.

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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

- April 8; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group
6:30pm—Baptism Class Here
- April 9; 6pm—First Eucharist Retreat Make-up
- April 10; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1pm— Craft Group
6:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
- April 11; 6pm—SH Book Buffet
6pm—Theology on Draft
- April 12; OFFICE CLOSED
- April 13; Food Shelf Collection Weekend
11am—Mother's Day Painting the Word
8am—First Eucharist Retreat
3:30pm—Reconciliation
6pm—Parent/Child Group
- April 14; Food Shelf Collection Weekend
8am— Alaska Mission Breakfast

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Patricia Jones, Kohlton Kjorsvik, Patricia Olson and Ryan 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.

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, March 24th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,675.67
Visitor	\$168.10
Youth	\$11.00
Votive Candles	\$2.00
Easter	\$150.00
Food Shelf	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$40.00
Initial Offering	\$5.00
Breakfast 3/17/2024	\$869.91
Total Income	\$3,941.68

Income for Sunday, March 31st, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$430.50
Visitor	\$458.00
Youth	\$52.50
Votive Candles	\$12.25
Easter	\$4,830.00
Food Shelf	\$20.00
Easter Flowers	\$90.00
Building Fund	\$110.00
Catholic Relief	\$20.00
Holy Thursday	\$161.00
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$385.00
Rice Bowl	\$108.44
Total Income	\$6,677.69
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. April 14th, 2024 8:15am FIRST COMMUNION

Lector: First Communion Students
Eucharist: Jason Zwilling (H), John Koenig (C), Karla Koenig (C)
Servers: Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa
Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Carson Zwilling, Mason Zwilling & Spencer Ackerman
Ushers: Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Spencer Ackerman & Chuck Wocken

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Shirley Scapanski, Janice Sowada, Jeanne Lahr, Joy Piotrowski, Lori Stellmach, Lawrence Thell, Michael Zeleny, Elizabeth Krueger, Elaina Scapanski, Brad Rajkowski, Brianna Rajkowski, Chad Erdmann, Debra Funk, Mary Popp, Erica Ackerman, Brenda Carrière, James Novak, Erik Brenny, Jase Brenny, Sierra Brenny, Helen Sondrol, Amanda Zwilling.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

Wed. April 10th, Classes, Practice for 1st Communion: 6:30pm
Sun. April 14th, First Communion at 8:15am Mass
Wed. April 17th, Rel Ed Classes at 6:30pm
Wed. April 24th, Last Rel Ed Class, Student/Parent Meal 6:30pm

2024 LAWN CARE BIDS: Bid forms and written requirements are available in the Parish Office for anyone wishing to make a bid for the 2024 Lawn mowing Season for Annunciation Church, Cemetery and ball field. Call 320-252-1729 or stop by for a form. All signed bids are due Fri., April 12th at Noon in the parish office.



PARISH PRAYERS Friday, April 12th at 10:15 am prior to Clara Knettel's funeral at 11:00am.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

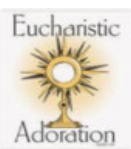
Contact: Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363
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Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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Parish Nurses Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158
Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 3/31/2024	\$20,701.89
Excess (Deficit)	\$28.81
YTD Collection Budget	\$828,742.07
YTD Collected	\$869,309.25
Excess (Deficit)	\$40,567.18

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration

April 9, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

CEMETERY NEWS

If you are in need of a plant stand, we have them available. They are made by a parishioner, and we sell them for what they cost us - \$65.00. Shepherds hooks are NOT approved for flower displays. They get caught on the equipment when mowing at the cemetery. Solar lights are also NOT ALLOWED. The single pole plant stands work well and are adjustable for different sizes of pots. They also keep our cemetery looking uniform. For display it is recommended that you "tie down" your pot in the stand - especially with artificial flowers to keep them from blowing out.

There are copies of current cemetery guidelines available in the gathering place entrances. The guidelines include information regarding decorating, monument sizes, and current prices for gravesites and niches in the columbarium. Please abide by these guidelines. Items out of compliance will be removed and discarded. There is some relaxing of these rules at the time of burial, but, in general, we ask that you follow the guidelines. If you are interested in pre-planning and wish to secure a gravesite(s) or a niche(s), please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office - 320-252-1363, ext. 405.

ST. MONICA CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The St. Monica Christian women of SFX parish invite current Christian women of the parish, and all OIC parishioners to join them on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall. A representative from Pathways for Youth, Patrick Knutson, will explain the program; where they are located, what they do, who they help and how we can help them. Everyone is invited to attend. St. Monica Christian women will then hold their April meeting following that presentation. Please join us!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Gun Raffle. The tickets are \$20 and only 350 will be sold. There are 6 hunting guns shown (3 shotguns and 3 rifles.) and six \$50 Scheel's gift cards. If you don't hunt or don't need a gun, you can get a gift card with the value of the gun to be used for anything you like at Scheel's. The gun raffle takes place on Monday, May 6, 2024 at Trobec's Bar in St. Stephen at 7:00pm.

Our KC Council supports our parishes, youth, family, vocations and pro-life and proceeds from this raffle are used for these things. See a KC member about buying a ticket. The parish office also has a number of tickets available, so you can purchase them there during normal business hours. With only 350 tickets being sold and 122 prizes, you have pretty good odds for winning something. Thank you for your support.

SPRING BLING SALE

Gathering in the Arts is holding its annual Bling Sale on Friday, May 3 from 4-7 pm in the Gathering Place. If you have been putting off cleaning your closets & Jewelry boxes, this is a good time to consider doing it. We will be collecting new, vintage and slightly used jewelry, scarves & handbags beginning April 1 through April 28. Please place items outside the parish office in the designated boxes. Questions contact Geri 320-255-7009.

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Service Sundays

Sunday, April 14 1:30-3:30 @ SFX Xavier Hall for youth grades 6-12. We will be making no sew tote bags. Scissors and T shirts will be provided but feel free to bring your own as well.

TREMOR Night

April 14 5:30-7:30pm Snacks & program for grades 4-5.

Youth Group Nights

April 28 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00-8:30pm. Grades 6-8 Welcome.

Aftershock

April 17 & May 15. Grades 6-12 welcome 6:30-7pm Supper & 7-8:30 programming

Save the Date

August 5-9. Youth in grades 6-11 are invited to participate a week of Service this summer. We will be volunteering locally as well as having a day in the cities. Registration material will be sent on April 1.

May 19 Baccalaureate Mass @ 9:30 Mass. Formal invites will be sent out.

****Watch Flocknote for more information and details****

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