

April 27, 2025  
2nd Sunday of Easter



2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER  
(DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY)

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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IN  
CHRIST

Annunciation  
Sacred Heart  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, April 28</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Geno Brown
<b>Tuesday, April 29</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Donna Rajkowski
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Minnie & Lawrence Lampert, Casey and Wippler Families
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Kurt Dullinger
<b>Wednesday, April 30</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Living and Deceased Members of the Haselkamp Family
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Gerry Hovanec
<b>Thursday, May 1</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Pat & Marssy Cheeley
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Elmer Schumer
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Muriel Gans
<b>Friday, May 2</b>	8:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Alfred & LaVern Reischl
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Weston Lentner
<b>Saturday, May 3</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Allie Roering
	5:00 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Roseanna Leither
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Deceased Members of the Paggen Family
<b>Sunday, May 4</b> 3rd Sunday of Easter *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Jim Novak
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Linda Neu
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Martin & Louise Thell

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:** Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8

**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:** 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6,  
11-12, 13 (2a)/Rv 5:11-14/Jn 21:1-19 or  
21:1-14

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



In 2001, Pope John Paul designated the Second Sunday of Easter each year as Divine Mercy Sunday. As you may recall, he died on the vigil of that celebration just four years later. His final words were: “Let me depart to the house of the Father.” This is a reference to Jesus’ promise that Jesus goes

to prepare a place for us in the Father’s house (John 14:2) – the ultimate gift of the mercy of God to save us from death and bestow on us perfect joy that does not diminish or end.

Though God’s mercy is a constant theme in the Scriptures from Genesis all the way through the Book of Revelation, the familiar current devotion to Divine Mercy originated in a private vision. On February 22, 1931, Jesus appeared to Saint Faustina Kowalska (born in Poland in 1905) and requested devotion to the Mercy of God.

Her account of his appearance is seen in the now-familiar image: Jesus with his right hand raised in blessing, his left hand pointing to His Sacred Heart, from which flow two rays of light. The red rays symbolize his Precious Blood poured out for our salvation from the depths of His divine Mercy, and the white symbolize the purifying waters of Baptism. Jesus asked her to display this image in her convent chapel, above the words: “Jesus, I trust in You.”

St. Faustina was canonized by St. John Paul II on the Second Sunday of Easter, April 30, 2000. Her diary of her brief but rich spiritual life fills over 600 pages, focused around the message of God’s saving mercy and the call to true conversion – not in shame and fear, but in love and trust. It is understandable that the Polish Pope had a special regard for the Polish nun whose spiritual experience testifies to one of his most frequent themes: “Do not be afraid.” The source of that courage (which he displayed so vividly on the world’s stage) is not human bravery but trust in God’s merciful, redeeming love.

But St. John Paul was not alone in this regard. As you may recall, Pope Francis established an Extraordinary Year of Jubilee in 2015-16, also focused on Divine Mercy, with the theme: “Merciful Like the Father.”

Aside from the history, how does Divine Mercy speak to us in today’s troubled time? Ultimately, to understand mercy is to experience it, to give and receive it. We understand that “mercy is for me, but not only for me.” Mercy is woven

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together with relationships. Mercy is about giving as well as receiving; it is not only found in being forgiven; it is found in forgiving others and doing good to them.

That is why mercy is not so much a concept to be pondered, but a mystery to be lived. It is worth considering: I exist solely because God is merciful. And because God is merciful, I can live in hope, freedom, assurance. My life is a gift, so I can give that gift away to others and find the joy that is the inner life of God. This is meant to be among the consequences of those words: *Jesus, I trust in you.*

We hear much today about justice – and rightly so, for it is one of the cardinal virtues necessary for civil order and respect. But mercy is something greater. Mercy is not opposed to justice, but envelops and perfects it. In the thought of St. Thomas Aquinas, justice gives to another what is due; mercy gives more good than is strictly due.

Justice makes us fair, virtuous, and responsible persons. Mercy makes us like God.

What simple but sincere work of mercy can you offer another this week?



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.



Please support our diocese's mission to be Christ's heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice through your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Every dollar raised goes directly to diocesan ministries like vocations and parish faith formation and is not used for any other purpose. Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### CARD GROUP @ SFX

 St. Francis Xavier-Xavier Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays-May 8<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2025  
1-3 pm All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables.  
Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions.

### MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST-SH

Sacred Heart Men's Club Breakfast  
**\*TODAY\*** Sunday April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
Serving from 8:00 AM - 11:00 AM  
Free will offering.  
Breakfast of pancakes, sausage, fruit, coffee and orange juice. Please come and enjoy the breakfast and fellowship with each other.



### ST. KATHARINE DREXEL MAYFEST

#### St. Katharine Drexel's MayFest Fundraiser needs you!

Are you creative? Do you have some unique gifts or a hand-crafted item looking for a good home? MAYFEST needs you! We are looking for donations for our silent auction! Maybe it's a birdhouse, a garden planter, or a beautiful quilt, we would love your donations! Not crafty but still want to help the school? You can donate a gift card, craft beer, or wine for our raffle! Any help is greatly appreciated and can be dropped off in the school office by May 1st! Thanks for your help!!




### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Lorraine Imholte, who passed away on April 15, from St. Francis Xavier.




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

### COMPASSIONATE HOPE FAMILY CENTER REMODEL

 Social Concerns is recruiting volunteers to help prep and paint apartments at Compassionate Hope Family Center (Transitional housing for families). Days and times will vary. We have completed one apartment and are working on more. We are preparing rooms for transition housing for families. We can also use donations for supplies. Contact Dan Joe if you have an interest in supporting this effort.

### VBS

### PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 16+

 Join us on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm for Painting the Word at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 16+ 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 provided. A small donation is appreciated to help cover supplies. Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to Sign up or scan the code.



## YOUNG ADULTS

### One in Christ Volleyball Team

If you have interest in joining a One in Christ Young Adult (18-39) volleyball team, please reach out to Jason Prigge so we can begin planning!

### Young Adult Team

We are now seeking some new members to serve on our Young Adult Team. We particularly would love some representation from Annunciation and St. Francis Xavier. Contact Jason Prigge for the details!

## YOUNG LIFE

**Club Update** Don't miss any upcoming Clubs! 6:15-7:45 pm \*Wednesday, May 21st at YMCA  
SUMMER CLUB DATES COMING SOON!

### Donations

If you'd like to make a donation to our Wyldlife Area for either club supplies or for camp, please contact Jason via phone or email. We sincerely appreciate your contribution in our efforts making sure middle schoolers are known, loved and cared for.

### Follow Us on Social Media

Be sure to go like our page on Facebook: Granite City Wyldlife  
Follow Us on Instagram: gcwyldlife

### Committee Members Needed

Are you a go-getter? Are you good at planning and visioning? Perhaps you are good at fundraising - if you answered yes to at least one of these questions, we need you on the Granite City Wyldlife committee. Contact Jason Prigge ASAP to learn more.

### Join Us for Prayer

Don't forget to join us for Prayer on Wednesdays at Noon!



## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"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 Nov 22-23, 2025 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and May 16-18, 2025 in Buffalo, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

## KING'S HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

### Saturday, May 3 – A Day Away

Are you over-due for a relaxing day of peace, quiet, great food, and spiritual nourishment? Take some time away to be with the Lord. The meditations and liturgies are offered as optional events should you choose to attend. Confession, Mass and optional spiritual direction. \$50 per person, includes Lunch. Register online at [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com) or call us at 763-682-1394.

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm  
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com  
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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


### Financial Offering for April 12 & 13 and 19 & 20

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,965.00
Adult Online Giving April 5-18	\$ 1,626.00
Plate	\$ 223.00
Children	\$ 29.00
Total	\$ 3,843.00
Easter envelopes and plate	\$ 6,753.35
Holy Thursday/Rice Bowl envelopes/plate	\$ 952.01
Good Friday/Holy Land envelopes/plate	\$ 898.00
Easter Flowers total donations	\$ 660.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$ 815.00

### Ushers:

May 3: Tom Larson, Sandy Paggen, Will Hellmann  
May 4: Ralph Barhorst, Merlin Berndt, Steve Vouk

**HOLY COMMUNION** *Congratulations to our second graders who received Jesus in the Sacrament of First Communion on April 27:*

	Brooklyn Bosek	Michael Jacobs
	Brooklyn Koopmeiners	Bryn Koopmeiners
	Vivian Omann	Kinsleigh Pilarski
	Adlie Schleicher	Blake Schumer

**Faith Formation:** April 30 classes for grades 1-9 and Confirmation. This is the last class of the year. Mass will be at 6:30 PM. All parents and families are invited to attend. There will NOT be a meal served tonight.

**Easter Flowers also in Memory of** Lori Pogatchnik

**Adoration:** The church will be open on Thursday, May 1, from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm for Adoration. Everyone is invited to come spend some quite time in prayer with Jesus.

**Tractor and seed Blessing** will be next Sunday, May 4 after 10:00 am Mass. Bring your tractors, big and small, old and new, to have them blessed along with seeds. Park tractors in the East parking lot, across the road from the church.



**Everyone (Ladies)...Let's Gather** will have a guest speaker on May 4 at 6:00 pm in the church. Kelley Newell will be here to speak about the Israel/Hamas conflict. Light snacks will be provided. **ALL are Welcome !!!**



- \*To everyone who participated in the palm braiding classes, we had a lot of fun.
- \*To those who ordered caramel rolls for the NCYC fundraiser. We appreciate your continued support of those headed to NCYC in the fall
- \*To Joyce and her crew for making over 950 caramel rolls! --The Vibrancy Committee and Danna Gasperlin

### Well n Fit Exercise Class - All level of fitness welcome!

A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises.  
Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays.  
**Spring & Summer hours** 9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

### Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach - Senior Dining:

Wednesday's at Rusty Nail, April-June, at noon followed by 500. Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.  
**St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings:** 305 Main St E.  
Tuesdays 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)  
Wednesdays 5:30pm-AL-Anon/AA Mixed meeting  
Wednesdays 7pm-AA Big Book meeting  
Saturdays 8pm-AA meeting



## SACRED HEART PARISH

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parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org  
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

**Office Hours:** Monday – Friday 8:30am-4pm

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

### Income for the Week of April 20, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . .	\$14,129.24
Automatic Giving. . . . .	\$5,428.42
Children. . . . .	\$91.00
Improvements. . . . .	\$50.00
Easter. . . . .	\$18,651.00
Rice Bowls. . . . .	\$200.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Homebound Communion Ministers and Visitation Ministers Needed** Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Beside receiving the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. Contact Dcn Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

**Donations of Fleece** are being accepted for the Family Night of Service for families to make fleece tie blankets. Baskets will be available at Sacred Heart and Annunciation to collect donations through Sunday, May 3rd. Financial Donation may also be dropped off at either parish office to support this cause or placed in an envelope labeled "Family Service Night" and placed in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler at the Sacred Heart parish office and thank you for your support.

## MASS INTENTION SCHEDULING

Scheduling of the 2026 Mass intentions will begin on Thursday, May 1. Please call or visit Jill L in the office with your 2026 Mass intentions.

## THANK YOU

**Easter Vigil Reception:** Thank you to all who donated to, volunteered for and/or participated in the Easter Vigil Reception. It was another wonderful event sharing fellowship, meeting new people and welcoming our newly initiated into our community.

**Holy Week** A huge thank you to all who helped to make our Holy Week liturgies as wonderful as they always are! Special thanks to all musicians, liturgical ministers, Art & Environment volunteers, and to the assembly for their active participation. Liturgy is the work of the people, as well as the source and summit of our faith, and the people of Sacred Heart never fail to make it beautiful and meaningful. Wishing you all a blessed Easter season.



**Easter Flower Donation** Thank you to all who donated to our Easter Flower fund. Your generosity keeps our worship and gathering spaces looking beautiful all through the Easter season.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

For **UPCOMING EVENTS**, please go to  
sacredheartsaukrapids.org

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Metro Night** Friends in grades 6-12, save the date for Friday, May 9th from 6-9 PM at Husky Stadium for a bunch of fun games under the lights. Bring somebody along, all are welcome!

**Butter Braid Sales** Thank you to all who ordered Butter Braids this year. Our young people sincerely appreciate it. Stay tuned for results but also save the dates for May 3/4 for pick-up after all Masses!

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Once again, the staff of Sacred Heart will be serving those who serve our parish community. If you volunteer in any capacity for the church, please join us on **May 13th** for our annual volunteer appreciation dinner. We will begin with Tuesday Mass at 5:30 followed by dinner in the parish hall.



## FAITH FORMATION

**Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025 Registration** is open. The ACC will again be hosting a combined VBS at St. Francis Xavier June 23rd - 27th from 9:00 AM- Noon each day for children currently in preschool- 5th grade. The theme of VBS is "True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Cost is \$45.00 per participant for the week and includes a T-shirt if registered by Thursday, May 1st. Registrations can be found at Sacred Heart or on the parish website and can be turned into any of the ACC parish offices.

## WELCOME

**Sacred Heart welcomed with great joy** seven Elect (Jamie Mackie, George Trujillo, Lae Khothasine, Sarah Jennings, Sydney Jennings, Landon Jennings, and Madison Jennings) who received the Sacraments of Initiation and three Candidates for Confirmation (Tiana Deppa, Rick Truex, and Brittany Kasper). Continue to pray for them as they enter the period Mystagogy where they enter deeper into the mystery of the Sacraments they received.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Rosie Hennen, Linda Midas 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.

## 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, April 13th, 2025

Adult Sunday .....	\$2,735.00
Visitors .....	\$350.00
Youth .....	\$26.50
Votive Candle .....	\$1.30
US Treasury f-941 refund.....	\$164.60
Easter .....	\$300.00
Building Improvement .....	\$180.00
Easter Flowers .....	\$115.00
Total Income .....	\$3,872.40
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sun. May 4th, 2025

**Lector:** Loren Popp and Shirley Scapanski  
**Eucharist:** Jean Bemboom (H), Lora Knafla(C), Lori Popp(C)  
**Servers:** Mariah Simmons and Nora Fitch  
**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom and Logan Simmons  
**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom and Dan Brenny

### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS and their families who had First Communion today, April 27th.

**Emma May Brenny**, daughter of Daniel and Beth  
**Layla Grace Haus**, daughter of Kyle and Sarah  
**Delilah Marie Hiemenz**, daughter of Joshua  
**Jacob Alexander Mitzel**, son of Kristopher and Ashley

**Oliver Jeffrey Skroch**, son of Dennis and Breanna  
**Holten Michael Wilaby**, son of Eric and Alicia  
**Jack Jonathon Zwilling**, son of Jason and Jenny

Please keep them all in your prayers.  
A big **Thank You** to their Catechists: Jenessa Strande and Tracy Wollak.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Phillip Nelson, Lori Popp, Leah Rajkowski, Henry Dinnebier, Nicholas Kaeter, Julie Warzecha, Clarence Kiffmeyer, Bonnie Popp, Brenda Roettger.

**LEAD SOFTBALL PERSON NEEDED** to take over running the church summer softball program this year. Ball games run the months of June & July. Call Parish office if interested.

**SPRING BLOOD MOBIL:** Donate blood on **Monday, April 28, 1:00 – 6:15 pm** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Call Lora at 320-393-2701 with questions.

**COMMUNITY SOCIAL** The last games party until Fall will be **Thursday, May 1**, beginning with Mass at 8:30. This will be a bingo party with prizes. No charge for games, but a limit of one card per player. Last game a blackout with a \$1 charge, money collected going to the winner. Games/socializing for those not wishing to play bingo. **Potluck lunch following.**

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## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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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 .....	\$21,346.15
Collected 4/20/2025.....	\$12,521.18
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(8,824.97)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$897,244.40
YTD Collected .....	\$903,265.32
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$6,020.92</b>

We also have received \$32,496.25 to date for our Easter collection. Thank you for your support & generosity.

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Wednesday, April 30.

## ROSE SALES

Roses will be available to purchase after Masses on Mother's Day Weekend by St. Monica's Christian Women. Please support our Pro-Life causes.



## BACCALAUREATE



Mark your calendars!  
The Baccalaureate Mass for our SFX Graduates will be held on Sunday, May 18 during the 9:30am Mass. Letters have been mailed to graduates.

## CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to Todd, Ava and Trinatie! They were all Fully Initiated into the Church at our Easter Vigil. Please continue to pray for them and say hello and welcome when you see them at Mass.



## NORTH SIDE STREET REPAIRS

After Easter, the road construction will begin in full force in our neighborhood. 2<sup>nd</sup> St. N from the corner of our property at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave all the way east to the bottom of the hill by Dezurik's will be redone. There are other streets in our neighborhood that will see construction as well. This includes, new water & sewer lines, curb & gutters, sidewalk and street replacement. This will make entry into the north parking lot of campus a challenge and school, church, and event pick-up and drop-off will require extra planning and care to keep everyone safe. As more is known, the information will be shared. Please show courtesy and be patient as we go through this process.

## ELECTRONIC GIVING

Electronic giving is a great way to make contributions to St. Francis Xavier Church. We have authorization forms in the entryways to the gathering place and in the parish office. You can make donations by way of a bank debit or by a charge to your credit card. In addition to regular Sunday offering, you can donate for debt reduction or facility improvement or for faith formation, school or youth ministry.



## FUNERAL PLANNING

The loss of a loved one is a difficult and painful time. At St. Francis Xavier we are here to support you through prayer and pastoral care. If you are planning to have a funeral at St. Francis Xavier or would like to preplan your funeral, please contact Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363 for a personal appointment.

## CEMETERY

**Plant Stands:** One of the guidelines for decorating at our parish cemetery is to use single pole plant stands (NOT shepherds hooks or 3 prong stands or other configurations). This is to help keep the cemetery looking nice and making it safer and more efficient for those who mow at the cemetery. We have approved, single pole plant stands available at the parish office. They are made locally and we sell them for what we pay for them - \$65.00. They are made for approximately a 10" pot. They can hold larger or smaller pots by some "squeezing" or "stretching" the brackets on the stand. Questions, call the parish office at 320-252-1363.

**Guidelines:** The cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. Solar lights are not approved for decorating at the cemetery. Flowers cannot be planted at sites. Landscaping with rocks and other ornaments on the ground is not allowed. Please follow cemetery guidelines to be respectful of all who make St. Francis Xavier Cemetery their final resting place and for the survivors who visit as well as the safety of those who mow and trim and maintain the cemetery. Thank you for keeping our cemetery a safe and reverent place.

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