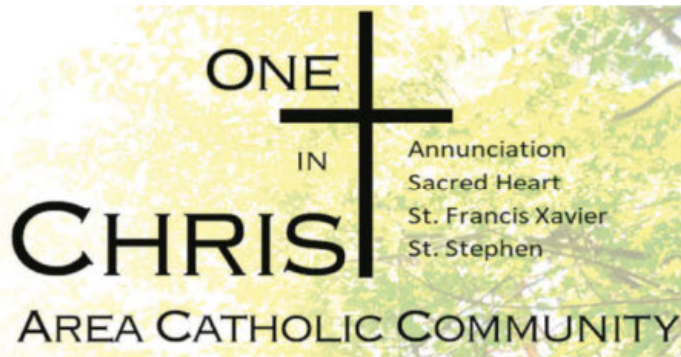


December 11, 2022
3rd Sunday of Advent



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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 • sfrancissartell.org

St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

MASS TIMES

Monday December 12 <i>Our Lady of Guadalupe</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	Word & Communion † Jim & Irene Fischer
Tuesday December 13 <i>St. Lucy</i>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Sacred Heart	† Brenda Spoden † Thomas & Marie Peternell † Darlene Daniels
Wednesday December 14 <i>St. John of the Cross</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Sharon Casey Wippler † Marian Weyer
Thursday December 15 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Monica & Erv Baltés † Deceased members of the Charles & Lucille Neinaber family <i>For the Homeless</i>
Friday December 16 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:30 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	Annunciation Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Bernice Goulet † Shirley Chapman
Saturday December 17 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	Deceased members of the Slivnik & Schulte families † Todd Mastey † Janis Paggen
Sunday December 18 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	<i>For the People of the Parishes</i> † John Walker † Fran Huiras † Eddie Rudolph

*Livestreamed Mass

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
4:00 pm St. Francis Xavier
7:50 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: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Jdt 13:18bcde, 19/Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47

Tuesday: Zep 3:1-2, 9-13/Ps 34:2-3, 6-7, 17-18, 19 and 23/Mt 21:28-32

Wednesday: Is 45:6c-8, 18, 21c-25/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 7:18b-23

Thursday: Is 54:1-10/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Lk 7:24-30

Friday: Is 56:1-3a, 6-8/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8 /Jn 5:33-36

Saturday: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4ab, 7-8, 17/Mt 1:1-17

Sunday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [7c, 10b]/Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



The Nativity Scene

One of the most cherished traditions of Christmas is the Nativity Scene. The custom is often attributed to St. Francis of Assisi, who arranged for a live nativity scene to bring the Gospel story to life and invite the people of his time to understand the reality of this remarkable Gift of God, come in the flesh.

Even more, St. Francis was endlessly inspired by the poverty of Jesus, who made himself small, helpless, weak, coming as a Child born in poor surroundings, and who also died on the Cross, stripped of his garments, abandoned by close friends, emptying himself completely in love. The foundation of Franciscan poverty in their Rule is still today linked to this wonderment at the simple poverty chosen by Jesus.

I still use the figures inherited from my mother, the set she purchased while in nursing school, now almost 80 years ago. We had them under our tree when I was growing up, and I set them up each year in a small stable of popsicle sticks made in grade school.

Whatever form your Nativity Scene takes, spend some time in these later Advent days reflecting on the lessons each of the figures holds for us.

At the center, of course, is Jesus, the Word made flesh. He is laid in a manger, a feeding trough for animals, and is born in Bethlehem, Hebrew for "House of Bread." It is a simple but profound sign of his presence in the Eucharist, becoming the Bread of Life for all who come in faith. Kneeling in adoration is Mary. Her courageous faith and patient waiting brings forth the Redeemer of the World. She is lending her whole life to this mystery, allowing God to become flesh in her, loving her Child and adoring him as her God. We are called to do the same in our relationship with Jesus: to love, to adore, and to serve his Gospel with our lives. We do this not only in the glorious joy of Christmas, on a Silent Night, but also standing like Mary by the Cross.

Also kneeling before this Child is Joseph. In his own way, he too has opened his entire life to this mystery of God's presence in the life of Mary's Child. Without fully understanding, he rises and does as he is told by the Lord's messenger. He is willing to be the least, the weakest member of this Holy Family but their equal in the depth of his complete love for those entrusted to him.

The shepherds are there, as Luke tells us: "In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their flock by night" (Luke 2:8). The night watch was kept during lambing season; and Jesus is born as the Lamb of God. The shepherds were generally considered outcasts, of the poorer class, and little respected; and Jesus comes to proclaim the Good News to the lowly. The shepherds also link Israel to its earliest days, a nomadic people who followed their flocks in grazing lands; this made them more easily reliant on God's providence. The announcement of the birth of the Messiah to the shepherds is symbolic of God renewing the Covenant with his people. Later, Jesus would declare himself to be the Good Shepherd. As the shepherds would protect

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

their flocks from attackers, so Jesus tells us: "I will lay down my life for the sheep" (John 10:15).

Angels figure prominently in the Scriptural account of the birth of Jesus, of course, from Gabriel's visits to Zechariah in the temple (Luke 1:8-20) and to Mary at the Annunciation (Luke 1:26-38) to "the angel of the Lord" that appeared in a dream to Joseph (Matthew 1:20-24) and the angels that evangelized the shepherds, "praising God and saying: 'Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests'" (Luke 2:8:14). When we feel overwhelmed by the troubles of the world and our sufferings, it is consoling to remember that the very same immortal angels who were there in the skies over Bethlehem are also with us still, and gather with us at every Mass, still proclaiming that Good News of Great Joy: that Jesus has come as our Savior. That first Christmas hymn from the skies, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rest," remains the inspiration for the Gloria we still use at Mass.

You can add your own reflection on the animals, the Magi, even the wood of the manger. Remember that most of the world, even those in Israel at the time, knew nothing about all this. No social media, no Internet, no phones or email. Word of mouth was all they had; and that very limitation is a lesson from Christmas, the poverty and humility of the way in which God comes personally and humanly into the world.

What will Christmas mean to you? When we place Jesus at its heart, the Lord's birthday, it becomes a moment of joy, consolation, peace, and hope that does not fade with the passing of the season. That is my prayer for each of us. Emmanuel, God-With-Us, has come, and he prepares for each of us the Way to join him, now and forever.

Fr. Tom

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

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STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION
LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



"You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand." — James 5:8

Patience is another one of those things many of us struggle with. We want things to go according to our plan and our schedule; we like things to be convenient. Any change brings anxiety and fear. Through daily prayer God reveals to us what He wants us to do with the gifts He has given us. We are able to better align ourselves with God's will and His plan, which is far better than anything we can come up with on our own.

EVANGELIZATION



SHARE THE GOOD NEWS

You can evangelize!
Be prepared. Be present.
Listen well.

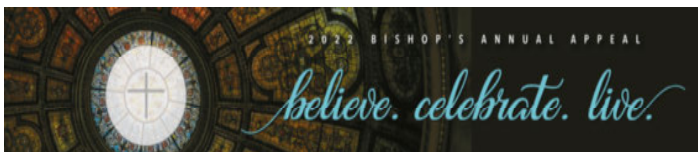
THANK YOU

A great big Thank You to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Homes for the 2023 calendars. Calendars are available for pick up in the entrances of the churches.

TABLES FOR TWO EVENT

Tables for Two returns on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Sacred Heart. This gourmet, 5-course meal for married couples is designed to enhance communication and connection in an elegant setting.

If you'd like to help us put the finishing touches on planning (menu, environment, etc.), please join us on **Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 10 am in the Sacred Heart hospitality room.** The meeting and the event are open to all four parishes in our ACC. For more information, contact Maureen Otremba at (320) 309-5063.



Blessings to you and those you love on this third Sunday of Advent. Our diocesan ministries are walking with you [as we joyfully anticipate the birth of our savior who comes to us to save us from our sins and bring new life.](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal) Please support these ministries with an end-of-year gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

BAPTISMS

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

Esme Arlene Blattner, daughter of Justin & Angela, baptized at St. Francis Xavier.



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of David Hagen who passed away on November 29 from St. Francis Xavier.

Remember in your prayers the family of Mike Notsch who passed away on November 29 from St. Stephen.



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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



- I Zechary Klindt & Taylor Daniels
Sacred Heart
- II James Anderson & Stephanie Stracke
Sacred Heart



Fr. Steve Binsfeld
October 18-28, 2023

Accommodations

- Nine nights hotel accommodations in 4-star, centrally located hotels:
- Four nights: Hotel Giotto, Assisi
- Five nights: Hotel Ponte Sisto, Rome

Tour Inclusions

- Breakfast daily, five dinners, one lunch and a special wine tasting
- Private tour of the Vatican Museums & Sixtine Chapel
- Masses for the group
- Excellent local guide and deluxe motorcoach
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YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Theology on Draft

Due to the Holy Day of Obligation –Theology on Draft will be on the third Thursday (Thursday, December 15th.) Put it in your calendar, don't miss it! More details to come soon.

ST CLOUD RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Sacred Heart	Friday, Dec 16 - 6:30 pm
St. Peter	Saturday, Dec 17-1:00 pm
Holy Spirit	Sunday, Dec 18 - 1:00 pm
St. Anthony	Monday, Dec 19 - 6:30 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral	Tuesday, Dec 20 - 6:30 pm

SKD CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Please mark your calendars and join us for our **SKD K-5 Christmas Program on Wednesday, Dec. 14th at 1:00 and 6:30 p.m.** in our St. Augustine's Church! All are welcome to attend! Everyone is also invited to attend our **SKD Preschool Christmas Program on Monday, Dec. 19th at 1:30 p.m.** in our school cafeteria. We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ in this special way with all of you!

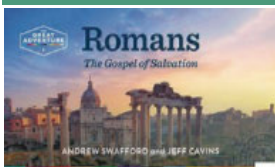
SFX CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

We look forward to celebrating the birth of Christ with all of you at our Christmas Program "Miracle on Bethlehem Street", Thursday, December 15th at 5:45 pm in the Church. The Preschool Christmas Program will be Friday, December 16th after the 8:30 am Mass. We will start at 9:45 am.

ARE YOU MISSING A JACKET

A Black Jacket was left in St. Stephen October 23 after the ACC Leadership Conference. Please contact Carol Hellmann in St. Stephen to claim. Thank you.

BIBLE STUDY/THE BOOK OF ROMANS



We are starting a new bible study in January. We will meet on Sunday evenings for 8 weeks beginning January 15th at 7:00 pm in the St.

Stephen Church hall. Please contact Carol Hellmann at the St. Stephen Church office to register no later than December 11 so materials can be ordered. Cost: \$30 (couples are welcome to share one book). Questions? Call Mike or Julie at 320-248-6823.

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Hours: Mon-Fri 2:00 –6:00 PM
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

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

Financial Offerings - Dec. 3 & 4

Adult collection	\$ 1,916.00
Plate	325.00
Children	1.00
Online Giving Nov 26-Dec 2.....	445.00
	Total: \$ 2,687.00
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: \$2,740.00	

Vibrancy Meeting: Dec. 13 in the annex, 6:15 pm.

Faith Formation: Dec. 14 - Grades 1-4 and Grade 10 Confirmation. Meal will be Turkey, gravy and mashed potatoes.

Advent Penance Service at St. Stephen on Wednesday, December 14, at 6:45 pm.

Blood Pressure checks will be available next Sunday, December 18, after 10 AM Mass in the annex.

One Week Left! Deadline December 18!

Giving Tree - donations can be dropped off by the Giving Tree.

Parish Christmas Card - wishes and donations can be placed in the collection basket.

Faith Formation & Youth Group - are collecting donations for Pathways 4 Youth. There will be boxes at the entrances of Church until Dec. 18 for your donations. Non-perishable food items, toothbrushes, travel size deodorant and toothpaste, shaving cream, razors, shampoo/conditioner, etc.

Ministry Schedule for January 14-March 26: If there are dates you know you will be unavailable please call or email the office by **December 31**. This schedule will include Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) Mass at 7:00 PM. New servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers & ushers always welcomed.

Well n Fit exercise classes Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall. Wednesday morning exercise class will be followed by a half hour Line Dancing class.

Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Every Wednesday at **Rusty Nail** at noon followed by cards. Cost is \$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - In the St. Stephen Parish Hall on December 15. Social starts at 11:30.

Feet First Clinic - Call Helping Hands 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 November 27, 2022

Adult Collection.....	\$16,042.28
Children's Collection.....	\$16.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$748.00
Poor Clare Sisters Collection.....	\$570.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Flower Fund If you are interested in donating to our flower fund, which covers the cost of Christmas greens and poinsettias, Easter flowers, and so much more. To donate towards the flowers in memory of someone, please pick up an envelope in the gathering space. You can return it in the collection or to the parish office.



Decorating for Christmas We will be decorating for the Christmas Liturgies after Mass on Sunday the 18th. If you are able to help, please just stay after Mass in the Gathering Space.

Winter Raffle We will be selling our winter raffle tickets in the gathering space before and after Masses starting December 3rd/4th weekend. Tickets are \$100 each. We are ONLY selling 250 tickets. Nine prizes will be given away between \$100-\$2,500! Buy early so you are sure to get a ticket! These would make a great Christmas gift! Drawing will take place at our Chili Challenge event on January 22nd from 12-3:30 in the Parish Hall. Tickets may also be purchased by coming into the office.



Chili Challenge Do you make a mean chili? We would love for you to enter our chili challenge! There will be live entertainment from 12-3:30, the cost to get into the event is \$10 (free entry for those who are entertaining and enter a chili to be judged.) More details to come as we get closer. Call the office to register your chili.



THANK YOU

Thank you for your generous contributions of \$2,180 towards funeral lunch expenses and \$1990 for the Poor Clares and their extra winter expenses.

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 320-251-8115: Gloria, Rita Barthel, Jimmy James Jr. & Geraldine Janson.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

WNL Episode 5 is on a little break! Thank you to all who've joined us for the month of November. We'll be back on Wednesday, December 21st from 6-7:30 pm for Christmas Caroling.

Where's Waldo Hunt Our second annual Waldo Hunt at MOA is on Wednesday, December 28th! This event is for anyone in grades 6 - 12. Still looking for some adult chaperones and for some young adults to be WALDO. Questions or want more details? Contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486). Forms and details can be found online at: sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms

Children's Liturgy of the Word schedule for December will be the 18th. CLOW happens on Sundays at the 9am Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

10th Grade Confirmation Orientation Meetings are December 12th, 13th, and 15th. The meetings are about 1 hour and are for the candidate and a parent. Meeting times are 6:15 - 7:15 pm and 7:30 - 8:30 pm each day. To sign up, go to the parish website, click on the Sacraments tab, and then click on Confirmation. A link will be on the Confirmation Page to sign up. If you have questions, contact Scott in the FF office.

JANUARY 1 WEDDING

We offer our congratulations to Stephanie Stracke and James Anderson, who are preparing for their marriage to be celebrated on January 1 during the 9:00 a.m. parish Mass for the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. While less common, weddings within Masses open to the parish underscore the essential connection of the sacraments of Marriage and the Eucharist, and the vocation of married life as a call to love and service in daily witness to the "domestic Church" of family life. The readings, music, and Mass will be those of the Solemnity, and the marriage rite will be included after the homily. As we honor Mary, and celebrate the beginning of a new year, it is a fitting time to witness the new beginning of married life for Stephanie and James.

BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The next blood pressure check weekend is December 17 & 18 after both Masses.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 11; 4:30pm—Advent Bible Study Rm B
- December 12; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group
- December 13; 12pm—Advent Bible Study
- 4pm—Healing from Loss Rm D
- December 14; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
- 1pm—Craft Group
- 5pm—Men's Schola
- 6:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
- December 15; 6pm—Theology on Draft
- December 16; 5pm—First Reconciliation Make up
- 6:30pm—Communal Penance Service
- December 17; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- December 18; 10am—Decorate for Christmas
- 4:30pm—Advent Bible Study Rm B

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729
annunciation@cloudnet.com
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, December 4th, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$3,400.00
Visitor	\$71.00
Youth	\$13.00
Votive Candle	\$1.20
Catholic Charities	\$300.00
Building Fund	\$45.00
Christmas Flowers	\$303.00
Rent	\$750.00
Thanksgiving	\$120.00
Total Income	\$5,003.20

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

Mass Schedule

Sun. December 18th, 2022, 8:15am Mass

Lector: Jenessa Strande

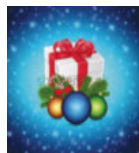
Eucharist: Deacon

Servers: Reid Kiffmeyer & Mariah Simmons

Greeters: Don & Karol Weyer

Ushers: Tom & Barb Brand, Jeremy Brand and David Lentner

Happy Birthday: Nicole Miller, Brynn Ackerman, Myla Ackerman, Lacey Thaler, Damon Strande, Lacey Brenny, Luke Brenny, Cynthia Petron, James Petron, Benett Kiffmeyer, Nicole Robinson, Anna Zeleny, Eric Brand, Jane Dietman, Cindy Gans, Kim Kosloski, Brett Leabch, Bryanna Martinson, Lane Piotrowski, Lisa Popp, Jennifer Melby, Chelsey Schenavar.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Dec. Classes Wednesday 6:30pm:
Dec. 14th, 21st, No Class Dec. 28th.

COATS FOR KIDS The Knights of Columbus will be putting out a box in the entryway of church to collect clean and good shaped men's, women's and children's winter coats and hats/caps again. If you have any questions or if you are in need of a winter coat, you can call Tom and lone at 492-7993 & 252-0126. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.



♪ **ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT:** TODAY, Sunday, Dec. 11th at 12:00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud. Music by Holy Spirit, St. Anthony and Newman Center Adult Choirs. Free and open to the public. ♪

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Music presentation TODAY, Dec. 11th(2pm) by the St. Cloud Ecumenical Choir.

COLLECTION FOR POOR CLARES There will be a box in the entrance of church for collecting items. Items needed: Stamps, envelopes, Kleenex, toiletries, canned vegetables, meatless soups, cleaning supplies, white thread, glue sticks, scotch tape, medicated cough drops, etc. Box will be taken to the Poor Clares after Mass on Dec. 22nd. The Sisters appreciate any & all gifts they receive at this time.

DECORATING FOR CHRISTMAS Come and help the Rel. Ed. Students decorate for Christmas. Wed. Dec. 21st at 6:30pm.

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-Friday

Parish Nurses Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Julie Kouba 701-721-5083

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget \$20,192.31
Collected 12/04/2022.....\$17,529.14
Excess (Deficit) \$(2,633.17)

YTD Collection Budget \$464,473.13
YTD Collected \$470,252.27
Excess (Deficit)\$5,779.14

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

Openings are starting to fill up on December 29th & 30th for having your photo taken for the pictorial directory. Online sign-up **during the week** can be done at www.ucdir.com. Click on the Photography Appt. Scheduling Log-in button. Our church code is **MN279B** and the password is **photos**. Online is shut off on the weekends and we'll have the sign-up sheets in the gathering place. OR call the parish office and Becky, Jane or Tom will help you get signed up. Photos are taken in our Xavier Hall building on the north side of our campus. Go to the main door (X2) or the ramp door (X1) if needed. You get a FREE 8x10 photo and a FREE directory for getting your photo taken. You will have the option to purchase more, but it is NOT required. We want you in the directory – sign-up today!

Looking for a few more as greeter/check-in help. **Thursday, December 29th 5:30 to 8:30pm and Friday, December 30th from 5:00 to 8:30pm.** If you are able to do parts of any of the open shifts, call Tom in the parish office with your offer to help. Thank you. And, thanks to the helpers who have volunteered already and those on the schedule for the next round. Your help is appreciated!

STRENGTHENING FAITH

Question:

What one thing could we change that would have the greatest impact on our faith?

Answer:

A famous coach once said that when the team is in trouble and things aren't going well, go back to the basics; when the team is winning and things are going well, go back to the basics! Any renewal program, faith development, or spiritual growth effort has to start with the basic core of what it means to believe. If the foundation is not strong, the house will not stand.

So if you work on one thing, begin with the idea that God is love, who loves us and calls us to love one another. If we really take that belief to heart, it changes how we see God, ourselves, and one another. It would change how we pray, how we treat others, and how we understand and live our own life. Our sense of mission and purpose will be more focused on God's plan and our role in it. Love is the core of faith, the goal of life, and the hope of heaven. Whatever we do to strengthen and deepen our faith will begin and end with love.

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DELIVERY DRIVER(S) NEEDED

An Advent for Almsgiving Delivery people needed! Could you spare some time on a Monday to make a delivery to one of the recipients of God's goodness from our



parish? Please contact the Parish Office. Delivery will be to Catholic Charities, Salvation Army and Pathways4Youth. You could deliver to all three or just volunteer for one delivery for the next four weeks. Another FANTASTIC way to do Almsgiving during Advent. Thank you!

75th Anniversary for St. Francis Xavier

Ok . . . the questions are coming in . . . the commitment is not huge and it is not forever. I've had a couple people come on board, but a few more would be really great.

It's a one shot deal, but this is a big one as we celebrate 75 years as a parish. This is a big one with *The Killer Veas – Killer Country* show as the main attraction for music. Help is needed with marketing and planning as we get things moving for Franny Fest 2023 which will take place September 16th & 17th. Help from any and all past chair-people would be particularly welcomed. Your experience would be a big plus for such an event. Still, new people are readily welcomed as new ideas would enhance the plans for a great gathering. So . . . ALL HELP would be great! Call Tom Offerdahl 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or email tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

AN ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING

Keeping it simple and making a DIFFERENCE!

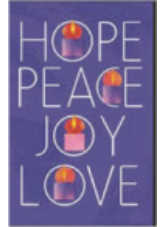
Week 3 (Dec. 10 - Dec. 17) - Spaghetti Sauce, Pasta & Mac & Cheese, Ramen Noodles.

The GOAL for each item is 500.

Please bring in only item(s) specified for the week to the Gathering Space and place on the tables by the Parish Office.

You will be able to see the fruits of our love each week in the Gathering Space in front of the Parish Office, on Facebook and in Flocknote.

The donations will go to Pathways 4 Youth, Salvation Army & Catholic Charities.



CHURCH CLEANING

Looking for helpers **Thursday, December 22nd 2:00pm is set for the cleaning day and time.** All should be completed by 4:00 at the latest. We generally get enough helpers that work is completed in about an hour, so come and share some time as you are able – 30 minutes or an hour or longer if you wish or until the work is done. We have the supplies here – bring your own rubber gloves if you prefer Thanks for helping make our church shine for Christmas! Call Tom in the parish office (320-252-1363, ext. 405) for more details.

LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS

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