

November 26, 2023
34th Sunday in Ordinary Time



OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE

"Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of the
least brothers of mine, you did for me." - Mt 25:38-40

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MASS TIMES

Monday, November 27	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word & Communion † Members of the Pekarek & Skaja families
Tuesday, November 28	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30pm	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Sacred Heart	† Paul Mergen † JoAnn Smoley † Lisa Novak
Wednesday, November 29	8:00 am 8:00 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Patrick Smith † Jim Schmitz
Thursday, November 30	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† Joan Weyer † Dick & Marie Nelson † David Petro
Friday, December 1	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Jill Teer † Bob Kloss
Saturday, December 2 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Terry Sufka † JB Vouk † Mike Notsch
Sunday, December 3 <i>1st Sunday of Advent</i> *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Geno Brown † Mary Jo Bozych † Allie Roering † Peter & Agnes Schumer

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

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: Dn 1:1-6, 8-20/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Lk 21:1-4

Tuesday: Dn 2:31-45/Dn 3:57, 58, 59, 60, 61/Lk 21:5-11

Wednesday: Dn 5:1-6, 13-14, 16-17, 23-28/Dn 3:62, 63, 64,
65, 66, 67/Lk 21:12-19

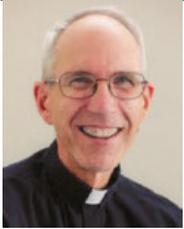
Thursday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22

Friday: Dn 7:2-14/Dn 3:75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81/Lk 21:
29-33

Saturday: Dn 7:15-27/Dn 3:82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87/Lk 21:
34-36

Next Sunday: Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16,
18-19 (4)/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Christ and the King; An Advent of Silence

We honor Christ the King this weekend. The theme is clear from the Scriptures, but its current celebration is not quite a century old. At the heart of this feast established in 1925 by Pope Pius XI is the relationship between worldly power and the Kingdom of God revealed in the death and resurrection of Jesus.

The great Christian author C.S. Lewis expressed this relationship eloquently: governments, nations, empires, kingdoms, leaders all exist for a time and pass away; but God and persons made in the image of God endure forever. Or, as one of the Advent prayers asks: "We humbly beseech you, O Lord, that you may teach us to judge wisely the things of earth and hold firm to the things of heaven."

Speaking of Advent: as you have seen in the Advent/Christmas mailing, our One in Christ ACC will focus this Advent season reflecting on silence in our often noisy and frantic world. We will be invited to cultivate silence in our homes, our vehicles, and our hearts; and how to relieve the silence that surrounds the lonely and forgotten.

How will you use these weeks to prepare for the Birth of the Savior? Advent invites us to the freedom to slow down, to keep watch, to wait in silence and stillness. For some years, I have published this list of suggestions for a more spiritual Advent. No one can do all of them, of course; but again this year I ask you to consider this list and explore ways to continue or establish new and holy traditions in your home.

-- Declare a "Peace and Quiet Zone" in your home – TV, radio, cell phones, and other electronics are turned off and all spend 5 or 10 minutes in silent prayer and reflection. Use this time to appreciate the stillness and silence, to meditate prayerfully on the meaning of Advent and the promise of a Redeemer.

-- Discuss a family gift to a charitable organization. As Pope Francis has stressed so often, sincere concern for those genuinely in need reflects our understanding of the meaning of the Lord's birth. One way to give a very meaningful and truly useful gift is to use the money one would spend on a gift as a donation to help the needy in our world.

-- Spend a few minutes around the dinner table talking about Bishop Neary's Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist and tell a story of what the Eucharist means to you.

-- As you write each card or wrap each gift, offer a prayer for each person who will receive it.

-- Visit a friend or relative who is lonely for some companionship. Call first, and bring along a small gift.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

-- Receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Christmas, and seek to be reconciled with others as well with a sincere apology.

-- Volunteer for an outreach service opportunity in our community, help with a parish event, invite a friend to Mass with you.

-- Consider setting up the Christmas manger scene gradually, reflecting on the significance of each figure to the scene. Why did God place them in that time and place?

-- Try to have the preparations of shopping, baking, cards, and so on finished a week before Christmas, so that the final days of Advent can be spent in calm and peace.

-- Go caroling with a group of families and other friends.

-- Have each member of the household set aside one gift they have received to give away in turn to the less fortunate. This is a way for the "giving" of Christmas to extend beyond the day itself.

-- Pray the Joyful Mysteries of the Rosary together.

-- Spend some quiet time in prayer alone at the manger scene, either in church or at home.

Thank Jesus for coming to us as our Savior.

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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Deacon	Steve Pareja 320-761-2503

STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION

LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



“...whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers, you did for me.” – Matthew 25:40

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness, or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.



Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter or Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan websites for resources? All of these communication tools that inform us of the latest Catholic news are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

ST. MONICA'S (SH) CRAFT & BAKE SALE

St Monica's of Sacred Heart is asking for donations for their craft and bake sale which will happen on December 2nd and 3rd after Mass. Please label/price your items and bring them to set up starting at 3pm on Saturday. Please contact Julie Lutz for details at 320-252-0255.

Want to finish up your Christmas shopping early or maybe just have a sweet tooth? Come to St. Monica's Craft and Bake Sale NEXT WEEKEND after both the Saturday and Sunday Masses.

MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

Sacred Heart Men's Club will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, December 3rd from 11am- in the Parish Hall. Please come enjoy good food and good friends!!

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Part of the goal of the Eucharistic Revival is to rekindle a living Relationship with the Lord, specifically, calling people into a deeper encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. In light of that, the local Revival team designed an Advent prayer journal for 2023.



—To print out your copy of this Advent Prayer Journal, 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:

Luke Henry Sunder, son of Nicholas & Rebecca, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Loretta Bruner, who passed away on November 13 and Delores Robak, who passed away on November 14, from Sacred Heart.

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



BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE (ML)



All are welcome to Mayhew Lake for Breakfast and a Christmas bake sale after Mass on Sunday, December 3, put on by our Religious Education students. Breakfast served from 9:15am—10:00am.

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL-MEDICARE

Learn details about Medicare insurance that everyone ages 64 and older should know such as who is eligible to enroll in Medicare coverage, the different plans, and options, how to close any gaps in coverage, and the best times to enroll in a Medicare Supplement Health Insurance plan. Nothing will be sold at this workshop. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Sr. Member Advisor, Dave Stang. Join us at the **NEW Catholic United Financial Center; 120 10th Ave N. St. Cloud, MN 56303** on Thursday, November 30th at 10AM. Space is limited, to save your seat call **1-800-441-9949** or email workshops@catholicunited.org.

FRANCISCAN OPEN HOUSE

You're invited to an Advent Open House at the Franciscan Welcoming House on Tuesday, December 5, from 5-7 pm. The Welcoming House is located at 1600 11th Avenue South in St. Cloud. Refreshments and good conversations will be served! Make plans to join us! Questions? Contact Sr. Michelle at mlallier@fslf.org

ADVENT DAY OF REFLECTION

Join the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls for an "Advent Day of Reflection," on Saturday, December 2, from 9 am to 3 pm at St. Francis Convent in Little Falls. The day of reflection will explore what it means that Jesus came to earth and lived as a human, and will be presented by Sr. Ade Kroll O.S.F. Lunch will be provided. There is no fee, but donations are accepted. Please register by Nov. 30 at chartwell@fslf.org or 320.632.0680.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Young Adult Needs Assessment

Only a few more weeks remaining in the Young Adult Needs Assessment!! Your voice plays a vital role in ensuring we are listening and meeting your needs along with the needs of others when we consider ministry with Young Adults. If you are a young adult aged 18-39, please take the time to complete this 10-15 minute assessment. If you feel inclined, we also encourage you to share this assessment with your family and friends. Your submission will remain anonymous unless you leave your contact information for a follow-up.



If you are having difficulty completing the form, have any questions, or would prefer an in-person conversation, please contact Jason Prigge, Young Adult Minister for One in Christ, for any assistance.

Young Adult Praise Night

Young Adults (18-39) - please bring a friend, partner, spouse, kids, family, etc. to our next Praise Night next Sunday, November 26th from 4:00 - 6:00 PM at St. Francis Xavier for Praise & Worship, Taize (an interactive prayer with candles), and Mexican Village! 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!

PAINTING WITH WINE AND THE WORD 18+

Join us for another evening of Painting the Word. This event will take place November 26th from 6pm to 7:30pm at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 18+ are invited to participate in this creative and laid-back process of painting scripture. Come ready to



meet new friends of all ages. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will also be offered. This event is free thanks to the Building Bridges Thriving Mission Grant! To sign up, Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 or Barb Jancik at 320-241-2185.



ST. CLOUD AREA ADVENT RECONCILIATION

St. Michael; Tuesday, December 5 @ 6pm
Holy Spirit; Tuesday, December 12 @ 6:30pm
St. Francis Xavier; Tuesday, December 12 @ 7pm
Sacred Heart; Thursday, December 14 @ 6:30pm
St. Peter; Saturday, December 16 @ 1pm
St. Augustine; Sunday, December 17 @ 2pm
St. Anthony; Monday, December 18 @ 6:30pm
St. Mary's Cathedral; Tuesday, December 19 @ 6:30pm

GIVING TREE-SACRED HEART

If you took a tag from the Giving Tree, please return the gift-unwrapped-(no gift bags please)-with the tags attached by Monday, December 4th. Thank you for your generosity.



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 - Nov 11 & 12

Adult	\$ 2,655.00
Adult Online Giving Nov 4 - 10	415.00
Plate	238.00
Children	20.00
All Saint's Day	20.00
Thanksgiving	20.00
Total	\$ 3,368.00
Weekly <u>Adult</u> income needed to meet budget:	\$3,150

Faith Formation/Youth Group News

Classes Nov 29: Grades 1-4 and Confirmation 6:30-8pm.

This weeks meal will be Tacos, fruit, beverage and dessert. The meal will be served in the basement of the Parish Hall before classes.

The Youth Group will be collecting socks for the residents of the Lincoln Center. The Lincoln Center is a homeless shelter located in St. Cloud. All sizes are appreciated. Please put socks in the box labeled "Lincoln Center"

St. Nicholas will be visiting St. Stephen Church after the 10am Mass on Sunday, December 3. Come to hear the story of St. Nicholas and to join the sing-a-long. St. Nicholas will be handing out treats and there will be refreshments available in the annex.

Parish Christmas Card wishes/donations due by December 16. Place your Christmas greeting/donation in the collection basket.

Giving Tree tags are available at the entrances. Items need to be turned in by December 10.

Adoration for December will be on December 14 due to the Feast of Immaculate Conception Mass on December 7.

Ministry Schedule for January 6-March 31: If there are dates you know you will be unavailable please call or email the office by **December 17**. Included with this schedule: Ash Wednesday (Feb 14), Good Friday (March 29) and Easter (March 31). We are always looking for more ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers and servers.

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

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.

Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach

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

Monthly Lunch & Learn - December 14 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social starts at 11:30. Suggested donation \$5.

Feet First Clinic - Call Helping Hands 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 November 12, 2023

Adult Collection.....	\$24,611.10
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,523.54
Improvements.....	\$4,595.00
Friends In Need.....	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$110.00.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Funeral Meal Prep Are you interested in helping with meal prep for funerals? There will be a meeting on November 27th at 10am in Room D to learn more. If you have any questions, please call Vicki in the office.

Pew Cleaning If you are free on November 28th at 9am, please join us for a pew cleaning party! We have the supplies, so all we need are the people to do the cleaning.

Advent Decorating We will be decorating for the season of Advent on Thursday, November 30th at 9 am. Help is needed with removing fall plants and decorations and setting up the Advent wreath and other decor. If you are able, please come and help prepare our spaces for this beautiful season!

Would you like to be a gift bearer? During Mass, there's a little moment that often goes unnoticed. After the collection baskets are passed, there is a very meaningful part of the Mass when members of our parish carry the gifts of bread, wine, and the monetary offering to the priest. The entire congregation is represented by those who bear the gifts. Through this act, we return to God a small part of the many blessings that He has given to us.

People often bring up the gifts to commemorate a special event (Baptism, anniversary), service to the community (Veterans' Day), or for a special remembrance (remembering a loved one who has died). If you would like to bring up the gifts for a special Mass, please sign up on the sheet in the gathering space.

Liturgical Ministers Needed! We have liturgies coming up where we will need musicians and liturgical minister help. On Friday, December 8th, we will celebrate the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception here at Sacred Heart at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm. We also have our Advent Reconciliation service here on Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 pm. Please sign up on the web terminal or on the sheets near the sacristy if you can help.

Teen Choir sings again in December! Calling all teens! You are invited to sing for Mass on Sunday, December 17th at 9:00 am. We will rehearse for this Mass on Sunday, December 3rd from 6:00-7:00 pm. If you are interested in singing, or even playing an instrument with this group, contact Jill Kiffmeyer at jkiffmeyer@sacredheartsaukrapids.org or 320-251-8115 x122, or just come to rehearsal on the 3rd. Hope to see you there!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Christopher Fuchs 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry November-Grounded in Eucharist
Upcoming Dates Grounded isn't an exclusive club, come join us!

Wednesday, December 6th (grades 6-8): 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Sunday, December 10th (grades 9-12): 5:00 - 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 20th (grades 6-12): 7:30 - 9:00 PM

Prayer, Christmas Activities (movie, crafts, cookies), Large Group Games

Waldo Hunt 2023 It's time!! Save the date for our third annual Waldo Hunt at Mall of America on Wednesday, December 27th. Forms are available online and by the Youth Ministry board. Contact Jason Prigge to register or to learn more.

Castaway 2024 Registration for Castaway 2024 is out and available online or by the bulletin board! If you're in grades 9 - 12, make sure you don't miss out on this awesome retreat, March 22 - 24. Cost is \$90. Questions? Ask Jason Prigge!

FAITH FORMATION

The First Reconciliation Retreat is rescheduled for Saturday, December 16th from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Frieler.

Foundation Adult Night is Wednesday, December 6th from 6:30-7:30 pm with guest speaker Christine Pinto, Associate Director of Faith Formation for the Diocese of St Cloud. Christine will facilitate a conversation with parents and grandparents on practical ways to keep Christ in the busy and hectic holiday season. Please join and invite others to join.

ST. MONICA'S CHS SCHOLARSHIP

St. Monica's scholarship to Cathedral High School has been increased to \$500 this year. Please submit a letter of application stating why you chose CHS to the Sacred Heart office by Dec. 1st. You will be notified by Dec. 10th if you are selected.

ST. MONICA'S POT LUCK AND

Annual St Monica's potluck on December 5th at 4pm. Please bring a dish to share and a pack of diapers to be donated to Elevate.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 27; 10am—Funeral Meeting
5:45pm—Child/Parent Group
- November 28; 4pm—Healing from Loss
6:15pm—Faith Formation Committee
- November 29; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5:30pm—Kids' Choir Rehearsal
- November 30; 9am—Decorate for Advent
6pm—Youth Ministry Team Meeting
- December 1; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
9am—Breakfast & Bible Study
- December 2; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
6pm—St. Monica's Craft & Bake Sale
- December 3; 8am Men's Club Breakfast
10am—St. Monica's Craft & Bake Sale
6pm—Teen Choir Rehearsal

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, November 12th, 2023

Adult Sunday\$3,205.00
Visitor \$106.01
Youth \$13.00
Votive Candles \$3.50
Fall Festival \$50.00
Building Fund\$100.00
Food Shelf\$20.00
Total Income \$3,497.51
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. December 3rd, 2023

Lector: John & Karol Koenig
Eucharist: Amy Krajsa(H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C)
Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa
Greeters: Dan Bemboom
Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Dan Brenny



Happy Birthday: Dustin Heck, Kevin Jarrot, Preston Mescall, Alexis Bemboom, Brynn Krajsa, Carol Sondrol, Rita Kainz.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Upcoming:

Wed. Nov. 29th, Rel. Ed Class @ 6:30pm, 2nd gr. Learning Centers
Sun. Dec. 3rd, Student Breakfast and Bake Sale after Mass
Wed. Dec. 6th, Rel. Ed Class @ 6:30pm with St. Nick/Reconciliation
Wed. Dec. 13th, Rel. Ed. Class @ 6:30pm
Wed. Dec. 20th, Rel Ed. Class/Decorating/Christmas Caroling @ 6:30pm
Wed. Dec. 27th, NO Religious Ed Classes.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS. Please call Lora @ 393-2701 by Dec. 8 if you are able to do your ministry for either Dec. 24 at 7pm or Dec. 25 at 8:15 am.

CANDLES OF REMEMBRANCE please have a family member pick up your loved ones candle after Mass TODAY, November 26th.



HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? During the weeks of Advent look for the wooden cross where everyone is invited to tack up their prayer requests. Everyone needs prayer. Everyone is encouraged to read the postings and to pray. Praying for each other connects us more deeply as people of Christ, and asks the Lord to take

hold of our lives and situations. Write your prayer request on a sticky and attach it to the wooden cross. If you are homebound, contact the parish secretary for help to post your prayer request. If you wish to talk with Prayer Line, Call Maureen at 320-339-6800 or Lucy at 320-393-2538.

CHOIR REHERSAL for Advent are Monday evenings at 6:30pm in the choir loft. Upcoming rehearsals are Nov. 27th, Dec. 4th & 18th. All are Welcome!

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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

Parish Nurses Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 11/12/2023.....	\$17,547.55
Excess (Deficit)	\$(3,025.53)
YTD Collection Budget	\$417,937.19
YTD Collected	\$415,104.51
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(2,832.68)

ANOINTING MASSES AT SFX

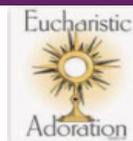
Anointing will be after Masses the weekend of December 2 & 3 at SFX. Catholics, both children and adults, who are seriously ill, facing surgery, or experiencing the weakness that comes with old age, should see this sacrament. Those with serious, chronic mental or physical illness may also receive the anointing of the sick.

GIVING TREE

The giving tree is back again! Take a tag and buy a gift for those in need. Tap the tag to the bag and return by December 10. Thank you for your continued generosity.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration
November 14, 4-7 pm.
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



ST. NICHOLAS TO VISIT SFX

St. Nicholas to Visit St. Francis Xavier at Masses in the Gathering Place.

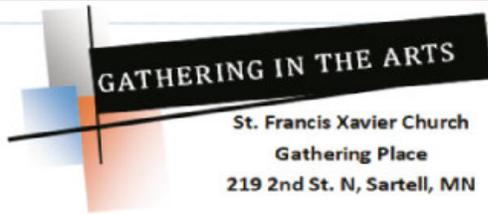
Saturday & Sunday, December 2nd & 3rd

Stop by the Gathering Place after Mass to receive a candy cane and take a family photo.

SING FOR CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve 4pm Mass—Children from the parish in grades 3-6 are invited to sing at the Christmas Eve 4:00pm Liturgy. Rehearsal will be December 10 & 17 following the 9:30 Mass. Send email to Jacque Windschitl at jwindschitl@sfx61.org if you child is interested.

CHRISTMAS CANDY & COOKIE BAKE SALE



9:00 am – Noon

Choose your own baked items

\$8.00 per pound

Let US Do the Baking for YOU

Proceeds go towards the Enhancement of the
Gathering Place

2ND ANNUAL ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING

- Week 1 (Nov. 27-Dec. 4) Cereal & Fruit Snacks
- Week 2 (Dec. 5-Dec. 11) PB & J, Breakfast Bars
- Week 3 (Dec. 12-Dec. 18) Spaghetti Sauce & Pasta,
Mac & Cheese cups
- Week 4 (Dec. 19-Dec. 24) Canned or Dry Soup,
Ramen Noodles

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Saturday, December 2—Christmas Childcare (youth in grades 4-12 welcome to help). Please let Jennifer know if you can help by Friday, November 17 via email: jkaweesa@stfrancissartell.org.

Sunday, November 26—Youth Group for grades 9-12 from 6:00-8:30pm @ Xavier Hall.

Sunday, December 10—Service Sunday in Xavier Hall. Light lunch will be served and we will be working on seatbelt covers for cancer patients at CentraCare. Looking for some adults with sewing machines that will be willing to help out with this project. More details will be shared in Flocknote.

Sunday, December 10—TREMOR from 6-7:30 in the SFX Gathering Place.

BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR JESUS

All families are invited to join us on Monday, December 18 for our family night as we celebrate Jesus' Birthday. Dinner will be served from 4:30pm—6:00pm in the Gathering Place. Family activities will run from 4:30pm—7:00pm. We ask that all families bring a toy or gift card to be donated to the Pediatric Unit at the St. Cloud Hospital. Watch Flocknote for more details. Questions ask Melissa Fox at mfox@stfrancissartell.org.

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