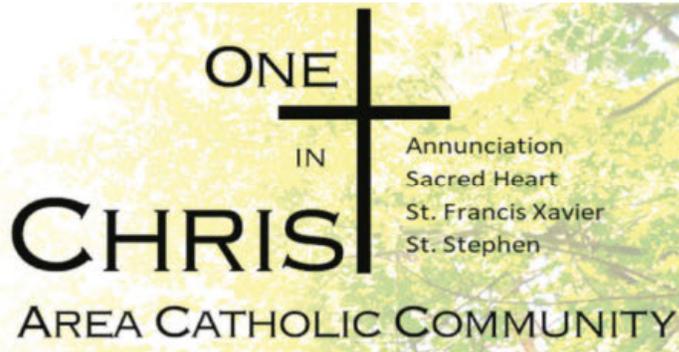
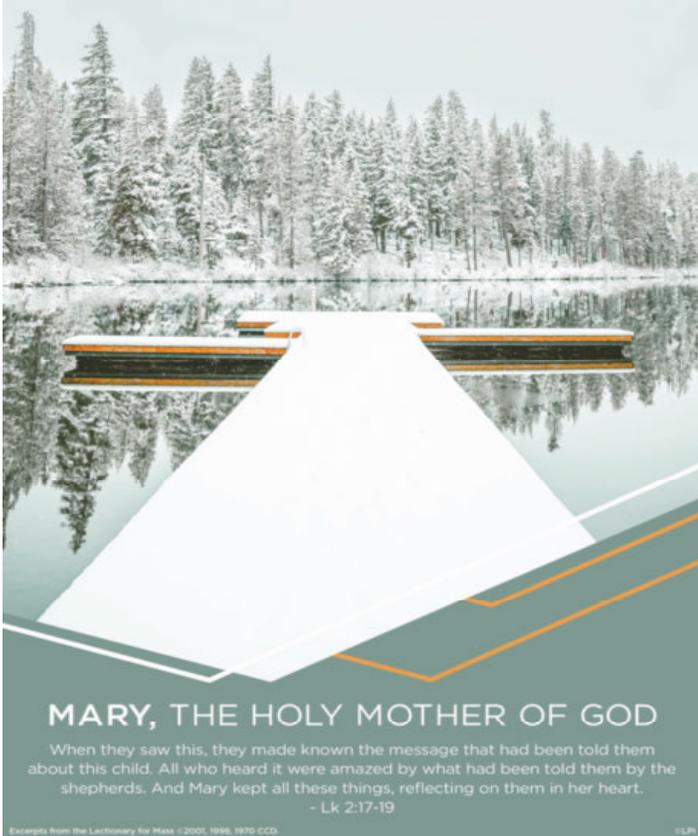


**January 1, 2023**  
**Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God**



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**Annunciation**

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**St. Stephen**

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**MASS TIMES**

**PASTORAL SERVICES**

<b>Monday January 2</b> <i>Sts. Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<i>Word &amp; Communion</i> † Clem & Issy Messer
<b>Tuesday January 3</b> <i>The Most Holy Name of Jesus</i>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>Sacred Heart</b>	† Monica & Erv Baltas † Craig Danzl † Harvey & Adeline Laudenbach
<b>Wednesday January 4</b> <i>St. Elizabeth Ann Seton</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Ron Schmitz † Lisa McMillan
<b>Thursday January 5</b> <i>St. John Neumann</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<i>Int. Luke Villeneuve Family</i> † Todd Studniski † Dick Brand
<b>Friday January 6</b> <i>St. André Bessette</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Sue Oldakowski † Tom Bearson
<b>Saturday January 7</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b>	<i>For the People of the Parishes</i> † Leander Weyer <i>For the People of the Parishes</i>
<b>Sunday January 8</b> <i>The Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am  10:00 am	<b>Annunciation</b> <b>*Sacred Heart</b> <b>*St. Francis Xavier</b>  <b>St. Stephen</b>	† Leah Schyma † James R. James † Deceased Parents of Urban & Dorothy Frank † Deceased members of the Herb & Ida Majerus family

\*Livestreamed Mass

<b>Reconciliation</b>	
<b>Saturdays</b> 3:30 pm	Sacred Heart
4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier
7:50 pm	St. Stephen
<b>Sunday</b> 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:** 1 Jn 2:22-28/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4 /Jn 1:19-28

**Tuesday:** 1 Jn 2:29—3:6/Ps 98:1, 3cd-4, 5-6 /Jn 1:29-34

**Wednesday:** 1 Jn 3:7-10/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Jn 1:35-42

**Thursday:** 1 Jn 3:11-21/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5 /Jn 1:43-51

**Friday:** 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 1:7-11 or

Lk 3:23-28 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a, and 9b/Jn 2:1-11

**Sunday:** Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 (see 11)/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

As 2022 fades in our rearview mirror, let us take time to reflect on our experiences in 2022. Mary herself gives us a model of counting blessings – Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart. What are you most proud of? What are you sorry for? How did you encounter the Lord anew?

How did you allow yourself to be changed --- for better or worse? Who are the people around you who are life giving to you, who affirm and support you?

In 431 A.D., the ecumenical Council of Ephesus convened and concluded that since Jesus is but one Divine person, it is perfectly correct to name Mary the “Mother of God.” So every new year begins celebrating this feast in honor of Mary. The title “Mother of God” does not imply that Mary herself is divine. It does mean that she is most worthy of our love, our gratitude and confidence in intercession.

Today is also World Day of Peace. Pope Francis in his Christmas message noted we are experiencing a grave famine of peace --- violence in Ukraine, Syria, between Palestine and Israel, Lebanon, the region of Sahel, Yemen, Myanmar, Iran, and Haiti. In his prayer for today Pope Francis prays. “Now, Lord, come to our aid! Grant us peace, teach us peace; guide our steps in the way of peace. Open our eyes and our hearts, and give us the courage to say: “Never again war!”; “With war everything is lost”. Instill in our hearts the courage to take concrete steps to achieve peace.”

The start of a new calendar year, for many is a time to readjust life --- lose weight, pray more, de-clutter one’s life, stick to an exercise plan, spend more time on relationships. One thought that has stayed with me, comes from the question Jesus posed to the crowds in the Gospel of Matthew on Gaudete Sunday, “then what did you go out to see?” Sr. Joyce Rupp, reflecting on this gospel verse writes, “What do we “go out to see? Where is the eye of our heart? Is it limited or expansive? What do we hope to see in one another? I’ve discovered for myself that when I look for the hidden good in another, I’m rarely disappointed. Likewise, when I think I’ll see the worst in someone, I usually find it.

She offers a great insight, how we look at the world around us impacts our own attitudes and behaviors. Let me offer that for the new year, each of us look for the hidden good in the other. There will always be disagreements, different ways to resolve issues. Perhaps recognizing the good in another will lead to more civil debates.

At the heart of seeing the hidden good in the other, is placing God at the center of our lives. When we place something other than God at the center of our lives, our lives end up being unfulfilled and we become frustrated. Notice the blessing God gives to Moses in Exodus, to use over the people--- May God bless and keep you, let his face shine upon you, and give you peace. The blessing does not mention material wealth or good times but rather a constant presence of God.

Throughout 2023 may you feel the presence of God around you, especially in those you meet along the way.

Peace, **Fr. Ron**

P.S. Thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts. I appreciate the kindness and thoughtfulness.

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Need help paying your Energy Bills? Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs, may assist with furnace repairs and could offer energy efficiency home upgrades for income qualified customers. Please call 1-800-657-3710 for Assistance. If you have any questions, please call us from 8:00 am –4:30 pm Monday—Friday.

## LEADERSHIP



### ACC Pastoral Leadership

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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<b>Pastoral Associate</b>	<b>Sandee Kremers</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org

“And Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” — Luke 2:19

After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. She heard God’s message and immediately said “yes.” Mary teaches us to live with joy and gratitude for the many blessings God has given us. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world. We do this through lives of gratitude and generosity.

### SKD SPELLING BEE RESULTS



Congratulations to six of our twenty-four 5th graders who competed in SKD’s annual Spelling Bee Contest: Zach Gordon, Mati Bushman, Emily O’Fallon, Rosie Schad, Blaich Churchill, and Vivienne Scholl! It was a very competitive bee with many rounds! A big congratulations to our winners: 1st Place - Rosie Schad, 2nd Place - Mati Bushman, and 3rd Place/

Alternate - Emily O’Fallon! Rosie Schad & Mati Bushman will go on and compete in CCS’s Jan. 10th Spelling Bee, tentatively scheduled for 9:00 a.m.

### THANK YOU

St. Katharine Drexel School is tremendously thankful for the support of our sponsoring parishes: Sacred Heart, St. Augustine’s, & St. Mary’s Cathedral. Wishing our parish communities a very blessed New Year!

### SAVE THE DATE

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, we will have live entertainment, a chili challenge AND the drawing for the raffle prizes! We all know in Minnesota it is going to be cold on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, why not come in, warm up, visit with people and enjoy entertainment at the church?! See Sacred Heart Section for more details.



### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Richard Hannig who passed away on December 17 from St. Francis Xavier.

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



### YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### Young Adult Christmas Gathering

Join us for a fun Mexican Christmas Tradition on Friday, January 6th from 7:00 - 10:00 pm! Additional information can be found on our GroupMe or by contacting Jason Prigge.

#### Young Adult Bible Study

Our new series studying the Acts of the Apostles continues on Thursday, January 5th at St. Francis Xavier in Xavier Hall. We’ll be starting with chapter 4 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. See the website or contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486) for details.

#### Theology on Draft

After a month off - we are excited to be gathering at Olde Brick House on Thursday, January 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Our speaker will be Jeff Kaster, retired professor from the School of Theology at Saint John’s University. He will be breaking open more data for us to understand, ‘Where is everybody going?’ So, if you liked Matt Reichert in October, you’re sure enjoy January! Food is on us, drinks are your responsibility. All are welcome!

### PERPETUAL ADORATION

Are you being called to spend time with the Lord in a beautiful and peaceful way? There are many opportunities to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and spend time with Jesus. The Saint Anthony’s Chapel is the only perpetual adoration chapel in town. We are especially in need of nocturnal adorers. Here are the most urgent hours: Sun 11 pm -4am and Friday 12am-5am. If you could cover 1-2 of these hours, please contact Nicky Carlson to sign up at [nicolechristine789@gmail.com](mailto:nicolechristine789@gmail.com) or text 320-304-4199.

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you-1 Peter 5:7

## JR HIGH

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## TABLE FOR TWO

### Help plan our upcoming 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.

## NEW MASS TIME COMING TO SFX

St. Francis Xavier will be changing its Saturday evening Mass time from 5pm to **4pm**, effective **Saturday, January 14, 2023.** This change comes after consulting with the OiC Planning Council and considering several factors. One consideration was being able to offer an additional Mass time, rather than the current schedule where both Sacred Heart and St. Francis Xavier offer Mass at 5pm. Another consideration was being able to offer an earlier Mass time on Saturday evening for those who do not like to drive in the dark during the winter. A third consideration was our presiders and retired priests. We currently benefit from a number of retired priests, but we may not always have this luxury. A change to 4pm at St. Francis Xavier would allow for a better break before a presider would need to go to St. Stephen for 7pm Mass should we need to cover the Saturday schedule with only 2 priests. Please watch for details regarding a revised schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you for your understanding.



Blessings to all of you in this New Year. Thank you for supporting diocesan ministries through the Appeal in 2022 and helping us to achieve our goal of \$1,400,000! As of December 22, the Appeal raised \$1,431,985 in gifts and pledges from 7,893 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Learn more at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

## 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. 17 & 18

Adults	\$1,534.00
Plate	322.00
Immaculate Conception	50.00
Christmas	65.00
Religious Retirement	40.00
Online Giving: Dec 10-21	1,075.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,086.00</b>
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: \$2,740.00	

### Christmas flowers also in memory of:

*Ray & Victoria Pagen  
Deceased members of the Steve & Frances  
Supan families*



**Faith Formation:** Jan. 4-grades 1-4 & Confirmation. The meal for Jan. 4 & 11 will be Tacos.

**Adoration:** Join us on Thursday, January 5, for Adoration beginning after 8 AM Mass until 4 PM.

**Pictorial Directory:** Another date has been added to have pictures taken at St. Stephen Parish Hall - Monday, January 16. Sign-up at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Our church code is **MN279D** and the password is **photos**.

**Thank You!** To everyone who donated to Pathways 4 Youth, the Giving Tree, Poor Clare's and the Parish Christmas Card. The items/money collected helped youth and families in need and to assist the nuns. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

A thank you also to those who helped in any way to get the church ready for Christmas. From bringing up the decorations, setting up the decorations & donating to the flowers. Your help is always greatly appreciated.

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

### Helping Hands Outreach

**Senior Dining -** Every Wednesday at **Trobec's Bar & Grill** at noon followed by cards. Cost is \$6.00 per meal.

**Monthly Lunch & Learn -** There will be **NO** Lunch & Learn in January. The next date will be February 16.

**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 Dec 18, 2022

Adult Collection.....	\$30,573.95
Children's Collection.....	\$260.05
Christmas Flowers.....	\$235.00
Christmas.....	\$1,870.00
Friends in Need.....	\$20.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Christmas Decoration Take-Down** will take place immediately after the 9am Mass on Sunday, January 8th. We will be removing tree decorations, fabric, flowers, the Nativity scene and vacuuming (Bring a hand held vacuum if you have one) Any questions, call Jill K in the office.

**Chili Challenge** Please go to this link and sign up to submit a chili recipe for the challenge taking place January 22nd. <https://forms.gle/VQNvhhCdVAPZ5hccZ> Or call the office to sign up.

**Live entertainment** Do you have a talent you would like to share with us at the event on January 22nd? You can go to this link and sign up <https://forms.gle/qwWBHKXRbuipo2zD6> or call the office 320.251.8115

**Raffle tickets** We still have tickets available for purchase. You can pick up tickets to sell if you would like. Just like the festival, we have to keep track of the ones going out. \$100 tickets, only 250 tickets sold! Tickets will be for sale in the gathering space before and after most Masses until they are all sold. Or you can purchase tickets by coming into the office.



**Breakfast Hosts for Youth Bible Study** We are looking for some parishioners to host Breakfast for our young people. To learn more or to volunteer please contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486 or [jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)).

## 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, Margaret & Scott Couch, Jimmy James Jr. and Harold Lutz.

**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 6** Kick-off the new year at Wednesday Night Live! This Wednesday, January 4th from 7:30 - 9:00 PM - join other students in grades 6 - 12 for games, food, discussions and more! There's no better way to begin the year than with us!

**Where's Waldo Hunt** Update coming in the January 8 Bulletin.

**5th Grade Youth Ministry** 5th graders of Sacred Heart, SKD or anywhere really... Save the date for Wednesday, January 25th, for your very first Youth Ministry event! More details to come soon. Contact Jason Prigge for questions.

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**Breakfast and Bible Study** Grades 6-12 are welcome to attend a free breakfast and bible study at Sacred Heart on this Friday, January 6th from 7:00 - 7:55 am!



## FAITH FORMATION

The first 10th Grade Discipleship Training Session (DTS) is Sunday, January 8th from 7-8:30pm.

## THANK YOU'S

Thank you to the wonderful crew of volunteers who helped decorate the church for Christmas! The cheerful giving of your time and creativity and willingness to help wherever needed to make our spaces look festive is greatly appreciated! Also, a big thank you to the people and groups who donated the trees and wreaths that we used. There are many people working behind the scenes to cut down and deliver trees, put wreaths together and bring them to church, put pots together for our indoor and outdoor spaces, and water the greens and poinsettias so they last the entire Christmas season. You are all appreciated! A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped in their various ministries for our Christmas Masses! The sharing of your time in ministry at our parish keeps everything running smoothly. Thank you for your help!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 2; Office Closed  
5pm—Men's Group
- January 3; 6pm—Choir Caroling
- January 4; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study  
1pm—Prayer Blankets  
6pm—Catechist Appreciation Meal & Presentation  
7:30pm—WNL
- January 5; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- January 6; 7pm—Young Adult Christmas Party  
7am—Breakfast and Bible Study  
8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration  
11am—Rosary & Benediction
- January 7; 8:30am—Confirmation Retreat  
3:30pm—Reconciliation

## 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 18th, 2022

Adult Sunday .....	\$3,311.73
Visitor .....	\$156.00
Youth .....	\$12.00
Votive Candle .....	\$1.50
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Christmas .....	\$250.00
Religious Retirement .....	\$20.00
Payment for Advent pamphlets.....	\$84.18
Total Income .....	\$3,845.41

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

### Mass Schedule

#### Sun. January 8th, 2023, 8:15am Mass

**Lector:** David Zimmer

**Eucharist:** Anita Montag

**Servers:** Ava & Halle Krajsa

**Greeters:** John and Karla Koenig

**Ushers:** Renee, Tim, Lawrence and Jane Thell



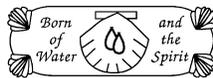
**Happy Birthday:** Travis Albright, Darcy Popp, Lawrence Rajkowski Jr., Jeff Wollak, Landon Bemboom, Joshua Hiemenz, Anthony Wocken, Scott Brown, Greg Marshall, Donna Burczyk, Corina Schlichting, Tonya Simmons.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes Wednesday 6:30pm:

No Class Jan. 4th,

Classes: Jan. 11th, Jan. 18th, Jan. 25th.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Huxxin Gerald Bemboom, son of Landon and Sarena who was received into our Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism on Sunday, December 18th. Many blessings to him and his family.



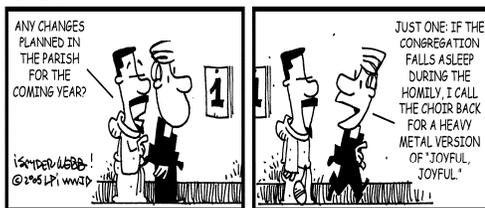
**PICTURES FOR THE PICTORIAL DIRECTORY** The last two days pictures will be taken here at Mayhew Lake are on Tues. January 3rd and Wed. January 4th. Please sign up if you have not done so yet. We would really like it if we have a complete book of all of our parishioners. If you have any questions or issues, please call the parish office for help. Hopefully we will be adding one more day to the picture taking schedule, so watch for details on the date or call the office.

**CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST** Please plan to join the Confirmation Students for Breakfast on Sunday, February 19th. Everyone Welcome.

**COVID TESTS** if you are in need of the 15 minute covid tests there are some available in the parish office, please call.



NEW YEARS



## 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

**No Financial Information available  
at time of Printing.**

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

There are a few openings for photos on **December 30th** for the pictorial directory. **AND, Tuesday & Wednesday, January 17th & 18th, 2023** have been added. Online sign-up **during the week** can be done at [www.ucdir.com](http://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! Getting some help – thank you! Looking for a few more as greeter/check-in help. **Tuesday, November 27th – 1:45 to 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 28th 5:30 to 8:30pm, Thursday, December 29th 5:30 to 8:30pm and Friday, December 30th from 5:00 to 8:30pm.** Help will be needed in January now too.

If you are able do parts of any of the open shifts, your help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. 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!

### CONFIRMATION RETREAT VOLUNTEER AT CASTAWAY

Open to current 11th graders through adults! January 14-15, 4:00pm Saturday to 8:00pm Sunday.

Background volunteer help is required for SFX youth to participate in the confirmation retreat at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes. Your role is vital in preparing meals and other background needs. No being put on the spot or leading a group of young people.

No cost to volunteers! Transportation, accommodations, meals, etc. are provided. Any questions and to sign up contact Kristen Neuman at [kneuman@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:kneuman@stfrancissartell.org) Thank you!

**JANUARY HELP NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD SHELF**

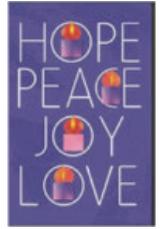
Every month, Catholic Charities Food Shelf relies on members of a local parish to assist them with operating the Food Shelf. Decades ago, many local Catholic and Lutheran churches committed to one month of service annually. St. Francis Xavier Parish is one of the Catholic Charities partners in the battle against hunger in our area.

This is our opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ as we work side by side with people in need. The food shelf is open **Mondays Noon to 3:00pm, Wednesdays 11:00am to 7:00pm (3 shifts), and Fridays from 11:00am to 3:00pm.** 3 helpers are needed for most shifts. There is a 5:00pm to 7:00pm Wednesday night shift that would work well for youth. Catholic Charities just asks them to be 16 or older. The sign-up genius is great way to look at open shifts. We will also have sign-up sheets in the gathering place on weekends OR call the parish office and we can help you sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040944A9A62FABFF2-food>



**AN ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING**

*An Advent for Almsgiving  
Keeping it simple and making a  
DIFFERENCE!*



Thank you to all who participated in this community effort to collect food for Pathways 4 Youth, Salvation Army & Catholic Charities!

We exceeded our goals on a weekly basis! We collected over 4000 pounds of food during our four-week drive! It was WONDERFUL watching you all bringing in donations not only on Saturday and Sunday but during the week and our Faith Formation Families who gave us a great boost on Monday & Wednesday nights! We also have box packers and delivery drivers to thank for all their hard work! Again, THANK YOU to all who made a HUGE DIFFERENCE for many of our neighbors! May the peace of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ be with you during the Nativity of our Lord! MERRY CHRISTMAS, HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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