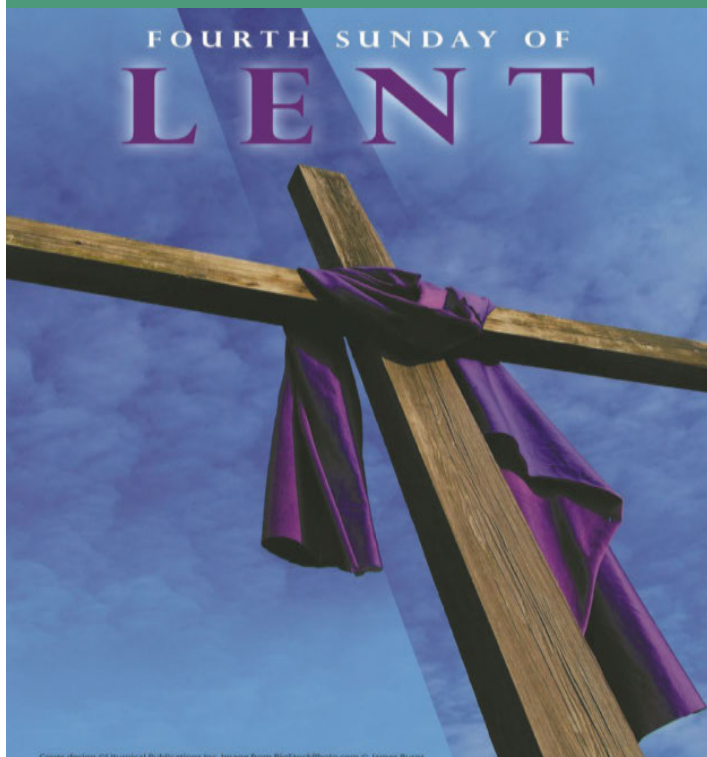


March 30, 2025  
4th Sunday of Lent



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Annunciation  
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St. Francis Xavier  
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### Annunciation

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### St. Stephen

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### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, March 31</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Kathy Janson
<b>Tuesday, April 1</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Ralph Dehler
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Donna Mae Scholz
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Chris Platz
<b>Wednesday, April 2</b> St. Francis of Paola	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jacqueline Conrad Beumer
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Irene E. Laudenbach
<b>Thursday, April 3</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. Cyrus Post
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Ben Ferche
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† John & Yvonne Ferche
<b>Friday, April 4</b> St. Isidore	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Julie Hudalla
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Doris Schefers
<b>Saturday, April 5</b> 5th Sunday of Lent	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Nick Prom
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Loretta Pogatchnik
<b>Sunday, April 6</b> 5th Sunday of Lent	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Eugene Brown Sr.
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Gary Forner
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Daniel Booth
	*Livestreamed Masses	10:00 am	St. Stephen

### PASTORAL SERVICES

#### Reconciliation Saturdays

3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
6:15 pm St. Stephen

#### Sunday

7:40 am Annunciation

Anointing of the Sick  
Home Bound Communion  
Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests,  
Marriage and Baptism Preparation  
If you have any of the above  
pastoral needs, please contact your  
Parish Office.

Bulletin announcements are  
due in the parish office by  
8:00 am on Mondays.  
Thank you! Please contact  
your Parish Office for  
more information.

### DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/Jn 5:7-30

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

**Next Sunday:** Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11 *Scrutiny:* Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7)/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)



### Lent 2025 – Sharing Hope - Alms

In the past weeks, I have written on fasting and on prayer – self-denial and our conversation with God, speaking and listening to the Lord as our Friend, Guide, and Healer. The third element of the

classic Lenten trilogy is of course alms-giving.

First, a little catechesis. These three aspects of Lenten penitence come from Matthew’s Gospel heard each Ash Wednesday. Giving alms or donations to those in need will always be a form of self-denial in order to be attentive to and concretely help alleviate the needs of others. This comes from and strengthens compassion – to feel with another. But almsgiving also stands for a whole range of doing good, summarized as the works of mercy.

The Corporal Works of Mercy are taken largely from the scene of the Last Judgment in Matthew 25:31-46. They are things we do to help meet the physical, “bodily” (thus “corporal”) needs of others – for whatever we do for the least, we do for Christ. The Spiritual Works of Mercy are drawn from various texts, pointing us to other aspects of personal help we can offer to others in forming their minds and spirits.

#### The Corporal Works of Mercy

- 1) Feed the hungry.
- 2) Give drink to the thirsty.
- 3) Clothe the naked.
- 4) Visit those in prison.
- 5) Shelter the homeless.
- 6) Visit the sick.
- 7) Bury the dead.

#### The Spiritual Works of Mercy

- 1) Help sinners.
- 2) Teach the ignorant.
- 3) Give advice to the doubtful.
- 4) Comfort those who suffer.
- 5) Be patient with others.
- 6) Forgive injuries.
- 7) Pray for the living and the dead.

These broad categories sound abstract, but they come alive with our everyday opportunities for kindness. What matters most is not accumulating the number of these gestures of service, charity, and help, but what attitude we bring to them. They are intended to be acts of charity – and charity by definition in our theological tradition involves a relationship, a link between two persons.

Strictly speaking, then, charity is incomplete if we just drop a check in the mail or put in some time at the Food Shelf and feel satisfied with our own goodness. Of course such actions are good in themselves. But true charity gets us involved and engaged with the life and person of another, even if briefly. Pope Francis has described it simply but powerfully: when you give alms, do you look into the eyes of the other? Do you know his or her name? Do you pause to listen and understand? Do you offer not just some resources or platitudes, but time, compassion, a human gesture of care and concern?

Where justice gives to another what is due, mercy gives more good than is strictly due. The virtue of justice makes us fair, honest, and responsible persons. But mercy makes us like God.

This week, choose a work of mercy, do it, and make eye contact, and “heart” contact, with another person. Even a small act of mercy done sincerely will make the world a better place, and make you more like God.



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” - Joshua 5:12

Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.



If you have yet to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. You can use your smartphone or visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).



### FUNERAL PLANNING

**Sunday, April 27th 12pm - 2pm at Sacred Heart**

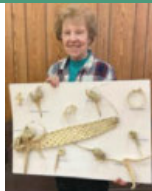
Planning your funeral can ease the burden on your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and allow you to make informed decisions about your final arrangements. Learn about and begin planning: song choices, reading choices, burial choices, etc. Lunch will be provided. Contact Dcn Joe for questions. Please call the Sacred Heart parish office to register to help with meal planning.

### PALM BRAIDING

Palm Braiding with Lois Maciej

April 12, 2025, at St. Stephen Parish Hall  
2 classes: 12:30 - 2:30 or 3:00 - 5:00

Pre-registration required if you would like to make a Palm Fan (large braided palm in picture) so supplies can be ordered. An adult must accompany a child. Both classes are the same. You can sign up for one class or both if you want to spend more time braiding palms. **Pre-register by calling St. Stephen Parish, 320-251-1520, by April 6.**



### BREAKFAST & CARAMEL ROLLS FUNDRAISER-SS

Fundraiser for youth/adults attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

**Breakfast:** Sausage, ham, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, caramel rolls & Fruit, juice, coffee, milk

March 30, 2025  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Free-Will Offering



#### Caramel Roll Sales - PRE-ORDER ONLY!

No extra caramel rolls will be made.  
\$5/half dozen or \$10/dozen  
Caramel rolls can be picked up in the Hall at 12:15pm on April 12.

**Last day to sign-up for Caramel Rolls is April 6.**  
Sign up in the St. Stephen Parish Office or call the office at 320-251-1520.

### BAPTISM

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

Ian Antuan Guzman Lopez, son of Jean & Maria, from Sacred Heart.

### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Rita Scapanski, who passed away on March 17, from Mayhew Lake.



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

### LENTEN SERIES AT SFX

**Stress & Anxiety:** The final Lenten Series presentation. Please see page 7 for more details and to register. All are welcome!!

### HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

Gerard Thomas Straub is this year’s speaker. His presentation, “A Pilgrimage from Hollywood to Haiti: Searching for God through Poverty, Prayer, and Action”, will feature selected clips from his films from impoverished areas around the world. Straub, who seeks the Face of God in the eyes of those experiencing poverty, will help us reflect on our own journey in making God’s love real in our own ways.

Join us on Sat, April 5th, at 6:30 pm in the Terrace at Newman Center. It is free and open to the public.


### SFX PRESENTATION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The St. Monica Christian Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish invite everyone to join them on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall. They have invited guest speakers from the *Central Minnesota Sexual Assault Center* to talk about what’s happening in our local areas in regards to sex trafficking, what things to watch out for and how we can support their efforts at their upcoming fundraiser walk on May 3. Please help us spread the word to others and make plans to attend. The Christian Women will then meet for a brief meeting.

### SPRING BLING SALE

The Gathering in the Arts committee is holding its annual Bling Sale on Friday, April 25 from 4 - 7 pm in the Gathering Place. If you have been putting off cleaning your closets and jewelry boxes, this is a good time to consider doing it. We will be collecting new, vintage and slightly used jewelry, scarves & handbags beginning March 10 - April 13. Please place items outside the parish office in the designed boxes. Questions contact Geri 320-255-7009. Thank you.

### COMPASSIONATE HOPE FAMILY CENTER REMODEL

 Social Concerns is recruiting volunteers to help with construction support at Compassionate Hope Family Center (Transitional housing for families). Days and times of the project will vary depending on the availability of the help we receive. The tasks involve painting, flooring install, some bathroom upgrades, replacing blinds and curtains, etc. We can also use donations for supplies. Contact Dcn Joe if you have interest in serving one of these needs.

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Young Adult Bible Study

Join us as we wrap up our study with Pope Francis on Thursday, April 3rd at Sacred Heart from 7-8:30 PM. We'd love to see you there!

### Young Adult Praise Night

Join us for a special edition of Praise Night on Thursday, April 10th from 6-7 PM at St. Augs in St. Cloud. Young families are encouraged to attend!

### 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 YMCA

\*Wednesday, April 16th

\*Wednesday, May 21st

### 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.

### Prayer Team Needed

Don't forget to join us for Prayer on Wednesdays at Noon! Scan for Zoom Link:



## SACRED HEART -ANNUNCIATION VIGIL

Sacred Heart will be the site of the Easter Vigil to accommodate the people who will be attending the Mass. We are once again looking for **candy** and **wine** donations to have at the reception that follows the Mass. Please bring all donations to your parish office or to the church when you come for Mass prior to Good Friday.

## LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The following days and times are scheduled for individual Lenten Reconciliation around the Diocese.

Tuesday, April 1, 6:30pm—Christ Church Newman Center

Thursday, April 3, 6:30pm—St. Paul

Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm—St. John Cantius

Saturday, April 12, 1pm—St. Peter

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30pm—St. Mary's Cathedral



## WALK WITH JESUS DURING LENT

All sessions follow Mass and include a light brunch.

**April 6 My Story @ St. Stephen 11:15am:** Easy to share your favorite concert with family and friends but wondering how to share a great faith moment?

*\*Each chapter session offers a Jubilee Pilgrimage Experience and sharing of a parish memory.*

## 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 March 22 & 23

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,602.00
Adult online giving Mar 15-21	\$ 1,058.00
Plate	\$ 327.00
Children	\$ .00
TOTAL	\$ 2,987.00
Easter Flowers to date	\$ 575.00

### Ushers:

Apr 5: Tom Larson, Will Hellmann, Dan Warzecha

Apr 6: Matt Nienaber, Jake Rothstein, Tim Rudser

**Faith Formation:** April 2 classes for grades 1-4 & Confirmation. A smorgasbord of food will be served in the Parish Hall before class.

**Adoration** The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, April 3, from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6:30pm on Fridays.

**Holdford KC #9307** Chicken & Ham dinner. April 6 at Pelican Lake Ballroom, serving 3:30-6:30. Take out available.

**Ladies...Let's Gather** will meet next Sunday, April 6, in the annex from 6-7 PM. We will be discussing Esther.

**Caramel Roll sales and Palm Braiding** see page 3 for info.

**St. Stephen American Legion Steak Fry and Silent Auction** will be Saturday, April 12, 4:30-7:30pm at Rusty Nail Bar. Take out is available.

**Easter Flowers:** Would you like to donate to the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one? Include the names of your loved ones, along with a donation of your choice, in an envelope labeled Easter Flowers and place in the collection basket.

**Holy Thursday at St. Stephen:** We are looking for six people to have their feet washed. Sign-up in church or call the parish office. Two men, two women, 1 HS student and 1 Elem student.

**Grand Raffle:** It is time to start planning for our Labor Day Festival. If you would like to make a donation to the Grand Raffle, please contact the parish office.

**South End Funeral Lunch group leader:** Call the church office to take this over or if you have questions.

### 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

### Holdford Helping Hands Outreach:

**Senior Dining:** Wednesday's at Trobec's, January-March, at noon followed by 500. Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.

**Monthly Lunch & Learn:** Thursday, April 17, in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social at 11:30, meal at 12:00, followed by speaker & entertainment. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

**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

Contact: Jill Lieser — 320-251-8115, X114  
parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org  
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

### Income for the Week of March 23, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . .	\$11,133.68
Automatic Giving. . . . .	\$6,101.87
Children. . . . .	\$14.00
Friends In Need. . . . .	\$637.00
Central MN Catholic. . . . .	\$25.00
Easter Flowers. . . . .	\$263.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget	\$19,673

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Palm Sunday Decorating** We will decorate for Palm Sunday on Saturday, April 12 at 9:00. Help will be needed taking down the Lent décor, setting up the tomb and decorative palms and fabric. Many hands make light work!

**Palm Stripping** We will be stripping palms again this year for Palm Sunday. This will happen on Saturday, April 12 at 9:00 am in the gathering space. The palm branches arrive as large bunches and help is needed to cut and pull them apart. We need lots of help with this project. Please bring gloves, garden shears, loppers or small saws if you have them. If you have never had this experience before, please consider trying it!



**Palm Braiding** Don't know what to do with the Palms from Palm Sunday Mass? Stick around after the Palm Sunday masses and we will teach you how to braid palms in the gathering space. All ages are welcome to join us. No tools required, just the palms you receive at mass.

Did someone teach you how to braid palms? Would you like to share this tradition with others in the parish and teach them your technique? Contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the parish office if you can help pass on this tradition after our Palm Sunday Masses.

**Easter Flower Donations** If you are interested in donating to our flower fund, which covers the cost of Easter flowers, Christmas greens and poinsettias, fabric, banners, and so much more, please pick up an envelope in the gathering space. You can return it in the collection or to the parish office. Thank you!



**Triduum Help Needed** Liturgical Ministers, please sign up on the web terminal or on the sheets by the sacristy if you can help in your ministry for our Holy Week liturgies. We need greeters, ushers, altar servers, and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Lectors, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer if you are interested in lecturing for one of these liturgies. Thank you!

**Interested in having your feet washed or carrying up the Holy Oils on Holy Thursday?** We are in need of people to volunteer to have their feet washed and to carry up the Holy Oils or bear flags on Holy Thursday. This is a great role for First Communicants and Confirmation students as well. Please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office if this is something you would like to learn more about. Thank you!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**NCYC 2025** Don't miss out on this 'twice' in a lifetime opportunity! The National Catholic Youth Conference happens biannually at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for Sr. High students in grades 9-12. Students from all over the country (10-20 thousand) gather to pray, learn, play and grow in their Catholic faith. It's an experience like no other.

\***Who:** Current Students in grades 8-11

\***When:** November 19-23, 2025

\***Cost:** \$500 (normally priced at \$940 - parish subsidizes close to 50%).

\*\$100 deposit due April 15th. Fundraising is available. Contact Jason Prigge to register.

**Butter Braid Sales** Our annual Butter Braid sale officially launched on Wednesday, March 12th. Since you have a bulletin this weekend, go ahead and start your order using this QR Code:



Braids are \$16 each, proceeds benefit our young people going to NCYC, Castaway, Wylldlife, Youth Ministry Events, etc. We really appreciate your support as this is the only fundraiser we run for our young people! Forms are also available in the Parish Office if you would prefer in person ordering.

**Peer Ministry** Peer Ministry Applications are now available online and by the Youth Ministry board. Peer Ministry is for students currently in grades 8-11 who desire to deepen their faith, take a large leadership role and learn life skills that will set them up for lifelong success - plus it looks great on College applications. Apply today or contact Jason Prigge for details.

**Baccalaureate Mass 2025** Seniors, you should have received a postcard in the mail as a 'Save the Date' for Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 18th at the 9 AM Mass. RSVP by the Wednesday before (May 14th) using the QR code or link in your email to help us plan your celebration!

## FESTIVAL

One of the two hamburger stand chair people has stepped down. So we are looking for a couple of people to work together with Neil and Sandy Bueckers. If you are willing to do this, please call Vicki in the office at 320.251.8115 to get more details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY, MARCH 31.**

For **UPCOMING EVENTS**, please go to [sacredheartsaukrapids.org](http://sacredheartsaukrapids.org)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Patricia Olson, Mike Pinkosky, Pam Smoley 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.

**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.



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**Contact:** Cindy Gans 320-252-1729  
cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com  
**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Income for Sunday, March 23rd, 2025

Adult Sunday .....	\$5,213.00
Visitors .....	\$48.00
Youth .....	\$13.00
Votive Candle .....	\$1.30
St. Cloud Visitor .....	\$20.00
Visitor/Social Ministry Lunch donation .....	\$106.00
Building Improvement .....	\$20.00
Total Income .....	\$5,421.30
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

### MASS SCHEDULE

#### Sun. April 6th, 2025

**Lector:** Bob Rajkowski and Lora Knafila  
**Eucharist:** Lloyd Lyon (H), Brenda Carriveau(C) Rita Knott(C)  
**Servers:** Noah Lentner, Kelsey Lentner and Zoey Heck  
**Greeters:** Scott Brown and Tammy Eveslage  
**Ushers:** Tom & Barb Brand, Jeremy Brand and David Lentner

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Kayla Brenny, Jake Herbst, Lisa Janson, Brittany Reich, Clara Fitch, Barbara Gravelle, Dennis Brand, Sheri Brenny, Sara Britz.

#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. April 2nd, 6:30pm class, Learning centers for 2nd grade and 9th grade student/parent meeting. Wed. April 9th, 6:30pm Sedar Meal Thurs. April 10th, Chrism Mass, 7pm at Cathedral of St. Mary's

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY** our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Rita Scapanski who's funeral was on March 22nd. Eternal rest grant onto her Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES** with individual confessions: Sun., April 6th, 3:00pm at Annunciation

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Sunday's from 7:45-8:05am at Annunciation. Add'l times for individual confessions: Mon., April 7th, from 9am-10am at Annunciation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** here Fridays during lent at 6:30pm

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

**BIDS FOR 2026 LAWN CARE:** bid forms are available in the parish office to fill out for anyone interested. Bids due 4/14.

**SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HELPING WITH EASTER LITURGIES** will be in the back of church. Please sign up for: **HOLY THURS.:** Baking bread during the day, or Washing feet during Mass at Annunciation. **HOLY SAT.:** at Sacred Heart, Decorating: 8am-11am the morning of. After Easter Vigil: help during the Reception and to help with clean up after the Reception. Call Shirley at 320-259-4941 with any questions.

**VISITATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY** moving to the First Thurs. of the month. Next mtg Thurs., April 3rd with Mass, Stations of the Cross, get-together, fun and Lunch in the church basement.

## 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-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday**

**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 3/16/2025.....	\$25,391.43
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$4,045.28</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$811,959.80
YTD Collected .....	\$831,969.62
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$20,009.82</b>

### COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, April 2, after the 8 am Mass.



### COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation services will take place on April 9 at 7:15pm and April 12 at 12:00pm.

### BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025 12:30pm - 6:30pm SFX Gathering Space.** You can register now to give blood by contacting the Red Cross at 1-800-733-2767 or RedCrossBlood.org and enter SFX to schedule an appointment.

### PATCH THE PARKING LOT RAFFLE

The south parking lot has some work that needs to be done. A portion of the lot will be taken out and new pavement installed this summer. Based on bids from last year, the minimum cost of the fix will be \$9,000. If more can be afforded, then a larger area will be done. To help with paying for this project, we are having a *Patch the Parking Lot 50/50 Cash Raffle*. Tickets are \$50.00 each and only 400 will be sold. That would raise \$20,000.00. Half will be awarded in prizes - leaving \$10,000 for parking lot repairs. Tickets sales begin the week of March 24th and will be available for purchase in the parish office and after Mass on weekends. The drawing will take place on **Sunday, April 27th at 11:00am**. We have had a handful of cash donations already as some parishioners have responded to the need for repairs. Thank you for your generosity. If you are interested in donating to the cause, all donations are accepted. Please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office if you have any questions.

### OCIA

Please pray for **Trinatie Doconare & Ava Nicoll** as they continue to prepare to be Fully Initiated into the Church at our Easter Vigil.

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30pm March 7 thru April 11 (Not Good Friday). We need volunteers. A sign up sheet is available in the parish library. Call the parish office to offer to volunteer at 252-1363.

## LENTEN SERIES

Join St. Francis Xavier's Health & Wellness Team for a free Lenten series titled "Life's Challenges from a Christian Perspective" in the St. Francis Xavier Church Gathering Space, 219 2nd Street S, Sartell

**Tuesday, April 1: 6-7pm** Stress & Anxiety by Bethany Tollefson

An optional soup and sandwich meal will be available from 5:30-6 p.m. for a free-will offering. Registration is encouraged by contacting Sandee Kremers at 252-1363 or [skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org).

## KC TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

Bishop Trobec Council 5276 Knights of Columbus will be at the 2 Sartell Coborn's stores on Friday, April 25th & Saturday April 26th in addition to being at both St. Francis Xavier and The Church of St. Stephen after each Mass on the weekend. They will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations. All proceeds go to support youth and adults with special needs. WE make donations to the Sartell-St. Stephen Special Education department, The Special Olympics, Camp Courage in Annandale & more. Your generosity in supporting this is appreciated.

## NORTH SIDE STREET REPAIRS

After Easter, the road construction will begin in full force in our neighborhood. 2nd St. N from the corner of our property at 4th 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.

## CHURCH CLEANING

I'm looking for helpers with church cleaning just ahead of Easter. If you are able, please join me on **Wednesday, April 16th at 2:30pm**. We will wipe down pews and kneelers and dust throughout the worship space, gathering place and other areas as needed. We have the cleaning cloths, Murphy's Oil Soap and pails - bring your own rubber gloves. Any questions, please contact Tom in the parish office - or email [tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org).

## SOCK & TOWEL DRIVE

The St. Francis Social Justice Concerns Committee is holding a sock and towel drive. Place your **NEW** bath size towels in the barrel and **NEW** socks in the box in the Gathering Space. Collecting now thru Lent.

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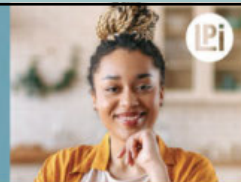
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