

March 31, 2024  
Easter Sunday



**EASTER SUNDAY**

Then the other disciple also went in, the one who had arrived at the tomb first, and he saw and believed. - Jn 20:8

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**MASS TIMES**

<b>Monday, April 1</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Joe & Vivian Hutchins
<b>Tuesday, April 2</b>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Jacqueline Conrad Beumer † Irene E. Laudenschach † Word & Communion
<b>Wednesday, April 3</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	- Word and Communion † Jim Nierengarten
<b>Thursday, April 4</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† Chuck & Ann Pfannenstien † Martin & Rose Iten Family † Jim & Peggy Janson 43rd Ann.
<b>Friday, April 5</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Rich Kierzek † Daniel Booth
<b>Saturday, April 6</b> Divine Mercy Sunday	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Ron & Jan Roering † Jeremy Wyrowski † Clarence Schuneman Family
<b>Sunday, April 7</b> Divine Mercy Sunday *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Donna Poganski † For the Members of the Parish † Urban Frank † Diane Berndt

**PASTORAL SERVICES**

**Reconciliation  
Saturdays**

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

**Sunday**

7:40 am Annunciation

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

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

**DAILY READINGS**

**Monday:** Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11/  
Mt 28:8-15

**Tuesday:** Acts 2:36-41/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20 and 22/Jn 20:  
11-18

**Wednesday:** Acts 3:1-10/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 24:  
13-35

**Thursday:** Acts 3:11-26/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Lk  
24:35-48

**Friday:** Acts 4:1-12/Ps 118:1-2, and 4, 22-24, 25-27a/Jn  
21:1-14

**Saturday:** Acts 4:13-21/Ps 118:1 and 14-15ab, 16-18, 19- 1/  
Mk 16:9-15

**Next Sunday:** Acts 4:32-35/Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24 (1)/1 Jn  
5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



“Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!” The lyrics no doubt prompt the tune in your memory. It’s easy to sing, but do we believe that Jesus literally came back from the dead? What does “Resurrection” actually mean?

I have shared this before, but it is worth reading as the perennial proclamation of Easter meets the changing headlines of sorrow and loss.

In his second volume of the three-part work *Jesus of Nazareth*, Pope Benedict XVI examined the historical and theological ideas we ponder at Easter. As to rising from the dead, Benedict said:

Jesus’ Resurrection points beyond history and our experience of time but it has left a footprint within history. ... the apostolic preaching with all its boldness and passion would be unthinkable unless the witnesses had experienced a real encounter with the risen Christ, coming to them from outside, with something entirely new and unforeseen. The Apostles’ testimony draws life from the impact of an event that no one had invented, surpassing all that could be imagined.

Why did Jesus only reveal himself to a small flock of disciples, upon whose testimony we must not rely? ... It is part of the mystery of God that he acts so gently, that he only gradually builds up his history within the great history of humanity. He becomes man and so can be overlooked by his contemporaries and the decisive forces within history. He suffers and dies like all of us. And having risen again, he chooses to come to us only through faith. He continues to knock gently at the doors of our hearts and slowly opens our eyes if we open our lives to him.

And yet, is this not the truly divine way? Not to overwhelm with external power but to give freedom, to offer and elicit love? Is it not what seems so small that is truly great? Does not a ray of light issue from Jesus, growing brighter across the centuries, that could not come from any mere man and through which the life of God truly shines in the world? ... With Thomas we hear the invitation to touch the pierced side of Jesus and confess: “My Lord and my God!”

We know well that pierced side. “My Lord and my God” is not only an expression of joy when we recognize the risen Jesus, but also a cry of compassion when we recognize him in the suffering members of his Body. We watch as wars, persecutions, natural disasters, and disease cause untold suffering. A loved one is diagnosed with cancer. A child dies. An accident leaves a friend paralyzed. A son goes to war. A daughter is laid off.

The catalog of human sorrows is long, and all too familiar. Suffering touches every life in some way – sometimes in a way that paralyzes us. And for some, death can seem preferable to continuing to live. Happiness, security, even life itself, can seem so fragile. Where is God?

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Easter matters, because we need hope and mercy. The Resurrection of Jesus is our assurance that God has heard, and has responded, precisely with that hope and mercy. God is in our midst, still today and forever here as the Risen One.

Christ has died – and so death itself is holy, because we can share it with the Lord.

Christ is risen – and so the power of sin and death is overcome. We still experience them in time; but now they are just that—things of time, not of eternity. With the Cross, it is death that will pass away, and life that will go on, forever.

Christ will come again – and so there will be a resolution and a healing for all the suffering and sorrows we endure. Bearing them in union with him who overcame, we find fresh courage, strength, and hope.

In Christ – the same Jesus who comes to us every time we receive the Eucharist – death is destroyed, and life triumphs. We are renewed in hope and strength, and we are sent to share this same love with those around us in need: “Do this in memory of me.”

Easter matters, precisely because we know what it is like to suffer. We need hope and mercy; and they are given to us today, in love, by the Risen Lord.



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership

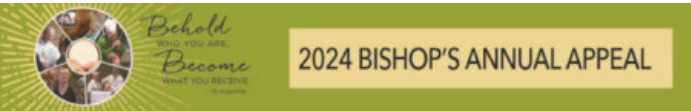


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“Think of what is above, not of what is on earth.” Colossians 3:2

On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing “Alleluia. “Let’s try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.



The Lord is risen! Blessings to you and those you love on this most holy of days.

### SACRED HEART MEN’S CLUB BREAKFAST



Sacred Heart Men’s Club Breakfast will be held Sunday, April 7th. Breakfast will be served from 9-11am. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage and fruit! The cost is \$8.50 for adults, youth 6-12 \$5.00 and children 5 and under are free.

### DIVINE MERCY AT THE CATHEDRAL

All are welcome to Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary’s Cathedral on April 7, 2024. Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C., and Fr. Jeremy Ploof will be the speakers. There will be Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. Divine Mercy Schedule:

- 1:00 pm** Opening Liturgy and Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
- 1:30 pm** Presentation by Fr. Jeremy Ploof
- 2:15 pm** Rosary
- 2:45 pm** Presentation by Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.
- 3:00 pm** Chaplet of Divine Mercy in Song followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament

St. Mary’s Cathedral, 25 8th Ave. S. St. Cloud / 320-251-1840 / Stmarystcloud.org

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

#### What is the Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage??

The Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage will be a 3 month long pilgrimage that leads to Indianapolis. There will be 4 different pilgrimages coming from different ends of the country (Minnesota, California, Texas and Connecticut) and meeting in Indianapolis for the National Eucharistic Congress. **We need YOU!** We would love for everyone (young and young at heart) in the diocese to have an opportunity to pilgrimage with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, whether that is for 1 block, or 10 miles.

—To find out more information on the Eucharistic Revival Pilgrimage, visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>



### PAINTING THE WORD

#### Painting the Word for Mothers & Daughters

We are excited to offer a Painting the Word event for mothers and daughters 7 years old and up. This will take place Saturday, April 13th from 11am-1pm. A light lunch will be served. If you do not have a mother or daughter to bring along, please feel free to adopt one for the day. Please contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up.



### SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



#### Where kids will dive into a friendship with God!

Registration materials are available at all 4 parishes for students and volunteers. VBS is open to kids ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Students in 6th grade and older can volunteer to help in various ways throughout the week. Lots of volunteers are needed both the week of VBS and leading up to VBS. See the volunteer form for more information on how to get involved.

### ALASKA MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISERS

**Donations** One in Christ Missionaries continue to seek your prayers and support as 30 disciples are sent to evangelize, support and grow in solidarity with our Yupik brothers and sisters from Toksook Bay Alaska. We are very grateful to Bishop Donald Kettler for providing the connections that have helped make this mission location possible. To help make this mission possible please send your prayer and financial support. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart, attention Alaskan Mission, Dan Joe Kresky. This is a tax deductible contribution. Contact Dan Joe for more information.

**Breakfast Fundraiser** Sunday, April 14th, 8am to 12pm at Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Help the One In Christ Alaskan Mission make a difference in the world! Free Will Donation. Thanks to Catholic United for sponsoring us! David Stang [dstang@catholicunited.org](mailto:dstang@catholicunited.org)



### SFX BLOOD DRIVE

SFX Gathering Space  
Thursday, April 4, 2024 1:00pm—7:00pm  
Appt/Info: Call or email Greg at 320-250-9137 or [schlossergregory@gmail.com](mailto:schlossergregory@gmail.com)



## YOUNG ADULTS

### Coffee and Christ

A new event, Coffee and Christ scheduled for Saturday, April 6th will be postponed. Stay tuned for exciting new details.



### Young Adult Bible Study

Join us on Thursday, April 4th from 7-8:30 PM at Sacred Heart as we break open Chapter 3 of Bishop Patrick's Pastoral Letter on the Eucharist. Come join the powerful conversation! All are welcome, contact Jason Prigge for more info!

## STRONGER TOGETHER

**Stronger Together Presentation & Meal** On Wednesday, March 27th from 6pm-9pm at Sacred Heart, 16+ are invited to join us for the presenter, Bethany Tollefson, DMP, MSN, RN, PHN. She will be speaking on how we can better support those who are struggling with mental health concerns. A meal will be served during the talk. Please contact Deacon Joe if you have questions at 320-292-4857

## SACRED HEART YOUTH BUTTER BRAID SALES



Butter Braid sales have officially started! All Butter Braids sold help the young people of Sacred Heart attend events such as Castaway, SummerFestival, Mission Trips and NCYC. This year there are also individual sellers raising funds for their Alaska trip. Butter Braids also make a perfect addition to your Mother's Day

celebrations! You can pick-up a form in the SH Gathering Space, stop by the Sacred Heart office OR order online by scanning the QR Code. All orders must be in by Wednesday, April 17th at noon! Contact Jason Prigge for more information.

## ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY PILGRIMAGE

### JOIN FR. STEVE BINSFELD & FOLLOW ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY SEPTEMBER 15-29, 2024

Walk the stones where Saint Paul walked through Athens and Corinth. Then set sail on a 9-night Celebrity Cruise through the Greek Isles continuing the journey as we visit six ports of call: Santorini, Ephesus, Mykonos, Volos, Thessaloniki, and Kavala. Enjoy both private group tours and free time in Athens and on the cruise. Learn of the spiritual, historical, and cultural significance of Greece and Paul's missionary journey. Mass is celebrated every day, especially in Corinth, Thessaloniki and Ephesus. This quality, customized tour is done through Magi Travel. Space is limited on this pilgrimage so sign up today! Call **Magi Travel** 952-949-0065 or visit the web at [www.magitraelinc.com](http://www.magitraelinc.com) and click on Greece, then Fr. Steve Binsfeld



## ST. STEPHEN

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ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

### Financial Offerings for March 23-24

Financial Offerings not available at time of printing.

**Faith Formation Classes April 3:** Grades 1-4 & Confirmation. Pizza will be served in the Parish Hall before classes.

**St. Stephen American Legion** will have a meeting at the Rusty Nail on Tuesday, April 2 at 7:30pm.

**Adoration:** The church will be open on Thursday, April 4, from 8:30-4:00pm for Adoration.

**Ladies...Let's Gather** will meet on Sunday, April 7, in the church annex at 6:00pm. The April gathering will focus on Deborah.

**Holdingford KC Council #9307** Chicken & Ham dinner will be held at the Pelican Lake Ballroom on Sunday, April 7, from 3:30-6:30pm. Take out available.

### Easter flowers in memory of:

Ben & Alice Supan Robert Slivnik

Charles & Lucille Nienaber family

Jim & Jenny Knapp Joe & Gertie Hellmann

Olivia & Bill Vouk Verdell & Larry Rudolph

Anna Mae & Alex Smoley Rod Fischer

Stanley & Mary Ann Legatt Margaret Robich

Olivia & Ben Omann Dolores Huls

Martha Schumer Donald Vouk

Dennis, Mary Jane & Sam Schuneman

Deceased members Steve &

Francs Supan family

Gloria Marsaa

Edwin & Virginia Kowitz

Kaye Rudser Roger Trobec

Novak Day family

Ron E. Schmitz

Lillian Dullinger

Janis Paggen



**Well n Fit exercise class:** Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, 9:00-10:00am. Wednesday class followed by half-hour line dance.

### Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach

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

**Monthly Lunch & Learn** - will return in October.

**Feet First Clinic** - Call Helping Hands for more info or to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960.

## SACRED HEART PARISH

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Prayer Blanket Ministry** The warmth and softness of a blanket, along with a prayer, can bring a calm and peace to a new baby or an adult going through a rough time. We need volunteers to make these comforting blankets. Our Prayer Blanket making ministry is open to ANYONE! You do not need to know how to sew. They meet on the 1st Wednesday of each month at 1 o'clock. We hope to see you there!!!



**Pew Cleaning** Please join us on April 19th following daily Mass to clean to pews in church. We will have buckets, rags and magic erasers for everyone. We just need people to help.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who put in extra hours of preparation to make our Triduum and Easter celebrations so beautiful.

Special thanks to the choirs, musicians, cantors, audio-visual ministers, liturgical ministers, and Art & Environment committee members. May God send you His blessings and peace this Easter season.

Thank  
You

## CONGRATULATIONS

**Congratulations** to Mariah DelCastillo, Austin Tice, Aaron Mumbleau and Adriana Martinez who went through RCIA by undergoing a process of conversion as they studied the Gospel, professed their faith in Jesus and the Catholic Church, and received the sacraments of baptism, confirmation and Holy Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. Continue to pray for them on their faith journey in the Catholic Church.



## INK JET RECYCLING

**Help the Environment and the Youth Group** Recycle those old ink jet cartridges, cell phones, laptops, or small electronics. Useable ones are repurposed, the rest are recycled for components. Drop off in the gathering space Kiosk or in the office. Contact Gerry Kittok for more information (320) 420-9050

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Kohlton Kjorsvik, Patricia Olson and Marietta Pulles 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Grounded Youth Ministry

April Theme: Grounded in the Resurrection

#### \*Upcoming Dates\*

Grounded isn't an exclusive club, come join us! Activities to be printed next week, stay tuned to see what's happening!

Wednesday, April 3rd (grades 5-8): 7:30-9 PM

- Twin or Twins day (dress the same as someone else or MN Twins Baseball gear)
- Sunday, April 14th (grades 9-12): 5-7 PM
- Wednesday, April 17th (grades 5-12): 7:30 - 9 PM

**Peer Ministry Applications Now Open** Are you in grades 8-11? We want you on our Peer Ministry Team! Peer Ministry is for students who have a desire to learn about being a leader in their Church and their community using their God-given gifts. Applications are available on the table near the Grounded board or online. Applications are due on Wednesday, April 17th. Contact Jason Prigge for more information!

**Butter Braids** Butter Braid sales have officially started! All Butter Braids sold help the young people of Sacred Heart attend events such as Castaway, SummerFestival, Mission Trips and NCYC. This year there are also individual sellers raising funds for their Alaska trip. Butter Braids also make a perfect addition to your Mother's Day celebrations! You can pick-up a form in the Gathering Space, stop by the Sacred Heart office OR order online by scanning the QR Code. All orders must be in by Wednesday, April 17th at noon! Contact Jason Prigge for more information or for assistance.



**SummerFestival Camp** Registration is due this Wednesday, April 3rd for SummerFest. If you missed the Zoom meeting with all of the information, please contact Jason Prigge.

## FAITH FORMATION

First Eucharist Parent/Child Retreat is Saturday, April 6th from 10:00 am until Noon at Sacred Heart Parish. Families should also bring their completed First Eucharist banner to the retreat. If you have questions, Contact Scott Frieler.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 1; OFFICE CLOSED
- April 3; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry  
7:30pm—Grounded (5-8)
- April 4; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study (SH)
- April 5; 7am—Breakfast & Bible Study  
8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration  
11am—Rosary & Benediction
- April 6; 8am—First Eucharist Retreat  
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- April 7; 8am—Men's Breakfast

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Due to the bulletin schedule, the Financial Stewardship information for Sunday, March 24th will be in next weeks bulletin.

## Mass Schedule

**Sun. April 7th, 2024 8:15am**

**Lector:** JoAnn Marshall and Lora Knafla  
**Eucharist:** Jean Bemboom (H), Katie Lentner (C), Rita Knott (C)  
**Servers:** Mariah Simmons and Cole Lentner  
**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom and Lane Piotrowski  
**Ushers:** Randy Miller, Dan Brenny, Dan Bemboom and Lane Piotrowski.



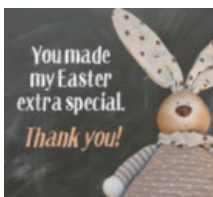
**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Jake Herbst, Lisa Janson, Calvin Voss, Brittany Reich, Clara Fitch, Barbara Gravelle, Dennis Brand, Sheri Brenny, Sara Britz.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

**Wed. April 3rd**, Rel Ed Classes at 6:30pm, Meet with 9th & 10th grade Students and parents about Confirmation.  
**Wed. April 10th**, Classes, Practice for 1st Communion: 6:30pm  
Deb Klaverkamp here to speak to grades 6th—10th.  
**Sun. April 14th**, First Communion at 8:15am Mass  
**Wed. April 17th**, Rel Ed Classes at 6:30pm  
**Wed. April 24th**, Last Rel Ed Class, Student/Parent Meal 6:30pm

**2024 LAWN CARE BIDS:** Bid forms and written requirements are available in the Parish Office for anyone wishing to make a bid for the 2024 Lawn mowing Season for Annunciation Church, Cemetery and ball field. Call 320-252-1729 or stop by for a form. All signed bids are due Friday, April 12th at Noon in the parish office.

**THANK YOU** to everyone who worked hard to see to all the details of Holy Week and Easter. Our gratitude goes out to all for making the celebration of Holy Week truly beautiful and joyful. A special thank you to Father Geno Doyle, Father Tim Baltes, Father Ron Weyrens and Father Tom Knoblach for your faith-filled guidance during Holy Week, you are all a great blessing to our parish.



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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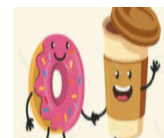
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## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

**Not available at publication.**

## COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, April 3, after the 8 am Mass.



## EASTER WISHES

Thank you and God's blessings to all who have supported St. Francis Xavier Parish and the many ministries that take place here. The sharing of time, talent, and treasure make many great things happen at St. Francis Xavier. We continue to spread the word and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ. This can only happen by your support and involvement. Thank you from all of the staff at St. Francis Xavier.

## SPRING BLING SALE

Gathering in the Arts is holding its annual Bling Sale on Friday, May 3 from 4-7 pm in the Gathering Place. If you have been putting off cleaning your closets & Jewelry boxes, this is a good time to consider doing it. We will be collecting new, vintage and slightly used jewelry, scarves & handbags beginning April 1 through April 28. Please place items outside the parish office in the designated boxes. Questions contact Geri 320-255-7009.

## COFFEE & COMMUNITY

There is interest in starting a cancer support group at St. Francis Xavier, It will involve prayer and discussion and will focus on seeing the graces received and experienced in the trial of fighting cancer. This is open to anyone who has fought through cancer, is presently experiencing it, or to family members who have walked the cancer journey with a loved one. If you might be interested in such a group, please contact Tom Offerdahl at the parish office 320-252-1363, ext. 405. Early thoughts would be to meet on a weekday morning in Xavier Hall. Time and dates to be determined.

## HOMEBOUND & HOSPITAL VISITORS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to visit parishioners that are in the hospital or homebound. Contact Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org.

## ST. MONICA CHRISTIAN WOMEN

The St. Monica Christian women of SFX parish invite current Christian women of the parish, and all OIC parishioners to join them on Tuesday, April 16 at 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall. A representative from Pathways for Youth, Patrick Knutson, will explain the program; where they are located, what they do, who they help and how we can help them. Everyone is invited to attend. St. Monica Christian women will then hold their April meeting following that presentation. Please join us!

## FALL FESTIVAL FRANNY FLYER

I founded the annual 5K 10K 1 mile and 1K race 13 years ago as a fundraiser for the church and school. To date, the race has raised \$45,000. There is no other place as fun to be at then St. Francis the morning of the race. It is now time for me to step down and spend my time in other areas. I would like to thank the following for their support throughout the past 13 years. Fr. Lauren, Fr. Tim, Fr. Ron, all of the runners and walkers, the volunteers who helped (takes 60 on race day), the business sponsors, Cathedral High School National Honor Society, Boy Scouts, the vendors that gave us breaks on prices including Gopher State Events, Roxanne Johnson and Mustang Signs, SFX Health & Wellness committee, SFX custodial staff, and the SFX parish office. Nick Novak

## YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

### Service Sundays

Sunday, April 14 @ SFX for youth grades 6-12

### TREMOR Night

April 14 5:30-7:30pm Snacks & program for grades 4-5.

### Youth Group Nights

April 28 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00-8:30pm. Grades 6-8 Welcome.

### Aftershock

April 17 & May 15. Grades 6-12 welcome 6:30-7pm Supper & 7-8:30 programming

### Save the Date

**August 5-9.** Youth in grades 6-11 are invited to participate a week of Service this summer. We will be volunteering locally as well as having a day in the cities. Registration material will be sent on April 1.

**May 19** Baccalaureate Mass @ 9:30 Mass. Formal invites will be sent out.

**\*\*Watch Flocknote for more information and details\*\***



Congratulations and  
Welcome to the Church!

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