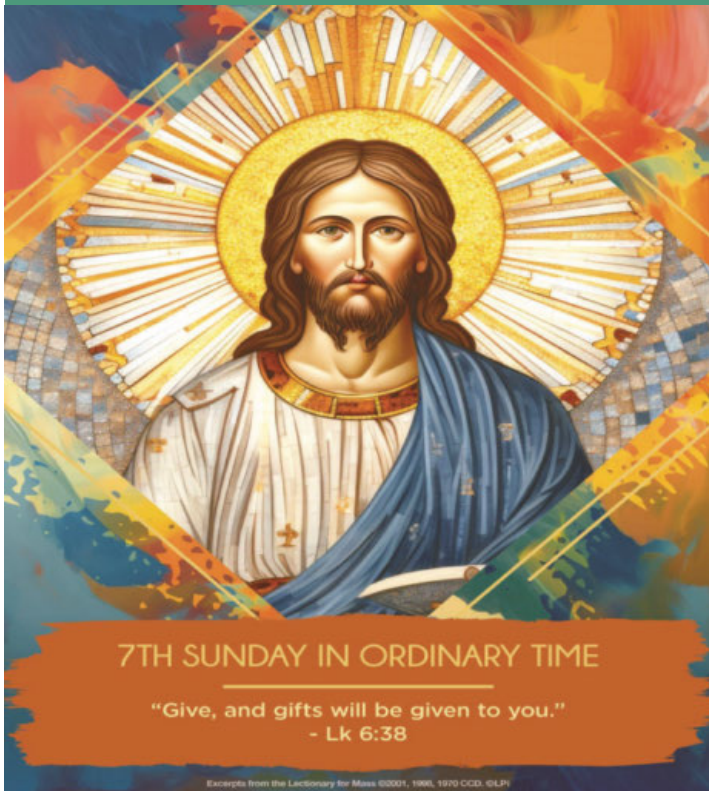


February 23, 2025  
7th Sunday of Ordinary Time



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### Annunciation

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### St. Stephen

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### MASS TIMES

|   |          |                     |                                |
|---|----------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Monday, February 24</b>  | 8:00 am  | St. Francis Xavier  | - Word and Communion           |
|   | 8:30 am  | Annunciation        | † Rich & Verla Hilman          |
| <b>Tuesday, February 25</b>   | 8:00 am  | St. Francis Xavier  | † Max Villeneuve               |
|   | 5:30 pm  | Sacred Heart        | † Gary Thorsten                |
|   | 5:30 pm  | St. Stephen         | † Jerry Mehr                   |
| <b>Wednesday, February 26</b>   | 8:00 am  | St. Francis Xavier  | † Spencer Yurrik               |
|   | 8:00 am  | Sacred Heart        | † Dennis Gapinski              |
| <b>Thursday, February 27</b>  | 8:00 am  | St. Francis Xavier  | † David & Sharon Heim          |
|   | 8:00 am  | St. Stephen         | - Betty Skaj                   |
|   | 8:30 am  | Annunciation        | † LaVern Halupczok             |
| <b>Friday, February 28</b>  | 8:00 am  | Sacred Heart        | † Geraldine Janson             |
|   | 8:30 am  | St. Francis Xavier  | † Mary Bronder                 |
| <b>Saturday, March 1</b><br>8th Sunday of Ordinary Time                           | 4:00 pm  | St. Francis Xavier  | † Loretta Buley                |
|   | 5:00 pm  | Sacred Heart        | - For the People of the Parish |
|   | 7:00 pm  | St. Stephen         | † Elmer Schumer                |
| <b>Sunday, March 2</b><br>8th Sunday of Ordinary Time<br><br>*Livestreamed Masses | 8:15 am  | *Annunciation       | † Mary Lentner                 |
|   | 9:00 am  | *Sacred Heart       | † Irene E. Laudenschach        |
|   | 9:30 am  | *St. Francis Xavier | † David & Marlene Robertson    |
|   | 10:00 am | St. Stephen         | † Norma Vouk                   |

### 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:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165, 168, 171, 172, 174, 175/Mk 9:38-40

**Thursday:** Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Mk 9:41-50

**Friday:** Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12, 16, 18, 27, 34, 35/Mk 10:1-12

**Saturday:** Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-14, 15-16, 17-18/Mk 10:13-16

**Next Sunday:** Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 (see 2a)/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### From Safari.....

At an Amish School in Lancaster County Pennsylvania, five young girls were killed by a man who eventually took his own life. A Grandfather of one of the

murdered Amish girls said of the killer on the day of the murder: "We must not think evil of this man." Another community member said, "I don't think there's anybody here that wants to do anything but forgive and not only reach out to those who have suffered a loss in that way but to reach out to the family of the man who committed these acts." And still another said, "We have to forgive. We have to forgive him in order for God to forgive us."

And Jesus said, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Leona Callen was beaten and murdered in her Akron, Ohio home. Ron and Carolyn Callen said, "When we moved to Michigan from the East Coast over 30 years ago, we felt proud to live in a state that had never had capital punishment. After Ron's mother was murdered in Ohio, a death penalty state, we felt the same firm opposition to the death penalty. When the case came to be prosecuted, Ron's other brothers and their wives, independently voiced their support for our position, and we petitioned the county prosecutor not to seek capital punishment. We have always believed that no human has the right to take another's life. We could never condone such an act. Even Mother's horrible murder could not change that. In similar situations, so many people seem to focus exclusively on the terrible action of the murderer. But we firmly believe that the fundamental question is how we as a civilized society will act. To kill out of fear, hatred and retribution is to demean us all and ultimately to commit a second act of murder."



## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

And Jesus said, "Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you."

Jesus' command is contrary to our basic human instinct. Our human instinct tells us our enemies are to be defeated. Beginning with Abraham, God intervenes and helps human see another way. The eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth principle, which flows from the commandments, was a means to bring some proportionate justice. But even this principle leaves the whole world blind and gumming its food. Jesus teaching in the gospel pushes us beyond reciprocity to imitating our God. By loving our enemies we can break the cycle of violence and retaliation and observe the golden rule as a way of life.

The challenge to imitate God's example is of course beyond our unaided ability. Through the sacraments and prayer we receive the grace to be God like.

Who are the enemies you need to love? Who are you unable to forgive? What grudge do you still hold?

## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| <b>Pastor</b> | <b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b><br>320-251-8115, Ext. 112<br>pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org                                |
| <b>Pastor</b> | <b>Fr. Ron Weyrens</b><br>320-252-1363, Ext.401 (days)<br>Ext. 402 (night/weekends)<br>rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org |
| <b>Deacon</b> | <b>Joe Kresky</b><br>320-251-8115<br>jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org   |
| <b>Deacon</b> | <b>Terry Jancik</b>  |



But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back... - Luke 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.



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 visit <https://youtu.be/50pwVJkNx18>

### ACC ADULT FAITH ON TAP

**Save the Date** - The second ACC Adult Faith On Tap event is scheduled for Saturday, March 22nd from 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Bad Habit Brewing in St. Joseph with guest speaker Fr. Jean Claude Duncan, parochial vicar from the All Called to Christ ACC in St. Cloud. Fr. Duncan will share his conversion story and how that led him to the Catholic faith. All adults in the ACC are invited.

### ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FISH FRY

March 21 at St. Augustine's parish center  
4-8 dine in-----4-7 Drive Through  
\$14 presale/\$15 at the door/\$8 kids



Serving: Hand breaded cod, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and bread.-----with a Bake sale and silent auction to benefit SKD students.

### CARD GROUP

St. Francis Xavier  
2nd & 4th Thursdays  
February 27, 2025  
Xavier Hall, 1-3 pm  
All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables.  
Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions.



### PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 16+



**NEW DATE!!!!** Join us on March 2nd from 6 pm-7:30 pm for Painting the Word at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 16+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be provided. A small donation is appreciated to help cover supplies. Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up or scan the code.



### BAPTISM

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



Carsyn Emily Johannes, daughter of Brandon & Traci, from St. Stephen.

### 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**40 Days For Life** Spring/Lenten campaign runs from Ash Wed, **March 5<sup>th</sup> to Sun, April 13<sup>th</sup>** 2025. From **7am-7pm MON-FRI**, we are out doing peaceful, prayerful VIGIL on the sidewalk in front of the **Planned Parenthood abortion facility** in East St Cloud. **We PRAY for an End to MN Abortion's and for a Return to the Culture of LIFE!!!**

Beginning & Ending **Rally's are Sat's March 8 and April 12<sup>th</sup>**, both 10am-noon, beginning at the Vigil site in front of Planned Parenthood and proceeding to St Aug's for prayer, pizza, and program. We need YOU to come join us in the peaceful, prayerful presence for this intention!

Opening Rally (MARCH 8) speaker is **Russ Rooney** from "Life Legal Minnesota" Talk at 11am: **"TRUTH, TESTIMONY, TRAUMA"** THANK YOU & GOD BLESS YOU ALL!

### CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA

**IS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN YOU?** Are you looking for that light? How can you bring the light of Christ to someone else if you don't have it within yourself? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for March 21-23, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. For more information and to register for retreats go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org)

### MONDAY NIGHT MOVIE NIGHT



Monday, Feb. 24 - Amish Grace and Monday, March 17- The Life of St. Patrick

These movies will be shown in the library of St. Peter's church (930 31st Avenue North, St. Cloud) at 6pm. Refreshments will be provided. Please enter door 4."

### LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

- Thursday, March 9, 6:30pm—St. Joseph, (WP)
- Monday, March 17, 6:30pm—St. Anthony
- Tuesday, March 18, 6:30pm—Holy Spirit
- Tuesday, March 25, 7pm—St. Francis Xavier
- Thursday, March 27, 6:30pm—Sacred Heart
- 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





## YOUNG ADULTS

### Praise Night

Our next Praise and Worship, Adoration, Reconciliation and fellowship night will be at Holy Spirit in St. Cloud on Thursday, February 27th at 6 PM. Come pray with us - kids are always welcome!

### Young Adult Bible Study

Join us for the next conversation at Annunciation at Mayhew Lake on Thursday, March 6th from 7-8:30 PM in the parish center. Expect great conversations in a low key environment! Contact Jason Prigge if you have questions.

## YOUNG LIFE

### Club Update

Don't miss any upcoming Clubs!

\*\*6:15-6:45 PM Open Gym | 6:45-7:45 PM Club

\*Wednesday, March 19th

\*Wednesday, April 16th

\*Wednesday, May 21st

### Summer Camp

Have you signed up for summer camp yet??? This Wednesday your first deposit of \$50 is due, register at: [granitecity.younglife.org/camp](http://granitecity.younglife.org/camp)

### 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:



St. Francis Xavier's Health & Wellness Team  
invites you to our

## LENTEN SERIES

# LIFE'S CHALLENGES

From a Christian Perspective

|                            |  |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>MARCH 11</b>            | <b>MARCH 18</b>  |
| <b>LONELINESS</b>          | <b>BULLYING</b>  |
| <i>Deacon Steve Pareja</i> | <i>Alyssa Knese</i><br>Director of Behavioral Health<br>Catholic Charities<br>Diocese of St. Cloud |
| <b>MARCH 25</b>            | <b>APRIL 1</b>   |
| <b>CAREGIVER SUPPORT</b>   | <b>STRESS &amp; ANXIETY</b>  |
| <i>Deacon Steve Pareja</i> | <i>Bethany Tollefson</i><br>Parish Health Ministries Program<br>Faith Community Nurse              |

**5:30-6:00 PM OPTIONAL SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER**  
**6:00-7:00 PM GUEST SPEAKER**

*All are Welcome!!*  
Join us for one or all of the nights.  
Free will offering will be accepted for dinner.  
St. Francis Xavier - Gathering Space  
219 2nd Street S., Sartell, MN  
Sign up by calling Sandee Kremers  
320-252-1363 or [skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org)

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm  
[ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com)

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066  
[ststephenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### Financial Offering for February 15 & 16

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Adult envelopes                       | \$ 2,770.00 |
| Adult online giving Feb 8-14          | \$ 413.00   |
| Plate                                 | \$ 232.50   |
| TOTAL                                 | \$ 3,415.50 |
| Central MN Catholic magazine to date: | \$ 520.00   |

### Ushers:

Mar 1: Tom Larson, Karen & Gene Skaj

Mar 2: Steve Vouk, Jake Rothstein, Ralph Barhorst

**Faith Formation:** February 26 classes for grades 1-4 and Confirmation. A meal will be served in the Parish Hall before classes.

**Ladies...Let's Gather** will meet next Sunday, March 2, in the annex at 6:00 PM. This month we will discuss Rebekah.

**Ministry Schedule April 5 - June 29:** If there are dates you know you are unavailable, please contact the parish office by March 10. This schedule includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday Service, Easter Vigil at SFX, and Memorial Day.

Looking for a way to get more involved at church? Consider becoming an usher at church. This is a great opportunity for individuals or families to welcome & meet people as they come to church. We are also looking for servers - any student from grades 3 and up. Please contact the parish office to add your name to the ministry list.

**Mass Intentions:** There are dates available in March and April if you would like to have a Mass said for someone. Enclose the name(s) of who you would like a mass said for and \$10 for each mass in envelope marked Mass Intentions and put in the collection basket.

**Funeral Lunch group lead:** We are looking for a new lead person for the South end funeral lunch group. You do not need to live in the South end to be the lead contact. If you have questions or you would like to be the funeral lunch lead, please contact the parish office.

**The Church Steeple** monthly newsletter. After 48 years, Betty Pogatshnik will be retiring from publishing The Church Steeple. If you have questions about writing the newsletter or would like to volunteer to take over writing the newsletter please contact Betty at 252-6009 or the parish office.

**Holdingsford Firefighters Relief Association breakfast** will be held March 9 at Holdingsford City Center from 8:00-12:30. Free will offering.

**Well n Fit exercise class:** A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio and balance exercises. Fall/winter hours: 9:30-10:30, Wednesday & Friday. Line dance after Wednesdays.

**Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach:**

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

**Monthly Lunch & Learn:** Thursday, March 20, 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

## 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 February 16, 2024

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Adult Collection. . . . .    | \$9,362.00 |
| Automatic Giving. . . . .    | \$6,905.42 |
| Children. . . . .            | \$7.00     |
| Improvements. . . . .        | \$5.00     |
| Central MN Catholic. . . . . | \$150.00   |

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** CLOW is for Pre-K (with an adult) through grade 3 takes place at the 9 AM Mass on Sundays. We have leaders but we are needing assistant leaders to be in the room with the main leader to assist with kiddos. Contact Jason Prigge to learn more!

**Ash Wednesday Ministers Needed** We are in need of ministers to help with our 6:30 pm Lent Reconciliation Service on March 27th. If you can help, please sign up using the web terminal or on the sheet near the Sacristy. Thank you!

**Lent Decorating** Decorating for Lent will take place on Tuesday, March 4th at 9:00 am. We'll be removing green plants, setting up our Lenten "path", hanging fabric and doing other decorating. Please come lend a hand if you are able.

**FESTIVAL** Can you believe we are already talking about the festival? Everyone should have received a letter in the mail about donating to the raffle prizes. We have extra letters and envelopes in the gathering space if you did not receive one. Whatever amount you can donate is greatly appreciated! We raised the grand prize to \$7,500 this year so we will need more donations! You can put the donations in the offering basket or in the mail whichever is easier for you!



**Palm Branch Collection** You can bring your palm branches from previous years and place them in the basket in the gathering space between February 22nd and March 2nd .

**Stations of the Cross help needed** We will again pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at **6:30 pm**. If you, your family, or a group you are part of would like to lead Stations of the Cross, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office as soon as possible. If you would like to help as a lector, musician, or AV operator, please sign up using the online terminal. Thank you!

- March 7—
- March 14—Catholic United Financial—Traditional
- March 21—
- March 28—
- April 4—
- April 11—

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** February Theme: Grounded in Forgiveness

Upcoming Dates & Times:

\*Wednesday, Feb 26th | Gr. 5-12 | 7:30-9 PM

**Castaway 2025** Last chance to help us fill that bus for



Castaway! Registration is *still* open for Castaway 2025 for grades 9-12! Castaway is March 28-30 in Detroit Lakes. Cost is \$100 (additional costs for shirts). Registration is online **only**. Scan the QR Code, use the website or contact Jason Prigge ([jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)). Lets fill that bus!

## FAITH FORMATION

**9th Grade Retreat** is TODAY!!!! (Sunday the 23rd) at Sacred Heart Parish from 10:30 - 5:00 PM.

## RECYCLING FOR THE YOUTH GROUP

**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

## SKD FISH FRY TICKETS

Once again this year, starting on Monday, February 23, we will have ticket sales in the office, for the St. Katharine Drexel Fish Fry. Please bring correct payment amount. Fish Fry information:

March 21 at St. Augustine's parish center  
4-8 dine in-----4-7 Drive Through  
\$14 presale/\$15 at the door/\$8 kids

Serving: Hand breaded cod, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and bread.-----with a Bake sale and silent auction to benefit SKD students.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 24; 6:30pm—Monday DTS Sessions
- February 26; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
- 5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30pm—Grounded (5-12)
- February 27; 6pm—Young Adult Praise Night-(Holy Spirit)
- March 1; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- March 2; 6pm—Painting the Word
- 7pm—DTS Session

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Patricia Olson 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, February 16th, 2025

|                              |            |
|------------------------------|------------|
| Adult Sunday .....           | \$2,093.25 |
| Visitors .....               | \$90.00    |
| Youth .....                  | \$20.00    |
| Votive Candle .....          | \$1.30     |
| St. Cloud Visitor .....      | \$100.00   |
| Initial Offering .....       | \$8.00     |
| Solemnity of Mary .....      | \$17.00    |
| Building Improvement .....   | \$20.00    |
| Confirmation Breakfast ..... | \$895.00   |
| Total Income .....           | \$3,244.55 |


## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sun. March 2nd, 2025

**Lector:** Loren Popp and Lori Schaefer  
**Eucharist:** Lori Popp (H), Lora Knafla(C), Katie Lentner(C)  
**Servers:** Noah Lentner, Kelsey Lentner and Zoey Heck  
**Greeters:** John & Karla Koenig, Wyatt Montag, Ben Larson  
**Ushers:** Tom & Barb Brand, Jeremy Brand & David Lentner

### Wed. March 5th, 2025 Ash Wednesday 8:30am


**Lector:** David Zimmer  
**Eucharist:** Gene Poser(H)  
**Servers:** Volunteers  
**Greeters:** Volunteers  
**Ushers:** Volunteers

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Annette Crosby, Layla Haus, Michael Scheel, Diane Symanietz, Gina Popp, Duane Wentland, Scott Brenny, Hannah Scapanski, Jayden Gerads, Samantha Jahnke, Aiden Robinson, David Peterson.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. Feb. 26th, Religious Ed Class, Elevate for middle school kids. Faith sharing confirmation  
Wed. March 5th, Ash Wednesday Mass @ Sacred Heart at 6:30pm for **All Students**.



 **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS** are still collecting coats for kids (adults too). Box in entryway of church. There is still a great need. Thank you.

### COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

with individual confessions:  
Tuesday, March 25th, 7pm at St. Francis Xavier  
Thursday, March 27th, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart  
Sunday, April 6th, 3:00pm at Annunciation



## 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 2/16/2025.....       | \$13,667.89         |
| <b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>  | <b>\$(7,678.26)</b> |
| YTD Collection Budget .....    | \$704,422.95        |
| YTD Collected .....            | \$724,442.00        |
| <b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>   | <b>\$20,019.05</b>  |

## LENTON 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.

This four week Tuesday evening series covers the following topics from 6-7 p.m.

**March 11:** Loneliness by Deacon Steve Pareja, St. Francis

**March 18:** Bullying by Alyssa Knese, Director of Behavioral Health, Catholic Charities

**March 25:** Caregiver Support by Deacon Steve Pareja, St. Francis Xavier

**April 1:** Stress & Anxiety by Bethany Tollefson, Faith Community Nurse

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). Attend one or all four nights.

## THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the beautiful funeral service for Doris. We would like to thank Fr. Eb for the Mass and kind words of inspiration. Thank you to Mark Levandowski for the beautiful music. Thank you to Sandee Kremers for taking the time to meet with us to make sure everything ran smoothly. Thank you to the luncheon ladies for the wonderful food and to everyone for their prayers and condolences during this difficult time. Your thoughtfulness is truly appreciated.

The Doris Schefers Family

## PALM COLLECTION

Old Palms can be dropped off until Friday, February 28. There is a basket outside of the parish office.





## FISH FRY

### Fish Fry Meal Orders

Scan the QR code to go directly to the site for ordering and paying for your fish fry meals. We will also accept pre-orders/payments for meals in the parish office.

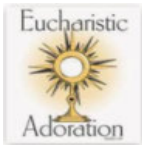
**Order by March 1<sup>st</sup>** for the discounted price of \$13 a meal for adults (age 13 & up). Seniors and children 12 & under, the price is \$9.00. When you order your meals or stop by the office, for planning purposes, please let us know if you plan to "eat in" or have a "to go" meal. Your name will be on a "will call list" so when you come in to dine or pick up your meal, we just check you off - you are good to go!



### SCHOOL HELP NEEDED

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