

January 5, 2025  
The Epiphany of the Lord



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD  
They were overjoyed at seeing the star.  
- Mt 2:10

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 00001, 1968, 1970 CCD, (SLP)

ONE  
IN  
CHRIS

Annunciation  
Sacred Heart  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Stephen

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### St. Stephen

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320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, January 6</b> St. Andre Bessette	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Jim & Irene Fisher
<b>Tuesday, January 7</b> St. Raymond Penyafort	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Tom Bearson
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Marty Reker
	5:24 pm	St. Stephen	- No Mass
<b>Wednesday, January 8</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. St. Monica's Christian Women
	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Viola Schloeder
<b>Thursday, January 9</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. Trevor Michaud
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	- No Mass
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Lori Pratt
<b>Friday, January 10</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Delores Weyer
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Nancy Ehlen
<b>Saturday, January 11</b>	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Betty O'Toole
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Albert Vogt
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Elmer Schumer
<b>Sunday, January 12</b> The Baptism of the Lord  *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† For the People of the Parish
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Ken Malikowski
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Linda Ley
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† George & Viola Dullinger

### 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

<b>Monday:</b> 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25	<b>Friday:</b> 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
<b>Tuesday:</b> 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44	<b>Saturday:</b> 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
<b>Wednesday:</b> 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52	<b>Next Sunday:</b> Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 (1)/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22
<b>Thursday:</b> 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a	

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Like the Magi who traveled to encounter the Child Jesus, we are on a journey as a Church. We have entered into the Jubilee Year 2025 as **“Pilgrims of Hope.”**

First, some background:

As the Church makes its pilgrimage through time, we occasionally observe a “Jubilee Year” as a holy time especially focused on the forgiveness of sins, the call to conversion, and our hope in the return of Jesus as the ultimate goal of history.

The word “jubilee” comes from the Hebrew word *yobel*, which refers to the ram’s horn used to announce a jubilee in the Old Testament. God told Moses that every fiftieth year was to be set aside for the return of absent members to their households, the restoration of land to its owners, the release of Hebrew slaves and the forgiveness of debts:

*This fiftieth year you shall make sacred by proclaiming liberty in the land for all its inhabitants. It shall be a jubilee for you, when every one of you shall return to his own property, every one to his own family estate. (Lev. 25:10)*

Pope Boniface VIII proclaimed the first Christian jubilee in A.D. 1300. The Church first celebrated a jubilee every 100 years. This was eventually shortened to every 50 years and then every 25 years.

There are also occasional extraordinary Jubilee Years: St. John Paul II proclaimed a special jubilee year in 1983 to celebrate the 1,950th anniversary of the death and resurrection of Jesus, and Pope Francis declared an extraordinary jubilee (The Year of Mercy) for the 50th anniversary of the end of the Second Vatican Council.

Our current Jubilee 2025 was proclaimed by Pope Francis in *Spes Non Confundit* (“Hope does not disappoint”). He wrote:

*The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation.*

Second, more locally: you will find Bishop Neary’s Proclamation of the Jubilee in the Diocese of Saint Cloud and practical ways to participate in this week’s bulletin insert, taken from the Central Minnesota Catholic magazine.

Third, some perspective: the Jubilee is a celebration of the world-wide Church. We are united with the whole Church across every human boundary on this common pilgrimage of hope.

At the same time, in the United States, we are in the third year of the national Eucharistic Revival, in which we contemplate that the Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist sends us on mission: “Do this in memory of Me.” We are called to give the love we have been given in Jesus to others, our fellow pilgrims on the same path to joy in God.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

In our Diocese, we are also engaged in our most recent Pastoral Planning process for the future of our parishes and ministries. Our theme for this work is All Things New: Honoring the Past, Inspiring the Future. Our Diocese, too, is on a pilgrimage of hope as we prepare for a future that asks us to rely more on one another as stewards of God’s gifts distributed richly throughout the Body of Christ.

Scholars are divided on whether the Jubilee Year regulations in Leviticus were ever really applied in Israel’s history. But whatever actually took place in the centuries before Jesus, we are still inspired by the fact that we are set free in Jesus, united in one bond of love by the Holy Spirit, and have a place prepared for us in our true homeland in the Father’s House.

Meanwhile, we are Pilgrims of Hope, on our way, together.

**Please find the JUBILEE PRAYER on pg 3.**



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“...They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” - Matthew 2:11

What gifts do you give to the Lord? Pope St. Gregory said that these three gifts represent what we should give God every day. Gold – we should reflect Christ’s wisdom in all our relationships. Frankincense – represents our daily prayer and adoration to God. Myrrh – is a symbol of our daily sacrifices that we unite with Jesus for the sake of others.

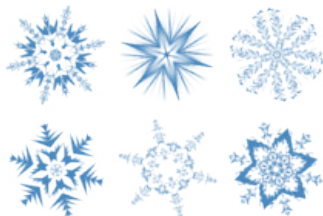


Blessings to you in the New Year! We are very grateful to those of you who have already supported diocesan ministries in 2024 through the Appeal. As of November 18, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,534,169 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (105.08%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 7,859 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### JUBILEE PRAYER– FR. TOM CONTINUED

#### The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,  
may the *faith* you have given us  
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our brother,  
and the flame of *charity* enkindled  
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,  
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*  
for the coming of your Kingdom.  
May your grace transform  
us into tireless cultivators of the seeds  
of the Gospel.  
May those seeds transform from within both humanity and  
the whole cosmos  
in the sure expectation  
of a new heaven and a new earth,  
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,  
your glory will shine eternally.  
May the grace of the Jubilee  
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,  
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.  
May that same grace spread  
the joy and peace of our Redeemer  
throughout the earth.  
To you our God, eternally blessed,  
be glory and praise for ever.  
Amen.



### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Rose Then, who passed away on December 19 and Adolf Zisl, who passed away December 19, from St. Stephen.



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

### ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT ST. STEPHEN

Adult Bible study will begin in St. Stephen on January 19, 2025. We will be studying "The Turning Point - A Study of the Gospel of John."

The Turning Point is a nine-session Bible study experience that’s perfect for people who want to get to know Jesus in the Scriptures but don’t know where to start. This study will introduce you to people and stories in the Gospel of John that you won’t find anywhere else in the Bible: the woman at the well; a man named Nicodemus; the woman caught in adultery; and Lazarus, the friend Jesus raised from the dead. You’ll read stories about Jesus turning water into wine at the wedding in Cana, Jesus washing the feet of his disciples, and Peter’s marvelous redemption after he denies Jesus three times. The people in these stories were transformed by their encounters with Jesus. By entering into their miraculous stories, you will encounter Jesus in a personal way and develop a deeper relationship with him that will transform your everyday life.

We will meet Sunday evenings at 7:00pm in the Church Hall. To sign up please call the St. Stephen church office at 320-251-1520. Cost of the workbook is \$15. Please register by January 5, 2025. Questions? Call Julie at 320-248-6823.

### FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Are you looking for some mid-winter family fun? Join us at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell from 11:00 am—4:00 pm for a day of fun celebrating our Catholic faith. Cost is only \$25 per family (no matter the size) and the day will include a free carnival, family games, lunch, age-appropriate activities and Mass. Register your family at <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-festival-of-families/>

### MEN’S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Catholic Men’s Conference set for Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John’s University in Collegeville. Keynote speaker will be Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the Vicar for Lay and Clergy Formation. Bishop Patrick Neary will attend the conference and celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. Workshops will be available, including topics for young adults. Cost is \$40 or \$35/each for groups of 5, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Cost for ages 15 – 22 is \$10. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 12. Visit <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholic-mens-conference/> to register.





## YOUNGLIFE

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Be sure to go like our page on Facebook:  
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### Prayer Team Needed

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



## CANA DINNER

Save the date! Sacred Heart will once again be hosting the Cana Dinner on February 22nd. We will begin with Mass at 5pm followed by social time, dinner, speakers and reaffirmation of vows. This is an event that is focused on marriage, but is not limited to married couples. Free childcare is available on site if needed. More details will be coming.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Trobec Council #5276, serving the Sartell and St. Stephen communities, would like to invite the children of these communities to participate in this year's free throw competition. All **children ages 9-14** are invited to participate in this year's event that will be held on **Saturday, January 11th at 10am**. The event will be held at St. Francis Xavier School in the gymnasium. This year, all participants will receive a Gatorade and will be entered into a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift certificate to Clutch Take and Bake Pizza! (Limit 1 per family)

This event is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus with winners from the local level advancing to district, region and state competitions. All contestants from the local level are recognized for their participation in the event and the winners and each level receive a trophy. Participants register at the event and must have written coset an age verification from a parent or guardian. Please contact Jake Schneider 320-761-7143 or jakeschneider34@charter.net with any questions.

## GATHERING IN THE ARTS SHOW

**Sunday, February 16, 2025, 11:00am-4:00pm**

**St. Francis Xavier  
School Gym**

What you need to know:

Artist Fee: \$35 per 8 foot table or 8'x4' space - fee paid by 1/21/25. You will provide any materials needed for your own display

Setup in school gym door A on Saturday, February 15 from 1:30-3:30pm and/or Sunday 8-10:30am

If you wish to sell your wares, you will be responsible for all transactions and finances

Food vendors available

Interested in being part of the show? Contact Geri Blais at 320-255-7009 or gblais@gmail.com

## 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 Dec 21 & 22

Adult	\$ 1,786.00
Adult Online Dec 14-22	\$ 1,166.00
Plate	\$ 376.00
Religious Retirement	\$ 5.00
Immaculate Conception	\$ 15.00
Children	\$ 11.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,359.00</b>

**Ushers:** Schedule not available at time of printing.

**Faith Formation:** Classes for grades 1-4 & Confirmation. Spaghetti will be served in the Parish Hall before class.

**Ladies Let's Gather** will meet next Sunday, January 5, at 6 PM in the church annex. All women, middle school and up, are invited to attend. Each month we discuss a different woman from the Bible. No prep work or homework.

**Blood Drive:** January 20 from 12:00-6:00 pm in Parish Hall. There are many time slots still available to donate blood. If you need help signing-up, contact the parish office. **Help is needed** to sign people in - call the parish office to volunteer.

**Bible Study:** The Turning Point-A Study of the Gospel of John, begins January 19. See the Community pages for more information. Call the parish office **TODAY** to register.

**Congratulations** to newly elected Parish Council members Myron VanderWeyst, Lisa Koll and Shari Selensky. The next Parish Council meeting will be Tuesday, January 21, at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.



To everyone who helped in any way to make Christmas a season filled with joy and love. The dedication of all our volunteers, who serve with a loving heart, spend countless hours not only at Christmas but throughout the entire year. Volunteers - Thank you for everything you do for our parish!

To those who sent Christmas wishes through the Parish Christmas Card: The donations were sent to Homeless Helping Homeless and the Emergency Services of Catholic Charities. The total amount donated was \$1,487.00. Your generosity to help those in need is greatly appreciated.

**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: Wednesdays at Trobec's, January-March, at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.  
Monthly Lunch & Learn: Thursday, January 16, 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

**Financial giving totals not available at time of printing**

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Christmas Takedown** Christmas decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 12th immediately following the 9:00 am Mass. Much help is needed with removing ornaments, fabric, lights and garland as well as taking down the nativity scene and trees and rearranging poinsettias. Please stay after Mass if you can help. Thank you!!



**Winter Raffle** Have you gotten your raffle ticket? If not, you can purchase one (or more) before or after Mass in the gathering space or stop in the office during the week, we have them there too! Mark your calendar for January 26th for our "whatever you can fit in a crockpot" challenge!

## CHOSEN-SEASON 2

We are offering The Chosen, Season 2. Our first session was Friday, January 3rd. We meet Fridays through Feb 8th from 6pm-8:30pm in room D. We will begin with a meal, watch an episode and then end with discussion. There is no fee to attend, we do ask for a free will offering to cover the meal. If you would like to attend, please email kathyjanku@gmail.com or call the office to sign up.

## WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

The meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1-3pm. (January 14) We will have coffee & goodies and will play cards, dominoes, cribbage or just visit & get to know people who are going through grief & understand what we are all feeling. For more information, please call Linda Massman at 252-4689 or Marion Kuklock at 252-9560.

## THANK YOU

The family of Armella (Moody) Schimmich would like to express gratitude to the people of Sacred Heart Parish, where Mom was a member for approximately 75 years, for your support at the time of her passing away in early December. Special thank yous to Fr. Tom, Jill Kiffmeyer, the funeral choir, the women of St. Monica's Society, the luncheon team, custodial staff and any others who were "behind the scenes" yet had an important role in preparation of and throughout the visitation & celebration of Mom's life.

## 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

## YOUTH MINISTRY

### Grounded Youth Ministry

**Jr. High Lock-In** Grades 6-8 (and their friends), plan on joining us Saturday, January 25 - Sunday, January 26 at the St. Cloud YMCA for a lock-in like never before. Starts at 8 PM on Saturday and ends on Sunday at 6 AM. Cost is \$40, registration is online **only**. Scan the QR Code, use the website or contact Jason Prigge ([jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)).



**Castaway 2025** Registration is now 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. Lets fill that bus!!

## FAITH FORMATION

**First Eucharist Parent Meetings** at Sacred Heart are Tuesday, January 7th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM in Room B and Sunday, January 12th from 10:15 - 11:15 AM in Room B for 2nd Grade families. Parents only need to attend 1 of the meetings which will provide the home preparation materials along with important dates for First Eucharist preparation. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler at the parish office.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 6; 6:30pm—Men's Group  
6pm—Bell Choir at Poor Clares  
6:30pm—Baptism Prep
- January 8; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study  
1pm—Craft Group  
5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal  
7:30pm—Grounded (6-8)
- January 9; 4pm—Discipleship Committee  
6pm—SH Book Buffet  
6pm—Theology on Draft-Mexican Village
- January 10; 6pm—Chosen
- January 11; 9:30am—ACC Confirmation Retreat  
3:30pm—Reconciliation  
6pm—Parish Potluck
- January 12; 10am—Christmas Takedown  
12pm—Movie on Scam Prevention and Meal  
5pm—Grounded (9-12)

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Gail Gruber Bengston, Patricia Olson, Steve Stockinger 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  
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**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Income for Sunday, December 22nd, 2024

Adult Sunday .....	\$2,656.00
Visitors .....	\$186.00
Youth .....	\$13.00
Basement Rent .....	\$55.00
Votive Candle .....	\$9.30
Building Fund .....	\$20.00
Christmas .....	\$650.00
Total Income .....	\$3,589.30

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

## Mass Schedule

### Sun. January 12th, 2025

**Lector:** Bob Rajkowski and Lora Knafla  
**Eucharist:** Amy Krajsa(H), John Koenig(C), Karla Koenig(C)  
**Servers:** Mariah Simmons and Cole Lentner  
**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom and Logan Simmons  
**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom and Dan Brenny.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Donna Burczyk, Corina Schlichting, Tonya Simmons, Wyatt Montag, Jeremy Brand, Cailyn Fleck, Lexi Novak, Jason Brenny.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. Jan. 8th, Religious Ed Class at 6:30pm  
Wed. Jan. 15th, Rel. Ed Class at 6:30pm, Wyld life @ YMCA  
Wed. Jan. 22nd, Religious Ed Class at 6:30pm, 9th gr bus Tour



**AA MEETING** at Annunciation Church Hall on Thurs., at 7pm. Meetings will be held every week. Call Lori for info. 320-406-8742. Everyone welcome.

**NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING:** Mon. Jan. 6th at 6:30pm at Immaculate Conc. Church, Rice. 320-290-6311.



**BREAKFAST** after Mass on Sunday, January 12th. Everyone is Welcome.

**THANK YOU** To all those that donated items to the Poor Clares. Your items were very much appreciated.

Also

Thank you to all who helped with the preparing and decorating for Christmas. Thank you to all those who were apart of making our worship so full of the Christmas Spirit. The Greeters, Ushers, Servers, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, the Choir and especially Father for his faith filled example of the wonderous season of Joy and the miracle of Jesus' birth.



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor  
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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**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 12/22/2024.....	\$12,730.23
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>(\$8,615.92)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$533,653.75
YTD Collected .....	\$509,857.14
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$(23,796.61)</b>

## COFFEE & COMMUNITY



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

## GATHERING IN THE ARTS THANK YOU

Over \$1500 was made from the sale of candy and cookies. Thank you to the bakers, shoppers and volunteers for making this happened. The proceeds go towards enhancing the Gathering Place and the church.

God's blessings on all of you! Gathering in the Arts Committee

## HEALTH AND WELLNESS MEETING

Tuesday, January 7 at 5:30pm in the Gathering Place. All are welcome!

## CEMETERY NEWS

Many families like to decorate gravesites for Christmas. Rules are relaxed for this, but be sure to secure items and then plan on removing items by the weekend of January 6th & 7th. Items left on the gravesites after that will be removed and discarded.

## CARDS

**Join us for Card Group—All are welcome!**

500 and Cribbage tables  
1:00-3:00pm in Xavier Hall, St. Francis  
2nd & 4th Thursday of the month  
January 9 and 23rd



## THANK YOU

The family of Bernice Anderson would like to thank everyone for the prayers, support and kindness extended to us during our time of loss. A special thank you to the staff at St. Francis and Daniels Funeral Home. You all have been so kind.



## SFX SCHOOL

Greetings SFX Faith Community,

Happy New Year from St. Francis Xavier Catholic School! We are excited about all of the learning opportunities awaiting us in 2025!

St. Francis Xavier School has much to offer the families of our community.

1. Our Catholic school partners with parents to form children in the virtues of faith, hope and charity. Children are proof that God is good and with us.
2. Our Catholic school is small and committed to developing the whole child through academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community service.
3. We work with our families to adjust to changing economic situations.
4. Our Catholic school teachers and staff model to our students how to rely on their faith to persevere through challenges that may emerge.

We encourage any family with Preschool through Grade 5 children to call for a tour or join us at our Open House during Catholic Schools Week on Sunday, January 26th after 9:30 Mass. If you or someone you know are interested in enrolling at SFX and want to know more about our programs, please contact the school office at ([schooloffice@sfx61.org](mailto:schooloffice@sfx61.org)) or call 252-9940.

Heidi Schloe, Principal

## 3RD ANNUAL ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING

Thanks again for all who are participating in our annual Advent for Almsgiving food drive. We had another successful week. Next week we will have the total weight for the food that was donated. We cannot thank you enough for your generosity!



## SFX ROCKS SAVE THE DATE

Our school will be hosting its 14th annual SFX Rock fundraising celebration featuring Andy Austin on Saturday, February 8, 2025. The evening will be filled with music, dancing delicious food and silent auction items. All of the money earned from this event will be used to support initiatives and school wide programming. More information to come including instructions and a link to purchase tickets.

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