

October 20, 2024
29th Sunday Ordinary Time



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Rather, whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant; whoever wishes to be first among you will be the slave of all." - Mk 10:43-44

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1996, 1970 CCD, (SLP)

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Annunciation
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MASS TIMES

Monday, October 21	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Bonnie Wruck
Tuesday, October 22	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Robert Kirchner
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Donna Scholz
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Louis Counter Sr.
Wednesday, October 23	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Rob LaFleur
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Grace Lytle & Gail Kiekow
Thursday, October 24	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Eddie Rudolph
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Linda & Barney Molitor
Friday, October 25	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Louis A. Counter
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Living and Deceased Members of the Del & Vi Philippi Family
Saturday, October 26 30th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Royce Nies
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	- For the People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Norman Vouk
Sunday, October 27 30th Sunday Ordinary Time	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Raymond & Virginia Brand
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Gary Thorsten
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Daniel Booth
*Livestreamed Masses	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Stephen & Alice Hlebain

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: Eph 2:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4ab, 4c-5/Lk 12:13-21

Tuesday: Eph 2:12-22/Ps 85:9ab-10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 12:35-38

Wednesday: Eph 3:2-12/Ps 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 12:39-48

Thursday: Eph 3:14-21/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 11-12, 18-19/Lk 12:49-53

Friday: Eph 4:1-6/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 12:54-59

Saturday: Eph 4:7-16/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 13:1-9

Next Sunday: Jer 31:7-9/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 (3)/Heb 5:1-6/Mk 10:46-52

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

“Go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit!” Such is our baptismal calling, to spread the Good News. Today is World Mission

Sunday, a day to pray for and support those in the mission field. The collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith ensures the work and service of the Mission Church, as it supports priests, religious and lay leaders who offer the Lord’s mercy and concrete help to the most vulnerable communities in the Pope’s missions.

In his 2024 World Mission Sunday message, Pope Francis reflects on the Gospel parable of the Wedding Banquet, where the king tells his servants “Go therefore to the thoroughfares and invite to the marriage feast as many as you find”. The invitation to the banquet is linked to the Eucharistic table, where believers share the Body and Blood of Christ, anticipating the final banquet.

As Pope Benedict XVI pointed out: “We cannot keep to ourselves the love we celebrate in the Sacrament [of the Eucharist]. By its very nature, it asks to be communicated to everyone. What the world needs is the love of God, to encounter Christ and believe in him. For this reason the Eucharist is not only the source and summit of the life of the Church; it is also the source and summit of her mission: ‘An authentically Eucharistic Church is a missionary Church’” (Sacramentum Caritatis, 84).

At the end of mass we are sent out in peace to announce the Gospel of the Lord. We are sent out into the mission field of our family, workplace, and community to spread the message of living in God’s love.

That sounds like it should be an easy task, for who would really reject the idea of living in God’s love? Yet, we know that many people do reject it, not only in foreign lands but in our own communities and often in our own families.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

There are various reasons for this, of course. Living in God’s love means rejecting the goals and standards of our society to a great extent. Our culture is often based largely on selfishness, getting as much of the world’s goods for ourselves as possible, regardless of the effect on others. That is the ultimate reason for all the wars and conflicts that fill the news every day and impact our own lives, along with all peoples worldwide in multiple ways.

Today’s readings remind us of the difficulty of living in love. The first reading speaks of the difficulty of living according to God’s will in a world that rejects God’s ways. The second reading reminds us that even our high priest had to suffer at the hands of God’s enemies. The Gospel speaks of the necessity of drinking the cup of suffering if we are to follow Christ, imitating him by serving and giving our lives for others.

Let us resolve to live our lives in the way of God’s love. Ultimately what we are living for is not personal success, wealth, or notoriety but rather to give glory to God each and every day through our thoughts, words, and deeds.

Fr. Ron

LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” (Mark 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God’s love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from “I want more” to “thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share”. This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered.



The recent integration of the Office of Social Concerns in our diocesan ministries gives rise to new opportunities for collaboration to promote human dignity, mental health, rural life, and outreach to our growing Catholic Latino community. To learn more about this important work, please visit <https://stcdio.org/social-concerns/> or scan the QR code with your smartphone. Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network. The Network is an initiative of the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC). When you sign up, you will receive a bi-weekly email of resources that will provide formation on the Catholic faith and information on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. MCC also sends occasional action alerts that equip you to take action to transform Minnesota by contacting your elected officials on key issues. To join, go to mncatholic.org/join. You can also text CAN to 651-998-7322.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

On October 26 the diocese is offering three events aimed at engaging adults in their faith. Adults are welcome to attend all three events or choose the ones that work in their schedule. All three events are taking place in St. Joseph, MN. The titles of the day are: **Are You Ready?...for Surprise, Newness, Letting Go, Healing and Grace; The Lord has Done Great Things for Us...Are You Ready...for a FREE Concert?** See posters hung on kiosks for more information.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;” Listen with your spouse for God’s message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter**. The next weekend is: Apr 5-6, 2025 in BRAINERD, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

BAPTISM

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



Otto Keilan Beste, son of Ryan & Alli, from Sacred Heart and Rowan Joseph Lamser, son of Tanner & Carly from St. Stephen.

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Raymond Gohman, who passed away on, October 8, Ralph Eisenschenk, who passed away on October 11, And Janice Brownie, who passed away on October 12, all from Sacred Heart.

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



KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

Men’s Silent Weekend Retreat – November 1-3, 2024
Women’s Silent Midweek Retreat — November 5-7, 2024
“Do This in Memory of Me” presented by King’s House Retreat Staff

Begin or continue the tradition of an annual retreat by attending a silent retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. Take this opportunity to grow in your relationship with God the Father through the experience of this year’s theme “Do This in Memory of Me”. Jesus, present at The Last Supper shared with His disciples the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples remembered many things from that night. It is these memories that will guide our retreat. Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and suggested donation of \$195; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals; Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394.

SARTELL AREA CRAFT & BAKE SALE



Please join us Saturday, October 26th, from 10 AM-1:00 PM in the SFX school gym. Please bring a friend & your Christmas shopping list as you are sure to find something for everyone on it! Check out & perhaps bid on a Silent Auction Item! After shopping enjoy a delicious lunch of Wild Rice Soup, (prepared in our SFX kitchen by our very own World Famous Chefs, Marlys & Doris) coffee, juice, a roll & dessert are included! SOUP will be available to take out! This is also a great opportunity to fill your freezer with amazing baked goods for the holidays! Looking for a gift for your mailman, next door neighbor, co-worker, or friend? Check out the homemade Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Candies, Taco Sauces, etc! I am still in need of Lg. Baskets. Gift Cards from locally owned businesses are great to add to Silent Auction Baskets!! Thank you in advance for supporting this event & God bless you for your generosity!



Questions: Bonnie Nies 267-9237

YOUNG ADULTS

Praise Night Join us at the next Praise Night on Thursday, October 24th at 6 PM at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. The night will feature Praise and Worship and Eucharistic Adoration. All young adults are welcome, especially young children and their families.

YOUNGLIFE

YoungLife Volunteer / Core Team Breakfast

If you are volunteering with Wyldlife Clubs, Contact Ministry or praying, please join us. Sacred Heart for 9 AM Mass on September 3rd and a breakfast after Mass hosted by the YoungLife core team. RSVP is helpful to Jason Prigge by Wednesday, October 30th.

Introducing MN62 - YoungLife | Granite City

We are pleased to announce our YoungLife area has officially been OPENED. Please continue to offer your prayers and offer your time / talent. If you'd like to make a financial contribution to our ministry, please contact Jason Prigge or Dana Howard.

YoungLife Training

If you have discerned that you are ready to be a part of bringing YoungLife WyldLife to our ACC by entering into the world of young people, it is time to get started. Online training is beginning. Please contact Jason Prigge to get access to the training.

Jason Prigge: jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org 320-281-9486

Prayer Team Needed

We are looking for people to join us on Wednesdays at Noon for weekly prayer! Prayer generally lasts about 15-20 minutes and we are praying for our new YoungLife area, our young people and for kids who aren't a part of our parish communities. If you'd like to join the prayer team but are unable to Zoom, contact Jason Prigge for another opportunity. Scan for Zoom Link:



THE CHOSEN-SEASON 4-SARTELL

Viewing & Discussion Group -Come for one or come for all!
Wednesdays – October 16, 23, 30

November 6, 20, 27

December 4, 11

8:45 am in Xavier Hall -St. Francis Xavier Room

Join us! All are Welcome!!

On the first Wednesday of the month we will start at 9:30 am due to morning Mass hospitality for birthdays and anniversaries.

FF-CATHOLIC FAMILY SURVEY

The Catholic Family Survey will help your parish better understand your family and your life as a parent. The survey results are very important. They will be used to create an ACC plan for supporting parents of children

and young people, and for engaging the whole family in faith formation - from birth through high school graduation. The survey will only take 8-10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and contribution!



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 Oct 12 & 13

Adult	\$ 2,507.00
Adult Online Oct 5-11	\$ 418.00
Plate-Hurricane Relief	\$ 1,182.00
Children	\$.00
Total	\$ 2,571.25

Ushers:

Oct 26-Schefer family

Oct 27-Jim Schumer, Tim Rudser, Matt Nienaber

Correction: The names of two Confirmation students were spelled incorrectly in the October 13 bulletin. The correct names are Veronica Schefers and Grace Stang.

Senior Traffic Safety class will be held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, October 22, from 5:30-9:30 PM. Contact Helping Hands Outreach at 746-9960 to sign up or register at www.stse.biz

Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin:

Teachers needed for grades 4 and 8.

October 23 class for grades 1-4 & Confirmation. The meal will be Breakfast for supper: scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, ham, fruit and juice.

Poor Clares collection will take place next weekend. Boxes will be available at the entrances to drop off your donations. Items needed: stamps, envelopes, Kleenex, toiletries, canned vegetables, meatless soups, cleaning supplies, medicated cough drops, glue sticks, scotch tape, white thread. There will also be containers for monetary donations.

Blood Pressure checks will be available in the annex next Sunday, October 27, following the 10:00 AM Mass.

Bishop Trobec 5276 KC Bingo & Raffle will be held on Sunday, October 27, in the St. Stephen Parish Hall at noon. A free will hot turkey sandwich lunch will be available.

Mass of Remembrance: If you have lost a loved one in the past year, whose funeral/burial was elsewhere, and would like their name included during our Mass of Remembrance on November 3, please contact the parish office by October 25.

Help needed - please contact the parish office to help with:
Homebound Communion a few people who could take communion to some of our homebound parishioners - either on a regular basis or as a backup.

Boiler Maintenance someone to help take care of the boiler in church during the winter months. You would need to get a boiler license.

Parish Council nominations: The terms of three parish council members (two women and one man) will expire at the end of the year. There will be slips in the pews the next few weeks for nominations. The term of a Parish Council member is three years. The council generally meets the third Tuesday of every other month. If you are interested, or know of a parishioner who you think would be a good nomination for Parish Council, please write your/their names on the paper and put it in the collection basket. All nominations will be contacted prior to the names being placed in the drawing in December.

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

Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach:

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

SACRED HEART PARISH

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

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for the Week of October 13, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$12,935.00
Automatic Giving.	\$5,685.03
Friends In Need	\$20.00
Holy Days.	\$20.00
World Mission.	\$385.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Lector Books Lectors, if you requested a new Lector Workbook for the coming year, please pick up your copy in the gathering space. Thank you!

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!

ST. MONICA’S CATHEDRAL SCHOLARSHIP

St. Monica’s scholarship to Cathedral High School has been increased to \$500 this year. Please submit a letter of application stating why you chose CHS to the Sacred Heart office by December 1st. You will be notified by December 5th if you are selected.

COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION

Coats for Kids Collection & Distribution

We will be collecting coats until the end of November. Please continue to donate coats to have on hand and to be available for the needs next year.



PERSONAL PA DEVICES

Did you know? Sacred Heart has Personal PA devices that can be checked out from the AV desk. The device has an earbud or headphones that works with our sound system so the user can control the volume. Stop by the AV desk if you would like to try one.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Annie Bandemer, Lori Kelzenberg, Rosanna Leither, Fay Matthies, Patricia Olson and Jane 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry October Theme: Grounded in Unity

Upcoming Grounded dates:

*Wed. October 23rd (Grades 6-12)

7th Grade Grounded Small Group Leader Wanted

Consider joining the Grounded family and walking with our middle schoolers in their faith journey. Training and support provided, contact Jason Prigge.

Breakfast and Bible Study Breakfast and Bible Study will still meet on Sunday, October 27th from 10:15 - 11:15 AM in Room D. Great opportunity for Middle School students this month to check it out!

Sr. High Youth Day Grades 9-12, lets fill a bus and go see PJ Anderson in concert (and much more)! Sunday, October 27th all day at Lake Geneva in Alexandria. Cost is \$40, contact Jason Prigge or use our LinkTree to register!

Trunk or Treat Save the date for Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 - 7:00 PM for Trunk or Treat at Sacred Heart! Join us for this safe and fun for the whole family opportunity to visit all of the themed trunks and enjoy some hot cider / chocolate from our Young Adult Team. To make this event happen, we need two things:

1. Trunkers - Decorate your trunk with a theme and be prepared for about 600 trick or treaters. Contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486 OR jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org) to sign-up your vehicle.
2. Candy Donations - For our high school students who would like to participate in decorating their cars, we'd like to help them by providing bags of candy. Please bring bags into the Parish Office by Wednesday, October 30th.

Turkey Bowl Information Coming Soon The (0-3) students will take on the (3-0) young adults on Wednesday, November 27th at the Husky Dome. Lots of changes to the event, all are still welcome, stay tuned!



UPCOMING EVENTNS

- October 21; 5pm—Men’s Group
6:30pm—Bells of the Heart Rehearsal
7pm—KC Meeting
- October 22; 5pm—Clergy Appreciation Meal
5:30pm—Mass-**Anointing of the Sick**
6:30pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal
6:30 pm—Finance Council
- October 23; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
5:30pm—Kids Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm—Faith Formation K-8
7:30pm—Grounded (6-12)
- October 24; 6pm—Young Adult Praise Night
- October 25; 6pm—Chosen Event
- October 26; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
5pm—Mass & a Meal
- October 27; 10am—Diocesan Youth Day
10:15am—Breakfast and Bible Study

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Adult Sunday	\$3,664.00
Hurricane Relief	\$2,023.00
Youth	\$10.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$25.00
Donation for Stove/Benton Communications	\$2,098.45
Votive Candle	\$11.60
Building Fund	\$55.00
Total Income	\$7,887.05
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037	

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. October 27th, 2024

Lector: Jenessa Strande and Shirley Scapanski
Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau(H), Rita Knott(C), Gene Poser(C)
Servers: Mariah Simmons and Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: Scott Brown and Tammy Eveslage
Ushers: Tom, Barb, & Jeremy Brand and David Lentner.

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Rylan Robinson, Bruce Crosby, Rylan Brand, Ann Scheel, Jeff Montag, Nora Fitch, Morgan Molitor, Daniel Piotrowski.

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.

CHOIR PRACTICE On Monday evenings at 6:30 pm  in the choir loft.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK There will be Anointing of the Sick during Mass on Thursday, October 24th. There will be coffee and rolls after Mass. Everyone Welcome.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK The Catholic Advocacy Network is an initiative of the MN Catholic Conference (MCC) which provides information on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. To join, go to mncatholic.org/join, or text 651-998-7322.

BOXES OF JOY Deadline to turn in the boxes will be November 1. Boxes may be picked up on the table in the entryway of Church. Thanks for thinking of these children. Learn more at www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Wed. Oct. 23, Rel Ed will be saying the Rosary. *Everyone welcome.*

RICE AREA COMMUNITY FALL BLOOD DRIVE: Do you know someone who needed blood? Blood is needed every day. There is a serious shortage of blood/blood products. Sign up and donate blood on **Monday, October 21, 1:00 – 6:15 pm** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Appointments highly recommended/Info: Call Lora at 320-393-2701. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

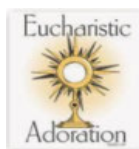
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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158
Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 10/13/2024.....	\$12,083.88
Excess (Deficit)	\$(9,262.27)
YTD Collection Budget	\$319,663.09
YTD Collected	\$290,400.82
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(41,346.15)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration
October 22, 4-7 pm.
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting new and gently used coats. Coats can be for youth and adults. The box for the donation will be in the gathering place from October 1—November 24.

SFX SCHOOL WORK-A-THON

What is the Saints in Service Work-a-Thon?

Saints in Service is a time where the SFX school community comes together to service the elderly, handicapped, or family in crisis in the greater parish community. In addition to serving as a full community, it is our fall fundraiser. Families will be doing jobs such as lawn raking, garden cleaning, litter pick-up, weed pulling, sidewalk sweeping or other light outdoor cleaning that can be done by little hands with help on **Saturday, October 26th**. All money earned from our service work supports **technology initiatives** and **reading/math specialist**. Our goal this year is **\$30,000**.

How can I donate funds?

Put your offering in an envelope and place it in the Sunday collection basket (labeled Saints-in-Service) or drop it off at either the parish or school office. Another option is to use the QR code or visit <https://ccsprek12.org/events/st-francis-xavier-work-a-thon>

Thank you for supporting Catholic education!



St. Francis Xavier
CATHOLIC SCHOOL



PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is looking for someone to take notes during their meetings. The council meets once a month on Thursday evenings September-May. Please contact Tom Offerdahl if interested. 320-252-1363 or tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

YOUTH MINISTRY

High School Youth Day-October 27. 12 -7:30pm Lake Geneva Christian Center, Alexandria | Grades 9-12
Tremor - November 3, 3:30-9:30pm at SFX | Grades 4 & 5
Aftershock! October 23 6:15-8:15pm at SFX | Grades 6 & up | Halloween Costume Party!

Details are in the Flocknote newsletter or contact Jennifer @ jkaweesa@stfrancissartell.org.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mass of Remembrance at St. Francis Xavier will take place on Saturday, October 26 at 4:00pm and Sunday October 27 at 9:30 am. 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.

ANNUAL KC BINGO AND RAFFLE

Join Us! All are invited to this great family event. It takes place on Sunday, October 27th at 12:00 Noon at the St. Stephen Parish Hall. Prizes are mainly gift cards to local businesses along with several door prize drawings. The black-out BINGO at the end has a \$250 cash prize! We do 50/50 raffles throughout the event and our KC Raffle ticket has over \$1,000 in prizes. Tickets available from KC members. A hot turkey sandwich lunch is available—FREE WILL offerings for the lunch go to Pro-Life causes. The Knights of Columbus are a men's fraternal organization that stand by the principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Bishop Trobec Council 5276—Sartell, St. Stephen, and St. Wendell is active in our communities. We support vocations, family, pro-life and those in need. Recent donations include cash for the St. Stephen and St. Francis Xavier Parish Festivals, donations to youth groups at both parishes, and more. You see the KC's helping with hospitality and serving food at youth events or the Place of Hope. To learn more contact Grand Knight Adam Fasen (320-282-7083), Tom Offerdahl (320-290-3228), Jake Schneider (320-761-7143), or Mark Dorn (320-250-0415) or any other Knight you may know.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 21, 2024 12:30pm-6:30pm in the SFX Gathering Space. You can register now to give blood by contacting Greg 320-250-9137 or schlossergregory@gmail.com



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