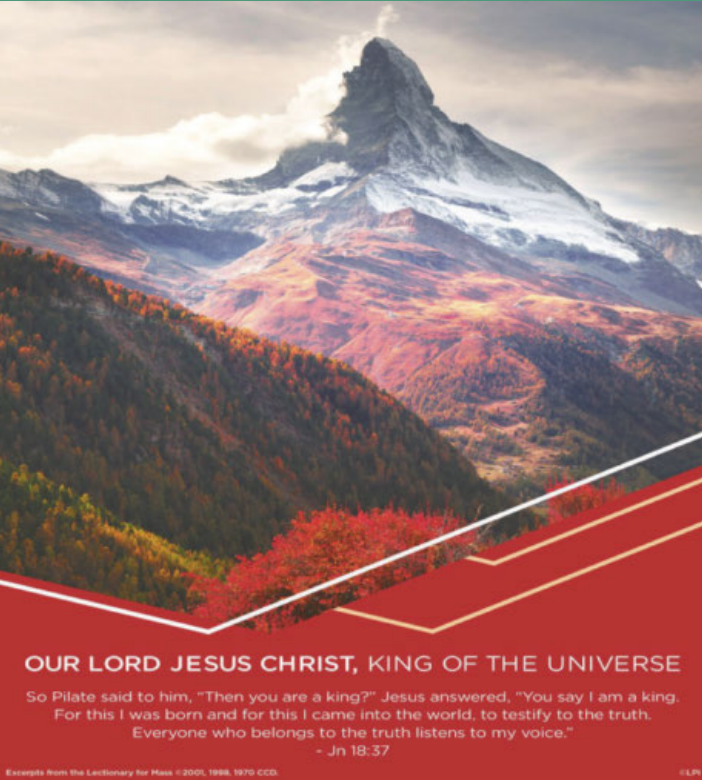


November 24, 2024
34th Sunday Ordinary Time



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MASS TIMES

Monday, November 25 St. Catherine of Alexandria	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Bonnie Wruck
Tuesday, November 26	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Cindy Segler
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Fr. Sylvester Gall & Joseph & Agnes Gall
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Raymond Schultenover
Wednesday, November 27 ASL Interpreted Mass	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Ed Wacha
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† JoAnn Schmitz
	7:00 pm	Riverside EPC	- See Page 3 for details
Thursday, November 28 Thanksgiving	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† James Honer
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Audra Popp & Conrad Brenny Sr.
	9:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Imelda Stang
	9:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. of St. Monica's Christian Women
Friday, November 29	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Gerald Schlichting
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. David Villeneuve
Saturday, November 30 1st Sunday of Advent	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Gail Kiekow
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Donna Knapp
Sunday, December 1 1st Sunday of Advent *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† LeRoy & Mary Jarnot Heath
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Linda Neu
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Sr Del Marie Rysavy
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Clarence & Sophie Scepianiak

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: Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 21:1-4
Tuesday: Rv 14:14-19/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13/Lk 21:5-11
Wednesday: Rv 15:1-4/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 7-8, 9/Lk 21:12-19
Thursday: Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 21:20-28
Friday: Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a/Lk 21:29-33
Saturday: Rom 10:9-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 4:18-22
Next Sunday: Jer 33:14-16/Ps 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14 (1b)/1 Thes 3:12—4:2/Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



INRI

These letters often appear above the head of Jesus on the Cross. They are initials for the Latin phrase *Jesus Nazoreus Rex Iudeorum* or “Jesus the Nazorean, King of the Jews.” St. John alludes to this in more detail in his Gospel (John 19:20-22):

This inscription, in Hebrew, Latin, and Greek, was read by many of the Jews, since the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city. The chief priests of the Jews tried to tell Pilate, “You should not have written, ‘The King of the Jews.’ Write instead, ‘This man claimed to be King of the Jews.’ Pilate answered, ‘What I have written, I have written.’”

Pilate’s phrase carries two meanings. On the surface, it is an assertion of his authority as a Roman official and likely his frustration with his role in this difficult job of managing the religious fervor of Jerusalem. But underneath is the fatalism of saying: “I can’t and I won’t change what I have done. It is final.”

The irony for St. John is that is precisely the sacrifice of the Cross that overcomes that fatalism of human history by the presence of divine grace. Mercy cannot change the past, but it does redeem it. Forgiveness does not erase what we have said or done – or written – but it can give us a new future of hope. Christ, the King, has this power to heal, to restore, to redirect our lives into better paths.

Many commented about the account I wrote of my accident – fortunately not serious – and the opportunity it provided to talk about faith in the most unexpected of places. I want to share another connected chapter that happened later.

The vehicle was towed to the body shop, and I spoke with the estimator. We looked over the damage and I answered some questions. In the course of the conversation, I commented that if it had been five seconds sooner or five seconds later, this would not have happened. He then told me this story.

He had moved to Minnesota recently from New York. He was a volunteer firefighter, as was his father and his uncle. His brother was also home from services in the Marines. During his visit, the Twin Towers were struck by those planes. It was September 11, 2001.

His uncle called to say, “Get your gear, we’re going.” This man and his family spent 30 days at Ground Zero.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

We did not talk about what he experienced there – no need to, as his voice and quiet bravery and humility said it all. His coincidence of time and place led him to serve with remarkable generosity, and he spoke with gratitude and esteem for his many colleagues who did the same. Things happen, people need help, other people respond.

What are the chances that a fender-bender would lead to an encounter like this? It’s the kind of thing God does, and I continue to be amazed at the Lord’s ways.

The connection with Christ the King? Two things come to mind.

First, that “what I have written, I have written” also has a positive meaning. The sacrifices we make, the good we do, the kindness we show remain, “inscribed in the Book of Life” as the Book of Revelation puts it. God does not forget. We are assured: “God is not unjust; he will not forget your work and the love you have shown him by your service, past and present, to his holy people” (Hebrews 6:10).

Second, this feast always helps us reflect on who or what is truly sovereign in our lives. Whose voice do we follow? What light is our guide? Who effectively influences the practical decisions we make, day by day?

What do we want to be read about our lives when we say: “What I have written, I have written?”

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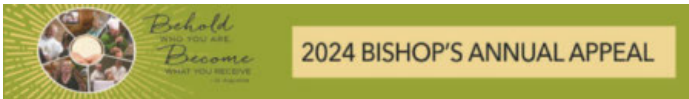


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“Jesus answered, ‘My kingdom does not belong to this world.’ (John 18:36)

Life is short. How much time, energy and money do you put into building “your” kingdom here on earth? We all know we can’t take it with us. The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time, energy and money do you invest in working for that eternal kingdom? Ask God for His guidance. Detach from earthly possessions. Generously share your material goods with others for the greater glory of God.



Bishop’s Annual Appeal 2024: Instruct all ages in the Catholic faith - Diocesan ministries provide meaningful opportunities for faith formation to people of all ages and stages of life. Diocesan initiatives educate and support faith leaders in our churches and schools, engage youth in learning Catholic teaching, involve whole families in nurturing their faith and help young adults to live the Gospel message. See how your generosity makes a difference by visiting <https://youtu.be/Y4uT9k4VBVo> to view our video.

HEALING FROM A LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Have you suffered a significant loss? A death?



Tuesdays from 4:00-5:20 pm at Sacred Heart. Deacon Joe Kresky will facilitate about four sessions supporting those healing from a loss. For questions or to sign up, call or text Deacon Joe at 320-292-4857.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

All are invited to join our brothers and sisters in Christ for an Ecumenical Service of Gratitude, Wednesday, Nov. 27, 7pm, Riverside EPC – Riverside Evangelical Presbyterian Church 405 Riverside Ave. N, Sartell. This Mass will be ASL interpreted.

BOXES OF JOY

A big thank you to those who packed a Box or Boxes of Joy or donated money so kids in other countries can receive a gift this Christmas. Ninety-two boxes (78 from Sacred Heart and 14 from Annunciation) were taken to Pierz, the next stop on their journey to Florida where they will be checked out and a rosary and *The Story of Jesus* in their language will be added before they head down to one of the developing countries such as Haiti, Malawi or the Dominican Republic to name a few. Thank you, thank you. God bless.



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Laura “Beth” Christen, who passed away on November 7 and Millie Gregoire, who passed away on November 13, from Sacred Heart.



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

PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 16+



Join us on December 1st from 6 pm-7:30 pm for a Christmas-themed Painting the Word event at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 16+ (Notice age change) are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Feel free to bring your favorite Christmas cookie to share! 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.



THE CHOSEN-SEASON 4-SARTELL

Viewing & Discussion Group -Come for one or come for all! November 27, Dec 4 & 11

8:45 am in Xavier Hall -St. Francis Xavier Room
On the first Wednesday of the month we will start at 9:30 am due to morning Mass hospitality for birthdays and anniversaries.

SH—ST. MONICA’S CRAFT & BAKE SALE

St. Monica’s Society of Sacred Heart will be hosting their Annual Craft & Bake sale after Masses on December 7th & 8th. Have some Christmas shopping yet to do? Bring your list and pick up some goodies at the same time!! Help us kick off the month of December with all proceeds going to the Poor Clares.

KING’S HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

Dec 3 – Advent Wine & The Word; 7-8 pm in the Dining Room

Join us to reflect on the season of Advent as we prepare for the coming of Christ, the Lord of Love, and “Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.” Isaiah 9:6. Serving wine from Buffalo Rock Winery, non-alcohol beverages and light snacks. Free-will offerings accepted. Call to let us know you are coming at 763-682-1394, or register online.

Dec 4- Midweek Advent Day Away – Wednesday – Join us for a day of silent prayer and reflection. This is YOUR time with the Lord. The meditations and liturgies are offered as optional events should you choose to attend. Lunch included. 8:30 to 4 pm. Suggested donation \$30-60 per person. Register online at kingshouse.com/events or call 763-682-1394.

YOUNG ADULTS

Praise Night

All young adults and their families are invited to St. Anthony in St. Cloud on Thursday, November 21st from 6-7 PM for Praise and Worship, Adoration and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Super kid friendly, activities provided, come out and pray!

Mass & Meal

Join us and make new friends (and hang with old ones) on Saturday, November 23rd starting with 4 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier - Sartell. Following Mass, meet in the Gathering Space and we'll go out to dinner from there. Everyone is responsible for their own meal - no RSVP required!

YOUNGLIFE

Like Us on Facebook

Be sure to go like our page on Facebook: Granite City Wyldlife

Wyldlife Winter Camp

Calling all students in grades 6-8! Come to Castaway with us for the best weekend of your life: Friday, December 6 - Sunday, December 8th. Cost is \$120. Registration turn around is quick, so don't miss out! Contact Jason Prigge if you are interested in heading to camp.

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

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



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

Financial Offering for Nov 16 & 17

Contributions not available at the time of printing.

Ushers:

Nov 30-Will Hellmann, Dave Fiedler, Amanda DeYaeger

Dec 1-Jake Rothstein, Jim Schumer, Merlin Berndt

Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin:
November 27 - No classes. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

Lector Workbooks for 2025 are available in the sacristy. The books are labeled with your name. The readings for next weekend are in the new workbooks.

St. Nicholas will be stopping by St. Stephen Church next Sunday, December 1, following the 10:00 AM Mass. Everyone



is invited to come hear the story of St. Nicholas and join a sing-a-long as we await the arrival of St. Nicholas. After talking with the kids, he will hand out treats to the boys and girls, young and old. Refreshments will be served in the annex following his visit.

Giving Tree: Items for the Giving Tree and Toys for Tots can be dropped off from now until December 8. Gift tags are available at the entrances. Toys for Tots will take any toys/games for any age child.

Parish Christmas Card: Do you want to send Christmas wishes to everyone in the parish? Print your name on a piece of paper, put it in an envelope marked Parish Christmas Card, enclose a donation of your choice, and drop it in the collection basket by December 15. On Christmas Eve and Christmas morning, the Parish Christmas Card will be handed out after Mass. All donations will be sent to an organization helping those in need.

Prayer Line: If you, or someone you know, needs our prayers, contact the parish office to be added to the Prayer Line.

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet next Sunday, December 1, at 6:00 PM in the annex. We will be discussing Rachel.



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.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach:

Senior Dining: Wednesday's at The Rusty Nail (October-December) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.
Monthly Lunch & Learn: Thursday, December 19.

St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings: 305 Main St E.
Tuesday's 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)
Wednesday's 5:30pm-AL-Anon/AA Mixed meeting
Wednesday's 7pm-AA Big Book meeting
Saturday's 8pm-AA meeting

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for the Week of November 17, 2024
Financials not available at time of printing.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Advent Decorating We will be decorating for the season of Advent on Saturday, November 30th at 9:00 am. Help is needed with removing fall plants and decorations and setting up the Advent wreath and other decor. If you are able, please come and help prepare our spaces for this beautiful season!

Liturgical Minister Help Needed Liturgical ministers, we are in need of your help for our Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 28th at 9:00 am, as well as our Advent reconciliation service on Thursday, December 5th at 6:30 pm. If you can help in your ministry, please sign up online or on the sheets near the sacristy. Thank you!

Prayer Blanket Ministry Your hands are needed!! This wonderful ministry is in need of help of all ages! NO PREVIOUS SEWING EXPERIENCE NEEDED! Prayer blankets are given to our newly baptized children of our parish and also those that are ill or passing. A soft blanket says so much!! The prayer blanket group meets the first Wednesday of the month at 1:00. Please join us December 4th!! Bring a friend.

Pew cleaning Please join us on Wednesday, December 4th following morning Mass 8:45-10:45ish to clean the pews in church. We will have the supplies we just need the bodies to help the work go quicker.

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.

ST. MONICA'S CRAFT & BAKE SALE



St Monica's of Sacred Heart is having a craft and bake sale on December 2nd and 3rd after Mass. Please join us and maybe finish up your Christmas shopping list. If you are bringing things to sell, please bring them in priced and ready to sell.

THE GIVING TREE

Catholic United Financial has set up the Giving Tree in the Gathering Space. The items on the tree are from the wish/need list from these organizations: Anna Marie's, Elevate (Birthline), Catholic Charities, Place of Hope and the VA. If you take a tag, please return your gift unwrapped (No gift bags please) with the tag attached by Monday, December 9th. Thank you!!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry Nov: Grounded in Listening

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.

Turkey Bowl 2024 The fourth annual game between the (0-3) Youth Group and the (3-0) Young Adults will take place on Wednesday, November 27th at SCSU Husky Dome. Gates open at 6 PM for a 6:30 PM kick-off. High School students will be taking on the young adults while middle school will be playing at half-time. Registration can be found on our Linktree or website! Fans are most welcome, bring a chair and dress warm as the dome can be chilly. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Prigge.



FAITH FORMATION

NCCL Parent Cafes Wednesday, December 4th from 6:30 - 7:30 PM in the Gathering Space and Sunday, December 15th 10:15 - 11:15 AM in Room B. Parent Cafes are the second step in the NCCL process to gather input from parents (infants - high school) about how the parish can offer better support and encouragement in passing on faith to your children. Parents will be placed in table groups and asked to reflect and share their thoughts on 4 questions. Beverage and light snacks will be provided at both meetings. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Frieler at the parish office.

First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat is Saturday, December 14th from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM at Sacred Heart for registered 2nd Sacred Heart 2nd Graders. If you have not yet registered your 2nd grader for First Sacraments at Sacred Heart, please contact Scott Frieler ASAP.



CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL

Catholic United Financial will be hosting their Annual Holiday meeting on Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30 pm in Room D.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 26; 4pm—Healing from Loss
6:30pm—CUF Holiday Meeting
- November 27; 6pm—Turkey Bowl
- November 28; OFFICE CLOSED—Thanksgiving
9am—Mass
- November 29; OFFICE CLOSED
- November 30; 9am—Advent set-up Gathering/Worship Sp.
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- December 1; 10am—Provide Lunch POH—Bring food to POH
6pm—Painting the Word

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Kevin & Denise Baron and family, Fay Matthies 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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

Income for Sunday, November 10th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,670.00
Visitors	\$242.00
Youth	\$27.00
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00
Votive Candle	\$12.60
All Saints	\$30.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
World Mission	\$30.00
Breakfast (proceeds to Adam Steffes family)	\$933.00
Total Income	\$3,994.60
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. December 1st, 2024

Lector: Lori Schaefer and Loren Popp
Eucharist: Brenda Carstensen-Boe(H), Brenda Carriveau (C), Katie Lentner(C)
Servers: Noah Lentner and Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski and Kendra Carlson
Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski, and Dan Brenny.

NO MASS THURSDAY, NOV. 28TH Thanksgiving Mass will be here on Wednesday evening, Nov. 27th at 6:30pm. Everyone Welcome.

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Linda Molitor, Lois Nordlund, Jerome Walker, Dustin Heck, Kevin Jarnot, Preston Mescall.


RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: No Religious Education Classes - Wed. Nov. 27th.

There will be a Thanksgiving Mass on Wed. Nov. 27th at 6:30pm. Everyone welcome. Next Religious Education Classes will be Wed. December 4th at 6:30pm. 2nd Grade Learning Centers.



FOOD SHELF COLLECTION There is a box in the entryway of church for collecting food for the poor thru December 1st.

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.

 **QUILT & TURKEY BINGO & RAFFLE** TODAY, Sun. Nov. 24th at 7pm at Sts Peter & Paul Church, Gilman, MN. Free lunch and door prizes. Sponsored by Catholic United Financial.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Not available at publication.

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on Thursday, November 28 and Friday, November 29. Happy Thanksgiving!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration November 26, 4-7 pm. Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

ANOINTING MASS AT SFX

Anointing will be after Masses the weekend of November 30 & December 30 at SFX. Catholics, both children and adults, who are seriously ill, facing surgery, or experiencing the weakness that comes with old age, should seek this sacrament. Those with serious, chronic mental or physical illness may also receive the anointing of the sick.

BAKERS NEEDED

Bakers are needed for the GIA Christmas Candy & Cookie bake sale. The items needed are homemade candies and cookies; whatever you share would be wonderful and very welcomed! Place your items in a covered container unless individually wrapped. Label items if they have things like nuts, etc. Shoppers will choose pieces of candy and cookies for \$8.00 per pound. Bring Bake Sale items to Gathering Place on Friday, December 6th from 7:00am-5:00pm or Saturday, December 7th from 7:30am-8:30am.

ST. NICK TO VISIT SFX

St. Nicholas to visit St. Francis Xavier at Masses and in the Gathering Place on Saturday, December 7 and Sunday, December 8. Stop by the Gathering Place after Mass to receive a candy cane and take a family photo.

ECUMENICAL THANKSGIVING SERVICE

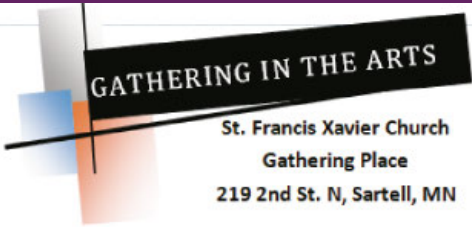
Please join us for the Sartell Community Thanksgiving Ecumenical Worship Service at Riverside Evangelical Church, Wednesday, November 27th at 7:00pm. This Mass will be ASL Interpreted

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Pro-Life Christmas Cards are available to purchase in the parish office. \$10 for 10 cards.

CHRISTMAS CANDY & COOKIE BAKE SALE



Saturday, December 7, 2024

9:00 am – Noon


Choose your own baked items

\$8.00 per pound

Let US Do the Baking for YOU

Proceeds go towards the Enhancement of the Gathering Place

GIVING TREE

The giving tree is back again! The tags will be available in the Gathering place the weekend of November 30/ December 1. Take a tag and buy a gift for those in need. Tape the tag to the bag and return by December 15. Thank you for your continued generosity. Any questions, call Judy Pohlkamp 224-8757 or Deb Rickers 309-1073. 

CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD SHELF

Catholic Charities relies on local churches to keep the Food Shelf running. For over a decade, our church has participated in the Adopt-A-Month program, partnering with Catholic Charities to fight hunger. **January is our month.** Volunteers are crucial, and we need your help now more than ever. Many long-serving volunteers have retired, and recruiting new volunteers has been challenging, especially since COVID-19. With the growing demand for Emergency Services, your help is needed. It is early, but look ahead to your January calendar. Click on the QR code to see available dates and times. If you need help with getting on the schedule, contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office for assistance. Please consider dedicating a few hours this month to support the Food Shelf. Join us in serving our community in this time of need.



3RD ANNUAL ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING

- Week 1 (Nov. 30-Dec. 6) Cereal
- Week 2 (Dec. 7-Dec. 13) Peanut Butter & Jelly
- Week 3 (Dec.14-Dec. 20) Spaghetti Sauce/Pasta
- Week 4 (Dec. 21-Dec. 27) Ramen, Mac & Cheese

Please bring in only the item(s) specified for the week to the Gathering Place & put on the tables by the parish office.



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