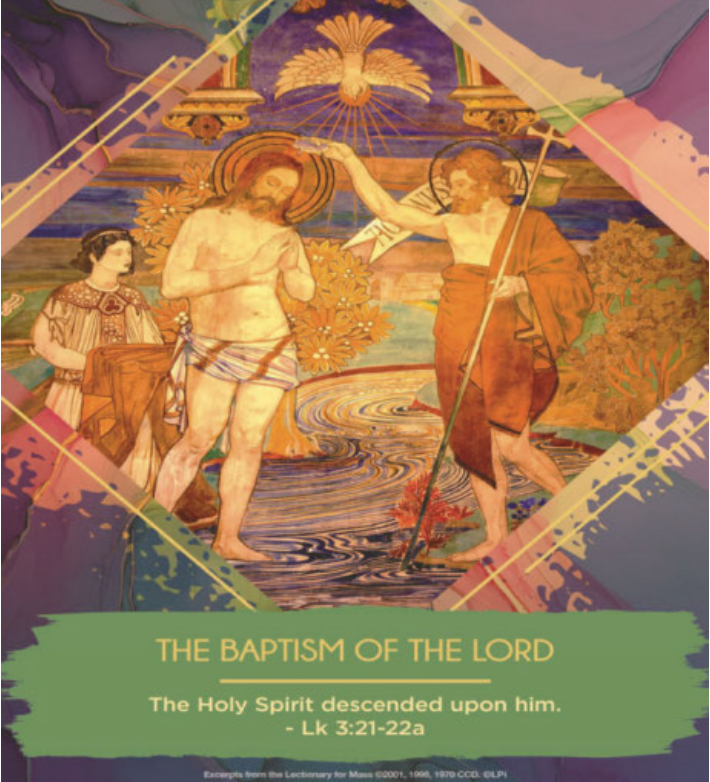


January 12, 2025
The Baptism of the Lord



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD
 The Holy Spirit descended upon him.
 - Lk 3:21-22a

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Annunciation

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday, January 13	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Bonnie Vouk
Tuesday, January 14	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Marcel Knappek
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Jim Nierengarten
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Dec'd Members of the Herbert & Ida Majerus Family
Wednesday, January 15	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Donna Balinski
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Sally Wlaznak
Thursday, January 16	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Darrel Lewellyn
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Rose Then
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Virginia & Raymond Brand
Friday, January 17 St. Anthony	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Edward Weyer
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Rita Schaefer
Saturday, January 18 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† The Wildes Family
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Lorraine Knappek
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† William "Billy" Supan
Sunday, January 19 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Jerry Molitor
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Jeff Voit
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Jason Clarence Trobec
*Livestreamed Masses			

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: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 (3)/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari....

Today feast of the Baptism of the Lord, marks the end of our almost 20 days of Christmas. Prior to Vatican II the Christmas season ended on February 2nd, the day in which we celebrate Jesus' presentation in the temple.

By his baptism by John, Jesus' forever changes the nature of baptism. For John the Baptist, baptism was an outward expression of turning one's heart to God. But with Jesus it was an encounter with the Holy Spirit, and a pronouncement that one is a child of God. As the Gospel tell us a voice came from heaven and said, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Baptism for most of us happens shortly after our birth. Our parents brought us to the waters of new life because of their conviction that Jesus is our Savior. In baptism we are washed clean of original sin. Not that an infant has sinned, but is born into a world filled with temptations, the graces of baptism assist one in resisting temptation. Yet most of us surrender to temptation at times. Despite our failure, in the Sacrament of Penance, we find God's forgiveness and are strengthened in our efforts to resist temptation. Baptism awakens us to the fact that we are God's son or daughter, and that each us is holy and precious in God's sight.

Baptism is an important event in the life of the community and for this reason, I like to celebrate baptism. Witnessing a baptism, is a reminder of our own baptism and the call to bring the Good News to all we meet. It is also reassuring to the parents that there is support in their duty as Christian Parents.

Patricia Sanchez, a now deceased biblical scholar and spiritual writer, wrote, "Since, through baptism, each of us is initiated into the life of the one God, Father, Son and Spirit, doesn't that make us brothers and sisters to one another? That relationship makes each of us responsible for the other. Am I my brother's keeper? Am I my sister's caretaker?"



(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Yes! If another has need, is homeless or hungry, is sick or lonely and afraid, and I am aware but do nothing, then my baptismal vows are false; my faith is a sham. We who are signed with the cross and washed in the blood of Jesus, we who are seasoned with salt and fired with the light of grace, are charged to renew daily the baptismal promises that make us who we are. Through daily prayer, we are to follow Jesus' example in integrating the faith we profess with our lips into our daily lives."

What challenges you in living out your baptismal call?



LEADERSHIP

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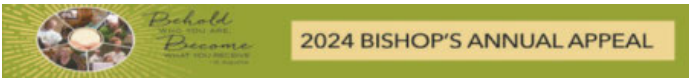


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“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...” - Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 16+



Join us on February 9th 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.



2025 TRAVEL TRIP OPPORTUNITY

YOU WANT TO STAY IN THE U.S. TO HAVE A GREAT EXPERIENCE? Explore some of the great WINERIES and MISSIONS of Southern California with Fr. Steve Binsfeld. We fly into LA, and stay at great hotels in great locations: in the Dutch town of Solvang, on Mussell Shoals Beach, in San Juan Capistrano and in San Diego’s Seaport Village. Celebrate Mass in Santa Barbara, Santa Ines, San Buenaventura, San Gabriel Arcangel and San Juan Capistrano Missions and Christ Cathedral (formerly the “Chrystal Cathedral”). Tour Hearst Castle and the Getty Villa Museum. Enjoy wine tasting at Roblar Winery, Newport Beach Winery, Oak Mt Wine Cave Winery, and Mission San Diego de Alcala Winery. Breakfast and dinner included most days in some beautiful locations. After breakfast and sightseeing on Coronado Island, we fly home from San Diego with wonderful memories. Dates: **Sept 11-18, 2025**. For more info contact **Maureen** at: **JeriCo Christian Journeys, 1-877-453-7426**; email: maureen@jericochristianjourneys.com Web: www.jericochristianjourneys.com



BAPTISM

We welcome the following children, baptized into our parish family and the Christian community:
Dominic Paul Johnson, son of Tyler & Kristine from Sacred Heart.



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Sue Benoit, who passed away on December 24, Sue Scipioni, who passed away December 22 and Millie Moran, who passed away on December 21 from St. Francis Xavier.



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

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Join us on February 2 at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM for a day of family fun and learning. Parents will choose which breakout sessions to attend while children and teens are engaged in their own learning. Register your family for only \$25 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.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

“Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.” - Colossians 3:12. Experience these at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available **Weekends** are Apr 5-6, 2025 in BRAINERD, MN and Nov 22-23, 2025 in ALEXANDRIA, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Mass and Meal

Join us for 10 AM Mass at St. Stephen on Sunday, January 19th. Following Mass we'll meet in the annex and head to a local restaurant for fellowship.

*Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

Praise Night

Our next Praise Night will feature praying in the style of Taize (candles, repeated refrains, readings, silence, etc.) at Sacred Heart on Thursday, January 23rd from 6-7 PM. All young adults and families are encouraged to come!

YOUNGLIFE

Club Starts This Week

Club starts at the St. Cloud YMCA this Wednesday starting with open Gym at 6:15 PM. Programming runs 6:45-7:45 PM. All middle school friends are welcome. Parents and young people need to fill out a Club card prior to attending or at check-in at the YMCA. Contact your parish leader for advanced club cards.

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.

'Like Us' on Facebook

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

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 so is for those who have received this sacrament. Free childcare is available on site if needed. More details will be coming.

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 Christmas, Dec. 28-29 and Jan. 4-5

Adult Christmas envelopes to date	\$ 12,052.00
Christmas plate	\$ 2,524.00
Christmas children	\$ 171.00
Adult December 28 & 29	\$ 3,846.00
Plate December 28 & 29	\$ 210.00
Children December 28 & 29	\$ 5.00
Adult January 4 & 5	\$ 2,660.00
Plate January 4 & 5	\$ 158.00
Adult Online Dec 23-Jan 3	\$ 1,268.00
Solemnity of Mary to date	\$ 801.00
Religious Retirement to date	\$ 405.00
Immaculate Conception to date	\$ 867.00
TOTAL	\$ 24,967.00

Ushers:

Jan 18: Dave Fiedler, Sandy Paggen & Peter Schumer
Jan 19: Matt Nienaber, Jim Schumer, Steve Vouk

Help needed to take down Christmas decorations: We will be taking down decorations on Monday, January 13, beginning at 7:30 AM. If you are able to help, even for a half hour, stop by. Help is especially needed to help carry the boxes and trees downstairs.

Cemetery decorations: Some families have decorated family gravesites with Christmas decorations. Please remove all decorations by the end of the month. Any items remaining at the end of the month will be removed and discarded.

Faith Formation: Classes January 15 for grades 5-9 & Confirmation. Tacos will be served in the Parish Hall before class.

Christmas flower donation was made in memory of Ray Schuttenover and Ben & Alice Supan

Blood Drive: January 20 from 12:00-6:00 pm in the 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.

Thank You: We would like to thank everyone for the support, prayers and kind acts during Ben's illness. Thanks to the choir for the beautiful music, the St. Stephen American Legion for their tribute, and anyone who helped with the wonderful lunch. Thank you to Fr. Bob and Fr. Ron for your visits. A special thank you to Moments Hospice and the VA Medical care team.

The Family of Ben Paggen.



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 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

Income for the Week of Christmas & December 29, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$21,909.86
Automatic Giving.	\$5,403.93
Holy Day	\$20.00
Christmas.	\$27,009.86
Friends In Need	\$100.00

Income for the Week of January 5, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$9,323.00
Automatic Giving.	\$8,495.37
Holy Day	\$183.00
Christmas.	\$100.00
Friends In Need.	\$10.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



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!

Homebound Communion Ministers and Visitation

Ministers Needed Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Beside sharing the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. Contact Dan Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Free blood pressure checks will be available in the Hospitality Suite after Masses on the 3rd full weekend of the month. Upcoming dates are January 18/19 and February 15/16.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER DONATIONS

Josephine Yaroshefski...in memory of Robert Yaroshefski, Ed Walker...in memory of Patricia R. Walker and the Walker Family, John & Ginny Gammell...in memory of Ed & Margaret Ihli, Ed Ihli Jr., Shirley Ihli Stanear, Pat Ihli, Deanne Ihli Voit, Karen Ihli, Jim & Marcie Gammell and Michael Gammell and Doug & Kristi Patterson...in memory of Gerry Theuringer, brother of Bob & JoAnn Theuringer.

CHOSEN-SEASON 2

We are offering The Chosen, Season 2. We meet Fridays through Feb 28th from 6pm-8:30pm in room D. You do not need to have attended season one to attend. 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 kathyljanku@gmail.com or call the office to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry January Theme: Grounded in Worship

Upcoming Dates & Times:

*Sunday, Jan. 12th | Gr. 9-12 | 5-7 PM

*Wednesday, Jan. 15th | Gr. 6-8 | Wyldlife Club - St. Cloud YMCA | 6:15-7:45 PM

*Wednesday, Jan 22nd | **5th Grade** | 6:30-8 PM

*Wednesday, Jan 29th | Gr. 5-12 | 7:30-9 PM

5th Grade Small Group Leaders We are in need of 2-3 caring young adults or adults to walk with our 5th Grade friends as they begin their Grounded journey. Training and support provided, please contact Jason Prigge to learn more about being in the Grounded family.

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



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. Let's fill that bus!! (jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org).



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and Keep in Prayer Jamie Mackie, George Trujillo, Sarah Jennings, Madison Jennings, Sydney Jennings, Landon Jennings and Lae Khothasine who recently became Catechumens during the Rite of Entrance into the Catechumenate. Please also keep Tiana Deppa, Rick Truex and Brittany Kasper in prayer who were welcomed during Mass as baptized Candidates seeking to be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 13; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group

January 14; 1pm—Widow/Widower Group

6:30pm—Pastoral Council Meeting

January 15; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study

6:15pm—Wyldlife Club-St. Cloud YMCA

January 16; 1pm—Card Making

6pm—Youth Ministry Team Meeting

January 17; 6pm—Chosen

January 18; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

6pm—Blood Pressure Checks

January 19; 10am—Young Adult Mass & a Meal (SS)

10am—Blood Pressure Checks

10:15am—Child/Parent Gathering

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Jeanne Eveslage, Kathy Mestnik, 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, December 29th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,805.00
Visitors	\$623.00
Youth	\$21.00
Rectory Rent	\$1,200.00
Votive Candle	\$7.00
Building Fund	\$160.00
Christmas	\$8,037.00
Christmas Flowers	\$70.00
Thanksgiving	\$20.00
Immaculate Conception	\$15.00
Religious Retirement	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$100.00
Initial Offering	\$20.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$20.00
Total Income	\$13,148.00

Income for Sunday, January 5th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$2,136.00
Visitors	\$403.75
Youth	\$2.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$445.00
Votive Candle	\$1.40
Building Fund	\$60.00
Christmas	\$125.00
Initial Offering	\$101.00
Catholic United Financial Donation JW	\$100.00
Total Income	\$3,374.15

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. January 19th, 2025

Lector: Lori Schaefer and Loren Popp
Eucharist: Deacon(H), Jean Bemboom(C), Lori Popp(C)
Servers: Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa
Greeters: John & Karla Koenig, Wyatt Montag, Ben Larson
Ushers: Jeff Wollak, Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Angie Thene, Jason Zwilling, Ron Brand, Francis Adelman, Daniel Bemboom, Craig Nelson, Lynda Gans, Tim Scapanski, Lane Jurek, Maralyn Larson, Sandra Rajkowski,

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

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

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

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



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



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 1/5/2025	\$22,505.16
Excess (Deficit)	\$1,159.01
YTD Collection Budget	\$576,346.05
YTD Collected	\$577,780.14
Excess (Deficit)	\$1,434.09

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration January 14, 4-7 pm.
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

3RD ANNUAL ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING

Thank you! We collected over 2600 pounds of food for our 3rd Annual Advent for Almsgiving. The donations went to Pathways for Youth, Salvation Army and Catholic Charities.

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.

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

Cinnamon Roll Sunday is coming! Mark you calendars!

When: Saturday, January 25 & Sunday, January 26 before and after the 4:00pm & 9:30am Masses

Who: SFX 4th graders are selling cinnamon rolls to raise money for next years Environmental Camp trip.

Price: 1 for \$3.00, 2 for \$5.00 or 4 for \$10

Come and support the 4th graders!



SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars! The Parish Fish Fry will take place on Friday, March 14. More details to come!

LUNCH AND LEARN-HOMELESS IN OUR AREA

Gather with other concerned community members on Saturday, January 18th at Noon at Atonement Lutheran Church (1144 29th Ave N, St. Cloud) to listen to what is happening with those who are homeless in our community. Bring a dish to pass! Beverages will be provided. For more information, contact Fr. Tony Kroll (tonykroll@hotmail.com) Sponsored by Faith in Housing

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) or call 252-9940.

Heidi Schloe, Principal

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Castaway 2025— Friday-Sunday, March 28-30 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes. This is a retreat for grades 9-12. This weekend is filled with powerful prayer, fun skits, inspirational speakers, music, Mass and many faith growing opportunities. Come together with over 300 others and strengthen your relationship with God. Cost is \$200 until 2/10/25, \$220 after 2/10/25. Contact Jennifer Kaweesa at 320-290-1019 for more details.



Summer Impact - Details for Summer Impact 2025 will be available in February. An informational meeting will be scheduled at that time. More details will be shared on Flocknote at the end of January.

Middle School Lock in— January 25-26th at the YCMA from 8:00pm-6:00am. \$40 by January 16, \$50 after. Evening includes Mas, food, swimming, dodgeball, GaGa Ball, Climbing Wall, Prayer Opportunities, Wallyball, Silent Disco, Game Shows and so much more!



Aftershock— January 29—6:15 Sloppy Jo supper with programming from 7:00-8:15pm. Come and enjoy a relaxing evening learning how to take care of YOU!



Watch Flocknote for more details!

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