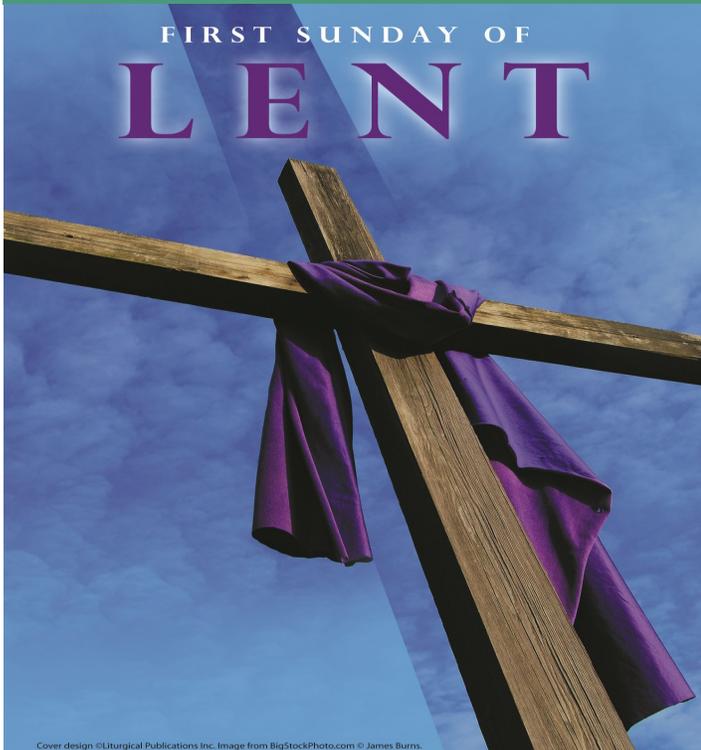


March 9, 2025
1st Sunday of Lent



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Annunciation
Sacred Heart
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Annunciation

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Sacred Heart

2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

St. Francis Xavier

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St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

MASS TIMES

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| Monday, March 10 | 8:00 am | St. Francis Xavier | - Word and Communion |
| | 8:30 am | Annunciation | - Fruition of MN Choose Life Plate |
| Tuesday, March 11 | 8:00 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Luella Menke |
| | 5:30 pm | Sacred Heart | † Leroy Kipka |
| | 5:30 pm | St. Stephen | † Lillian Dullinger |
| Wednesday, March 12 | 8:00 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Marian Weyer |
| | 8:00 am | Sacred Heart | † Rita Rengel |
| Thursday, March 13 | 8:00 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Donald & Donna Pallansch |
| | 8:00 am | St. Stephen | † Roger Trobec |
| | 8:30 am | Annunciation | † Bob Hennen |
| Friday, March 14 | 8:00 am | Sacred Heart | † Norb & Nancy Motzko |
| | 8:30 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Jan Roering |
| Saturday, March 15 2nd Sunday of Lent | 4:00 pm | St. Francis Xavier | † Allie Roering |
| | 5:00 pm | Sacred Heart | † Lowell Witte |
| | 7:00 pm | St. Stephen | † For the People of the Parish |
| Sunday, March 16 2nd Sunday of Lent | 8:15 am | *Annunciation | † Geno Brown |
| | 9:00 am | *Sacred Heart | † Don Kuefler |
| | 9:30 am | *St. Francis Xavier | † Linda Ley |
| | 10:00 am | St. Stephen | † Ben Paggen |

*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: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25: 31-46

Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15

Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32

Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12

Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26

Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48

Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

Lent begins as it does every year with Jesus being led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days, to be tempted by the devil. Only Matthew and Luke describe three temptations. These temptations are typical of the temptations Jesus faced throughout his life and typically, as well, the temptations all followers of Jesus experience.

Luke includes this moment in Jesus' life to stress that he experienced all of humanity including temptation. Although, unlike most of us, Jesus does not give into the temptations in his life and sin.

Our passage begins after Jesus' baptism. Filled with the Holy Spirit, the Spirit led Jesus into the desert to be tempted by the devil. Luke is saying that after baptism life is not easy. Life in the Spirit is a difficult time of battling the temptations of Satan.

Where does temptation come from? An answer may be in this story from Jewish folklore:

The Evil Spirit once came dejected before God and wailed, "Almighty God -- I want you to know that I am bored -- bored to tears! I go around doing nothing all day long. There isn't a stitch of work for me to do!"

"I can't understand you," replied God. There's plenty of work to be done only you've got to have more initiative. Why don't you try to lead people into sin? That's your job!"

"Lead people into sin!" muttered the Evil Spirit contemptuously. "Why Lord, even before I can get a chance to say a blessed word to anyone he has already gone and sinned!"

The Greek word used for devil means adversary. Wherever it comes from, the tempter can not make us do something evil. Temptation is trying to convince us to act in a certain way. Most of us know what is good and bad. The tempter tries to get us to change our will.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

The role of parents, the role of the church, and our reason for gathering as community is not only to discover the difference between good and evil but also to motivate us to do the right thing. It becomes a battle of the wills--- will I follow God or will I follow another.

This season of Lent gives each of us an opportunity to reflect upon how we are responding to God's will in our life. A time to ask ourselves, do my words and deeds lead others to God or away from God? A time to turn from the sin in our lives and strive to be more in the image of God each of us is.

"One does not live on bread alone," but the living bread we receive in the Eucharist strengthens us to be faithful to God's word.

Blessings on your Lenten Journey.

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

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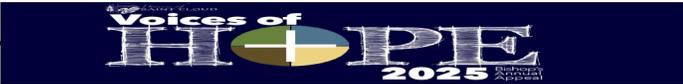


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"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." - Deuteronomy 26:10

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" - the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.



If you have yet to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. You can use your smartphone or visit [Voices of Hope: Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025](#)

ACC ADULT FAITH ON TAP

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

WALK WITH JESUS DURING LENT

All sessions follow Mass and include a light brunch.

March 9, 10 D's of Discipleship @ **Sacred Heart**

10:30am: What do you imagine? Let's talk Discipleship

***March 16,** Ch. 3&4 @ **St. Stephen 11:15 am:** What does it mean to be a disciple? Where does it happen?

***March 23,** Ch. 5&6 @ **St. Francis Xavier 10:45 am:** Why do people leave the church? What's the value of church to my life?

***March 30,** Ch. 7&8 @ **Annunciation 9:15 am:** How do I listen to my friend's questions? Faith is a life journey.

April 6,, My Story @ **St. Stephen 11:15am:** Easy to share your favorite concert with family and friends but wondering how to share a great faith moment?

**Each chapter session offers a Jubilee Pilgrimage experience and sharing of a parish memory.*

BEGINNING EXPERIENCES-BE

Are you feeling the loss of a spouse through death, separation or divorce? You don't need to suffer alone? **Beginning Experiences** will help! Just give us one weekend. You'll meet people who have gone through the same things you are going through. Our next weekend is March 28-30, 2025. Cost for the weekend is \$190.00. It includes the program and materials, lodging, and 5 meals. Please call Central MN BE at:320-319-8863

BAPTISM

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

Rhowan Dale Jerome Greenlee, son of Ethan & Sarah and
Eleanor Rosanne Hoeschen, daughter of David & Allison, from St. Francis Xavier.



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Roger Lortz, who passed away on February 23, from St. Francis Xavier.

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



ST. KATHARINE DREXEL FISH FRY

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



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

CARD GROUP-SFX

St. Francis Xavier
2nd & 4th Thursdays

March 13 & 27, 2025

Xavier Hall, 1-3 pm All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables. Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions.



HEART SPEAKS TO HEART

Gerard Thomas Straub is this year's speaker at the annual Father Wil Illies "Heart Speaks to Heart" Memorial Lecture. Straub's multimedia presentation, "A Pilgrimage from Hollywood to Haiti: Searching for God through Poverty, Prayer, and Action" will feature selected clips from his films from impoverished areas around the world. Straub, who seeks the Face of God in the eyes of those experiencing poverty, will help us reflect on our own journey in making God's love real in our own ways.

Join us on Sat, **April 5th**, at 6:30 pm, Christ Church Newman Center—Terrace, 396 1st Ave. S, St. Cloud. Free and open to all.

40 DAYS FOR LIFE

40 Days For Life Spring/Lenten campaign runs from Ash Wed, **March 5th to Sun, April 13th** 2025. From **7am-7pm MON-FRI**, we are out doing peaceful, prayerful VIGIL on the sidewalk in front of Planned Parenthood in East St Cloud. **We PRAY for an End to MN Abortions and for a return to the Culture of LIFE!!!** Beginning & Ending **Rallies are Sat March 8 and April 12th**, both 10am-noon, beginning at the Vigil site in front of Planned Parenthood and proceeding to St Aug's for prayer, pizza, and program. Opening Rally (MARCH 8) speaker is **Russ Rooney** from "Life Legal Minnesota" Talk at 11am: **"TRUTH, TESTIMONY, TRAUMA"**

THANK YOU & God Bless

YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Draft

Back by popular demand, Kelli Kleinschnitz at the Keller Bar (Red Carpet) on Thursday, March 13th from 6-8 PM. We hope to see you there!

Young Adult Mass and Meal

Join us at Sacred Heart on Saturday, March 22nd for 5 PM Mass. We'll meet in the Gathering Space following Mass to go out for a meal*. We have a special opportunity to lead music at Mass, if you're interested in joining, contact Jason Prigge. We'll warm-up at 4 PM.

*Each participant is responsible for their own meal.

One in Christ Volleyball Team

If you have interest in joining a One in Christ Young Adult (18-39) volleyball team, please reach out to Jason Prigge so we can begin planning!

Young Adult Team

We are now seeking some new members to serve on our Young Adult Team. We particularly would love some representation from Annunciation and St. Francis Xavier. Contact Jason Prigge for the details!

YOUNG LIFE

Club Update

Don't miss any upcoming Clubs! 6:15-6:45 PM Open Gym | 6:45-7:45 PM Club

*Wednesday, March 19th

*Wednesday, April 16th

*Wednesday, May 21st

Summer Camp

Have you signed up for summer camp yet??? Register at: granitecity.younglife.org/camp

Donations

If you'd like to make a donation to our Wyldlife Area for either club supplies or for camp, please contact Jason via phone or email. We sincerely appreciate your contribution in our efforts making sure middle schoolers are known, loved and cared for.

EASTER VIGIL-SACRED HEART & ANNUNCIATION

We are looking for people to help with the Easter Vigil reception following the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night. We would like to have a mix of people from Annunciation and Sacred Heart, ideally 2-4 people from each parish would work great! If you are interested please contact Vicki Sanborn by calling the office at 320-251-8115 or at Vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

Tuesday, March 11, 6:30pm—St. Joseph, (WP)
Monday, March 17, 6:30pm—St. Anthony
Tuesday, March 18, 6:30pm—Holy Spirit
Tuesday, March 25, 7pm—St. Francis Xavier
Thursday, March 27, 6:30pm—Sacred Heart
Tuesday, April 1, 6:30pm—Christ Church Newman Center
Thursday, April 3, 6:30pm—St. Paul
Tuesday, April 8, 6:30pm—St. John Cantius
Saturday, April 12, 1pm—St. Peter
Tuesday, April 15, 6:30pm—St. Mary's Cathedral



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 March 1 & 2

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| Adult envelopes | \$ 2,353.00 |
| Adult online giving Feb 22-28 | \$ 453.00 |
| Plate | \$ 221.00 |
| TOTAL | \$ 3,027.00 |
| Easter Flowers to date | \$ 90.00 |

Ushers:

Mar 15: Schefers family

Mar 16: Nancy & Tom Vouk, Tim Rudser

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED FRIDAY, MARCH 14.

Holdingsford Firefighters Relief Association breakfast

Sunday, March 9, at Holdingsford City Center from 8:00-12:30. Sausage, ham, pancakes, eggs, hashbrowns and caramel rolls. Free will offering.

Ministry Schedule April 5 - June 29: Call or email the church office **by Monday** if there are dates you know you are unavailable. This schedule includes Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil at SFX, and Memorial Day.

Vibrancy Committee will meet on Tuesday, March 11, at 6:15 in the church annex. New members always welcome to join. We are planning a fundraiser breakfast for March 30. The proceeds of the breakfast will go to the youth attending the National Catholic Youth Conference in Indianapolis in November.

Faith Formation: March 12 classes for grades 5-9 & Confirmation. Chopped steak, gravy and mashed potatoes will be served in the Parish Hall before class.

Youth Group for students in grades 6-12 will meet in the Parish Hall from 8:00-9:30 on Wednesday. Bring a friend.

Stations of the Cross Friday evenings at 6:30 PM.

Funeral Lunch group lead: We are looking for a new lead person for the South end funeral lunch group. You do not need to live in the South end to be the lead contact. Call the church office to take this over or if you have questions.

Well n Fit Exercise Class - All level of fitness welcome!

A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises.

Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays.

New Spring & Summer hours beginning March 12:
9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall



Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach:

Senior Dining: Wednesday's at Trobec's, January-March, at noon followed by 500. Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.

Monthly Lunch & Learn: Thursday, March 20, in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social at 11:30, meal at 12:00, followed by speaker & entertainment. Suggested donation is \$5.00.

St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings: 305 Main St E.
Tuesdays 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)
Wednesdays 5:30pm-AL-Anon/AA Mixed meeting
Wednesdays 7pm-AA Big Book meeting
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 March 2, 2024

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| Adult Collection..... | \$12,202.52 |
| Automatic Giving..... | \$5,346.87 |
| Children..... | \$4.00 |
| Friends In Need..... | \$30.00 |
| Central MN Catholic..... | \$145.00 |
| Easter Flowers..... | \$120.00 |
| Ash Wednesday..... | \$167.00 |

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

Teen Choir Teen Choir will sing on Sunday, March 23rd at the 9:00 am Mass, and rehearse on Sunday, March 16th from 6:00-7:00. All teens are welcome to come and sing!

Festival One of our tickets for the festival is for a quilt raffle. We are looking for a (queen or larger) quilt for the festival. If you have an unused quilt you are interested in donating, please call Vicki in the office or by email vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

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

- March 14—Catholic United Financial
- March 21—OCIA
- March 28—Rich Wolter Family
- April 4—Boy Scouts
- April 11—Fr. Tom Knoblach



Altar Servers A short presentation on altar servers will happen after Masses on the weekend of March 8th and 9th. Any 3rd, 4th, or 5th grader (or older!) is welcome to stay after Mass to get more information on this important ministry, such as how scheduling works, what training looks like, and what it means to be an altar server.

Altar server training will be on Thursday, March 13th at 4:00. Contact Jill Kiffmeyer to sign up, or just come if you are able. Keep an eye out for additional training dates to come.

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

The meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1-3pm. (March 11) 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry March Theme: Grounded in Service

Upcoming Dates & Times:

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

*Wednesday, March 12th | Gr. 5-8 | 7:30-9 PM

*Wednesday, March 26th | Gr. 5-12 | 6:30-7:30 PM GSNH

Castaway 2025 Castaway update for Sacred Heart:

44 students, 10 Adults & 9 Work crew

THANK YOU for your generous support. We look forward to an amazing weekend.

If you're registered, payments can be dropped off at the office or made online.

Parent / Student meeting is on Monday, March 17th at 6:45 PM in the Parish Hall.

Butter Braid Sales Start Soon Our annual Butter Braid sale officially launches on Wednesday, March 12th. Since you have a bulletin this weekend, go ahead and start your order using this QR Code:



Braids are \$16 each, proceeds benefit our young people going to NCYC, Castaway, Wyldlife, Youth Ministry Events, etc. We really appreciate your support as this is the only fundraiser we run for our young people! Forms are also available in the Parish Office if you would prefer in person ordering.

Peer Ministry Peer Ministry Applications are now available online and by the Youth Ministry board. Peer Ministry is for students currently in grades 8-11 who desire to deepen their faith, take a large leadership role and learn life skills that will set them up for lifelong success - plus it looks great on college applications. Apply today or contact Jason Prigge

SKD FISH FRY TICKETS

Once again this year, we have fish fry ticket sales in the office, for the St. Katharine Drexel Fish Fry. Please bring correct payment amount. Fish Fry information:

March 21 at St. Augustine's parish center

4-8 dine in-----4-7 Drive Through

\$14 presale/\$15 at the door/\$8 kids



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 10; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group

March 11; 1pm—Widow-Widowers Group

March 12; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study

1pm— Craft Group

5:30pm—Kids' Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm—Grounded (5-8)

March 13; 6pm—Theology on Draft

6pm—SH Book Buffet

March 14; 6:30pm—Stations of the Cross

March 15; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

6pm—Blood Pressure Checks-Hospitality Room

6pm—Parish Potluck

March 16; 10am—Blood Pressure Checks-Hospitality Room

11:15am—Lenten Session-Start With Jesus— SS

11:30am—Fun & Fellowship with CUF

6pm—Teen Choir Rehearsal

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Mary Blonigen, Rosie Hennen, 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.

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, March 2nd, 2025

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| Adult Sunday | \$2,940.00 |
| Visitors | \$177.00 |
| Youth | \$12.00 |
| Votive Candle | \$3.05 |
| St. Cloud Visitor | \$40.00 |
| Easter | \$30.00 |
| Easter Flowers | \$30.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$30.00 |
| Missions | \$30.00 |
| Central and Eastern Europe | \$30.00 |
| March Rectory Rent | \$1,200.00 |
| Building Improvement | \$115.00 |
| Total Income | \$4,637.05 |
| Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget | \$3,037.00 |

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. March 16th, 2025

Lector: Gene Poser and JoAnn Marshall
Eucharist: Deacon (H), Jean Bemboom(C), Jason Zwilling(C)
Servers: Noah Lentner, Kelsey Lentner, Zoey Heck
Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Mason & Carson Zwilling, Spencer Ackerman
Ushers: Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, Spencer Ackerman

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Melissa Thell, Todd Robinson, Dan Gerads, Loren Popp, Margie Cariveau, Sarah Haus, Marjorie Kahl, Zachary Burczyk, Kirby Krajsa, Dale Symanietz.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. March 12th, 6:30pm class. Elevate for 9th & 10th grade.
Sun. March 17th, St. Patrick's Day
Wed. March 19th, 6:30pm class. Wlyd life



COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES with individual confessions:

Tues., March 25th, 7pm at St. Francis Xavier
Thurs., March 27th, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart
Sun., April 6th, 3:00pm at Annunciation

VISITATION/SOCIAL MINISTRY If you are homebound, recently widowed, recovering from hospitalization or would just like a phone call or visit, please call the parish office.

 **BREAKFAST** Here, **TODAY**, Sun. March 9th. 4H will be serving. Proceeds going to maintenance at the ball field.

MINNESOTA FOODSHARE MONTH March in Minnesota is Foodshare month. All donations received during March are reported and they receive allocation checks based on their total donations reported. Monetary donations are also included. You can send your monetary donations to Rice Area Food Shelf PO Box 334, Rice, MN 56367 or if you have non-perishable food items please contact Peggy at 320-393-2915. Thank you for your support.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

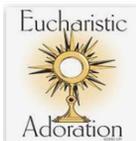
FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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| Weekly Collection Budget | \$21,346.15 |
| Collected 3/2/2025 | \$22,152.25 |
| Excess (Deficit) | \$806.10 |
| YTD Collection Budget | \$747,921.35 |
| YTD Collected | \$763,022.61 |
| Excess (Deficit) | \$15,101.26 |

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION

Communal Reconciliation services will take place on March 25 at 7:00pm, April 9 at 7:15pm and April 12 at 12:00pm. Additional priests will be here on March 25 for individual confessions.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration March 11, 4-7 pm.
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

LENTON SERIES

Join St. Francis Xavier's Health & Wellness Team for a free Lenten series titled "Life's Challenges from a Christian Perspective" in the St. Francis Xavier Church Gathering Space, 219 2nd Street S, Sartell.

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

- March 11:** Loneliness by Deacon Steve Pareja, St. Francis
- March 18:** Bullying by Alyssa Knese, Director of Behavioral Health, Catholic Charities
- March 25:** Caregiver Support by Deacon Steve Pareja, St. Francis Xavier
- April 1:** Stress & Anxiety by Bethany Tollefson, Faith Community Nurse

An optional soup and sandwich meal will be available from 5:30-6 p.m. for a free-will offering. Registration is encouraged by contacting Sandee Kremers at 252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org. Attend one or all four nights.

SOCK & TOWEL DRIVE

The St. Francis Social Justice Concerns Committee is holding a sock and towel drive. Place your **NEW** bath size towels in the barrel and **NEW** socks in the box in the Gathering Space. Collecting now thru Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be prayed on Fridays at 5:30pm at SFX March 7 thru April 11 (Not Good Friday). We need volunteers –Ideally we have a cross bearer, 2 candle bearers and a prayer leader - 4 people. We can get by with 2, but 4 makes for a more reverent prayer experience. A sign up sheet is available in the parish library. You are welcome to call the parish office to offer to volunteer at 252-1363. This can be a great prayer to be lead by a family or combination of families and by youth.

SPRING BLING SALE

The Gathering in the Arts committee is holding its annual Bling Sale on *Friday, April 25 from 4 - 7 pm in the Gathering Place.* If you have been putting off cleaning your closets and jewelry boxes, this is a good time to consider doing it. We will be collecting new, vintage and slightly used jewelry, scarves & handbags beginning *March 10 - April 13.* Please place items outside the parish office in the designed boxes. Questions contact Geri 320-255-7009. Thank you.

TIME AND TALENT

All parish households should have received a time and talent survey in the mail. For those at church this weekend, we also have the surveys in the pews. Please prayerfully consider how you can share of your time and talents with the many ministries at St. Francis and more. We especially need Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, Ushers, and Foor Shelf help. Many of these can be done by couples and families. We need you.

VBS

★ MARK YOUR CALENDARS VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2025

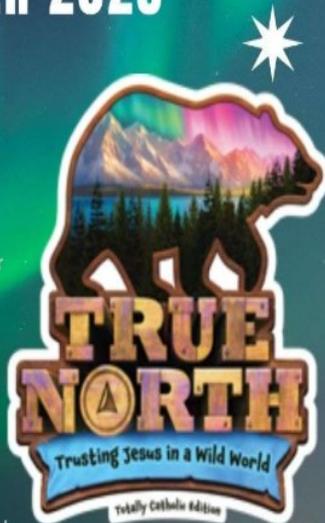
JUNE 23-27 9AM-NOON

Held at St. Francis Xavier
Open to all youth ages 4 through
students going into 5th grade next year

Students going into 6th grade through
adults are needed for volunteers.

Registration materials will be made
available starting Monday, February
24th in the Gathering Area.

Registration forms will also be sent
electronically next week.



Join us for the best week of the summer!