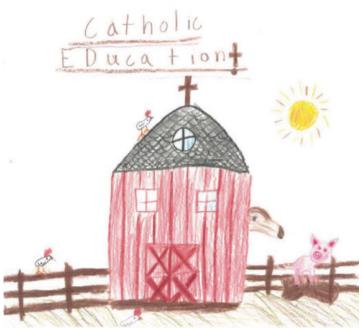
# January 26, 2025 3rd Sunday of Ordinary Time







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MASS TIMES					
Monday, January 27	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion		
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Dorothy (Dottie Rajkowski) Thole		
Tuesday, January 28	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion		
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Donna Mae Scholz		
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Bob Ferche		
Wednesday, January 29	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jackie McCann		
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Lowell Witte		
Thursday, January 30	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Ben Paggen - Conversions		
Friday, January 31	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Gary Forner		
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters		
Saturday, February 1 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Ben Benkowski † For the People of the Parish - For Deb & Leo Gerads		
Sunday, February 2 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Charles Ringler † Delores Weyer † Jerry Winkler † Rod Fischer		

#### **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 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 7-8a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35

Wednesday: Heb 10:11-18/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** Heb 10:19-25/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk

**Next Sunday:** Mal 3:1-4/Heb 2:14-18/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

#### MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

Sticks and stones will break my bones. But words will never harm me. This childhood rhyme encourages a taunted child to refrain from physical retaliation and to remain calm. While the intention is well

meaning, the truth is that words can harm us. Think back in your own experiences and recall critical words sent your way. Did not these words cut to your core, affect your mood and attitude? Words also can affect us in positive ways. Affirming and loving words tend to lift our mood and attitude. Affirmation can add a bounce to our step.

This weekend we are invited to explore the power of God's Word in our lives. In the first reading, Ezra proclaims and teaches from the Torah for about six hours. The scene is one of recommitment. Many of the listeners had been in exile and now they are rebuilding Jerusalem. Ezra and Nehemiah realize the people no longer knew how to serve God. Through this six-hour service the people came to realize that the law gave them a path toward becoming all that God hoped they would be.

Paul continues this thought in his letter to the Corinthians. He calls the Christian community the body of Christ, who we are and what we are to become. Paul insists that every member of Christ's body has been called and gifted by the Spirit. This business of being church is not an option. Rather, it is our vocation as surely as Jesus' mission was his call from the Spirit.

The gospel shares the time Jesus stood up and read a passage from the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. After rolling up the scroll, Jesus proclaims, "Today this passage is fulfilled in your hearing." Sent forth by the Spirit, Jesus brings glad tidings, by freeing people from sin and illness, by giving sight to the spiritually and physically blind, and establishing an atmosphere pleasing to God.

#### (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Think a minute: The Spirit of God is upon you and me. Why? Because God anointed each of us at our baptisms. And the Spirit rushed upon us when we were anointed during the sacrament of confirmation. Do my words affirm or put others down? Do my words bring hope or discouragement? Do you allow God's word to touch my heart and shape me? Do I believe I have a role to serve that no one else can do? We each have a mission. Do you know what yours is?

Today marks the beginning of Catholic Schools Week. As One in Christ ACC, we are blessed with St. Francis Xavier, St. Katharine Drexel and Cathedral (middle school and high school) Schools. The uniqueness of our schools is the ability to openly discuss and intentionally incorporate faith into all aspects of the school day. How important for tomorrow's adults to have the opportunities to discuss the happenings of this world with their peers in light of Gospel values.

All our schools have open house this week – all day, every day. Go to: ccsprek12.org and reserve a time to visit.



LEADERSHIP				
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"Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared..." - Nehemiah 8:10

Ezra's instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here's the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.



2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: The 2025 Appeal launches soon.

Announcement Weekend is February 8 - 9: You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.

Commitment Weekend is February 15 - 16: This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2025 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.

#### PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 16+



**NEW DATE!!!!** Join us on March 2nd 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.



#### FRANCISCAN SISTERS HOST SOUP SUPPER

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls will host an all-you-caneat Soup Supper fund raiser on Saturday, February 22, 4:30-7 p.m., at St. Francis Convent, Little Falls. Four varieties of homemade soup—Chicken Wild Rice, Beef Barley, Bean & Ham and Tomato Basil—will be served along with buns, bars and beverages. As an added treat, the St. Francis Ukulele Orchestra will be playing in the west entrance to welcome guests to the supper!

Tickets: Adults—\$12, Children 5-12—\$5, Children under 5— Free. Tickets are available at the Franciscan Gift Shop and at the door. Proceeds from the Soup Supper benefit St. Francis Health & Wellness Center and St. Francis Music Center, Little Falls. For more information contact (320)632-2981



# **BAPTISM**

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

Dominic Paul Johnson, son of Tyler & Kristine,
Weston Paul Rosa, son of Derek and Brittany and
Stella Mae Collison, daughter of Jacob & Brittany from
Sacred Heart

and Avery Ann Moe, daughter of David and Rachel, from St. Francis Xavier.

### **FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES**

This Monday (January 27) is your last chance to register for the **Diocesan Festival of Families!** Register at https://stcdio.org/event/2025-festival-of-families/ for only \$25 per family. For those unable to join us, please pray for the success of this event, designed to engage families in their Catholic faith. May the families of our diocese grow closer to one another in faith and nurture their relationships with a loving God who accompanies them in their daily lives.



# **MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE**

Catholic Men's Conference is 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-mensconference/ 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: <a href="mailto:northmnwwme.org">northmnwwme.org</a> or contact Miki at <a href="mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org">applications@northmnwwme.org</a> or 507-227-8229.



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#### **Prayer Team Needed**

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

forms.gle/6DNCogh9mggKKz8x9



# **CANA DINNER**

If you are a married couple this is a wonderful event for YOU! The Cana Dinner will be on February 22nd, starting with 5pm Mass and ending around 9pm. \$35 a couple for drinks, snacks, pasta bar and homemade dessert! Please join us for fellowship and listening to Fred and Diane Haack and Father Tom as speakers! You can register by calling your parish office or by going to this link. https://

# **GATHERING IN THE ARTS SHOW**

Sunday, February 16, 2025, 11:00am-4:00pm St. Francis Xavier School Gvm

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

#### **DCCW LENTEN RETREAT**

Lent will be here before you know it. Make a resolution to attend "The Secret of the Holy Face" Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's Parish in Buckman, MN on Saturday, March 8, 2025. Speakers: Cathy Maloney-Hills, OSF and Fr. Robert Altier. 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. \$20 by Feb. 28; \$25 at the door. Everyone is welcome. Sponsored by St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women. See stclouddccw.org for more info.

# 2025 TRAVEL TRIP OPPORTUNITY

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# 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@amail.com

Financial Offering for January 18-19

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,881.00
Adult online giving Jan 11-17	\$ 903.00
Plate	\$ 185.00
Christmas	\$ 30.00
Children	\$ 1.00
TOTAL	\$ 4,000.00

#### **Ushers:**

Feb. 1: Dave Fiedler, David Pogatchnik, Tom Larson Feb. 2: Jake Rothstein, Merlin Berndt, Matt Nienaber

Faith Formation: No Classes January 29 - Teacher Inservice

Ladies Let's Gather will meet next Sunday, February 2, in the annex from 6:00-7:00 PM. There will be a guest speaker next week - Alexandra Kramer.

Funeral Lunch group lead: We are looking for a new lead person for the South end funeral lunch group. Responsibilities would include: contact family to go over the menu (same menu every funeral), pick up groceries for the lunch (a good portion of groceries are ordered in by the church), contact parishioners to work, preparing the lunch. If you have any questions or would like to take over the funeral lunch group, please contact the parish office.



St. Blaise is the patron saint of illnesses of the throat. His feast day is February 3. Next weekend we will be offering the traditional blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise.

Prayer Line: If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please contact the parish office to have your/their name added to the Prayer Line.

**Senior Traffic Safety Ed class,** sponsored by Helping Hands Outreach, will be held in the St. Stephen Parish Hall on Tuesday, February 11, from 1:00-5:00 PM. Please contact Helping Hands Outreach at 320-746-9660 or go to www.stse.biz to register.

Thank you to those who braved the cold to come donate blood on January 20. While we originally had 35 people signed up, there were quite a few who did cancel Monday morning. We did collect 23 units.



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, February 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

# 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 January 19, 2024
Adult Collection
Automatic Giving\$5,610.42
Children\$2.00
Holy Day

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

# **STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**



Winter Raffle: Thank you to everyone who purchased a raffle ticket this year! We were able to sell all of the tickets **BEFORE** the final weekend! Because of your generosity we made our goal of \$20,000 from this fundraiser. Please

join us on January 26th from Noon-2 for our crockpot challenge and find out who the winners of the raffle are at 2pm.

Parish Festival 2025 After last week's weather we all want to think about the warm summer, so let's talk about the festival! You will be receiving a letter in the mail this week about donating to the festival raffle. This year we are adding to the grand prize to make it larger so we are really going to need everyone's help with donations. If you have questions, please contact Vicki in the office.



# **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL-CUF**

Catholic United Financial will be having a meeting on Tuesday, January 28th at 6:30pm in Room D.

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#### RECYCLING FOR THE YOUTH GROUP

Help the Environment and the Youth Group Recycle those old ink jet cartridges, cell phones, laptops, or small electronics. Useable ones are repurposed, the rest are recycled for components. Drop off in the gathering space Kiosk or in the office. Contact Gerry Kittok for more information (320) 420-9050

# 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.



**Grounded Youth Ministry** January Theme: Grounded in Worship

**Upcoming Dates & Times:** 

\*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.



Castaway 2025 Registration is now open for Castaway 2025 for grades 9-12! Castaway is March 28-30 in Detroit Lakes. Registration is online only. Scan the QR Code, use the website or contact Jason Prigge (iprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org).

Lets fill that bus!

#### **FAITH FORMATION**

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 conversation story and how that led him to the Catholic faith. All adults in the ACC are invited.

Confirmation Commitment Weekend is February 1st and 2nd at Sacred Heart. The 2025 Candidates will be presented and prayed over by the parish and parishioners will have to opportunity to take the name of a candidate and offer intercessory prayer for them.

#### THANK YOU

A belated note of thanks...last June we acknowledged Sandy Jacobson, Joanie Weyer, and Pat Burski for their years of generous service in helping coordinate funeral lunches at Sacred Heart. While Sandy and Joanie stepped away from this work, Pat Burski desired to stay on in this role. Last fall, three of our parishioners took up this mantle of service to assist Pat and learn this ministry. In November, Pat then retired from 30+ years serving funeral families. A mere thanks isn't enough, but it is offered with deep gratitude for a heart focused on service to so many in our community and beyond, and especially her compassionate and practical care for grieving families. Thank you, Pat!

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

January 27; Catholic Schools Week

6:15 Bells of the Heart Rehearsal

January 28; 6:30—Finance Council

January 29; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study 6:30pm—Grounded (5-12)

January 30: 1pm—Art & Environment Meeting

January 31; 6pm—Chosen Event

February 1; 8am—Deacon Spirituality Committee

3:30pm—Reconciliation

February 2; 11am—Festival of Families— @ SFX

5pm—Grounded (9-12)



# **ANNUNCIATION PARISH**

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cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941 shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

# FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, January 19th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$18,335.00
Visitors	\$82.00
Youth	\$22.00
Votive Candle	\$7.30
Breakfast (Strande)	\$979.00
Initial Offering	\$6.00
Total Income	\$19,431.30

# **MASS SCHEDULE**

Sun. February 2nd, 2025

Lector: JoAnn Marshall and Gene Poser

Eucharist: Katie Lentner (H), Lloyd Lyon(C), Brenda Carsten-

sen-Boe(C)

**Servers:** Noah Lentner and Kelsey Lentner **Greeters:** Dustin, Zoey and Lucas Heck

Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom and Dustin & Teresa Heck.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Ryan Brand, Heather Hiemenz, Gloria Nelson, Onnika Strande, Barbara Kaeter, James Janson, Liz Kiffmeyer, Renee Popp, Gabi Molitor, Cheryl O'Keefe, Mariah Simmons, Shirley Lindner, Michael Lentner, Lisa Przybilla.

<u>DEEPEST SYMPATHY</u> our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Thomas Klein who's funeral was here on January 18th. Eternal rest grant onto him Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.



#### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. Jan 29th, Religious Ed Class at 6:30pm Sun/Mon. Feb. 9th & 10th, 10th grade Learning Centers Wed. Feb. 12th, Religious Ed Class, Mission Office here, parents & students

Wed. Feb. 19th, WyldLife, Teaching Mass 6:30pm at ML

**THANK YOU** to all those who baked, frosted & supported the Cupcakes for Life fundraiser. Please pick up your containers downstairs in the kitchen. Thank you.

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



<u>PARISH BREAKFAST</u> There will be a breakfast on Sunday, February 9th, after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

NFP FIRST INSTRUCTION in the Billings Ovulation Method will be offered in Rice on Monday, February 3 & March 3 at 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church. For more information, or to register, contact Ann Marschel at <a href="mailto:amarschel21@gmail.com">amarschel21@gmail.com</a> or (320) 290-6311. The class is approximately 1½ to 2 hours long. \*Note: Most insurance plans cover the cost of NFP Instruction and follow-up!

# 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 1/19/2025	
Excess (Deficit)	\$3,143.35
YTD Collection Budget	\$619,038.35
YTD Collected	\$617,361.90
Excess (Deficit)	\$(1,676.45)

#### 2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements are available for pickup in the Gathering Place.

#### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**



Eucharistic Adoration January 28, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

#### **PALM COLLECTION**

Old Palms can be dropped offuntil Friday, February 28. There will be a basket outside of the parish office.



# SFX OPEN HOUSE WEEK

Celebrate Catholic Schools Week with us! As part of this special week, we're excited to welcome families to visit during Open House Week. Discover the faith-filled education, academic excellence, and strong community that makes St. Francis Xavier so special. Already a SFX family? Share with your friends and invite them to attend. Open House week is January 27-31. Reserve your time today! Call the school as 320-252-9940 to set up a time.

#### THANK YOU

We would like to thank everyone for the beautiful funeral service for Richard. Thank you Fr. Weyrens for the Mass and words of inspiration. Thank you to the music director for the beautiful music. Thank you to the luncheon ladies for the great food. Thank you to everyone for the prayers and words of kindness. The Richard Maidl family.

#### **SFX ROCKS**

We are thrilled to invite you to an unforgettable evening of fun, music, and community at **SFX Rocks**, our 21-and-over fundraiser, benefiting our amazing school!

☐ Date: Feb. 8th, 2025

☐ Location: St. Francis Xavier School

☐ Time: 6PM-11PM



This night will feature:

☐ **Live Music** by the incredible Andy Austin

☐ Silent Auction with exciting items to bid on

☐ Cash Bar

**SFX Rocks** is the perfect opportunity to connect with fellow parents, enjoy a night out, and support the wonderful programs and students of our school.

Please purchase your tickets at the link below and spread the word to family, neighbors and friends!

https://one.bidpal.net/sfxrocks2025/welcome

#### **HELP NEEDED**

St. Francis Xavier School is seeking kitchen help serving lunch Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10:50-12:50. Please contact the school at 320-252-9940 and ask for Amy.

#### 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.

**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!

#### **SAVE THE DATE**

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









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