

February 2, 2025
The Presentation of the Lord



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"Behold, this child is destined for the fall and rise of many in Israel." - Lk 2:34

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday, February 3	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Bonnie Wruck
Tuesday, February 4	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Russell Fuchs
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	- Word and Communion
Wednesday, February 5 St. Agatha	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Jacqueline Beumer
Thursday, February 6	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	- No Mass or W & C
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Gene & Millie Gruber
Friday, February 7	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Karel Fleck
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Mel Fiereck
Saturday, February 8 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Helen & Bill Hintz
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Julie Hudalla
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Donna Knapp
Sunday, February 9 5th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Joe Knott
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Anna & Michael Lock
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Hugo Weyrens
*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 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30, 31-32/
Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14, 17-
18a/Mk 6:1-6

Thursday: Heb 12:18-19, 21-24/Ps 48:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 9, 10-
11//Mk 6:7-13

Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc/Mk 6:14-29

Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mk 6:30-34

Next Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8
(1c)/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



I don't recall when I might have signed up for it, but I receive a daily email from Aleteia, a Catholic outreach with current events, commentary, spiritual reflections, prayer, wisdom from the saints, and more. Aleteia is Greek for "truth," and the articles are brief but filled with substance.

Recently, one of these items by Cerith Gardiner gave some sound advice on helping those in our families, communities, and workplaces who experience mental health challenges. It can be very difficult to know how to respond and support individuals who face these struggles. As we commemorate the Presentation of the Lord this weekend, the Light of the World revealed in the temple, it is a good time to think about those who struggle with inner darkness at times, and bring the light of hope to each person who is a temple of the Holy Spirit.

Please note that these suggestions do not substitute for professional help for those in need, and do not provide counseling or therapy. These are simple but valuable ways all of us can be present to and encourage those who have either short-term or more lasting challenges.

1) Educate Yourself About Mental Illness: Understanding is the first step toward compassion. Take the time to learn about common mental health conditions, such as anxiety disorders, depression, bipolar disorder, and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) from reliable sources, such as a medical professional. Familiarize yourself with the symptoms and challenges of these illnesses to better empathize with those who live with them. Knowing that mental illness is often the result of complex factors -- biological, psychological, social, and spiritual -- can help you approach those affected without judgment. Remember that mental illness is not a choice, and recovery is not a straight line; indeed, in some cases it's a lifetime concern. And more importantly, each individual's journey is unique, requiring patience and an open mind from those who wish to support them.

2) Listen Without Judgment: One of the most powerful things you can do for someone struggling with mental illness is to listen. Offer your presence without rushing to offer solutions or advice. Avoid minimizing their feelings or trying to "fix" their problems. Instead, validate their experiences by saying things like: "That sounds really difficult. I'm here for you." "I'm so sorry you're going through this. How can I support you?" Listening with empathy creates a safe space where they can share their struggles without fear of judgment or rejection. Even if you don't have all the answers, your willingness to be present is a profound gift.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

3) Encourage Professional Help: While your support is invaluable, mental health conditions often require professional intervention. Gently encourage your loved one to seek help from a counselor, therapist, or psychiatrist. Reassure them that seeking help is a sign of strength, not weakness. If they're hesitant, offer to help them find resources, such as local mental health services or support groups. You could also suggest joining them for an initial appointment if they feel anxious about going alone. Your encouragement and practical support can make all the difference.

4) Be Patient and Persistent: Living with mental illness means there will be good days and bad days. It's important to remain patient and consistent in your support, even when progress seems slow or setbacks occur. Avoid taking their behavior personally, especially if they withdraw or seem irritable. Your steady presence can remind them that they are not alone, even in their darkest moments.

5) Promote Healthy Habits in Gentle Ways: Mental health is closely tied to physical well-being. Encourage your loved one to care for their body by suggesting small, manageable steps such as: Going for a short walk together, sharing a healthy meal, practicing relaxation techniques like deep breathing and meditation, prayer, without overspiritualizing the real challenges of one's life. These activities can help reduce stress and improve mood, but be mindful not to pressure them, as this could increase anxiety.

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LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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Deacon	Steve Pareja 320-761-2503
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Ministry and Life Perspectives (continued)

6) Set Boundaries and Care for Yourself Supporting someone with mental illness can be emotionally taxing, and it's essential to take care of your own well-being. Establish healthy boundaries to ensure you don't become overwhelmed. When you care for yourself, you'll be better equipped to care for others.

7) Cultivate Hope and Resilience Mental illness can make the future seem bleak for those experiencing it. As someone who cares for them, you can be a source of hope. Remind them of their strengths, celebrate small victories, and affirm their inherent dignity and worth. Hope is contagious. By embodying a spirit of realistic optimism and resilience, you can help them find the strength to keep moving forward, one step at a time.



"Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.



The 2025 Appeal launches soon. Your offerings change lives in so many ways through ministries that reach out to the homebound, form our children and families in the Catholic faith, protect people at all stages of life, inspire people to become faith leaders, establish mental health ministries, build bridges connecting communities and work in so many ways to bring our brothers and sisters closer to Christ.

- ◆ 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.

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.

BAPTISM

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



Theodore John Gorder, Son of John & Laura from Sacred Heart.

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-mens-conference/> to register.

FRANCISCAN SISTERS HOST SOUP SUPPER

The Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls will host an all-you-can-eat 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 or info@fslf.org.



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 "Crystal 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

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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

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://forms.gle/6DNCogh9mqgKKz8x9>



GATHERING IN THE ARTS ART SHOW



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

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

CARD GROUP

St. Francis Xavier
2nd & 4th Thursdays
February 13 & 27, 2025
Xavier Hall, 1-3 pm

All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables.
Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions.



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 stcloudccw.org for more info.

BOY SCOUTS-TCHS COLLECTION

The St Elizabeth Ann Seton / Holy Spirit Cub Scout Pack is collecting gently used pet carriers to donate to the Tri-County Humane Society. If you have a working pet carrier you do not use any more, please call or text the Cubmaster, Patrick Howard, to donate and schedule a pickup. Call or text 320-291-1130. Thanks!



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 January 25 & 36

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,685.00
Adult online giving Jan 18-24	\$ 423.00
Plate	\$ 181.00
Children	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,299.00

Ushers:

Feb. 8: Mitch Pangerl, Amanda DeYaeger, Dan Warzecha

Feb. 9: Steve Vouk, Nancy & Tom Vouk

Ladies Let's Gather will meet Sunday evening in the annex from 6:00-7:00 PM. Guest speaker will be Alexandra Kramer.

Faith Formation: February 5 classes for grades 5-9 and Confirmation. Pizza will be served in the Parish Hall before classes. **Youth Group**, grades 6-12, will meet in the Parish Hall following classes from 8:00-9:30. **NCYC (National Catholic Youth Conference) information meeting** for parents and students in grades 9-12 on Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 pm in the church basement. NCYC will be Nov. 20-22 in Indianapolis.

Fellowship next Sunday, February 9, after Mass in the annex. Stay and visit with fellow parishioners, neighbors and guests. Enjoy sweet treats and beverages by the Vibrancy Committee.

Adoration will be next week, February 13.

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.

Funeral Lunch group lead: We are looking for a new lead person for the South end funeral lunch group. Responsibilities would include: contact the family, pick up groceries for the lunch (a good portion of groceries are ordered in by the church), contact parishioners to help, prepare the lunch. If you have any questions, please contact any of the funeral lunch leads: Bev Supan, Carol Hlebain, Anna Mae Trobec or Jeanette Seaton. If you would like to take over the funeral lunch group, please contact the parish office.

The Church Steeple monthly newsletter. After 48 years, Betty Pogatshnik will be retiring from publishing The Church Steeple. If anyone would like to volunteer to take over writing the monthly newsletter please contact either Betty at 252-6009 or the parish office.



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
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 January 26, 2024

Adult Collection.....	\$13,825.00
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,938.81
Children.....	\$1.00
Holy Day.....	\$10.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.



EASTER VIGIL RECEPTION VOLUNTEERS

Sacred Heart and Annunciation have a wonderful tradition of having a combined Easter Vigil and reception for three years. Following that Vigil we have a beautiful celebration with cake, sandwiches, candy and wine. To allow this tradition to continue we need a committee of volunteers from BOTH Sacred Heart and Annunciation. With that being said, we are looking for a minimum of 3 people from each parish who would be willing to lead this. Please reach out to Vicki in the office or by email at vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org for details by March 1st if you are interested.

CROCKPOT CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket (or a few.) we made our goal of \$20,000. The winner of the grand prize was Sharon Stoltman! Other lucky winners were: Richard Witteman-\$1,000, Pat Cripe & Mary Jo Boelz-\$250, Andrew & Nicky Johannes-\$250, Jim Laudenbach - \$250, and our \$100 winners Lee Walz, John & Lori Nies, Michelle Voit and Brian Corrigan. Congratulations!

The winner of the Whatever You Can Fit in a Crockpot Challenge was Renee Mastey who made Hot (not spicy) delicious dip in the crockpot! Congratulations! We will tally numbers to find out the matching grant we will receive from Catholic United Financial.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Jeanne Eveslage to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the prayer list, please call 320-251-8115.

Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain. Please call 320-492-9361, 320-252-3401 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.



YOUTH MINISTRY

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, or contact Jason Prigge (jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org).

Lets fill that bus!

FAITH FORMATION

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Confirmation Commitment Weekend this weekend 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

- February 3; 5pm—Men's Group
6:15pm—Bells of the Heart Rehearsal
6:30pm—DTS Make Up Session
- February 4; 6:15pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal
- February 5; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
6:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
6:30pm—Faith Formation K-8
- February 6; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study (SS)
- February 7; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
11am—Rosary & Benediction
6pm—Chosen Event
- February 8; 7:30am—Diocesan Confirmation Retreat
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- February 9; 10:15am—Child/Parent Gathering

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729
cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com
Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, January 26th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$2,584.00
Visitors	\$231.00
Youth	\$19.00
Votive Candle	\$4.00
Cupcakes for Life	\$630.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Perpetual Care	\$250.00
Building Improvement	\$225
Total Income	\$3,946.00


MASS SCHEDULE


Sun. February 9th, 2025

Lector: John Koenig & Karla Koenig
Eucharist: Rita Knott (H), Amy Krajsa(C), Gene Poser(C)
Servers: Mariah Simmons & Halle Krajsa
Greeters: Dan Bemboom and Logan Simmons
Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom and Dan Brenny.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Anita Montag, Donna Brown, Jennifer Puhalla, Rose Beauchamp, Donald Gravelle, Beth Walker, Joshua Ackerman, Sarah Dinnebier, Kendel Pflipsen, Jackson Ackerman, Bradley Popp.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. Feb. 5th, Religious Ed Class at 6:30pm
Sun/Mon. Feb. 9th & 10th & 16th, 10th grade Learning Centers at St. Stephen. 
Wed. Feb. 12th, Religious Ed Class, Mission Office here, parents & students
Wed. Feb. 19th, WyldLife, Teaching Mass 6:30pm at ML

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

PARISH BREAKFAST There will be a breakfast next Sunday, February 9th, after Mass. Everyone is welcome.

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

CHURCH LIBRARY Looking for something good to read on these cold winter days/nights or for Lent which will be upon us soon? Check out the library in the church basement where there are so many great books to increase your knowledge of the church teachings, lives of the saints, your prayer life, etc. Enjoy. Checkout is on an honor system.

EASTER VIGIL VOLUNTEERS NEEDED—Please see page 5

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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

Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 1/26/2025	\$30,099.09
Excess (Deficit)	\$8,752.94
YTD Collection Budget	\$640,384.50
YTD Collected	\$647,460.99
Excess (Deficit)	\$7,046.49

COFFEE & COMMUNITY



Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, February 5, after the 8 am Mass.

PALM COLLECTION

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



FISH FRY

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

308 2nd Street North, Sartell - in front of the school



FRIDAY, MARCH 14 AT 4:30 - 7:00 PM

DINE-IN OR TAKE-OUT AVAILABLE

MENU:

- Fried Fish
- Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Bag of Chips

TICKET PRICES:

\$15.00 for Adults

*Adult Meals Purchased before March 1st will be \$15.00

\$9.00 for 12 and under and for Seniors 65 and older



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.

PATCH THE POTHOLE FUNDRAISER

A couple of parishioners have mentioned the pot-hole in the south parking lot. It's about a \$10,000 fix and we didn't have that in our budget this past summer. We are kind of a paycheck to paycheck parish. We make ends meet, but we don't have much in reserve to draw on. Any donations to make this happen greatly appreciated. When we have special needs our parishioners come through. If you are doing estate planning, do remember SFX Parish if you are considering a charitable gift as part of your plans. It was discussed at our January 16th pastoral council meeting to have a fundraiser with the goal of raising funds for do some parking lot fixes. We are looking at a March or April event that would include a 50/50 cash raffle and a BINGO with some food. I will need some help for this, but it's a short event and will need a crew of 2 or 3 to help with food along with 12 or 14 to help with BINGO - more would be welcomed for sure! This will need adults, but middle or high school youth are invited to join as well. In addition, I'm seeking donations for BINGO prizes and looking at \$25 value or greater. Cash works well. Gift cards to local businesses make for a good way to support local owners and those who work for them. Contact Tom Offerdahl with your offer to help AND if you have any thoughts to enhance the experience. 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org. Thank you!

ST. JOHN'S BOYS CHOIR

St. John's Boys' Choir is headed out into the community! Sing, make new friends, and experience the 44-year tradition of the SJBC by joining our Spring Training Choir in Sartell, St. Cloud, or Collegetown!

Who: 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders

When: 6:00 PM – 7:30 PM • Mondays or Thursdays
February 3 – May 15, 2025

Where: You get to pick a location!
First United Methodist Church, Sartell (Mondays)
Salem Lutheran Church, St. Cloud (Thursdays)
Saint John's University, Collegetown (Thursdays)



Sign up today! www.sjbchoir.org/trainingchoir

SOCIAL JUSTICE

Donations for Temporary Overnight Shelter- As you know SFX hosted guests who were homeless for 2 weeks in December. Three other churches have followed suit.

It requires gas and money for staff (\$300/night). If you would like to donate, please go to www.homelesshelpinghomeless.org or mail a check to HHH, PO Box 475, St. Cloud, Minnesota, 56302. Please label it TOS. Questions can be directed to Molly Weyrens at mollyweyrens@stfrancissjcc@gmail.com. Most of all, include all involved in prayer! Thanks!



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