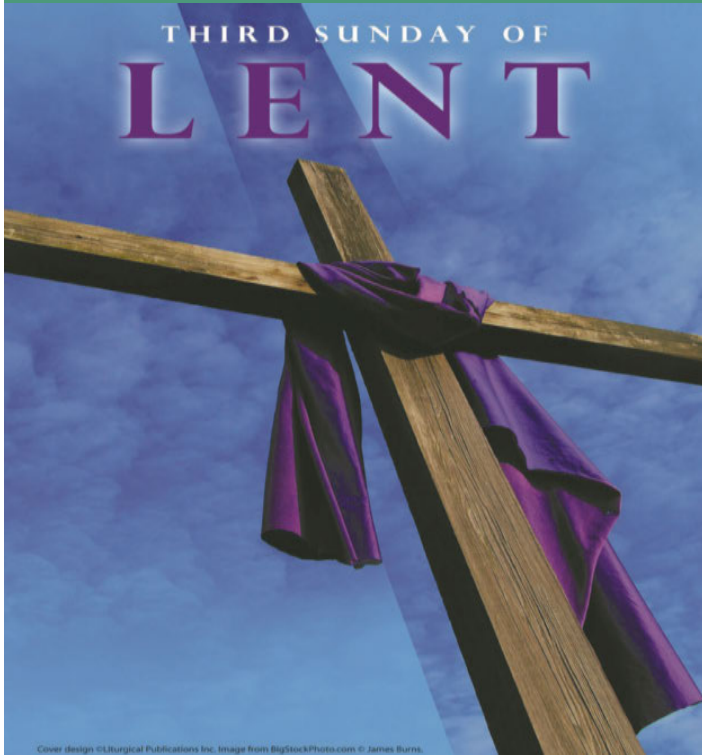


March 23, 2025  
3rd Sunday of Lent



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Annunciation  
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**MASS TIMES**

<b>Monday, March 24</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Rich & Verla Hilman
<b>Tuesday, March 25</b> The Annunciation of the Lord	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Steven Schmitt
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Imelda Stang
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Stephen & Alice Hlebain
<b>Wednesday, March 26</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Al Faasen
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Charles Hansen
<b>Thursday, March 27</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Carol Rengel
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Clarence & Sophie Scepaniak
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Ralph & Elaine Majerus
<b>Friday, March 28</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Raymond Rymer
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Joey Arseneau
<b>Saturday, March 29</b> 4th Sunday of Lent	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Kathy Janson
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† For the People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Dennis Janssen
<b>Sunday, March 30</b> 4th Sunday of Lent	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Dennis & Reda Regnier
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Todd Mastey
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Reed Scheidecker
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Holly Justin

\*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:** 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30

**Tuesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

**Wednesday:** Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19

**Thursday:** Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23

**Friday:** Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17/Mk 12:28-34

**Saturday:** Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14

**Next Sunday:** Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 (9a)/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Scrutiny:** 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 (1)/Eph 5:8-14/

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### From Safari.....

Earthquakes, tsunamis, floods, cancer, heart disease, AIDS, accidents. Why do they happen?

Are such events God's punishment for sinful behavior?

Perhaps Jesus sensed that was the question underlining the comment about the Galileans in today's Gospel. Did this happen because of their sinfulness? Jesus doesn't answer the question, but he does challenge the notion that disaster, both personal and communal, is God sending a punishment on account of sin. Not that sin is not present.

The actions of Pilate which led to the killing of the Galileans are sinful. Shoddy construction and shortcuts may have led to the collapse of the tower. The same is true today. People's greed and intolerance contribute to some of the violence we see; hasty construction and shortcuts allow buildings to collapse, a disregard for own health contributes to the onset of disease. But disasters, personal or communal, are not punishments sent by God. It is part of our human condition.

Yet there is the troubling response Jesus offers in the Gospel, "But I tell you, if you do not repent, you will all perish as they did!" Will repenting save us from disasters and illness? Repenting isn't a defense against disaster and illness. Jesus' point is that death comes at unexpected times. Natural disasters, sudden deaths of family, friends, and neighbors give us pause to recall that our time is limited, and we do not know when our death will come.

The parable of the fig tree stresses that God is patient with us, but our time is limited. Each of us needs to ask: is my heart set on God? Amidst the disasters of life, the question is not why did this happen, but rather what must I do now? Jesus encourages us to repent, to turn from our current life through an interior change. As Jesus notes, "Out of your heart comes evil thoughts, vulgar deeds, stealing, murder, unfaithfulness in marriage, greed, meanness, deceit, indecency, envy, insults, pride, and foolishness."



## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

All of these come from your heart, and they are what make you unfit to worship God. "(Mark 7:1-23) This process of conversion cannot be accomplished solely on our own strength, like the fig tree in the Gospel. We need to allow God to cultivate the surrounding, to fertilize us through word and sacrament.

The parable of the fig tree has no ending. Did the tree produce or was it cut down? How will our story continue? Will we be fruitless, or will we give back to God useful and productive lives spent furthering the work of Christ's mission?

Continued blessings on your Lenten journey, Fr. Ron



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Ron Weyrens</b> 320-252-1363, Ext.401 (days) Ext. 402 (night/weekends) rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org
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He said to the gardener, "For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none." - Luke 13:7

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.



The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### PALM BRAIDING

Palm Braiding with Lois Maciej  
April 12, 2025, at St. Stephen Parish Hall  
2 classes: 12:30 - 2:30 or 3:00 - 5:00  
Pre-registration required if you would like to make a Palm Fan (large braided palm in picture) so supplies can be ordered. An adult must accompany a child. Both classes are the same. You can sign up for one class or both if you want to spend more time braiding palms. **Pre-register by calling St. Stephen Parish, 320-251-1520, by April 6.**



### BREAKFAST & CARAMEL ROLLS FUNDRAISER-SS

Fundraiser for youth/adults attending the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC)

**Breakfast:** Sausage, ham, pancakes, scrambled eggs, hash browns, caramel rolls & Fruit, juice, coffee, milk

March 30, 2025  
8:00 AM - 12:00 PM  
Free-Will Offering



#### Caramel Roll Sales - PRE-ORDER ONLY!

No extra caramel rolls will be made.  
\$5/half dozen or \$10/dozen

Caramel rolls can be picked up in the Hall  
at 12:15pm on April 12.

**Last day to sign-up for Caramel Rolls is April 6.**

Sign up in the St. Stephen Parish Office or call the office at 320-251-1520.

### BAPTISM

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



Atlas Donald Groshong, son of Josh and Abby, from St. Francis Xavier.

### CARD GROUP-SFX



St. Francis Xavier-Xavier Hall  
2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays-March 27, 2025  
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.

### DEMENTIA SKILLS FOR YOUR CAREGIVER TOOLBOX

**Wednesday, March 26, 11-1pm at Sacred Heart Church. Free Lunch will be served at 11am. To Register Call 320.968.7848.**

Bring your dementia challenges and discover new tools to support your family along the journey. Join our hands-on workshop to learn the power of "doing with" instead of "doing to" people, and the magic of working with what people living with dementia still have, rather than what they have lost. Presenter is Krisie Barron LSW Caregiver and Human Specialist Certified PAC Trainer. You can also contact Dcn Joe for questions.

### 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.

### COMPASSIONATE HOPE FAMILY CENTER REMODEL



Social Concerns is recruiting volunteers to help with construction support at Compassionate Hope Family Center (Transitional housing for families). Days and times of the project will vary depending on the availability of the help we receive. We are remodeling rooms for transition housing for families. The tasks involve painting, flooring install, some bathroom upgrades, replacing blinds and curtains, etc. We can also use donations for supplies. Contact Dcn Joe if you have an interest in serving one of these needs.



## YOUNG ADULTS

### 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! 6:15-7:45PM

\*Wednesday, April 16th

\*Wednesday, May 21st

### Summer Camp

Have you signed up for summer camp yet??? Camp is August 4-8. Register at: [granitecity.younglife.org/camp](http://granitecity.younglife.org/camp) We're proud to say we're able to give each kid (up to 30 kids) \$200 off! Register by March 19th to get this incredible deal.

### 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.

## SACRED HEART/ANNUNCIATION VIGIL

Sacred Heart will be the site of the Easter Vigil to accommodate the people who will be attending the Mass. We are once again looking for **candy** and **wine** donations to have at the reception that follows the Mass. Please bring all donations to your parish office or to the church when you come for Mass prior to Good Friday.

## LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

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

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



## WALK WITH JESUS DURING LENT

All sessions follow Mass and include a light brunch.

**\*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*

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm  
[ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com)

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066  
[ststephenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### Financial Offering for March 15 & 16

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,175.00
Adult online giving Mar 8-14	\$ 413.00
Plate	\$ 160.00
Children	\$ 11.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,759.00
Easter Flowers to date	\$ 435.00

### Ushers:

Mar 29: Mitch Pangerl, Karen & Gene Skaj

Mar 30: Jim Schumer, Nancy & Tom Vouk

**Faith Formation:** March 26 classes for grades 5-9 & Confirmation. Hamburger Mac & Cheese will be served in the Parish Hall before class.

**Youth Group** will meet March 26 from 8-9:30.

**Stations of the Cross** will be prayed at 6:30pm on Fridays.

**Funeral Lunch group lead:** We are looking for a new lead person for one of the Funeral Lunch groups. Call the church office to take this over or if you have questions.

**Easter Flowers:** If you would like to donate to the Easter flowers in memory of a loved one, write Easter Flowers on an envelope (or use the one in your packet), include the names of the loved ones you want to remember, enclose a donation of your choice, and put it in the collection basket.

**Holy Thursday:** For Holy Thursday here at St. Stephen, we will need six people to have their feet washed. We are looking for: 2 men, 2 women, 1 high school student and 1 elementary student. You can either call the parish office to sign up or sign up on the sheet on the table at the main entrance of church.

**Grand Raffle:** It is time to start planning for our Labor Day Festival. If you would like to make a donation to a Grand Raffle prize, please contact the parish office. Letter's will be going out soon to the donors from previous years.

**Holdingford KC #9307** Chicken & Ham dinner. April 6 at Pelican Lake Ballroom, serving 3:30-6:30. Take out available.

### 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



### Holdingford 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, April 17, 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 16, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . .	\$11,706.00
Automatic Giving. . . . .	\$5,409.43
Children. . . . .	\$10.00
Friends In Need. . . . .	\$25.00
Central MN Catholic. . . . .	\$25.00
Easter Flowers. . . . .	\$902.00
Ash Wednesday. . . . .	\$18.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Money Counters Needed** We are in need of money counters. Money counters count and sort the giving from the weekend on Tuesday mornings for 1 month at a time. We are needing volunteers for May, June and September. If you are interested in helping in this Ministry or have any questions, please call Jill L in the office

**Festival-Hamburger Stand** One of the two hamburger stand chair people has stepped down. So we are looking for a couple of people to work together with Neil and Sandy Bueckers. If you are willing to do this, please call Vicki in the office at 320.251.815 to get more details.

**Triduum Help Needed** Liturgical Ministers, please sign up on the web terminal or on the sheets by the sacristy if you can help in your ministry for our Holy Week liturgies. We need greeters, ushers, altar servers, and Eucharistic Ministers for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, the Easter Vigil, and Easter Sunday. Lectors, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer if you are interested in lectoring for one of these liturgies. Thank you!

**Interested in having your feet washed or carrying up the Holy Oils on Holy Thursday?** We are in need of people to volunteer to have their feet washed and to carry up the Holy Oils or bear flags on Holy Thursday. This is a great role for First Communicants and Confirmation students as well. Please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office if this is something you would like to learn more about. Thank you!

**Stations of the Cross** We will again pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at **6:30 pm**.

March 28—Rich Wolter Family

April 4—Boy Scouts

April 11—Men's Club

## THANK YOU

You may have noticed the pews look a little newer, that is because we had an AMAZING group of parishioners come in, removed old layers and put shiny new layers on. Thank you so much to the seven of you who took the time and diligence for this task!

## CUF MEETING

Catholic United Financial will be having a meeting on Tuesday, March 25th at 6:30 pm in Room D.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** March : Grounded in Service  
Upcoming Dates & Times:

**\*Wednesday, March 26th | Gr. 5-12 | 6:30-7:30 PM | Good Shepherd Nursing Home**

**\*\*Please arrive at 6:15 PM at the Shepherd Court Doors 330 13th St. N, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379**

**\*\*All participants should be fully healthy, no illnesses as we want to protect those residing at Good Shepherd.**

**Castaway 2025** All participants for Castaway 2025 should arrive at Sacred Heart on Friday, March 28th at 10:30 AM. Please lift all of our students, work crew and adult leaders in prayer as they head to Castaway.

**NCYC 2025** Don't miss out on this 'twice' in a lifetime opportunity! The National Catholic Youth Conference Takes place at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for Sr. High students in grades 9-12. Students from all over the country (10-20 thousand) gather to pray, learn, play and grow in their Catholic faith. It's an experience like no other.

**\*Who:** Current Students in grades 8-11

**\*When:** November 19-23, 2025

**\*Cost:** \$500 (normally priced at \$940 - parish subsidizes close to 50%).

**\*\$100 deposit due April 15th.** Fundraising is available.

Contact Jason Prigge to register.

**Butter Braid Sales** Our annual Butter Braid sale officially launched 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. We really appreciate your support as this is the only fundraiser we run for our young people! Forms are available in the 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 for details.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

March 25; 6:30pm—CUF Meeting Rm D

March 26; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study

11am—Dementia Education Lunch & Learn

5:30pm—Kids' Choir Rehearsal

6:30pm—Grounded (5-12)

March 27; 6:30pm—Lent Reconciliation Service

March 28; 6:30pm—Stations of the Cross

March 29; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

March 30; 9:15am—Lenten Session-Start With Jesus-Annun.

7pm—Lenten Session #4 Book Study "Start with Jesus" St. Stephen

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Rosie Hennen, Patricia Olson, Mike Pinkosky, Pam Smoley 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  
cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com  
**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Income for Sunday, March 16th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$2,351.00
Visitors	\$267.25
Youth	\$15.00
Votive Candle	\$4.60
Catholic Relief Services	\$20.00
Central and Eastern Europe	\$20.00
Food Shelf	\$25.00
Building Improvement	\$15.00
4H Breakfast donations	\$1,039.00
Total Income	\$3,756.85
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sun. March 30th, 2025

**Lector:** Jenessa Strande and Shirley Scapanski  
**Eucharist:** John Koenig (H), Karla Koenig(C), Amy Krajsa(C)  
**Servers:** Halle Krajsa, Brynn Krajsa and Gretchen Czech  
**Greeters:** Don and Karol Weyer  
**Ushers:** Jeff Wollak, Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Maureen Athman, Magdalen Cigelske, Troy Novak, Dennis Skroch, Maycee Britz, Donald Montag, Lillian Piotrowski, Alexander Dinnebier, Shaun Hiemenz.

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. March 26th, 6:30pm class, reconciliation for youth.  
Wed. April 2nd, 6:30pm class, Learning centers for 2nd grade and 9th grade student/parent meeting.

### 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

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION** Sundays from 7:45-8:05am at Annunciation. Additional times for individual confessions: Monday, April 7th, from 9am-10am at Annunciation.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** here Friday's during lent at 6:30pm.

**LEAD SOFTBALL PERSON NEEDED** We are in need of someone to take over running the church summer softball program this year. Ball games run the months of June & July. Call Parish office.



**TAKING BIDS FOR 2026 LAWN CARE:** bid forms are available in the parish office to fill out for anyone interested. Bids due 4/14.

### SIGN UP SHEETS FOR HELPING WITH EASTER LITURGIES

will be in the back of church. Please sign up for: **HOLY THURSDAY:** Baking bread during the day, or Washing feet during Mass at Annunciation. **HOLY SATURDAY:** at Sacred Heart, Decorating: 8am-11 am the morning of. After Easter Vigil: help during the Reception and to help with clean up after the Reception to get ready for Easter Sunday's Mass. Please call Shirley at 320-259-494 if you have any questions.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363  
bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org  
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor  
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

**Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday**

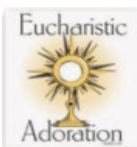
**Parish Nurses** Julie Kouba 701-721-5083  
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135  
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

**Prayer Line** Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 3/16/2025	\$16,124.05
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(5,722.10)</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$790,613.65
YTD Collected	\$806,435.64
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$15,821.99</b>

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration March 25, 4-7 pm.  
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Street S, Sartell.

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

**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](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org).

## 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.

## ROOTED FAITH FORMATION

We are really excited to share that next year we will be moving to a family formation program for grades 1-9. We will also be offering programming for preschool and kindergartners on Wednesday's during the family formation time. Please visit the website for more information. If you have questions, please reach out to Melissa or Sandee.

## BLOOD DRIVE

**Tuesday, April 8, 2025 12:30pm - 6:30pm**  
**SFX Gathering Space.**

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