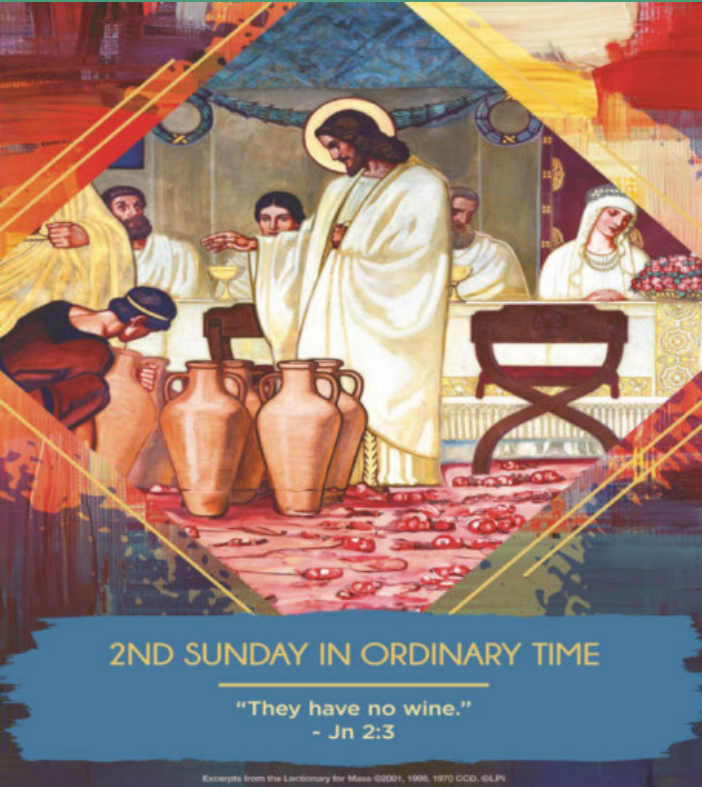


January 19, 2025
2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time



2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"They have no wine."
- Jn 2:3

Excerpt from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1986, 1970 CCD, (S.L.P.)

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday, January 20	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Clarence & Audrey Posch
Tuesday, January 21 St. Agnes	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Art & Nancy Kiffmeyer † Armella Middendorf - For Those Suffering from Depression & Mental Health
Wednesday, January 22	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	† Bob & Pat Koenig † Dennis Gapinski
Thursday, January 23 St. Vincent	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† LeRoy & Margaret Lochner - Bob & Nancy Crowther † Carmen dole Paz de Mier
Friday, January 24 St. Francis de Sales	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Tim Kedrowski † Jimmy Schultz
Saturday, January 25 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Paul & Cy Valerius - The Hudalla Family - Patti Foster
Sunday, January 26 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Michael Notsch † Imelda Stang † The Kroll Family - For the People of the Parish
*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 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 2:18-22

Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c/Mk
2:23-28

Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/Mk
3:7-12

Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Mk
3:13-19

Saturday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/
Mk 16:15-18

Next Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15
(see Jn 6:63c)/

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)



All Things New: Strategic Planning in the Diocese of Saint Cloud

"I believe that this process will surely give birth to an even more dynamic diocese, reenergized and more focused on knowing Christ on the deepest level. Together, with God's promise, we will make all things new by honoring the past and inspiring the future." – Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C.

Much like our own individual lives, every living organization undergoes change in its lifecycle. Some is inherent, natural growth and decline because of its physical being. Some is adaptation to changes in its environment, culture, and the unexpected events of history. While it can be unsettling, change is in fact a sign of life and vibrancy.

25 years ago, the Diocese of Saint Cloud did a survey on its projected future called "Facing the Future Together." Looking at its findings today reveals that the changes we are experiencing in our parishes and communities is consistent with expectations. Among the findings (with some commentary) from 1999:

- " ... the number of priests available for active parish ministry is likely to decline from 115 in 1999 ... CARA projects that 51 priests will be available for active ministry in 2025." *[we are just a few priests above that projection, thanks to men who have delayed retirement]*
- " ...many [priests] express a desire to cluster rather than close parishes, but fewer express a desire to serve in clustered parishes. *[in fact there are only three one-pastor-one-parish settings left, and they are very large communities; but in every situation, all parishes are engaged with others in an Area Catholic Community]*
- nearly 90% feel that increasing parish staffing for ministries in areas of youth, faith formation, and music would be helpful *[the generous and indispensable gifts of laypersons in providing ministry is a great story of lived faith and vitality]*
- The largest challenges identified by participants still sound familiar in 2025:
 - The use of lay ministry and preservation of smaller parishes that are vibrant
 - Involving people in the plans – they need to plan their own future. Realistic expectations of priests. Overcome divisions in clergy.
 - To utilize the priest as efficiently as possible. To provide pastoral services to all parishes including small parishes.
 - The biggest challenge will be convincing parishioners to cooperate with the larger vision of the Church ... seeing the larger vision of the Church.
 - The top concerns for ministry focus were identified as: the needs of youth and young adults; protecting human life at all stages of its development; helping parishioners build strong family relationships; strengthening couples' commitment to maintaining a Christian marriage; strengthening parents' ability to raise their children as Catholics; helping newcomers feel welcome; homilies that help people apply faith to life; caring for the terminally ill and dying *[all these remain our tasks]*

After careful preparation, times of listening to leaders in all 29 ACCs, and consultation, the Diocese is about to engage in the next step of strategic planning for all the parishes and Area Catholic Communities across our 16 counties.

This process will unfold over the next year. For regular information and resources, please visit the tab, "All Things New," on the website of the diocese or go directly to <https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/>. You can also subscribe there to email updates sent directly to your inbox.

Currently, each pastor is selecting persons from the parishes he serves for an ACC Planning Council. There will be representation from the existing ACC Pastoral Councils, parish-level councils or advisory bodies, staff members, trustees, and members of the parish at large. To make the Planning Council a workable size, this group will be 8-12 members in each ACC. But part of their charge will be to create ways to hear from the parishioners in each place.

The Council will be supported by teams from diocesan leadership and staff, and guided by a "Playbook" of sorts so there is a common understanding across the diocese for this process.

What will the outcome be? Bishop Neary's quote above gives us the goal. How we get there will be the subject of much listening to the Holy Spirit and one another in each of our 29 ACC's. We don't have the picture yet. But it is coming into gradual focus. We will honor the past – the deposit of faith that unites us with the Church across all places and times, as well as our own local histories in each parish – while inspiring a future that our children and grandchildren will inherit.

Please do pray for discernment according to God's wisdom for our common life. The Church is the Body of Christ; we are its stewards. Pilgrims of Hope, we can look to a future filled with the same gifts of grace and charity that our ancestors in faith experienced, since the same Jesus is still in our midst, our Redeemer, Teacher, and Life.

LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

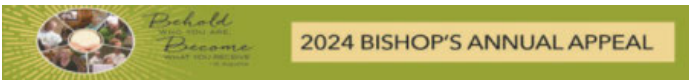


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Deacon	Joe Kresky 320-251-8115 jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
Deacon	Terry Jancik tjancik@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
Deacon	Steve Pareja 320-761-2503
Pastoral Associate	Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363, Ext. 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org



"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." - 1 Corinthians 12:7

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.



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 supported by the Annual Appeal are 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.

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.




DIocese of Saint Cloud • OFFICE OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

PRAY.
PROMOTE.
PROTECT.

2025 Vespers
JANUARY 19
ST. ANTHONY, ST. CLOUD | 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

2025 March for Life
JANUARY 22
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL, ST. PAUL, MN



FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO REGISTER, VISIT WWW.STCDIO.ORG/MARCH4LIFE2025 OR CALL JAN AT 320-258-7615

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Richard Maidl and Jackie McCann, who passed away on December 31, from St. Francis Xavier.



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

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Don't miss out! Registration is filling fast. Join hundreds of others to celebrate the role of family and enjoy activities specifically designed for you! Get to know other families from around the diocese and grow in faith as a family. The cost is only \$25 for your family! For more information and to register, go to <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-festival-of>

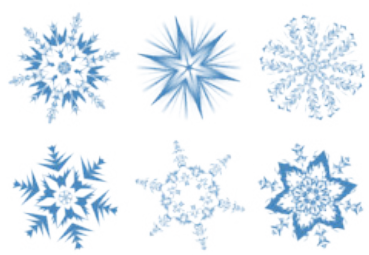


MEN'S CATHOLIC CONFERENCE

Catholic Men's Conference set for Saturday, Feb. 22, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at St. John's University in Collegeville. Keynote speaker will be Father Scott Traynor, JCL, a priest in the Diocese of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He is the Vicar for Lay and Clergy Formation. Bishop Patrick Neary will attend the conference and celebrate Mass at 4:00 p.m. Workshops will be available, including topics for young adults. Cost is \$40 or \$35/each for groups of 5, which includes morning refreshments and lunch. Cost for ages 15 – 22 is \$10. Registration deadline is Wednesday, February 12. Visit <https://stcdio.org/event/2025-catholic-mens-conference/> to register.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

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



YOUNG ADULTS

Young Adult Mass and Meal

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

*Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

Praise Night

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

YOUNGLIFE

Club Update

Club update not available at time of printing, please see 1/26 bulletin.

Donations

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

'Like Us' on Facebook

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

Prayer Team Needed

Don't forget to join us for Prayer on Wednesdays at Noon!

Scan for Zoom Link:



CANA DINNER

Save the date! Sacred Heart will once again be hosting the Cana Dinner on February 22nd. We will begin with Mass at 5pm followed by social time, dinner, speakers and reaffirmation of vows. This is an event that is focused on marriage so it is for those who have received this sacrament. Free childcare is available on site if needed. More details will be coming.



GATHERING IN THE ARTS SHOW

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



What you need to know:

- Artist Fee: \$35 per 8 foot table or 8'x4' space - fee paid by 1/21/25. You will provide any materials needed for your own display
- Setup in school gym door A on Saturday, February 15 from 1:30-3:30pm and/or Sunday 8-10:30am
- If you wish to sell your wares, you will be responsible for all transactions and finances

Food vendors available

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

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for January 11-12

Adult envelopes	\$ 944.00
Adult online giving Jan 4-10	\$ 423.00
Plate	\$ 165.80
Children	\$ 10.00
TOTAL	\$ 1,119.80

Ushers:

Jan 25: Will Hellmann, Karen & Gene Skaj

Jan 26: Ralph Barhorst, Nancy & Tom Vouk

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

Faith Formation: Classes January 22 for grades 1-4 & Confirmation. Grade 9 will have Church tour. Sloppy Joes will be served in the Parish Hall before class.

Parish Council meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, in the Parish Hall at 7:00 PM. The agenda has been emailed to the members and committee chair people.



Blood Pressure Checks: Free blood pressure checks will be offered in the annex following Mass next Sunday, January 26.

Prayer Line: Please pray for those with cancer-give them strength and healing as they deal with the effects of cancer. Pray also for those suffering with depression-give them the strength to reach out for help and to find joy.

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



Thank You to everyone that stopped by to help take down the Christmas decorations on Monday, January 13. Your help is greatly appreciated.

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.



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 12, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$10,835.00
Automatic Giving.	\$8,495.37
Children.	\$9.00
Improvements.	\$175.00
Holy Day	\$75.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Winter Raffle Have you gotten your raffle ticket? If not, you can purchase one (or more) before or after Mass in the gathering space or stop in the office during the week, we have them there too! Mark your calendar for January 26th for our "whatever you can fit in a crockpot" challenge!



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

CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL-CUF

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

CHOSEN-SEASON 2

We are offering The Chosen, Season 2. We meet Fridays through Feb 28th from 6pm-8:30pm in room D. You do not need to have attended season one to attend. We will begin with a meal, watch an episode and then end with discussion. There is no fee to attend, we do ask for a free will offering to cover the meal. If you would like to attend, please email kathy@janku@gmail.com or call the office to sign up.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry January Theme: Grounded in Worship

Upcoming Dates & Times:

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

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

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

Jr. High Lock-In Grades 6-8 (and their friends), plan on joining us Saturday, January 25 - Sunday, January 26 at the St. Cloud YMCA for a lock-in like never before. Starts at 8 PM on Saturday and ends on Sunday at 6 AM. Cost is \$40, registration is online **only**. Scan the QR Code, use the website or contact Jason Prigge (jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org).



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 (jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org).



Lets fill that bus!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 20; OFFICE CLOSED-Martin Luther King Day
5pm—Men's Group
6:15 Bells of the Heart Rehearsal
7pm—KC Meeting
- January 21; 7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club
- January 22; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
5:45pm—9th Grade Field Trip
6:30pm—5th Grade Grounded
- January 23; 6pm—Young Adult Praise Night
- January 24; 8:30am—Raffle Letter Stuffing
6pm—Chosen Event
- January 25; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
9pm-6am Sat—Jr. High Lock in
- January 26; **Catholic Schools Week**
10:15am—Breakfast & Bible Study
12pm—Raffle Drawing & Food Challenge

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, January 12th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$2,395.00
Visitors	\$144.25
Youth	\$10.10
Votive Candle	\$2.30
Building Fund	\$65.00
Christmas	\$1,270.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$155.00
Initial Offering	\$19.00
Total Income	\$4,060.65

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. January 26th, 2025

Lector: Jill Brenny and David Zimmer
Eucharist: Gene Poser (H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Lora Knafila (C)
Servers: Halle Krajsa and Cole Lentner
Greeters: Don and Karol Weyer
Ushers: Tom, Barb and Jeremy Brand, and David Lentner.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Sarah Larson, Kim Dahler, Kyle Haus, Jeremy Janson, Delilah Hiemenz, Fr. Thomas Knoblach.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. Jan. 22nd, Religious Ed Class at 6:30pm,
9th gr Bus Tour
Wed. Jan 29th, Religious Ed Class at 6:30pm



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



VISITATION MINISTRY TEAM We have parishioners who, for many reasons are unable to take part in our Mass, Sacraments or Parish activities. If you would like to be a person to be our parish connection to them, with phone calls, visits or giving a ride, consider being a part of our *Visitation Ministry Team*. Call the parish office at 320-252-1729 if you are interested in this ministry or have any questions. There will be a meeting on Thursday, January 30th at 9:15am at the Parish Hall to discuss and learn more about this important ministry. All are welcome.



Heavenly Father, we come before You with hearts full of love for the precious gift of life. We pray for all unborn children, that they may be protected and cherished from the very moment of their conception.



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 1/12/2025	\$15,092.26
Excess (Deficit)	\$(6,253.89)
YTD Collection Budget	\$597,692.20
YTD Collected	\$592,872.40
Excess (Deficit)	\$(4,819.80)

2024 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Contribution statements are available for pickup in the Gathering Place.

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>

CINNAMON ROLL SUNDAY

Cinnamon Roll Sunday is coming! Mark your calendars!

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

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

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

Come and support the 4th graders!

ROSES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus for Bishop Trobec Council 5276 Sartell/St. Stephen will be handing out **Roses for Life** stickers on the weekend of January 25th and 26th after Masses at both parishes. The stickers look great on coats, dashboards, ball caps, and notebooks to name a few things and are great reminders of the value of life - from conception to natural death. Donations are welcomed, and they are passed on to local and national organizations - including the Sartell/St. Stephen special education department, CampCourage, *Pro-life Across America* (the billboard people) and *40 Days for Life*. Your gifts are welcomed and appreciated. Thank you for choosing life!

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.

SAVE THE DATE

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



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. Sign up by 2/10/25 for a reduced price. Contact Jennifer Kaweesa at 320-290-1019 for more details.



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

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



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



Watch Flocknote for more details!

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