

February 19, 2023  
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time,



7<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME  
"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those  
who persecute you." - Mt 5:44

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### MASS TIMES

### PASTORAL SERVICES

<b>Monday February 20</b> <i>Presidents' Day</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	Word & Communion Bernard Family Health
<b>Tuesday February 21</b> <i>St. Peter Damian</i>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Sacred Heart	Int. Maria Voight † BJ Legatt † Joan Hall
<b>Wednesday February 22</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	8:30 am 8:30 am 6:30 pm 7:00 pm 7:00 pm	Annunciation St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen St. Francis Xavier	† Audra Popp † Sharon Heim † Patricia Soyka † Kathleen Vouk † Art & Nancy Kiffmeyer
<b>Thursday February 23</b> <i>St. Polycarp</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† Loren Hall † Ron Justin † Jim & Irene Fischer
<b>Friday February 24</b> <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Janet Holthaus † Paul Mergen
<b>Saturday February 25</b> <i>1st Sunday of Lent</i>	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes For the People of the Parishes † Edwin & Virginia Kowitz
<b>Sunday February 26</b> <i>7th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am	Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier	† Mary Lentner Dan & Peggy Dickenson/50th Anniversary † LeRoy Czech
<b>*Livestreamed Mass</b>	10:00 am	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays** 3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
 3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
 6:30 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:** Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5 /Mk 9:14-29  
**Tuesday:** Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28, 39-40/Mk 9:30-37  
**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 /Lk 9:22-25  
**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 /Mt 9:14-15  
**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 /Lk 5:27-32  
**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17 (see 3a)/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19 /Mt 4:1-11

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### A Lent of Presence

“Repent, and believe in the Gospel.” All over the Church, those words will be repeated countless times as Christ’s faithful people are marked on the forehead with ashes. This is an external sign to signal a desire for interior renewal. We seek, individually and together,

to deepen our awareness of God’s presence in our lives and our world.

To repent – in Mark’s Gospel, it is the first recorded word of Jesus. In the original Greek, the word is *metanoiēte* –literally to “change your minds,” or it can also be translated as change your thinking, or even change your perception, insight, awareness.

Since we are a body-soul unity, to repent is not simply external changes of behavior, important as that might be – to fast, to pray more, to give alms. The idea here is to have those exterior actions arise consciously from an interior conversion, and that conversion to bear fruit in how we actually live. This is the collaboration of each person with the gifts of God’s grace.

God eternally gives; we open ourselves anew to receive, in each moment and season granted to us.

But the second part of the phrase when we receive the ashes is essential. We are not trying to change our minds and behavior for self-improvement or just as a seasonal custom of our faith. This change has a specific purpose: so that we come to believe ever more deeply and personally in the Gospel.

The Gospel – back to Greek again, the *euangelion* or “good message” – is the proclamation of the mercy and love of God. The Church is asking us to return to the beginning of our lives of faith, when Jesus claimed us as members of his Body in Baptism and gave us the life of grace. Baptism is not something any of us can achieve on our own. It is a gift we receive, a life we are granted, a promise God makes to us to welcome us and love us as the Persons of the Trinity love one another.

To believe in the Gospel is to believe that God loves me, in spite of my weakness and imperfections; and then inspired by this unfailing love, to respond with love of our own to God and all that God desires for the world he has redeemed in the dying and rising of Jesus.

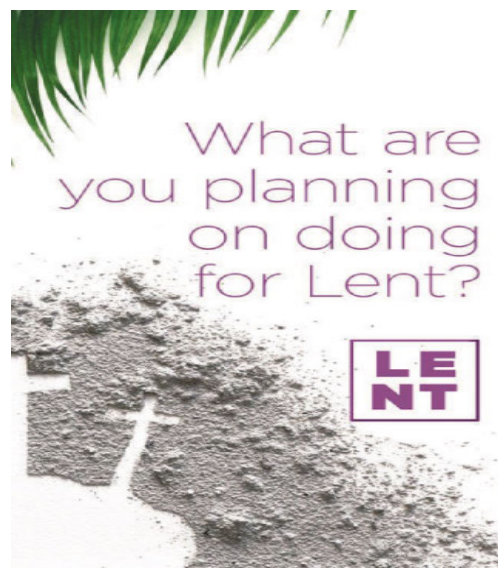
The Eucharist is the perpetual sign and guarantee of this divine love, given to us over and over. We come to the Eucharist one by one, but together, just as we receive the ashes, one by one, but together.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

This year, we invite you to a Lent of Presence – to recognize the Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament and in the lives of every person made in God’s image; to be present to your family, friends, and those in particular needs; to be present in our common liturgical life at Mass, Stations, and other spiritual opportunities; to be present with whomever you are with, rather than the electronic device in your hands or pocket.

At Christmas, we acknowledge Jesus as Emmanuel – God with us. But that Presence of Christ is constant. Lent is our focused effort to be present to him, grateful for his promise: “Come to me, and I will give you rest.”

**Fr. Tom**



## LEADERSHIP

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STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION  
LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



*"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..." — Matthew 5:44*

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God, it opens our heart, and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it toward God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

SENIOR SERVICE & SOCIAL

AmeriCorps Seniors RSVP's Happiness in Action Team is hosting a Senior Service and Social at the Sauk Rapids Government Center on Thursday, February 23 from 1-3pm and at the Sartell Community Center on Thursday, March 2 from 1-3pm. Following a short presentation about the mental and physical benefits of making social connections, participants will break into small groups and get to know each other better as they prepare Birthday Bags which will be donated to area food shelves - including the Catholic Charities Emergency Services Food Shelf. Birthday Bags have been hand made by area seniors and will be filled with cake, frosting, candles, and more.

Area residents who are 55+ are invited to these free events but they must pre-register as space is limited. If any One In Christ ACC members are interested they can contact RSVP at 320-650-3116 to register or email [rsvp.signup@ci.stcloud.mn.us](mailto:rsvp.signup@ci.stcloud.mn.us).

MENTAL HEALTH FOR EVERYONE



*Have you noticed someone who was struggling and wondered what can I do to help? Have you tried to start a dialogue with someone who you know is struggling? Have you*

*wondered how to encourage self-help or want support strategies?* You are invited to join us for information, insight and tools to use as we help ourselves and/or those around us who suffer from Mental Illness.

**Presented by Dr. Bethany Tollefson**  
DNP, RN, PHN, FCN

Dates: Tuesday, February 28, Tuesdays, March 7, 14 & 21 (come for one or all)

Time: 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm

5:30-6:00 pm Soup Dinner (with a Free Will Offering)

6:00-7:00 pm Presentation

Where: St. Francis Xavier, Gathering Space  
Please register by Monday, February 20, 2023 -  
Call St. Francis Xavier to register 320-252-1363 or  
Contact Sandee Kremers at  
[skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org) or 320-252-1363 x403.

BAPTISMS

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



**Gemma Heinen**, daughter of Jesse & Kylie, who was baptized at St. Stephen

**Edison Nox Blonigen**, son of Gregory & Dawn, who was baptized at St. Francis Xavier

**Ruth Ann Hille**, daughter of Jeff & Carina, who was baptized at Sacred Heart

**Simon Michael Laudenschach**, son of Michael & Liza, who was baptized at Sacred Heart

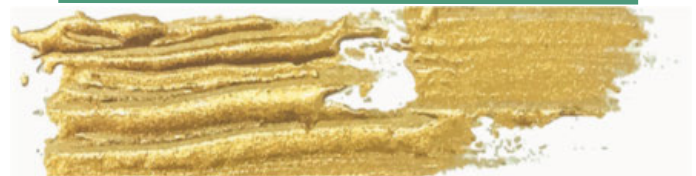
FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Urban Frank, who passed away February 12, from St. Francis Xavier.

Remember in your prayers the family of Suzanne Kaufenberg, who passed away on February 12, from St. Francis Xavier.



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



Please join me for

Painting  
THE WORD

Who? Anyone 17-21 years old  
Where? Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids  
What? Food, Fellowship, and Fun  
When? Sundays, 5:30-7:00 pm

- February 26th
- March 5th
- March 19th
- March 26th
- April 2nd
- April 16th

My name is Karen Handeland,  
I am a parishioner at Sacred Heart Church.  
Contact me with questions and to sign up!  
Call or text: 320-761-5155  
Email: [kphandeland@gmail.com](mailto:kphandeland@gmail.com)

Limited to 8 participants, so sign up early!  
Registration is for all 6 sessions.  
There is no fee to attend!



When you have the opportunity to **do good**, do not let it go by.

St. Polycarp

## THE CHOSEN



**JOIN US for THE CHOSEN Season 3**  
**Monday Mornings at 8:30 am in Xavier Hall**  
**February 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**March 6, 13, 20, 27**  
**All are welcome!**

## BOY SCOUTS

Troop 17 Scouts have a great spring planned. Escape the great indoors! Any youth in 5th grade or older from any parish welcome to come join us.

- Service: 2-24-23 Scouts will be leading Stations of the Cross at Sacred Heart
- 3-3-23 to 3-5-23 winter camp near Ely MN
- 4-21-23 to 4-23-23 Blue Mounds State Park in Southern MN, for some hiking, biking and Buffalo!
- 5-19-21 to 5-21-23 Canoe Trip on the Namekagon River in WI
- Service: Buckthorn removal at Bend In The River Park later this spring.  
 6-6-23 to 6-8-23 Glendalough State Park for fishing, paddling and swimming.  
 Scouts meet most Sunday afternoons from 4:00-5:30 pm at Sacred Heart  
 Call or Text Patrick Howard, Scoutmaster, at 320-291-1130 with questions.

Words to Live By...A Scout is...

TRUSTWORTHY LOYAL HELPFUL FREINDLY  
 COURTEOUS KIND OBEDIENT CHEERFUL THRIFTY  
 BRAVE CLEAN REVERENT

## YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

### Young Adult Mass and Meal

You're invited to Mass and a Meal – Saturday, February 25th beginning with 4:00 pm Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. This is a great way to connect with friends, new faces and to build relationships with one another. All are welcome!

Contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486 OR [jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)) if you have questions or plan on joining!

\*Each person is responsible for their own meal.



Have you attended a baptism, first Communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520  
 Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Hours: Mon-Fri 2:00 –6:00 PM**  
[ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com)

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

### Financial Offerings - February 12 weekend

Adults	\$ 2,379.00
Plate	368.00
Online Giving: Feb 4 - Feb 10	455.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,202.00</b>
Central MN Catholic magazine	80.00
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget:	\$2,740.00

**Faith Formation:** Feb 22 - No Classes

**Blood Pressure checks** will be available next Sunday, February 26, after 10 AM Mass in the annex.

**Senior Driver Class** - February 28 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Register at STSE.biz or call Helping Hands at 746-9960 or 393-4467.

**Prayer Line:** If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please call the office to have your prayer

**Well n Fit exercise classes** Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall. Wednesday class will be followed by a half hour Line Dancing class.

### Helping Hands Outreach

**Senior Dining** - Every Wednesday at **Trobec's Bar & Grill** at noon followed by cards. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

**Monthly Lunch & Learn** - Will be March 16. Social starts at 11:30, meal at 12:00, speaker at 12:30, entertainment to follow. St. Stephen Parish Hall.

**Feet First Clinic** - Call Helping Hands to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960.



The Vibrancy Committee provided cookies & cupcakes for Fellowship after mass February 12

**Upcoming Book Study** - St. Stephen Church will be hosting a 6 week book study beginning February 27. We will be reading: Radical Hospitality - Benedict's Way of Love. The group will meet Monday evenings from 6:30 - 8:00pm in the annex of Church. Small group discussions will take place each week. Books are provided and there is no charge for the book study. For more information & to sign up, contact Dianne Blonigen at 333-7767. Parishioners from all parishes are welcome to sign up.

## 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 February 12, 2023

Adult Collection.....	\$18,624.44
Children's Collection.....	\$26.00
Friends in Need.....	\$10.00
Improvements.....	\$91.00
Central MN Catholic.....	\$425.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$25.00
Holy Days.....	\$112.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**ASL Interpreted Mass Change** The ASL interpreter will be on Sunday, February 26th at 9:00 Mass instead of at the Saturday Mass.

**Stations of the Cross** will happen every Friday at 6:30pm through Lent. The first session will be February 24th. It will be led by the Boy Scouts and will be Stations of the Cross for Youth. Everyone is welcome to join us during this time of prayer. Exposition and Benediction will follow on all weeks except March 3rd.

**March 3:** Sacred Heart Youth—Contemporary

**March 10:** Catholic United Financial—Traditional

**March 17:** Rich Wolter—Traditional

**March 24 & 31:** Dcn Terry Jancik—Traditional

**Lenten Decorating** We will decorate for Lent on Tuesday, February 21st at 9:00. We will be taking out green plants and setting up our Lenten "path", as well as hanging fabrics and doing other decorating. Please come help if you are able.

**Palm Branches** You can bring your palm branches from last year and place them in the basket in the gathering space.

**FESTIVAL Volunteer(s) Needed** We are looking for a chair or a couple of volunteers to assist with going to local businesses to invite them to financially support the Parish Festival. If you enjoy going out and about and especially visiting with people, this is the perfect opportunity for you! Contact Jason Prigge or Vicki Sanborn to help!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Gloria 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

**WNL Episode 10** WNL will be back on Wednesday, March 1st at 7:30 pm!

## ARE YOU REGISTERED?

If you are a regular worshiper at Sacred Heart, but have not yet officially joined the parish, we invite you to consider doing so. For more information or to register, please contact Vicki in the Parish Office.

## HELP THE ENVIRONMENT & THE YOUTH

Recycle those old Ink Jet cartridges, Cell Phones, laptops, or small electronics. Useable ones are repurposed, the rest are recycled for components. Money earned from this goes to the youth group of Sacred Heart. Drop off in the gather space Kiosk or in the Office. Contact Gerry Kittok for more information (320) 420-9050

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 20; Office Closed-President's Day  
5pm—Men's Group  
7pm—KC Meeting
- February 21; 7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club
- February 22; Ash Wednesday  
9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
6:30pm—Ash Wednesday Mass  
6:30pm—FF Ash Wednesday Mass
- February 25, 3:30pm—Reconciliation  
4pm—Young Adult Mass (SFX) & Dinner  
6pm—Blood Pressure Checks
- February 26, 10am—Blood Pressure Checks  
5:30pm—Painting the Word-Karen Handeland

## FISH FRY TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE

St. Katharine Drexel School will be hosting its annual Fish Fry Fundraiser on Friday, March 24th from 4:00-8:00 p.m. Both dine-in and drive-thru meals are available! The cost of an adult presale ticket is \$14.00 and \$8.00 for children 4-10 years old. (Drive-thru and a ticket at the door is \$15.00.) Presale tickets are available in our SKD School Office (251-2376) and in the Sacred Heart Parish office. Thank you for your support to this great fundraiser!



*Please support those  
businesses that  
advertise in our bulletin!*

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**Contact:** Cindy Gans 320-252-1729  
annunciation@cloudnet.com  
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

#### Income for Sunday, February 5th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$3,520.00
Visitor	\$58.00
Youth	\$6.10
Religious Ed. Books	\$60.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$6.00
Building Fund	\$140.00
Votive Candles	\$7.90
St. Cloud Visitor	\$40.00
Total Income	\$3,838.00

#### Income for Sunday, February 12th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$3,257.25
Visitor	\$80.00
Youth	\$8.50
Building Fund	\$50.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$225.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Total Income	\$3,623.75

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00

### Mass Schedule

#### Sun. February 26th, 2023, 8:15am Mass

**Lector:** Karla Koenig

**Eucharist:** Gene Poser

**Servers:** Noah & Kelsey Lentner

**Greeters:** Chuck Wocken & Mason Zwilling

**Ushers:** Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, & Lora Knafila



**Happy Birthday:** Tyler Novak, Jenny Zwilling, Natalie Kaeter, Delroy Molitor, Karol Weyer, Megan Herbst, Annette Crosby, Layla Haus, Michael Scheel, Diane Symanietz, Gina Popp, Duane Wentland, Scott Brenny, Hannah Scapanski.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes Wednesday at 6:30pm: Ash Wed. Mass (Feb. 22nd) at 8:30am here and at Sacred Heart Church at 6:30pm—Joint Mass for students and everyone.

Classes: March 1, 8, 15th, 22 and 29th, March 8 there will be reconciliation, March 22nd will be learning centers for 2nd grade, March 29th will be stations of the cross/washing of feet.

**ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED:** Practice are on Monday's from 6:30-8:00pm in the church choir loft. You do not need to know how to read music 🎵.



**How do you start your day?** How about spending time with Jesus with your morning coffee? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

## 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-Friday  
**Parish Nurses** Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135  
Julie Kouba 701-721-5083

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,192.31
Collected 02/12/2023	\$22,729.50
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 2,537.19</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$666,346.23
YTD Collected	\$714,191.47
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$ 47,845.24</b>

### ST. ANTHONY MISSION GROUP

St. Anthony Mission Group will meet Monday, February 27 at 10:30 am in Xavier Hall. Please join us in making blankets for those in need.

### 75TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

I'm looking for assistance with marketing the St. Francis Xavier 75th Anniversary. Some new ideas for getting the word out and someone who can help with the details for planning this big get-together would be a blessing to me. The big draw will be the *Killer Vees – Killer Country*, but we have much of the usual things going on and maybe some new things too. Call or email Tom at 320-252-1363, Ext. 405 – [tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org).

### LOST

A Parishioner lost a very important artifact that she carries with her every weekend to Mass. It is a wooden 3 1/2" cross. If you have seen it or inadvertently took it home with you, please let the Parish Office know, she would very much like to get it back. Thank you.



## KIDS FIGHTING HUNGER REMINDER



Please join us as we collect coins for KFH the next 3 weeks in February!

It is a great opportunity for SFX families, especially children to shake their Piggy Banks, check the couch cushions, give up that Latte & give to starving children in 3rd world countries! Money's raised is used to send packaged nutritional meals to children all over the world! KFH is making a difference in so many lives, but they can't do it alone! TOGETHER we can help!

God bless you all for being a part of this Mission!  
St Monica's Christian Women

## SOCIAL JUSTICE

Some give by going to the missions, Some give by giving to the missions, without both, there are no missions  
Diocese of Fairbanks, Alaska

The Social Justice Committee from St. Francis Xavier is serving lunch at the Lincoln Center on February 25. Please consider donating fixings for chili for this lunch. We will need onions, celery, chili beans, and canned tomatoes. Call Carol at 282-5976 if you'd like to donate.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY

Our parish is blessed to have a cemetery for parishioners looking for a final resting place. The cemetery is self-sufficient financially and funds come from gravesite or columbarium niche sales, interment fees and donations. Due to the increasing cost of operating (lawn care, snow plowing, and other maintenance needs), prices for gravesites and niches are going up on May 1, 2023. Currently gravesites for parishioners are \$750.00 and they will be increasing to \$900.00.

The existing columbarium (above ground niches) is nearly full. A new columbarium will be installed this spring. Single niches will be increasing in price from \$1,250.00 to \$1,500.00.

A full price list of different options is available and can be picked up in the parish office. If you are interested in securing a gravesite or niche before the price changes take place, call Tom in the parish office to set up a time to meet. There are many gravesites available. Only single niches remain in the existing columbarium.

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