# January 23, 2022 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor." - Lk 4:18a

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#### **MASS TIMES**

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**PASTORAL SERVICES** 

information.

Monday Jan 24 St. Francis de Sales Tuesday Jan 25 The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle Wednesday Jan 26 Sts. Timothy and Titus Thursday Jan 27 St. Angela Merici Friday Jan 28 St. Thomas Aquinas Saturday Jan 29 4th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:00 amSt. Francis Xavier8:30 amAnnunciation8:00 amSt. Francis Xavier5:30 pmSt. Stephen5:30 pmSacred Heart8:00 amSacred Heart8:00 amSt. Francis Xavier8:00 amSacred Heart8:00 amSacred Heart8:00 amSt. Francis Xavier5:00 pmSt. Francis Xavier5:00 pmSt. Francis Xavier5:00 pmSt. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion † Barney & Linda Molitor Word & Communion † Romie, Del & Ken Palmersheim † Majorie Vouk For the People of the Parishes Int. Luke Villeneuve † Fred Legatt Word & Communion † Audra Popp † Evelyn Lemmerman For the People of the Parishes † Dominic Warzecha † Ed Barthel	Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart 4 pm St. Francis Xavier 7:50 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.
· ·	7:00 pm St. Stephen	† Ivan Fiedler	Bulletin announcements are
SundayJan 304th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 am Annunciation 9:00 am *Sacred Heart	† Clarance & Audrey Posch For the People of the Parishes	due in the parish office by 8:00 am on Mondays. Thank
Celebrate Catholic Schools Week	9:30 am *St. Francis Xavier 10:00 am <mark>St. Stephen</mark>	† Cy & Paul Valerius † Sura & Puchalla families	you! Please contact your Parish Office for more

#### \*Livestreamed Mass

#### DAILY READINGS

- Monday: 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26 /Mk 3:22-30
- Tuesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
- Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20
- Thursday: 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

Friday: 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

Saturday: 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41

Sunday: Jer 1:4-5, 17-19/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17 [cf. 15ab]/1 Cor 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13/Lk 4:21-30

# **MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES**



"I'm sorry you are living." I include this story in the weekend's homily; it was the cover message of a card I received from a second-grader when I was leaving St. Vincent de Paul parish in Houston, where I helped out during my time in grad school. The students made farewell cards, and that was my favorite. I always cherish the idea that he simply misspelled the word

"leaving" ... otherwise, it's a pretty dark message.

Respect for human life begins with the sincere inner conviction that is the polar opposite of this spelling error: "I'm <u>glad</u> that you are living." It recognizes that each person is a gift, made in God's image, entrusted with that gift of life itself from the Creator. It is true that in our human imperfection, it is easier for us to love some people and harder to love others. Those we know, those closest to us, those we admire – for them, it is natural to say "I'm glad you are living." For others – strangers, those who unsettle us, those we fear at some level – for them, it requires grace from God to truly say: "Though it challenges me, I am glad you are living."

We are in the third generation in the 49 years since the 1973 Supreme Court Roe v. Wade decision legalized abortion in the U.S., and the erosion of respect for human life has become firmly entrenched in our culture. We see it not only in death that results from abortion and euthanasia. It is also active in the scourge of pornography; in the coarseness of much music and film, art and media; in the ready dismissal of human dignity in those who are unexpected or uncomfortable for us; in the narrowness when people focus on personal satisfactions and preferences regardless of the impact on others.

Human lives can be bought and sold in trafficking; virtually every aspect of life gets saturated in some sexual message; we can become numb to suffering either through indifference to others or being exposed to suffering that overwhelms our hope ever to see a better day.

From the perspective of faith, we see the age-old long shadow of what Catholic doctrine calls original sin. This is a condition we all inherit in the human family. Its impact continues to darken intellects and weaken wills, the seed of doubt in God's wisdom and love that was planted by the Evil One bearing such abundant fruit in a divided world. That same faith reveals that only Jesus Christ can free us from this cycle of error, fear, and sin. We need a Redeemer, One greater than anything in the world ... One Who says to us unfailingly, regardless of our faults and rebellion: "I'm glad you are living."

In a simple but powerful passage, Pope Emeritus Benedict once wrote about his childhood: "We were one in heart and soul, enjoying so many experiences together, even though times were hard, as this was during the Second World War: first we had the dictatorship and then poverty. But the mutual love that we shared, our joy, even in simple things, was so strong that it enabled us to endure and overcome. Even little things were a source of joy because they were an expression of warm-heartedness. And so we grew up convinced that it was good to be human, because we saw God's goodness reflected in those around us."

#### (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

None of us can say when the many wounds to our common humanity rooted in COVID, politics, international tensions, race, and all the rest will find healing. In such times, we need to listen more carefully for the voice of God amid all the human voices that sometimes whisper and sometimes shout. Keep your balance and perspective, pray for wisdom and charity, do good for those around you to show (and grow in) sincere respect for their lives, and recall the promise of Jesus: "A thief comes only to slaughter and destroy; I came that you might have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Fr. Tom

#### **DIOCESAN TV MASS**

Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.



Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at <u>www.stcdio.org/annualappeal</u>.

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# **STEWARDSHIP**

How do I start using my God-given gifts to express my gratitude to Christ? Step up your gratitude to God. Go love your family and keep each other in prayer.

If you believe God your creator is the source of your gifts. . .

- Don't lose sight of the people God plants in front of you.

If you are unsure of what your gifts might be . . .

-Ask your best friend or family.

If you are grateful for your God-given gifts .

- Use those gifts with all your heart.

Matthew 5:48 Be perfect, even as your heavenly Father is perfect.

#### **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

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III Jena Sattler & Adam Imholte St. Francis Xavier.

#### YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### Young Adult Mass and a Meal

Mass and a meal is back! Join us for 5 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier on January 29th and meet in the Gathering Space. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Contact Jason Prigge @ (320.281.9486) if you have questions.

#### TOUR THE WORLD

## HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE September 12-23, 2022

Join Fr. Steve Binsfeld on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Spend 4 nights on the Sea of Galilee, visiting the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the neighborhood of the Holy Family and sites of Jesus' public ministry: Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Way of the Cross with Jesus' tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit Bethlehem and Shepherds Field and Ein Karem place of the Visitation and John the Baptist's birth. Celebrate Mass every day in a site sacred to our faith. For more information, call **Magi Travel** at 952-949-0065, **visit** <u>www.magitravelinc.com</u> or email Fr. Steve Binsfeld at **frsteve@stmaryalexandria.org** 

#### **BAPTISMS**

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

Vaeda Boxell, daughter of Michael & Holly baptized at St. Stephen.

**Davie Jo Fiedler**, daughter of Josh (deceased) & Elizabeth.

Luke Mazz Blattner, son of Jacob & Amber.

**Boe Ryan Johnson,** son of Matthew & Kaylee. Baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Remember in your prayers the family of Dorothy Skudlarek who passed away December 29 from St. Francis Xavier.

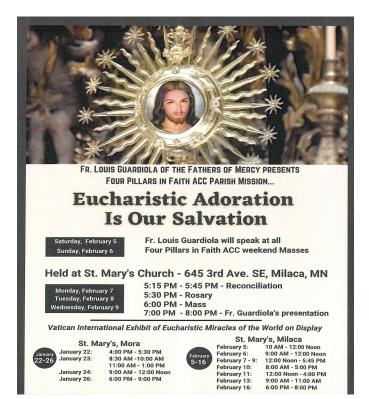
Benedict Supan who passed away January 14 from St. Stephen.

Leon Thelen who passed away on January 13 from Sacred Heart.

Eternal Rest grant unto them.

#### PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US

We will pray the Rosary before the 5pm Mass on Saturday, January 29th at Sacred Heart.



### **JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP**

Spots are filling fast for our Jr. High Mission Trip to Duluth! Dates are June 5 - 10, 2022, cost is \$325. Applications and details can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/youthministry or by contacting your youth minister.

#### **NEED A SMILE**

Do you know of someone who would enjoy a "check in" phone call, a visit or Eucharist?



Winter can be very long for those who cannot get out much. We are here to make those who need a "pick me up" SMILE. 🔞

Please contact Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363 x 1103 or Joe Kreskv at 320-251-8115.

#### **END OF LIFE PLANNING**

#### **A Catholic Perspective**

Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End of Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life issues: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Father Tom Knoblach will address these questions and will provide steps for putting together a valid Catholic Health Care Directive during this workshop on Jan. 24th at Sacred Heart Parish at 10 am and 6 pm. Gregory Gall, Regional Manager of Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. Contact local Representative Gary Gall for more details: ggall@catholicunited.org. Please call 320-251-8115 to RSVP for this event.

### **ROSES FOR LIFE**

The Knights of Columbus will be at St. Stephen Saturday and Sunday January 22 and 23 and St. Francis Xavier Sunday, January 23 with roses for Life. Please stop by and support life.



#### **YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES**

#### Theology on Draft

Save the date for Thursday, February 10th at 6:00 PM at House of Pizza in Sartell! Details coming soon.

#### Young Adult Team

We are actively searching for Young Adults (18-39) to be on a team to focus on the vision, mission and ministry of Young Adult Ministry for One in Christ Catholic Community. Our first meeting will be Thursday, February 17th at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids at 6:00 PM. Contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486) if you are interested or have questions!





# **OPEN HOUS**

February 1, 2022

5:00 - 6:30 PM 312 7th Avenue North St. Cloud | Enter Door #1

Katholic community schools

# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2022

It might still be winter, but we will begin planning Vacation Bible School in January.

If you are interested in helping plan this MONUMENTAL week, please contact Melissa at 320-761-2217 or mfox@stfrancissasrtell.org



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# **ST. STEPHEN**

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor Office Hours: M-F 2:00 - 6:00 pm ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

#### Financial Offerings - Jan. 15 & 16

AdultPlate	\$ 1.57	2.00
Plate	'30	3.66
Children		2.00
Online Giving: Jan 8-13	<u>31</u>	0.00
TOT	AL \$2,18	37.66
Weekly Adult & Online needed for b	udget: 2,50	00.00

**Religious Ed:** January 26: No Class-Teacher Inservice

Blood Pressure Checks next weekend Stop by the annex after Mass January 29 & 30 to

have your blood pressure taken.

**HELP WANTED -** someone to help with doing blood pressure checks the last weekend of the month-either Saturday evening or Sunday morning-after Mass. Please call the parish office.



Children's Liturgy of the Word Any child between the ages of 3 years and Grade 2 are welcome to attend during the Sunday morning Mass.

#### Upcoming Events:

Feb 8 - Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm Feb 12 & 13 - Fellowship after weekend Masses Feb 14 - Blood Drive in the Parish Hall from 1 - 6 pm

#### St. Stephen Lions 50th Annual Fish Fry

February 11, 2022 in the Parish Hall

Take out or Dine in 5 - 9 PM

Tickets: \$14 advanced and \$16 at the door

Call 320-428-8171 for tickets



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

Well n Fit exercise classes with Lorene Deford will be held on Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall.



# Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Every Wednesday at Trobec's at noon followed by cards. Cost is \$6.00 per meal. Monthly Lunch & Learn will be the 3rd Thursday of the month (February 17)starting with social at 11:30 followed by meal, speaker & entertainment. In the Parish Hall.

Feet First Clinic is the 1st Wednesday of the even months, 2:00-3:00 pm. The next one will be Feb. 2nd. Please call for an appointment - 746-9960.

# **ANNUNCIATION PARISH**

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729 annunciation@cloudnet.com Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941 thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS				
Income for Sunday, January 16th, 2022				
Adult Sunday \$1,772.00				
Visitor				
Youth\$0.00				
Building Fund \$5.00				
Votive Candle \$0.60				
Initial Offering\$11.00				
Total Income \$1,859.60				

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3.037.00\*

#### Mass Schedule

Sun January 30th, 2022, 8:15am Mass Lector: Bob Rajkowski Eucharist: Anita Montag Servers: Noah & Cole Lentner

Greeters: Clarice Lyon

**Ushers:** Tom & Barb Brand, Jeremy Brand, David Lentner



Happy Birthday Happy Birthday: John Brenny, Fr. Thomas Knoblach, Ryan Brand, Heather Hiemenz, Gloria Nelson, Onnika Strande, Barb Kaeter, Jim Janson, Liz Kiffmeyer, Renee Popp, Gabi Molitor, Cheryl O'Keefe, Mariah Simmons.

**Deepest Sympathy** our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Leah Kylie Schyma, daughter of Michael and Kari who's funeral was here on January 19th. Eternal rest grant onto her Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.



#### **Religious Education:**

Wed. Jan. 26, Half of Religious Ed Classes-Feed my starving children. Other half-Rel Ed 6:30pm

Sun, Feb. 6th, Confirmation Retreat at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell. Starting at 9:30 with Mass, Retreat goes till 5:00pm

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." The next Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 18-20, 2022 in WINDOM, MN. For more info, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.



# SACRED HEART PARISH

# Contact: Jill Lieser — 320-251-8115, X114

parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Office Hours: Monday – Closed Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-4pm

# FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

#### Income for the week of Jan 16, 2022

Adult Collection	\$13,979.80
Children's Collection	
Christmas	\$1,180.00
Holy Days	

Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$18,500

# HANDBELL CHOIR MEMBER OPENINGS



Bells of the Heart is welcoming new members for Spring. Playing in a handbell choir is a great way to have fun, socialize, and to learn new things. Playing handbells is easiest when you have prior experience reading music or playing an instrument. This choir practices social

distancing and masking at all rehearsals and Masses. Rehearsals are on Monday evenings, and they play for Mass approximately once a month. Please contact Cynthia for more information and to try the bells. chogenson@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

# **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- January 23; 10:30am—Confirmation Learning Centers
- January 24; 10am—CUF End of Life Planning 5:45pm—Baby/Parent Group 6pm—CUF End of Life Planning
- January 25; 6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm—CUF Meeting
- January 26; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study 5pm—Faith Formation 5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal
  - 6:30pm—Kids Fighting Hunger
- January 29; 10am—SKD Family Snowman Building Event 3:30pm—Reconciliation 4:30pm—Rosary 5pm—YA Mass (SFX) & Dinner January 30; Catholic Schools Week
  - 9am—Jr. High Rally 9am—Mass (with SKD)

# PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 320-251-8115: Jerome Mehrwerth, Mary Sebas and Pam Smoley.

**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.

## WNL

Exciting news about future WNL is coming soon!!!! Youth Group on February 2nd will be at Kids Fighting Hunger. Register at: <u>www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org/</u> <u>eventforms</u> or contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486).

# CASTAWAY

The deadline to register for Castaway is soon!! Don't miss out on this amazing retreat in Detroit Lakes, March 25 -27! Cost is \$80. Forms were sent home with young people, are available online and on the youth bulletin board.

# **CATHOLIC UNITED FINANCIAL**

Catholic United Financial will be meeting on Tuesday, January 25th at 6:30 pm in room D.

# **ROSES FOR LIFE**

The Knights of Columbus will be here Sunday, January 23 with roses for Life. Please stop by and support life.



# CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS

Students and families from St. Katherine Drexel School and



Cathedral High School will be helping with our 9am Mass (Catholic Schools Week kick off) next Sunday, January 30. Catholic Schools Week is January 30-February 5. The theme for this year is "Catholic Schools....Faith. Excellence. Service."

Please join us to celebrate our wonderful Catholic Schools.

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Budget 01/16/2022 Collected Excess

YTD Budget YTD Actual Excess \$557,697.33 \$594,049.18

\$19,230.77

\$24,141.34

\$ 4,910.57

\$ 36,351.85

Old Palms can be dropped off at St. Stephen and St. Francis until Friday, February 18th.



#### FRANTOBERFEST 2022 IS ON!

Frantoberfest is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th & Sunday, September 18th.

What we know so far ... The Silent Auction is in good hands with returning chair people – Pam & Boris Banjac and Candice Koopmeiners. Same thing with the Franny Flyer 5k/10k/1 mile walk and Children's Run which starts off the weekend with the race taking place Saturday morning. Thank you Nick Novak. Saturday afternoon we will have Mass at 4:00pm with music, food and fun to follow .... OUTSIDE! The hamburger stand is back, beer will be poured, music will be playing and there will be activities for children and youth. Thank you to Margaret Stang (children's games), Rick Fleege (youth), Jeff Eikmeier (beer), KC's (food stand), and Mary Fasen (finance). Lily's Wings (Steve & Kelli Ehlen) and Fun Time Ice Cream (Francis & Shikha Gomes) will be on site and selling food.

On Sunday morning, a *Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast* is getting lined up and we will end the event with the closing of the Silent Auction at Noon and the raffle drawing. Are there opportunities for more? Probably. What do we need? More good people to step forward to help. We need prayers for good planning and the safety of all involved. We need donations for many things – silent auction, parish raffle, and more. Details will come out as the planning continues. Thank you to those who have said yes to helping make this happen. Many great things have been started. Please call Tom in the parish office (320-252-1363, ext. 1105) or send him an email (tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org) if you have ideas and/or want to

help.









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