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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday Jan 10 Weekday	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	Word & Communion † Dec. members of Henry & Adelaide Philippi family
Tuesday Jan 11 Weekday	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Sacred Heart	Word & Communion † Alice Hlebain † Lisa Novak
Wednesday Jan 12 Weekday	8:00 am 8:00 am		† Ronald Plantenberg † Linda Ley
Thursday Jan 13 St. Hilary	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Stephen St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	† Donna Roering Word & Communion † Don Kainz
Friday Jan 14 Weekday	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Loretta & Andrew Pflacan Int. Adela & Lucio Hernandez
Saturday Jan 15 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Phil & Dorothy Orth For the People of the Parishes † Edwin & Virginia Kowitz
Sunday Jan 16 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 am 9:00 am	Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier	For the People of the Parishes † Ken Malikowski † Royce Nies † Clarence Justin
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PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart 4 pm St. Francis Xavier 7:50 pm St. Stephen 7:40 am Annunciation Sunday

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

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19 Monday:

/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd

/Mk 1:21-28

1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, Wednesday:

8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25

/Mk 1:40-45

1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19 Friday:

/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5,

6-7/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]

/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



The Baptism of the Lord

The Christmas season closes with the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. In a week's time, we seem to leap ahead some 30 years from the visit of the Magi at infancy to Christ's adulthood. Yet the events are linked as revelations of the presence of God in Jesus. In this mystery, he accepted

baptism at the hand of his cousin John. Why should Jesus need to be baptized? Saint Augustine put it well: the waters did not make Christ holy; he made the waters holy, for our eventual sharing in this same mystery of new life by a sharing in the Lord's Passion and the hope of everlasting life.

I also like Pope Emeritus Benedict's idea: that in being baptized, Jesus clearly identifies himself with the sinfulness of humanity. His baptism foreshadows the acceptance of that sin and death that he will completely embrace in the Agony in the Garden and on the Cross. St. Paul expressed it beautifully: "Have among yourselves the same attitude that is also yours in Christ Jesus, Who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God something to be grasped. Rather, he emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, coming in human likeness; and found human in appearance, he humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:5-8).

In Baptism, we become members of the one Body of Christ, sharing in his death to merely human life and we rise with him to the life of grace. Each time we bless ourselves with holy water entering or leaving church, we are commemorating that moment and remembering our fundamental dignity and equality, despite all human differences, as the children of God. This is part of the meaning of the funeral pall that is placed over the casket at the end of a believer's life — that the meaning of Baptism is being fulfilled and that God's mercy clothes our weaknesses, imperfections, and distinctions with divine love and mercy.

Today, as we enter again the Ordinary Time of our lives, perhaps dig out Baptismal pictures – your own, your children, your grandchildren – and recall that moment of the beginning of life in the Body of Christ. Pray over the Baptismal promises:

V. Do you reject Satan?

R. I do.

V. And all his works?

R. I do.

V. And all his empty show?

R. I do

V. Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth?

R. I do.

V. Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, was crucified, died, and was buried, rose from the dead, and is now seated at the right hand of the Father? R. I do.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

V. Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

R. I do.

V. God, the all-powerful Father of our Lord Jesus Christ has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and forgiven all our sins. May he also keep us faithful to our Lord Jesus Christ for ever and ever.

If you are a godparent, offer a prayer for the one you sponsor and perhaps make some connection with that person if possible to assure them of your support in the journey of faith. Thank your parents – whether living or deceased – for bringing you to the life of the Church, the life of Jesus.

As Baptism usually happens for babies, it is also an encouragement to pray for respect for life as we approach the 49th anniversary of the Supreme Court's 1973 Roe v. Wade decision that legalized abortion. In those years, the loss of perhaps 60 million or more children and the many wounds to mothers, fathers, and families have scarred our nation and there is such need for healing and mercy, and a renewed commitment to protect every person made in the image of God and given the gift of life in his love. Bishop Kettler invites you to the annual Vespers for Life, to be held again at St. Anthony's in St. Cloud the afternoon of Sunday, January 16 with a Rosary for Life at 3:30 and Vespers at 4:00. January 22 is a national day of Penance and Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children. There are many ways to show your prayerful respect for the life of those whom God has made our sisters and brothers in the human family.

May we imitate the One who has claimed us as his own, humbling ourselves and so showing forth God's grace at work, day by day, in ways great and small.

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.



Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter or Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan website for resources? All of these communication tools inform us of the latest Catholic news and are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



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Imagine showing your love for God through acts of giving.

Your time is a gift. Your talents are gifts. Loving God with all your heart, your mind, and your strength is the greatest commandment. Whatever you do, let your love of God be the reason to do it. It shows.

Luke 11.42 Woe to you Pharisees! You pay tithes of mint and of rue and of every garden herb, but you pay no attention to judgment and to love for God. These you should have done, without overlooking the others.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



- Jena Sattler & Adam Imholte
 St. Francis Xavier
- III Carlin Stiles & Nick Mayhew St. Stephen

YOUNG ADULT SKI TRIP

Save the date for Monday January 17th (MLK Day) - we're planning a fun winter day out on the slopes at a location TBD. Pricing is TBD based on lift ticket and rental needs. Of course it is cheaper with your own equipment. If you are interested - get your name on the list by contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486 OR

jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org).

HELP WANTED

Part-time custodial/maintenance help is needed at St. Francis Xavier Parish and School. This is a 10 to 15 hour per week position. We are looking for help Monday, Wednesday, and Friday up to 5 hours a day, depending on activities taking place. Help is needed after lunch (Noon or a little later) until 5:00 or 5:30. Duties including, vacuuming, mopping, emptying trash cans, set up, sanitizing, and other miscellaneous duties. Also, possibly more hours if needed to fill in when full-time staff is out sick or off for other reasons. Please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office for more details. Call 320-252-1363 or email tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers the family of Patrick Phillippi who passed away December 25th from St. Stephen and the family of Michael Paquette who passed away December 29th from St. Francis Xavier.

Remember in your prayers the family of Steve Meemken who passed away on December 22, Lorraine Wenner who passed away on December 22 and Darline Johnson who passed away on December 26 from Sacred Heart.

Remember in your prayers the family of Alvin Molitor who passed away on December 31 and Linda Molitor who passed away on January 1 from Annunciation.

Eternal Rest grant unto them.

FREE THROW CONTEST

Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest – Saturday, January 22nd

The local council of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Trobec Council #5276 would like to invite the children of Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Stephen and St. Francis parishes to take part in the annual free-throw challenge! All children ages 9 – 14 are invited to participate in this year's event that will be held on Saturday, January 22nd at 3:00pm. The event will be held at St. Francis Xavier School in the gymnasium.

This event is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus with winners from the local level advancing to district, region, and state competitions. All contestants from the local level are recognized for their participation in the event and the winners at each level receive a trophy. Participants register at the event and must have written consent and age verification from a parent or guardian. Please contact Jake Schneider (320) 761-7143 or jakeschneider34@gmail.com with any questions.

WELCOMING OUR NEIGHBOR

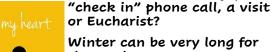
How can you welcome and support refugee and immigrant neighbors? Join us on Thursday, January 13th at 6:30pm in the Parish Hall at Sacred Heart. Information will be shared by Samantha Grimsley from Arrive Ministries on how we can welcome, serve and walk alongside refugees and immigrant neighbors as they arrive in the St. Cloud area. Contact Dcn Joe with any questions. All parishes welcome.

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. Applications and a \$50 non-refundable deposit were due Wed. December 15th!

NEED A SMILE

Do you know of someone who would enjoy a



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 Kresky 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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A TEC RETREAT



TEC IS BACK!

After a 22 month pandemic-related break. Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) is open again for youth/adult three-day TEC retreats.

Join the excitement of our return and register for a TEC retreat today. We anticipate high demand for our first several retreats so do not delay in your sign-up. If you find yourself...

wanting to find God again after taking some time away.

looking to strengthen your faith, as life has thrown some challenges your way.

longing to be with people again and to form some new friendships based on trust and a common commitment to our faith.

Or simply needing time away from home or work/ school to focus on yourself.

A TEC retreat may be just the thing you need. Get ready for perhaps the best three days of your life. Check out the video and testimonies, get additional information, and register for a TEC retreat by visiting www.cmtec.org. Be one of the first to register for our winter 2022 TEC retreats.







YOUTH RALLY

Diocesan Middle School and High School Youth Rally at Cathedral High School in St. Cloud!

Open to All in Grades: 6-12

Theme: "Together"

Date: Sunday, January 30th.

Time: 9-4pm.

Keynote Speaker: Connor Flanagan

Mass with the Bishop, games and activities, work-

shops, food and fun!

Cost: \$20.00, by January 17th.

Questions, please contact: Danna at 251-5066.

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

ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings - Dec. 24, 25 & 26, Jan. 1 & 2

Adult	\$ 4,957.00
Plate	1,066.75
Children	4.00
Online Giving Dec 18-30	1,445.00
Online Christmas giving	400.00
Christmas	8,079.43
Solemnity of Mary	 441.00
	16,393.18

Weekly Adult & Online needed for budget: 2,500.00

<u>The Vibrancy Committee</u> will meet on Tuesday, January 11, at 6:15 in the annex.

Ministry Schedule for January 15-February 27: If there are dates you know you will be unavailable please call or email the office by January 10. We are always looking for more ushers, lectors, eucharistic ministers & servers. Please contact the office for info.

Religious Ed upcoming meals:

January 12: Spaghetti & Garlic Toast.

January 19: Tacos

January 26: No Class - Teacher Inservice

To all who donated gifts for the Giving
Tree and who participated in the Parish
Christmas Card. Your generosity brought
joy to many families and made their

Christmas brighter. The proceeds from the Christmas Card went to Pathway 4 Youth and Homeless Helping Homeless.

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

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.

Upcoming Events:

Jan 18-Finance meeting 7:00, Parish Council at 7:30 pm Feb 8 - Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm

Feb 14 - Blood Drive in the Parish Hall from 1 - 6 pm

Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Every Wednesday at <u>Trobec's</u> at noon followed by cards. Cost is \$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn will be the 3rd Thursday of the month (January 20)starting with social at 11:30 followed by meal, speaker & entertainment. In the Parish Hall.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

Income for Sunday December 26th 2021

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

income for Sunday, December	20th, 2021
Adult Sunday	\$5,947.26
Visitor	\$344.13
Youth	\$20.00
Religious Retirement	\$30.00
Building Fund	
Christmas	\$7,552.00
Immaculate Conception	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	
Rel. Ed. Bake Sale	\$20.00
Votive Candle	\$8.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Rental Income	
Dept. of Treasury	\$330.11
Total Income	

End of 2021Year Donation \$2,323.00

Income for Sunday, January 2nd, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$2,460.00
Visitor	\$96.00
Youth	\$0.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$147.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Initial Offering	\$54.00
Religious Retirement	\$50.00
Total Income	\$2,957.00

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00*

Mass Schedule

Sun January 16th, 2022, 8:15am Mass

Lector: Shirley Scapanski **Eucharist:** Deacon

Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa

Ushers: Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence & Jane Thell



<u>Happy Birthday:</u> Wyatt Montag, Jeremy Brand, Cailyn Fleck, Lexi Novak, Jason Zwilling, Ron Brand, Frances Adelman, Craig Nelson.

Religious Education:

Wed. Jan. 5-19, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm

Confessions at Annunciation:

Sundays from 7:45am-8:05am

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.

<u>Sunday Breakfast</u> St Anthony Parish, Jan. 16th from 8am-12pm. All you Care to Eat. Adults \$10, Gr. 7-12 \$5, pre-6th Eat Free. 25th Ave & 1st St N, Parish Centerdownstairs.

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 Christmas Masses	Dec. 24-25, 2021
Adult Collection	\$4,119.87
Children's Collection	\$232.10
Christmas	\$25,735.00

Income for week ending December 26, 2021

Adult Collection	\$24,746.85
Children's Collection	\$8.00
Christmas	\$6.030.00

Income for week ending January 2, 2022

Adult Collection	\$18,381.80
Children's Collection	\$8.00
Christmas	\$6,040.00

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

SKD FAMILY SNOWMAN BUILDING EVENT

Sacred Heart Parish will be welcoming the families from St. Katharine Drexel on January 29th for a family snowman building event.



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9; 10am—Christmas Take Down 10:30am—Confirmation Learning Centers

January 10; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group January 11; 6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal

January 12; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study

1 pm—Craft Group 5 pm—Faith Formation

5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal

7:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting

January 13; 6pm—SH Book Buffet 6:30pm—Social Concerns Committee-

Arrive Ministries Presentation

January 15; 9am—First Reconciliation retreat and receipt

of the Sacrament 3:30pm—Reconciliation 6pm—Parish Potluck

January 16; 10am—Parish Potluck

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 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

We're so glad y'all joined last week. We look forward to gathering again next Wednesday January 19th.

Waldo Update

Our first Waldo Hunt was super successful and fun was had by all. Vicki's team took the win with 24,972. Thank you to our chaperones, Scott Frieler, Karen Middendorf, Vicki Sanborn, Nate Goldade, and Shaina Rosa. Super excited for next year!

MSHS TOGETHER

It's been a wild two years with no sense of an end. Join us for a day in which we come TOGETHER in unity at Cathedral High School on Sunday January 30th from 9:00 - 4:00 PM. This event is for all young people in grades 6 - 12. The day will include a keynote, activities, speakers, and Mass. Registration can be found online: www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms and on the Youth Bulletin Board. Cost is \$20. If you plan to attend, all payments and paperwork must be received by: Wednesday January 19th.

CASTAWAY

Castaway is back and better than ever. Check the website for forms or the bulletin board. Questions, contact Jason.

CEM SCHOLARSHIP

I wish to thank Sacred Heart and the Diocese of Saint Cloud for making it possible for me to participate in The Gospel of Matthew and Mark at the School of Theology through a monetary award from the Catholic Education Ministries Scholarship Fund. Not only will I benefit from this education, but so will all of you because of the richer skill set I bring to my ministry through this training. —Jason

SKD NEW FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

*Who: Parents and their child(ren) who will be 5 years old before September 1, 2022 for kindergarten or any family interested in our preschool program and 1st - 5th grade.

*When: Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 2022

*Time: 8:30-10:00 a.m. & 5:00-7:00 p.m.

- *Perspective families may call the school office (251-2376) to sign up for a time to visit.
- *Families will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and visit with the principal to learn about St. Katharine Drexel.
- *Please invite families you know who may be interested in SKD to attend! Thank you!



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

YTD Collection Budget:\$	519,230.79
YTD Actual:\$	535,613.57
Excess(Deficit):\$	16,382.78

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We are looking at possibly starting Small Groups that would be based off of this podcast. If interested, please contact Sandee Kremers @ ext. 1103.

CEMETERY NEWS

If you placed any items out at gravesites for Christmas, please remove them and dispose of them properly by Tuesday, January 11th. Any items left after this time will be removed and discarded by cemetery committee members. Thank you.



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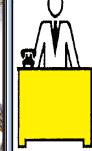


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