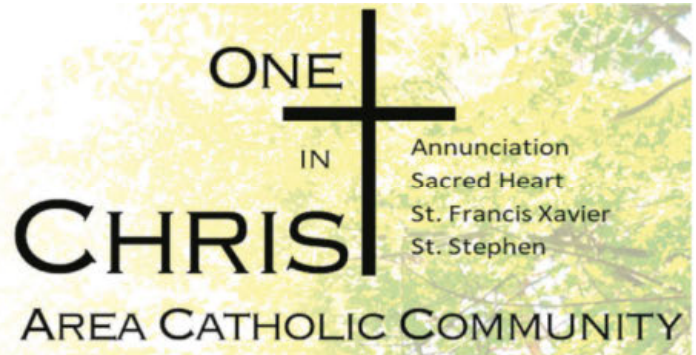


January 22, 2023
3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS TIMES

Monday January 23 <i>Sts. Vincent & Marianne Cope</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Tuesday January 24 <i>St. Francis de Sales</i>	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Joe Knott
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Verdell & Larry Rudolph
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Janet Holthaus
Wednesday January 25 <i>The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle</i>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Sue Oldakowski
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Melvin Fiereck
Thursday January 26 <i>Sts. Timothy & Titus</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Jerry Mehr
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† John & Yvonne Ferche
Friday January 27 <i>St. Angela Merici</i>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Steve Kaluza
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	Int. Max Villeneuve
Saturday January 28 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	For the People of the Parishes
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Patt Walker
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Bernard & Olivia Omann
	7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	For the Youth of the Diocese
Sunday January 29 <i>4th Sunday in Ordinary Time</i> Celebrate Catholic Schools Week	8:15 am	Annunciation	For the People of the Parishes
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Margaret Hansen
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Paul & Cy Valerius
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Harvey Legatt

PASTORAL SERVICES

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: Heb 9:15, 24-28/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Mk 3:22-30
Tuesday: Heb 10:1-10/Ps 40:2 and 4ab, 708a, 10, 11/Mk 3:31-35
Wednesday: Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Mk 16:15-18
Thursday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Tit 1:1-5/12/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25
Friday: Heb 10:32-39/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 23-24, 39-40/Mk 4:26-34
Saturday: Heb 11:1-2, 8-19/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Mk 4:35-41
Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 (Matthew 5:3)/1 Cor 1:26-31 /Mt 5:1-12a

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



The Least and the Greatest in the Kingdom

The reversal of the Supreme Court's 1973 in *Roe v. Wade* last June 24 did not eliminate abortion in our nation, but returned the question to the states. As I write, Minnesota House File 91 is under debate in our State Legislature, an attempt to eliminate virtually every restriction on abortion in Minnesota. As about a third of the country is passing legislation to restrict or prohibit abortion, Minnesota is even more likely to become a "destination" for the destruction of innocent life in the womb. Add to this the changed reality that most abortions are now done by chemical and not surgical means, and thus often without any knowledge of or support by those around the mother. There is much to be done to uphold the fundamental right of each person, made in the image of God, to life.

There is ample coverage of the provisions proposed in HF 91, perhaps the most radical abortion legislation in the country (the Senate has not yet taken up the legislation). Per the Minnesota Legislature Revisor website, the bill would: "repeal requirements involving parental notification for minors seeking an abortion; women receiving state-mandated information at least 24 hours prior to an abortion; performance of abortions only by physicians; regulation of abortion facilities by the Department of Health; abortion reporting; and treatment of 'infants born alive' after an attempted abortion. Statutes limiting Medical Assistance and MinnesotaCare coverage of abortion, prohibition of certain advertisements and prohibition of abortions performed at birth centers, would also be repealed."

Contact your legislators to ask them to oppose this bill and any other laws that would harm life and our future generations. A simple way to do this, and keep informed on a wide range of issues, is to join the Catholic Advocacy Network, a service of the Minnesota Catholic Conference (working on behalf of our state's bishops in the legislative arena). Simply text CAN to (651) 998-7322, or go to mncatholic.org.

Last Sunday, Bishop Kettler led his final Vespers for Life in our diocese, and spoke about the need to go beyond legislation – important as that remains – in order to educate, witness, and model respect for life. We cannot give up, especially now, to witness to our respect for life rooted in faith, hope, and charity, and do so in ways that invite others to share awe and reverence at the visible work of God in our world. We will not advance this cause by arguing, belittling, or despising those who do not share our conviction; we will make a difference by modeling respect, concern, and patient selfless concern for others.

While abortion is rightly on our minds around the 50th anniversary of the legalization of abortion, St. John Paul II wrote about much more in his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life): poverty, war, human trafficking, euthanasia, slavery, violence, sexual assault, pornography, and more. Attention to these threats to human life and dignity is not intended to dilute the significance of

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

abortion, but to highlight the broad and various problems that are related whenever we dehumanize persons made in God's image and gifted with life.

I know well that there are strong feelings and sometimes fundamental objections to these views. Over and over, I am drawn to the simple but world-changing, history-shaping teaching of Jesus in Matthew 25: "Whatever you do to the least, you do to me." We all have those we count "least" in our lives and concern. Jesus' words here underscore that his love and mercy extends into absolutely every life, even those the world finds no room for or value in – and as his disciples, he asks us to do the same.

St. John Paul ended *Evangelium Vitae* with a prayer, worthy of repeating as we continue our work for respect for every human life:

Grant that all who believe in your Son may proclaim the Gospel of life with honesty and love to the people of our time. Obtain for them the grace to accept that Gospel as a gift ever new, the joy of celebrating it with gratitude throughout their lives and the courage to bear witness to it resolutely, in order to build, together with all people of good will, the civilization of truth and love, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.

Fr. Tom



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STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." — Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

"MOTHER TERESA: NO GREATER LOVE"

"Mother Teresa: No Greater Love" will be shown for FREE at the St. Peter's parish library on Monday, Jan. 23 at 6pm. This 2022 documentary unveils the life of one of the most popular saints of the 20th century. All are welcome. Refreshments will be provided. Contact Brody Hagemeyer with questions: 320-292-4725.



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FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Mildred (Millie) Mae Theisen who passed away January 9, from Sacred Heart.

Remember in your prayers the family of Debbie Gebhardt who passed away January 13, from St. Stephen.

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



BAPTISMS

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

Blake Stephen Schleif, son of Derek & Lindsey who was baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

Ava Rose Udermann, daughter of Jake & Samantha who was baptized at St. Francis Xavier.



YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITY

Young Adult Mass and Meal

Young Adult Mass and Meal is back after the Holidays. Get together with young adults old and new for Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell on Saturday, January 21st at **4:00 pm**. Meet Jason Prigge in the Gathering Space following Mass and we will head out from there. Questions or plan on attending, text Jason (320.281.9486).

*Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Don't miss Dana Webskowsky, a dynamic speaker, who will be the featured speaker at the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat to be held at St. Paul's Parish in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 18, 2023. "Be Still and Know that I am God" is the theme of the day and Dana will guide the attendees to do just that during her morning presentation and again, through musical adoration following lunch.

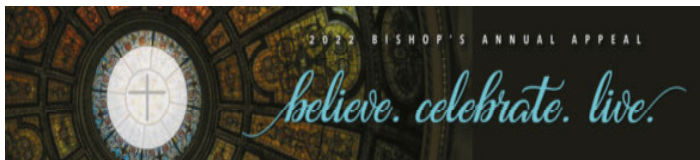
Dana was a lukewarm "cradle Catholic" who found church boring and contemplated leaving the church but is now in love with God, the Catholic faith and the Eucharist. Her mission is to help fallen away Catholics come back to His church, light a fire for the lukewarm Catholics out there, and help other Christians to see that the Catholic church has absolute truth and everything they need to grow in holiness. Dana grew up on a farm near Millerville, MN and now resides in Sioux Falls, SD.



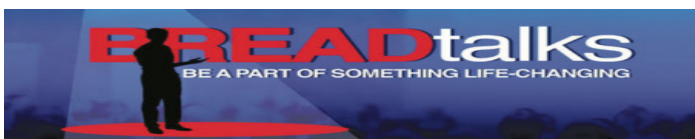
JR HIGH

Winter Spectacular - Jr. High Lock-In

For the first time ever, the Diocese is hosting a lock-in for Jr. High Students (grades 6 - 8). Don't miss out on the inaugural fun on Saturday January 28 - Sunday January 29! Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier (Sartell), lock-in with swimming, games, rock climbing and more at the YMCA in St. Cloud until 6 AM. Cost is \$30 - Please contact your parish Youth Minister to sign up.



The Diocesan TV Mass and parish livestream Masses have been a lifeline for the homebound. Other ministries of the Appeal continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



Beginning in January, the Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting a series of "BREAD Talks" in the diocese's five regional deaneries, each at a different brewery. At each of the events, modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will share brief testimonies — their "eucharistic love stories." Following their sharing, a main speaker will give a longer talk, about 20-30 minutes, on a eucharistic theme. These are in-person-only events. Come join us for these free, faith-filled gatherings!



ST. STEPHEN

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Hours: Mon-Fri 2:00 - 6:00 PM

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Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

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Financial Offerings - January 15

Adults

Plate **Financials Not available at Printing**

Children

Online Giving: Jan. 7-13

TOTAL \$

Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: \$2,740.00

Faith Formation: January 25 - No Classes tonight. Teacher Inservice.

Blood Pressure checks will be available next Sunday, January 29, after 10 AM Mass in the annex.

Blood Drive: We will be hosting a blood drive with American Red Cross on Monday, February 13, 2023. The blood drive will be from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or 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 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 February 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.



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 Jan 15, 2023

Adult Collection.....\$14,652.28
Children's Collection.....\$30.03
Holy Days.....\$90.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$19,673

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

CHILI CHALLENGE THIS is the weekend of the Chili Challenge! We have 20 soups or chilis submitted and we are excited to have you try them all! We will have two categories; one for the soup winner and one for the chili winner. The event starts at noon on Sunday, January 22nd in the parish hall. Chili tasting will take place from 12-1, the winner will be announced after votes are counted. After 1pm, the chili is fair game! Stick around for the entertainment, socializing and to see if you are the BIG winner! But you can't be the BIG winner if you didn't buy a ticket! So, make sure you get that purchased before they sell out!



Tables for Two/Cana Dinner Our planning meeting resulted in the decision to change our format this year to **Cana Dinner: Marriage Enrichment for Catholic Couples**. The event will take place at Sacred Heart on Saturday, Feb. 18 after the 5pm Mass and will include a social, catered buffet Italian dinner,



after-dinner speakers Jim and Maureen Otremba, and an affirmation of marriage vows. Cost per couple, which includes the meal and drinks, is \$60. Free childcare will be available on site for those who let us know in advance. Please contact the office if you would like to sign up.

Blood Pressure Checks Our next weekend will be January 28th & 29th following both Masses. Consider taking advantage of this free service.

Festival Since it is cold outside, let's talk about August and warmth! Please keep an eye out for a letter coming from the festival committee in early February. It's never too early to talk about the best day of the year!

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: Margaret & Scott Couch, Gloria, Kevin Hanson and Harold Lutz.

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 8 WNL will be back on Wednesday, February 1st at 7:30 pm. WNL is for students in grades 5-12.

5th Grade Youth Ministry 5th graders of Sacred Heart, SKD or anywhere really... This coming Wednesday is all about you! Bring your friends for awesome snacks and games from 6:30 - 8:00 pm. Please come in the same door you do for Faith Formation (door #5) to sign in with our Peer Ministers. Contact Jason Prigge for questions.

Winter Spectacular - Jr. High Lock-In Last chance to register for the Diocesan Jr. High (grades 6 - 8) Lock-In. Don't miss out on the inaugural fun on Saturday January 28 - Sunday, January 29! Mass at 7:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier (Sartell), lock-in with swimming, games, rock climbing and more at the YMCA in St. Cloud until 6 am. Cost is \$30 - forms found online at: sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms

Breakfast and Bible Study Free Breakfast for students in grades 6 - 12 on Friday, February 3rd from 7:00 - 7:55 am! All are welcome.



Metro Youth Night

Join other young people from the metro area for Adoration, Praise and Worship and games on Friday February 3rd from 7:00 - 9:00 PM at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St. Joseph. Rides available, contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486). Permission slips near the Youth Ministry board and online.

RCIA

Reception into Full Communion in the Catholic Church

Please keep in prayer Nicky Johannes, who will be received into Full Communion in the Catholic Church on Sunday, January 22.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22; Chili Cookoff, Talent Show and Raffle
January 23; 5:45pm—Child/Parent Group
January 24; 6:30pm—Finance Council
January 25; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
7:30pm—5th Grade WNL
January 26; 7pm—Mother's Book Study
January 28; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
6pm—Blood Pressure Checks
7:30pm—Jr High Lock-in
January 29; Catholic Schools Week
6am—JH Lock in pick up at St. Cloud YMCA
10am—Blood Pressure Checks



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729
annunciation@cloudnet.com
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Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, January 15th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$2,835.25
Visitor	\$59.00
Youth	\$4.50
Religious Ed. Retreat	\$70.00
Kids Christmas Breakfast & Bakesale	\$50.00
Initial Offering	\$6.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,205.00
Votive Candles	\$3.90
Total Income	\$4,233.65
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00	

Mass Schedule

Sun. January 29th, 2023, 8:15am Mass

Lector: JoAnn Marshall

Eucharist: Jean Bemboom

Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa

Greeters: Dustin & Lucas Heck

Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin and Teresa Heck



Happy Birthday: Rev. Thomas Knoblach, Ryan Brand, Heather Hiemenz, Gloria Nelson, Onnika Strande, Barbara Kaeter, James Janson, Liz Kiffmeyer, Renee Popp.

CONGRATULATIONS: to Clarke Eleanor Anderson, daughter of Michael and Jenna, who was received into our Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism today, during mass. Many blessings to them and her family.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes Wednesday 6:30pm:
Classes: Jan. 25th, Feb. 1st, Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th, Ash Wed. Mass at 8:30 am here at Sacred Heart.
Confirmation Learning Centers: Feb. 5, 6 and 12th at SS.

9TH GRADE FIELD TRIP to Sacred Heart Chapel at St. Bens and then to St. Stephen on January 25th. Bus leaving Sacred Heart Church at 5:45pm.

CONFIRMATION LEARNING CENTERS Dates are February 5th, 12th from 11 am to 3pm and on February 6th from 6pm to 8pm at St. Stephen. Please make sure you sign up for one of these dates.



CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST Please plan to join the Confirmation Students for Breakfast on **Sunday, February 19th**. Everyone Welcome.

DINNER/AUCTION at the Sobieski Community Center on Fri., February 10, 2023. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Auction starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available by calling Val at 320-547-2920 in the morning. Dinner is ham, chicken, aluski, potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, roll and beverage. Put on by the Swanville's St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,192.31
Collected 01/08/2023.....	\$28,391.48
Excess (Deficit)	\$8,199.17
YTD Collection Budget	\$585,576.99
YTD Collected	\$622,754.95
Excess (Deficit)	\$37,177.96

SCHOOL NEWS



St. Francis Xavier
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Happy New Year! We are excited for all of the learning opportunities awaiting us in 2023!

St. Francis Xavier School has much to offer the families of our community.

1. Our Catholic school partners with parents to form children in the virtues of faith, hope and charity, and our world needs renewal of these virtues. Children are proof that God is good and with us.
2. Our Catholic school is small and committed to developing the whole child through academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community service.
3. We work with our families to adjust to changing economic situations.
4. Our Catholic school teachers and staff model to our students how to rely on their faith to persevere through challenges that may emerge.
5. Our Catholic school is purposefully planning for possibilities to improve our instruction and strengthen our community.

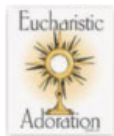
We invite you to attend one of our Open House events for new and prospective families for the 2023-2024 school year. The first open house will be **Sunday, January 29th after 9:30 Mass until 12:00 pm**. The second open house is scheduled for **Thursday, February 2nd from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**.

If these dates do not work for your family, please contact the office for a personal tour on a different date that works better for you. If you or someone you know are interested in enrolling as a SFX and want to know more about our programs, please contact the school office at (schooloffice@sfx61.org) or call 252-9940.

Heidi Schloe, Principal

PRAYERS FOR LIFE AT ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL

January 22 is the day of prayer for the legal protection of unborn children. Even though we experienced much progress in 2022 in our efforts to protect the unborn from the sin of abortion, please join us for an afternoon of prayer on Sunday, January 22, at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, as we continue to ask our Lord for still greater protection for the most defenseless among us. Beginning at 3:00 pm, there will be an hour of exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with a short reflection on some "missionaries of life". Confessions will be offered, and the hour will end with benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.



Eucharistic Adoration

January 24, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

3rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



75TH ANNIVERSARY FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Thinkers and doers are welcomed! Our festival celebrating the 75th Anniversary as a parish will be on Saturday, September 16th & Sunday, September 17th. We have a big attraction lined up (*Killer Vees – Killer Country*) and most of the usual attractions – food and fun! I need your help though, so join me on Sunday, January 22nd to begin the planning. We'll make it a quick meeting in the gathering place following the 9:30am Mass. Questions – or unable to make it, but wish to help – give Tom a call – 320-252-1363, ext 405. Your help is appreciated!

MISSION GROUP

St. Anthony Mission group will meet January 31st in Xavier Hall at 10 am. Please join us as we make blankets for those in need.

DAY OF PRAYER

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Monday
January 23, 2023

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