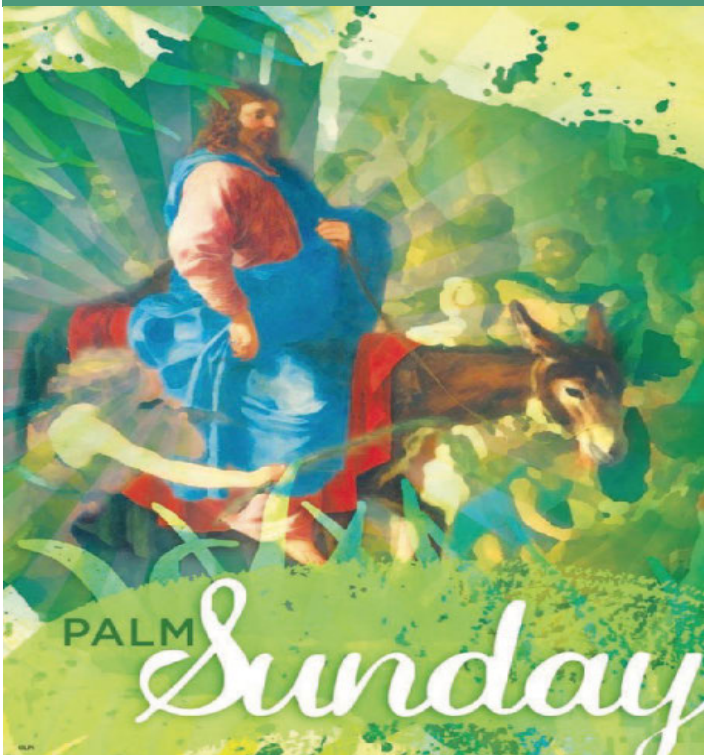


April 13, 2025
Palm Sunday



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MASS TIMES

*Monday, April 14	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Marilyn Muellner
Tuesday, April 15	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jimmy Schultz
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Delores Robak
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Francis & Gen Hess family
Wednesday, April 16	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Ron Schmitz
Thursday, April 17 Holy Thursday Incense & ASL Interpreted Mass	6:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Richard & Mary Trettel
	6:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Fred Legatt
	6:30 pm	*Sacred Heart	- Jacob Sylvester
	7:00 pm	Annunciation	† Rita Scapanski
	9:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier	- In the Garden Prayer Service
Friday, April 18 Good Friday ASL Interpreted Mass	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	-Morning Prayer in Calvary
	12:15 pm	*Sacred Heart	-The Passion of the Lord
	1:00 pm	Annunciation	-The Passion of the Lord
	1:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	-The Passion of the Lord
	2:00 pm	St. Stephen	-The Passion of the Lord
7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	-The Burial of the Lord	
Saturday, April 19 Holy Saturday Incense & ASL Interpreted Mass	8:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Allen Jarnot
	8:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Rich Kuklock
Sunday, April 20 Easter Sunday *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† For the People of the Parish
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Louis & Anna Fedor
	10:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Imelda Stang
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Joseph Selenski

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

Please see page 3 for readings.

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



“Behold, I make all things new.”

These words are our diocesan planning theme, but they are chosen not just as a slogan for that purpose. They are a solemn promise from the risen Savior for every purpose in our Christian lives.

Jesus does not speak these words in the four Gospels, during his earthly ministry. They are spoken after the Resurrection, and recorded in the Book of Revelation. They are words of glory, words of risen life, words of eternity.

Yet we need to hear those words while we are still in time, while we still know the Cross, not just as a memory but as a share in the Lord’s Passion in our own lives, whatever form it takes.

This week, we celebrate the most sacred time of the Church’s year, and of all human history: the Passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus. In the Church’s liturgy, we have not merely a remembrance of great events of the past. We are made present to them. They retain all of these transformative and redeeming power in time, for they are actions of the Eternal God who is not bound by time or place.

The liturgies focus a great deal on the Cross, of course. We hear the narrative of the Passion twice, on Palm Sunday and Good Friday. Holy Thursday too is intrinsically linked to the sacrifice of the Cross, which is encompassed in the gift of the Eucharist, the offering of the Body and Blood of Jesus for our salvation.

Easter can seem almost like an afterthought to me some times. That is understandable in a way: we know suffering, loss, and death all too well in our lives; but the life of Resurrection and perfect joy remains mysterious and elusive from our daily experience.

Yet all of Holy Week culminates in Easter. The suffering and death of Jesus, dramatic as they are, would a tragic ending of a sad account if they were truly the end. But they are not. They are only the beginning.



(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

I read a quote last week from a monk of the 16th century, who said: “God has left us from Paradise three things: the stars, the flowers, and the eyes of a child.” One of the nuptial blessings speaks of married love as a “blessing not forfeited by original sin or washed away by the flood.” In his Theology of the Body, St. John Paul II often spoke about Jesus’ words about “the beginning” – it is not that we can turn back time to return to the Garden of Eden, as Genesis describes it, but we can return to the values of the beginning, already here and now living that life of joy and freedom we hope to live with God in eternity.

Even this week, look for those signs of Paradise that still break through the darkness and sadness of our world. Look up at the stars; ponder the beauty of a flower; look into the eyes of a child. Share the love of your family and friendships, even when we help one another bear the Cross as Simon of Cyrene did.

The Resurrection is as real as the Cross. Glory is promised to the faithful as surely as we know suffering. As we walk with Jesus through the Passion, we reaffirm our faith that hope does not disappoint. From the place prepared for each us in God’s eternal joy, we hear Jesus assure us: “Behold, I make all things new.”

LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“...I tell you, Peter, before the cock crows this day, you will deny three times that you know me.” (Luke 22:34)

How many times have you heard someone make a disparaging comment about God or our Catholic faith? How did you react? Do you remain quiet so as not to cause disturbance? Or, because you don't want people to think negatively about you? Or, because you don't think you know enough about the Catholic faith? Pray for the courage to speak up and enter into a respectful conversation when the opportunity to talk about our faith arises. Joyfully share your faith with others.



Voices of Hope - Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025: If you have yet to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. You can visit at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=50pwVJkNx18>

FUNERAL PLANNING

Sunday, April 27th 12pm - 2pm Planning your own funeral in advance can ease the burden on your loved ones, ensure your wishes are honored, and allow you to make informed decisions about your final arrangements.

Learn about and begin planning: song choices, reading choices, burial choices, etc. Lunch will be provided. Contact Dcn Joe for questions. Please call the Sacred Heart parish office to register to help with meal planning.

SPRING BLING SALE

Gathering in the Arts-Spring Bling Sale
Friday, April 25 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm
St. Francis Xavier Church

Thank you for your support,
Gathering in the Arts Board

CARD GROUP @ SFX



St. Francis Xavier-Xavier Hall
2nd & 4th Thursdays-April 24th, 2025
1-3 pm All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables.

COMPASSIONATE HOPE FAMILY CENTER REMODEL



Social Concerns is recruiting volunteers to help prep and paint apartments at Compassionate Hope Family Center (Transitional housing for families). Days and times will vary. We have completed one apartment and are working on more. We are preparing rooms for transition housing for families. We can also use donations for supplies. Contact Dcn Joe if you have an interest in supporting this effort.

WAY OF THE CROSS

Jubilee Year of Hope Way of the Cross
Good Friday, April 18, 2025 - 3:00pm
Join our procession around Lake Goerge, Beginning and ending at St. Mary's Cathedral, St. Cloud, MN

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Celebrated on the Second Sunday of Easter, which concludes the Octave of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday was originally based on the Catholic devotion to the Divine Mercy that Faustina Kowalska reported as part of her visions of Jesus and is associated with special promises from Jesus and indulgences issued by the Catholic Church. This year we are happy to announce two speakers at the event. Our first speaker is Leah Brix. She is a published author of [St. Joseph's Hammer](#) and the co-founder of Catholic Country Chronicles. She is passionate about the Catholic Faith, and making it accessible to everyday people. The second speaker is Fr. Doug Liebsch from the All Called to Christ ACC.

Divine Mercy Sunday will be held at St. Mary's Cathedral on Sun., Apr. 27, from 1:00 pm - 3:30 pm. There will be Adoration and an opportunity for reconciliation.

KOINONIA

Need help?...Are you feeling overwhelmed in your daily life? Jesus can help you weather the storm. 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 May 16-18, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1, 2, 3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15 and 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31 and 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: *Chrism Mass:* Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25 and 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18 (see 1 Cor 10:16)/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13—53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-16, 17, 25 (Lk 23:46)/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1—19:42

Saturday: *Easter Vigil:* Gn 1:1—2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-5, 6-7, 12-13, 20-22 (5b)/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8, 9-10, 11 (1)/Ex 14:15—15:1/ Ex 15:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 17-18 (1b)/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11-12, 13 (2a)/ /Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/ Bar 3:9-15, 32—4:4/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 (Jn 6:68c)/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 (12a)/ Rom 6:3-11/Lk 24:1-12

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Lk 24:1-12

YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Draft

Join us for a special edition of Theology on Draft on Thursday, April 24th at Great River Bowl in Sartell from 6-8 PM. Our keynote speaker will be Bishop Patrick Neary, do not miss this amazing opportunity to listen to our Bishop in a great environment. This edition of Theology on Draft is in collaboration with the Diocese of St. Cloud.

Young Adult Mass and Meal

Join us at Sacred Heart on Saturday, April 26th for 5 PM Mass. We'll meet in the Gathering Space following Mass to go out for a meal*.

*Each participant is responsible for their own meal.

One in Christ Volleyball Team

If you have interest in joining a One in Christ Young Adult (18-39) volleyball team, please reach out to Jason Prigge so we can begin planning!

Young Adult Team

We are now seeking some new members to serve on our Young Adult Team. We particularly would love some representation from Annunciation and St. Francis Xavier. Contact Jason Prigge for the details!

YOUNG LIFE

Club Update—YMCA 6:15-7:45 pm

Don't miss any upcoming Clubs!

*Wednesday, April 16th

*Wednesday, May 21st

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.

Follow Us on Social Media

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

Follow Us on Instagram: gcwyldlife

Skit Characters from Club: gcinstagrandparents

Committee Members Needed

Are you a go getter? Are you good at planning and visioning? Perhaps you are good at fundraising - if you answered yes to at least one of these questions, we need you on the Granite City Wyldlife committee. Contact Jason Prigge ASAP to learn more.

SACRED HEART -ANNUNCIATION VIGIL



Sacred Heart will be the site of the Easter Vigil to accommodate the people who will be attending the Mass. We are once again looking for **candy** and **wine** donations to have at the reception that follows the Mass. Please bring all donations to your parish office or to the church when you come

LENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES

The following days and times are scheduled for individual Lenten Reconciliation around the Diocese.

Tuesday, April 15, 6:30pm—St. Mary's Cathedral



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 April 5 & 6

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,599.00
Adult online giving Mar 29-Apr 4	\$ 708.00
Plate	\$ 255.00
Children	\$ 5.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,567.00
Easter Flowers to date	\$ 635.00
Catholic Relief Services to date	\$ 740.00

Ushers:

Holy Thursday: Sandy Paggen, Will Hellmann, Dan Warzecha

Good Friday: Peter Schumer, Mitch Pangerl, Ben Schefers

Easter Sunday: Jim Schumer, Nancy & Tom Vouk

Faith Formation: April 16 - No Classes.

Younglife Wyldlife will meet at the YMCA on Wednesday, April 16, from 6:15-7:45pm.



Holy Thursday Feet Washing: We are looking for six people to have their feet washed - two men, two women, 1 HS student and 1 Elem student. There will be six chairs set up in church - will you take one of the chairs? Call the parish office to sign-up.

South End Funeral Lunch group needs a new lead contact person. This person would contact the family to go over the menu, pick-up a few of the groceries (many are ordered in by the church), contact people from the South end to help with the meal, work together to make the meal and clean up. Contact the parish office with any questions or to take over this position. You do not need to live in the south end to be the contact.

Festival Grand Raffle: We are seeking new supporters to help make this year's festival even more successful. We are asking for donations of \$50.00 or more in the form of cash/check, gift cards, or items of monetary value to add to our Grand Raffle. If you prefer to donate a smaller amount, we will combine smaller contributions to ensure each prize meets this threshold. Contact the parish office by June 15 if you would like to make a donation to the Grand Raffle. You can remain anonymous.

Upcoming Events:

April 26 & 27 - Poor Clares Collection weekend.

April 27 - First Communion 10:00 am Mass.

April 27 - Blood pressure checks in annex after 10 am Mass.

April 30 - Last Faith Formation Class. Mass at 6:30 pm.

Well n Fit Exercise Class - All level of fitness welcome!

A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises.

Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays.

Spring & Summer hours 9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach:

Senior Dining: Wednesday's at Rusty Nail, April-June, at noon followed by 500. Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.

Monthly Lunch & Learn is cancelled until further notice.

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

Due to early publication of the bulletin, financial update will be made in a future bulletin.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Good Friday We will be moving chairs from the parish hall to the gathering space to accommodate larger crowds for Easter services. This will happen on Good Friday following the Good Friday Service. If you are available your help will be greatly appreciated!



Easter Flower Donations If you are interested in donating to our flower fund, which covers the cost of Easter flowers, Christmas greens and poinsettias, fabric, banners, and so much more, please pick up an envelope in the gathering space. You can return it in the collection or to the parish office. Thank you!

Easter Decorating We will be preparing our spaces for the Easter Season on Saturday, April 19th at 8:00 am. Help is needed with placing fabric and flowers and various other tasks. We will also need help putting taper candles and drip protectors together for over 400 candles. Please come and help if you are able.

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

Donations of Fleece are being accepted for the Family Night of Service for families to make fleece tie blankets. Baskets will be available at Sacred Heart and Annunciation to collect donations through Sunday, May 3rd. Financial Donation may also be dropped off at either parish office to support this cause or placed in an envelope labeled "Family Service Night" and placed in the collection basket. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler at the Sacred Heart parish office and thank you for your support.

CONGRATULATIONS— OCIA

Congratulations and keep in prayer our Elect and candidates for Confirmation. Continue to pray for Jamie Mackie, George Trujillo, Sarah Jennings, Madison Jennings, Sydney Jennings, Landon Jennings and Lae Khothasine who will receive Baptism, Confirmation and 1st Communion this Easter Vigil. Also, pray for Tiana Deppa, Rick Truex and Brittany Kasper who will celebrate Confirmation during the Easter Vigil.

UPCOMING EVENTS

For **UPCOMING EVENTS**, please go to
sacredheartsaukrapids.org
OFFICE CLOSED 3-18 & 3-21

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Rosie Hennen, Pam Smoley 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry April Theme: Grounded in Jesus
Upcoming Dates & Times:

*Wednesday, April 9th | Gr. 5-8 | 7:30-9 PM

*Sunday, April 13th | Gr. 9-12 | 5-7 PM

*Wednesday, April 23rd | Gr. 5-12 | 7-8:30 PM

NCYC 2025 Absolute last chance to register yourself for NCYC 2025! The National Catholic Youth Conference happens biannually at Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis for Sr. High students in grades 9-12. Students from all over the country (10-20 thousand) gather to pray, learn, play and grow in their Catholic faith. It's an experience like no other.

*Who: Current Students in grades 8-11

*When: November 19-23, 2025

*Cost: \$500 (normally priced at \$940 - parish subsidizes close to 50%).

*\$100 deposit due April 15th. Fundraising is available. Contact Jason Prigge to register.

Butter Braid Sales Our annual Butter Braid sale is soon to wrap up. Last day to buy is Wednesday, April 16th. Forms are available in the office or by using this QR Code:



Braids are \$16 each, proceeds benefit our young people and Youth Ministry Events, etc. We really appreciate your support as this is the only fundraiser we run for our young people!

Baccalaureate Mass 2025 Seniors, you should have received a postcard in the mail as a 'Save the Date' for Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 18th at the 9 AM Mass. RSVP by the Wednesday before (May 14th) using the QR code or link in your email to help us plan your celebration!

FAITH FORMATION

First Eucharist Parent Child Retreat is Saturday, April 26th from 10:00 AM - Noon at Sacred Heart. The make up retreat will be Monday, April 28th from 6:00 - 7:30 PM.

End of the Year Faith Formation Picnic and Bingo is Wednesday, April 23rd from 6:00 - 7:30 PM in the Parish Hall. The night is a celebration of the faith formation year with a picnic meal including Hotdogs, chips, beans, and dessert and bingo for the family. Please join us and celebrate another wonderful year of faith formation.

Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2025 Registration begins in April. The ACC will again be hosting a combined VBS at St. Francis Xavier June 23rd - 27th from 9:00 AM- Noon each day for children currently in preschool- 5th grade. The theme of VBS is "True North- Trusting Jesus in a Wild World." Cost is \$45.00 per participant for the week and includes a T-shirt if registered by Thursday, May 1st. Registrations can be found at Sacred Heart or on the parish website and can be turned into any of the ACC parish offices.

VBS Volunteers Needed Last year, almost 100 volunteers helped to make VBS the success that it was. Your help is needed again. Volunteers (grade 6 - adults) can fill in a variety of different areas including table leaders and assistants, station leaders and assistants, program elements, decorating, and so much more. Volunteering can also reduce or eliminate the registration fee for your child(ren) to participate.

If you have any questions about VBS, contact Scott Frieler at the parish office.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Due to bulletin scheduling, the Financial Stewardship for this past week will be in the next weeks bulletin.

MASS SCHEDULE

Thurs. April 17th, 2025 HOLY THURSDAY, 7:00pm

Lector: Lori Schaefer and Gene Poser
Eucharist: Katie Lentner (H), Lori Popp(C), Rita Knott(C)
Servers: Cole Lentner, Kelsy Lentner and Zoey Heck
Greeters: Dustin Heck and Lucas Heck
Ushers: Teresa & Dustin Heck and John & Barb Bemboom

Fri. April 18th, 2025 GOOD FRIDAY, 1:00pm


Lector: Bob Rajkowski and Jenessa Strande
Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau
Servers: Noah Lentner, Grayson Herbst and Ava Krajsa
Greeters: Karol Weyer and Tammy Eveslage
Ushers: Barb & Tom Brand, Lora Knafla and Peter Ackerman

Sat. April 19th, 2025 HOLY SAT., Mass at Sacred Heart 8pm

Lector: Jill Brenny and Lora Knafla
Eucharist: Brenda Carstensen-Boe, Katie Lentner
Servers: Noah Lenter and Cole Lentner
Ushers: David Lentner and Dan Bemboom

Sun. April 20th, 2025 EASTER, 8:15am

Lector: David Zimmer and Karla Koenig
Eucharist: Amy Krajsa (H), John Koenig(C)
Servers: Ava Krajsa and Halle Krajsa
Greeters: Volunteers
Ushers: Jeff Wollak, Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Erik Brenny, Jase Brenny, Sierra Brenny, Helen Sondrol, Amanda Zwilling, Adam Carlson, Jonathon Bemboom, Halle Krajsa, Frank Legatt, Gerald Petron, Cooper Reich, Braylee Scapanski, John Bemboom, Diane Brand, Leon Lahr, Warren Lamecker, Kade Haus, Bob Popp, DJ Spiczka, Beverly Bernard.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. April 16th, No Religious Ed Classes. Wyld Life
Wed. April 23rd, 6:30pm Last Class, Practice for 1st Communion.
Sun. April 27th, 8:15am 1st Communion Sunday.

LEAD SOFTBALL PERSON NEEDED to take over running the church summer softball program this year. Ball games run the months of June & July. Call Parish office.

BIDS FOR 2026 LAWN CARE: bid forms are available in the parish office to fill out for anyone interested. Bids due 4/14.

SPRING BLOOD MOBILE: There is a serious shortage of blood products. Sign up and donate blood on **Monday, April 28, 1:00 – 6:15 pm** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control. Appointments highly recommended/Info: Call Lora at 320-393-2701.

NO MORNING MASS Thursday, April 17th (Holy Thursday Mass here at 7:00pm.)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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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

Not available at publication.

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish Office will be closed Friday, April 18 in observance of Good Friday.

SFX SCHOOL

We are excited about all of the learning opportunities awaiting us for the 2025-2026 school year at St. Francis Xavier Catholic School!

St. Francis Xavier Catholic 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. 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.

We encourage any family with Preschool through Grade 5 children to call for a personal tour of our school! If you or someone you know is interested in enrolling at SFX and wants to know more about our programs, please contact the school office at (schooloffice@sfx61.org) or call 252-9940.

Heidi Schloe, Principal

KC TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

Bishop Trobec Council 5276 Knights of Columbus will be at the 2 Sartell Coborn's stores on Friday, April 25 & Saturday April 26 in addition to being at both St. Francis Xavier and The Church of St. Stephen after each Mass on the weekend. They will be handing out Tootsie Rolls and accepting donations. All proceeds go to support youth and adults with special needs. We make donations to the Sartell-St. Stephen Special Education department, The Special Olympics, Camp Courage in Annandale & more. Your generosity in supporting this is appreciated.

CHURCH CLEANING

I'm looking for helpers with church cleaning just ahead of Easter. If you are able, please join me on **Wednesday, April 16th at 2:30pm**. We will wipe down pews and kneelers and dust throughout the worship space, gathering place and other areas as needed. We have the cleaning cloths, Murphy's Oil Soap and pails - bring your own rubber gloves. Any questions, please contact Tom in the parish office - or email tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

PATCH THE PARKING LOT RAFFLE

Your help is needed. We still have many tickets to sell. The goal of 400 tickets. At **\$50.00 per ticket**, this would NET us \$10,000 for the parking lot repair. This is a great way to support a needed fix and possibly come back to you many times over if you are a lucky winner.

Parishioners and guests who park in the south lot know of the growing "pot hole" and some rough areas throughout the lot. There is an area that **needs** to be done - it is breaking up. 6 or 7 years ago the north lot was redone when we did our Focus on Facilities capital campaign(\$100,000+.) A portion of our south lot a few years ago and it cost us \$32,000. If we were gifted with \$150,000, we would complete the remainder of the south lot. If you are considering such a gift - please see me.

Tickets are available in the parish office Monday through Friday during regular office hours. IF you have any questions, please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office - 320-290-3228. Thank you for supporting St. Francis Xavier!

SPRING BLING SALE

GATHERING IN THE ARTS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Gathering Place
219 2nd St. N, Sartell, MN

Spring Bling Sale

BAUBLES, BANGLES & BEADS

Friday, April 25, 2025
4:00 - 7:00 pm

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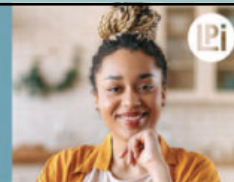
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