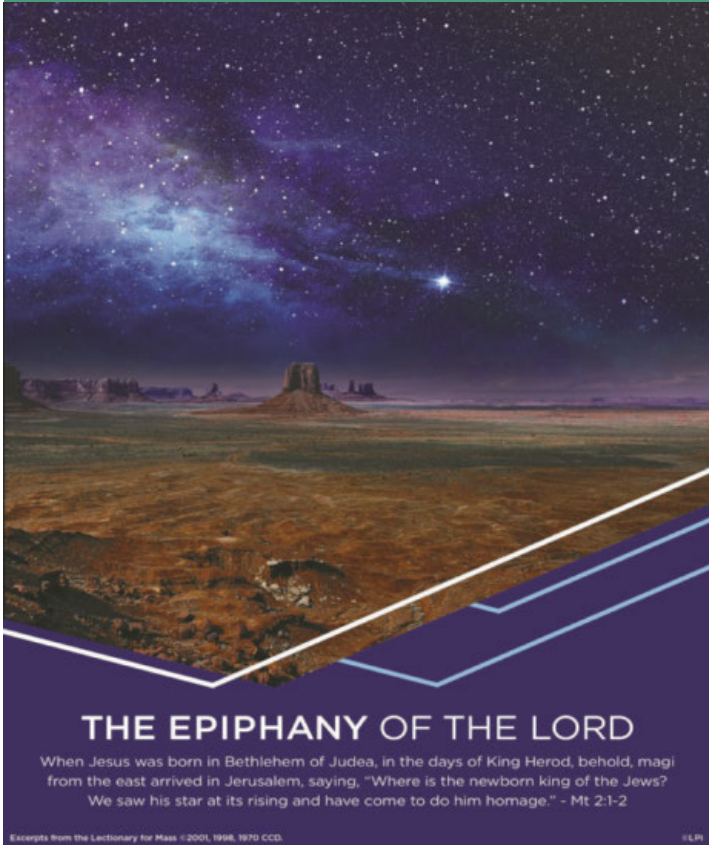


January 7, 2024
Feast of the Holy Family



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

When Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, in the days of King Herod, behold, magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage." - Mt 2:1-2

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2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377
320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

MASS TIMES

Monday, January 8	8:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion Service
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- Suffering from Loneliness & Despair
Tuesday, January 9	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion Service
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Arlene & Ernest Knudson
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Word & Communion Service
Wednesday, January 10	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Grace Lytle & Gail Kiekow
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion Service
Thursday, January 11	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion Service
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	- Word & Communion Service
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Don Kainz
Friday, January 12	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Jacqueline Beumer
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Don Charron
Saturday, January 13 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Linda Ley
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Dave Jacobson
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Skroch Family
Sunday, January 14 2nd Sunday of Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Dick Brand
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Don Kuefler
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Darrel Lewellyn
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Lillian Dullinger

DAILY READINGS

Monday:	Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 (3)/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
Tuesday:	1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28
Wednesday:	1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 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
Friday:	1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/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
Next Sunday:	1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4 7-8, 8-9, 10 (8a, 9a)/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

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.

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)



The Journey of Epiphany

The Solemnity of the Epiphany commemorates the revelation of Christ, the Son of God, to the nations as the Savior of the World, symbolized by Matthew in the “Magi from the East.” We are among the fruits of that harvest of grace – “Gentiles” in Gospel terms, those called to belong to Christ in the New Covenant.

The chronology of Epiphany is revealing. While the Gospels do not give us detailed, daily news of the Holy Family, Matthew suggests that their discernment of the star and their journey to follow its guidance took perhaps many months: “on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother” (Matthew 2:11). Matthew mentions a house, not the cave with the manger; and even more telling, Herod’s jealousy leads him to kill all the boys two years old and younger in and around Bethlehem. Certainly a newborn can be distinguished from a two-year old, even with royal envy. So we do not know how long they traveled, it is likely they were not there with the shepherds as our manger scenes often depict.

Why does that matter? Because Epiphany is not only about the universality of salvation; it is also about the journey we must make to find the Lord, led by faith in what is promised but not yet seen. How long that trip may be, what obstacles we will encounter, what wrong turns we may take, who will be our companions in travel from time to time, we cannot fully know. Yet if we have a goal in mind, a destination, we persevere in making our way.

And when we feel lost or out of place, the kindness of strangers is especially welcome. This is the insight behind the connection each Epiphany with the question of the migration of peoples... not only those we see in our communities of different nationalities and beliefs, but many who are also Christians displaced by war, natural disaster, political unrest, and the search to provide for the needs of their families.

Jesus, Mary, and Joseph were themselves part of this movement of peoples, as Matthew tells us: “When [the Magi] had departed, behold, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Rise, take the child and his mother, flee to Egypt, and stay there until I tell you. Herod is going to search for the child to destroy him.” Joseph rose and took the child and his mother by night and departed for Egypt. He stayed there until the death of Herod, that what the Lord had said through the prophet might be fulfilled, “Out of Egypt I called my son” (Matthew 2:13-15).

We are ourselves descendants of immigrants and followers of Jesus, the Light of all Nations. We strive to journey towards the Father’s House, together. Is it always easy? No. Do we always know the way? No. But we pray that faith’s light may always guide us.

Blessing of the Home with Epiphany Chalk

It is a very old custom on Epiphany to bless chalk that is then used to mark the homes of the faithful. This blessing asks God’s protection upon the home and its members, and upon all who visit.

For the blessing, use the chalk to mark the following symbols over the doorway(s) of the home:

20 + C + M + B + 24

The numerals of the year flank the first letters of the traditional names of the Magi who presented their gifts to Christ: Caspar, Melchior, and Balthasar. These symbols are separated by the cross, the key Christian symbol of our redemption. The letters C, M, B are sometimes also taken to be shorthand for the Latin phrase *Christus Mansionem Benedicat*, or “may Christ bless this dwelling.”

If you have blessed chalk from previous years, you can certainly use it for the blessing.

Thank You

Along with Fr. Ron, we offer our warmest and humble thanks to each of you for your kindness in words, cards, and gifts; and most treasured, your prayers. Your support and your example of faith are daily blessings to us. Know of our grateful prayers.

Eucharistic Miracles Display; Teaching Masses

As you have perhaps seen, Sacred Heart will host a traveling display of Eucharistic Miracles from around the world for several days, beginning January 19. Please see the flyers and our Sacred Heart website for more information. The experience is intended as a quiet, reflective, and prayerful time to ponder the great Gift of Jesus, truly present to us in the Eucharist until the end of time, according to his promise.

In addition, Fr. Tom will be offering a “teaching Mass” at Sacred Heart on January 17 at 6:30 p.m., and at Annunciation on March 6 at 6:30 p.m. These events are all part of our ACC Eucharistic Revival parish year.

LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
Pastor	Fr. Ron Weyrens 320-252-1363, Ext.401 (days) Ext. 402 (night/weekends) rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org
Deacon	Joe Kresky 320-251-8115 jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
Deacon	Terry Jancik tjancik@gmail.com
Deacon	Steve Pareja 320-761-2503
Pastoral Associate	Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363, Ext. 403

STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION

LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



"They fell down and worshipped him. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." -Matthew 2:11

Notice the order of events in the Magi's visit. First, they knelt before Jesus and prayed to Him. Then they presented Him with their gifts. We, too, must take time to pray before we present our gifts to the Lord. We never know what God may be asking us to share!



Blessings to all of you in this New Year. Thank you for supporting diocesan ministries through the Appeal in 2023 and helping us to achieve our goal! As of December 22, the Appeal raised \$1,416,809 in gifts and pledges from 7,406 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Learn more at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE +18

Painting the Word will take place January 28th from 6pm to 7:30pm at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 18+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be offered. This event is free thanks to the Building Bridges Thriving Mission Grant! Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up.

GATHERING IN THE ARTS ART SHOW



Sunday, February 11, 2024, 1-4pm
St. Frances Xavier Gathering Place
Artists and Crafters! Are you interested in joining our art/craft fair? For information, contact Geri Blais at 320-255-7009

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

The **Vatican International Exhibit of the Eucharistic Miracles of the World** will be coming to our ACC. This exhibit includes 126 historically documented Eucharistic miracles that have occurred in various countries since the Last Supper. These are visible proof of Jesus Christ's Real Presence in the Holy Eucharist. This is meant as a quiet, prayerful and reflective experience for all who participate. Due to the size and requirements of the exhibit it will be displayed at Sacred Heart. Viewing times are **Jan. 19th 9-noon, Jan. 20th 2-5, Jan. 21st 10-2, Jan. 24th 5-8 pm**. All are welcome, including members of other faiths. Free admission. For more information call 320-251-8115.



Check out the information about the CANA Dinner 2024 and Festival of Families on page 4.

—To find out more information on the Eucharistic Revival, visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Dale Bidingger, who passed away on December 1, Janice "Jan" Roering, who passed away on December 26 and Donna Pallansch, who passed away on December 28 from St. Francis Xavier.



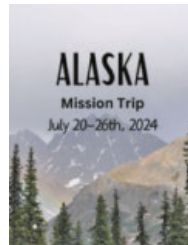
Eternal Rest grant unto them Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon them.

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

"Have you been looking for a way to finally get on top of your money? This. Is. Your. Time. SFX is sponsoring Financial Peace University starting in January- there is a table in the Gathering Space and people to help you get signed up today! Classes are completely free!"

Financial Peace University. The FPU class will be hosted at **219 2nd St N** starting on **Tuesdays, January 9, 2024 at 6:30 pm** — and start making your money work for you. Email chadbraegelmann@hotmail.com or nataliebr_aegelmann@icloud.com (or text/call [603-748-2150](tel:603-748-2150)) for more information and to sign up today! Scholarships are available to cover the cost of the class! Find your Financial Peace in 2024!

ALASKAN MISSION TRIP



One in Christ will be going on a mission trip to Alaska on July 20th-26th, 2024. High schoolers and adults are invited to join us as we live out our call as missionary disciples. Please contact Dan Joe Kresky at 320-292-4857 or Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 for more information. The deadline for signing up is soon approaching.

HOMELESS HELPING HOMELESS

Homeless Helping Homeless is in need of supplies! Now until Jan 14th, the Social Concerns Team is collecting napkins, paper towels, toilet paper, hand warmers, and warm gloves. Please drop off items in designated areas in the gathering space or by the parish office at Sacred Heart Church. Donations are appreciated from any parish in our ACC. For more information contact Dan Joe at 320-292-4857



MN CHILD TAX CREDIT

Parents, are you ready for tax day?

The Minnesota Catholic Conference is excited to remind you about the new Minnesota Child Tax Credit. Getting money back to our Minnesota families through this tax credit was an integral goal achieved by the Catholic Conference's Families First Project last year. The credit encourages and supports strong families by providing a tax break to eligible families.

It's as simple as filing a tax return, claiming the tax credit benefits and receiving cash back.

To ensure you don't miss out, visit www.FamiliesFirstProject.com/CTC where you can learn more about the child tax credit and access additional tax resources.

Tell every parent you know to file their taxes to receive this credit. Together we will support and strengthen the families in our communities.

SPAGHETTI SUPPER

Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus invite everyone to our Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Thursday, January 18th at 4:30 - 7:00 in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$7 for Children ages 5-10.



BLOOD DRIVE



American Red Cross

A blood drive, hosted by Health & Wellness, will be held at St. Stephen Catholic Church on Monday, January 22, 2024 from 1-6 pm in the Parish Hall. Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: St Stephen Catholic to schedule an appointment.

CANA DINNER 2024

Please join us at Sacred Heart on February 24th for our Cana Dinner as part of the Eucharistic Revival. We will begin with Mass at 5pm followed by social time, dinner, speakers and reaffirmation of vows. This is an event that is focused on marriage, but is not limited to married couples.

Childcare is available on site if needed. \$25 per couple or \$12.50 for an individual. Please call your parish office to RSVP by February 20th or if you have questions.



FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Are you looking for some mid-winter family fun? Join us at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids on February 11, from 10:30-3pm for a day of fun celebrating our Catholic Faith. Cost is only \$20 per family (no matter the size) and will include a free carnival, family games, lunch, age-appropriate activities and Mass with Bishop Neary. Register your family at: <http://stcdio.org/event/festival-of-families/>



ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8:30-2:00
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings for December 23-25

Adult	\$ 2,951.00
Adult online giving Dec 23-25	480.00
Plate	223.00
Children	2.00
Immaculate Conception	115.00
Christmas	9,519.00
Christmas Plate	885.00
Christmas online giving	325.00
<u>Religious Retirement</u>	<u>30.00</u>
Total	\$ 14,530.00
Weekly <u>Adult</u> income to meet budget:	\$3,150
Food Shelf donation for Rice Food Shelf =	44.00

Ushers

Jan. 13: Schefers family

Jan. 14: Steve Vouk, Merlin Berndt, Jim Schumer

Faith Formation/Youth Group News

Classes January 10: Grades 5-9 & Confirmation. Pizza will be served in the Parish Hall before class. Meal includes fruit, dessert and beverage.

Youth Group for students in grades 6-12, will meet in the Parish Hall from 8-9:30.

Mass Intentions - the office is now accepting Mass Intention requests for 2024. Write who you would like a mass intention said for, along with your name, on a white envelope marked 'Mass Intentions' and place it in the collection basket or drop it off at the parish house. Each mass intention is \$10 - please include in the envelope.

Ladies...Let's Gather! Sunday evening, **January 7**, in the annex from 6-7pm. We will be discussing women in the Bible. Our January meeting will focus on Mary. Come, connect and learn from one another. Treats will be provided.

Vibrancy Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9, at 6:15pm in the annex.

Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, January 16, at 7pm in the Parish Hall.

Blood Drive will be held at St. Stephen Parish Hall on January 22, from 1-6pm. <https://www.redcross.org/>

Prayer Line: If you, or someone you know, is in need of prayers and would like to be added to the Prayer Line, please contact the parish office.

Well n Fit exercise class: Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, 9:30-10:30am.
Wednesday class followed by half-hour line dance.

Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining: Wednesday's at **Trobec's** at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn: January 18 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social starts at 11:30. Suggested donation \$5.

Feet First Clinic: Call Helping Hands to for more info or 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 December 24-25, 2023

Adult Collection.....	\$38,582.80
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,626.79
Christmas.....	\$22,686.00
Improvements.....	\$4,258.12
Christmas Flowers.....	\$105.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$19,673	

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Takedown Christmas decorations will be taken down on Sunday, January 7th immediately after the 9am Mass. Much help is needed with removing ornaments, fabric, lights, and garland as well as taking down the Nativity scene and trees. Please stay after Mass if you can help.

Hotdish Challenge and Fundraiser Please join us January 21st from 12-3:30 for our second annual challenge! This year we are doing a hotdish challenge. If you would like to participate in the challenge, we are asking that you bring a crockpot of any hotdish. If you would like to just be a judge, the cost is \$10 a person or \$20 family max. (Free entry if you enter a hotdish.) We will be drawing for the raffle winner at 3:30. Please call Vicki in the office with any questions.

Stations of the Cross Lent is right around the corner (February 14th) and help is needed with Stations of the Cross again this year. If you would like to lead Stations of the Cross on Friday evenings here at Sacred Heart during Lent, please contact Jill K in the office as soon as possible to get on the schedule. This is a great thing for families or groups to do.

Bells of the Heart and Adult Choir New Members Bells of the Heart is welcoming new members for the Spring. If you have ever wanted to try the handbells please contact Sarah in the office. New members will be paired with an experienced ringer as a mentor. The Adult Choir is also welcoming new members. Our next rehearsal will be on Tuesday, January 16th at 6:15 pm. Contact Sarah for the full schedule.

Kids Choir Kids Choir will sing again for Mass on Sunday, January 7th at 9:00 am for Epiphany. We will also begin preparations for the Festival of Families Mass on February 11th, which is a diocesan event being held here at Sacred Heart, as well as Ash Wednesday and Lent. New members are always welcome to join. Please contact Jill Kiffmeyer for more information.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

The following gifts were omitted from the Christmas Flower Donation Form.

Ellen Janski...in memory of Joseph Janski.

Ron and Kathleen Mastey...in memory of Agnes & John Mastey, Ray & Harriet Knuesel and Todd Mastey.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry

January Theme: Grounded in the “Storm”

Upcoming Dates

Grounded is for everyone - come join us! Activities to be printed next week, stay tuned to see what's happening!
Wednesday, January 17th (grades 6-12): 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Sunday, January 21st (grades 9-12): 5:00 - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, January 24th (5th grade only): 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Jr. High Lock-In Registration for the Jr. High Lock-In is online and by the Youth Ministry board. Don't miss the 2nd annual Winter Spectacular on Saturday, January 27 - Sunday, January 28 starting with 7 PM Mass at Sacred Heart and ending at 6 AM at the YMCA! Cost is \$40, contact Jason Prigge for more information.

Winter Youth Day Save the date for Monday, January 15th from 3:00 - 5:00 PM at Sacred Heart. Details coming in the new year!

PARENT?CHILD GROUP

Do you have a child six years or younger? We have a group at Sacred Heart that families come together to visit, play and get to know other young families in the parish. We are changing our meeting times. Please join us Sunday, January 14th in room D from 10-11:30 (following Mass.) We will have a small snack and time to play and visit. If you have any questions, please email Vicki at vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

THANK YOU

On behalf of the St Cloud VA patients and staff, we would like to extend our appreciation to you for your many donations from the Giving Tree. It is through effort with partners like you that allow us to continue our quality care and services to our very deserving Veterans.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group
6:30pm—Baptism Class Here
- January 9; 6pm—First Eucharist Parent Meeting -Rm B
- January 10; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1pm—Craft Group
6:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
- January 11; 6pm—SH Book Buffet
6pm—Theology on Draft
- January 13; Food Shelf Collection Weekend
8am—Diocesan Confirmation Retreat
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- January 14; Food Shelf Collection Weekend
10am—Young Adult Mass & a Meal (SS)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Alex Euteneuer, Christopher Fuchs and Darlene Hiscock to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the prayer list, please call 320-251-8115.

Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain. Please call 320-492-9361, 320-252-3401 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, December 24th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$2,755.00
Visitor	\$965.00
Youth	\$11.00
Votive Candles	\$13.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Christmas	\$6,040.00
Basement Rental	\$40.00
Religious Retirement	\$40.00
Christmas Flowers	\$40.00
Total Income	\$9,914.00
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. January 14th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: Judy Kiffmeyer and Shirley Scapanski
Eucharist: Lloyd Lyon (H), John Koenig(C), Karla Koenig(C)
Servers: Noah & Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: Dustin, Zoey & Lucas Heck
Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin & Teresa Heck



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Tonya Simmons, Wyatt Montag, Jeremy Brand, Cailyn Fleck, Lexi Novak, Jason Brenny, Angela Thene, Jason Zwilling, Ron Brand.

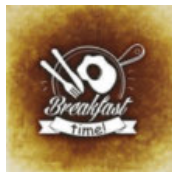
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

*TODAY: Vocation Panel Grades 6-8th, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart.
Wed. Jan. 10th & 17th, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm
Wed. Jan. 24th, Rel. Ed. Classes, 9th grade bus tour 6:30pm
Wed. Jan 31st, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm, Speaker Gr 7-10*

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER: The next weekends are Feb. 9-11, 2024 in Buffalo, MN and Feb. 9-11th, 2024 in Mandan ND. For more information, call Miki Schultz at 507-227-8229 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

JESUS ISN'T JUST THE REASON FOR THE SEASON... He's the reason for every day of our lives. Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St. Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, MN. The next English retreat will be held March 1-3, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

BEST BREAKFAST AROUND: Homemade breakfast in Heritage Hall at the Church of St. Joseph, St. Joe. **TODAY** from 8:30am till noon. Includes: Pep's pork sausage, pancakes, hashbrowns, fruit, scrambled eggs, caramel rolls and cinnamon rolls, includes beverages. \$10 for adults and \$4 for ages 6-12. They are now accepting credit cards. Breakfast is hosted by KC Council #7057.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Contact: Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363
bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday
Parish Nurses Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158
Prayer Line Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

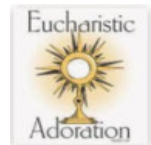
Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 12/24/2023.....	\$24,300.26
Excess (Deficit)	\$3,627.18
YTD Collection Budget	\$541,975.67
YTD Collected	\$566,654.95
Excess (Deficit).....	\$24,679.28

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration

January 9, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



CEMETERY NEWS

Many families like to decorate gravesites for Christmas. Rules are relaxed for this, but be sure to secure items and then plan on removing items by the weekend of January 6th & 7th. Items left on the gravesites after that will be removed and discarded.

HEALTH & WELLNESS

Health & Wellness Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 9 at 5:30 pm in the Gathering Space. See you there! All are welcome! Come and join us!

FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY

You work way to hard to be this broke! Now is the time to take back control of your money and that starts by taking Financial Peace University. The FPU class will be hosted in Xavier Hall on Tuesdays, starting January 9, 2024 @ 6:30pm. Start making your money work for you! Email chadbraegelmann@hotmail.com or nataliebraegelmann@icloud.com or text call 603-748-2150 for more information and to sign up today! Scholarships are available to cover the cost of the class. Find your Financial Peace in 2024!

FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation classes for 1-5 grade will resume on January 8. Middle school will start again on January 10.

PLACE OF HOPE



We are looking for volunteers to cook and serve at Place of Hope on Tuesday, January 23.

Thank you to the crew who served approximately 180 meals at Place of Hope on December 26.

You truly are the hands and feet of Christ! We will be serving a meal again on January 23.

Please contact Sandee Kremers if you are interested in serving.



SFX ROCKS SAVE THE DATE

Our school will be hosting its 13th annual SFX Rocks fundraising celebration featuring the Maiden Dixie Band on Saturday, February 10th, 2024. The evening will be filled with music, dancing, delicious food, libations and silent auction items. All of the money earned from this event will be used to support technology initiatives and school-wide programming. More information to come including a link to purchase tickets.

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Service Sunday Events:

January 7th at Country Manor 1-3pm. We will help them take down Christmas decorations. We will meet at the Chapel and learn where we go from there.

February 11th Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 10am – 3pm. We will help with the Diocesan Family Rally event.

Aftershock:

January 17th grades 6-12 at SFX from 6:30-8:30pm.

February 21st grades 6-12 at SFX from 6:30-8:30pm.

Youth Group Nights:

January 21st grades 6-12 (note grade change from original calendar) at Xavier Hall from 6:00-8:30pm.

February 3rd grades 6-12 from 4-8pm (note time change from original calendar) at Xavier Hall.

February 25th TREMOR for grades 4-5 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Gathering Place of SFX.

Diocesan Events:

Registration Deadline is Wednesday, January 17th for the Middle School Lock-in for grades 6-8 on January 27-28 beginning at 7pm at Sacred Heart. We will end our time at 6am at the St. Cloud YMCA.

Castaway 2024 Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN for youth in grades 9-12. **If you are interested in learning more about this retreat experience, please contact Jennifer before Wednesday, January 31st!**

****Watch Flocknote for more information and details on these events****

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