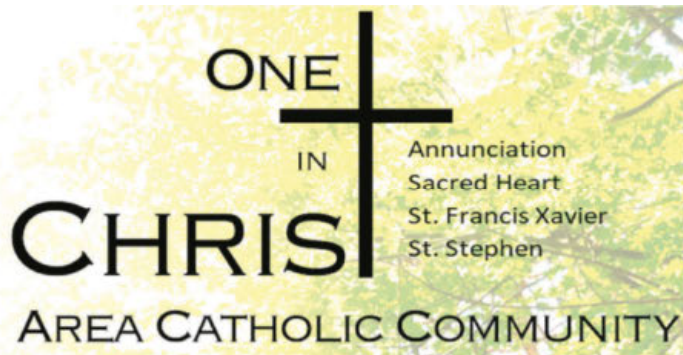


December 25, 2022  
The Nativity of the Lord



oneinchristacc.org

### Annunciation

9965 Mayhew Lake Road NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-252-1729 • oneinchristacc.org

### Sacred Heart

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 • sfrancissartell.org

### St. Stephen

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

### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday December 26</b> <i>St. Stephen</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<i>Word &amp; Communion</i> † Jerry Diedrich
<b>Tuesday December 27</b> <i>St. John</i>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>Sacred Heart</b>	<i>Word &amp; Communion</i> † Deceased members Carl & Angela Knettel family, Stanley & Maryann Legatt † Darline Johnson
<b>Wednesday December 28</b> <i>The Holy Innocents</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Norbert & Nancy Motzko † Edgar Wacha
<b>Thursday December 29</b> <i>St. Thomas Becket</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>Annunciation</b>	<i>Word &amp; Communion</i> † John Vouk † Jeff Rajkowski
<b>Friday December 30</b> <i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Dorothy Skudlarek <i>Int. Special Intention</i>
<b>Saturday December 31</b> <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	<b>Sacred Heart</b> <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b>	† Tom Roske † Carol Harren † Linda Douvier
<b>Sunday January 1, 2023</b> <i>Mary, The Holy Mother of God</i>	8:15 am 9:30 am 10:00 am 10:00 am	<b>Annunciation</b> <b>*St. Francis Xavier</b> <b>St. Stephen</b> <b>*Sacred Heart</b>	<i>For the People of the Parishes</i> <i>For the People of the Parishes</i> † Norma Vouk † Jerome Fiedler

### PASTORAL SERVICES

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays** 3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
4:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
7:50 pm St. Stephen  
**Sunday** 7:40 am Annunciation

**Anointing of the Sick**  
**Home Bound Communion**  
**Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests,**  
**Marriage and Baptism Preparation**  
If you have any of the above pastoral needs, please contact your Parish Office.

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

<b>Monday:</b>	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22	<b>Friday:</b>	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23
<b>Tuesday:</b>	1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 /Jn 20:1a, 2-8	<b>Saturday:</b>	1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 /Jn 1:1-18
<b>Wednesday:</b>	1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 /Mt 2:13-18	<b>Sunday:</b>	Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 (2a) /Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
<b>Thursday:</b>	1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 /Lk 2:22-35		

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



I join Fr. Ron and all of us in our One In Christ ACC to wish a most blessed Christmas to all of you and those you love.

What memories does this day hold for you? Maybe it is a cherished ornament or decoration that has been handed down the generations. A favorite cookie recipe from Grandma. The year the tree tipped over and took the Santa figurine with it. The long car ride to the relatives in the winter cold. The gift that you never imagined would actually appear in the stocking. The Christmas hymn that still brings a lump to your throat. The gift you gave that made another so joyful. We are all different people and have unique experiences.

For me, many of the most powerful Christmas memories are of silence, stillness, looking up at the stars in the night sky after the late Mass or sitting in a quiet and dimly lit church gazing at the manger scene. The meaning of what this day means at its core, behind all the other associations, comes home to me in those moments.

Silent Night, holy night ... the Christmas silence is not an empty nothingness, but an opportunity to quiet the noise that drowns out God's Voice, that we might hear the echoes of His Word in the deepest recesses of our being. We too are made through this Word, God's love speaking each one of us into life, calling us by name. He comes not in overwhelming power but in weakness, in the wordless simplicity of an Infant. The Christmas silence can bring us a soothing, calming, and peaceful Presence for the restlessness of our spirits, for Jesus has come, one who loves us without fail and without end.

Amid the busyness and fitting joy of celebrations with family and friends, I do hope you find some time for silence, to keep watch like Mary and Joseph on that silent night, that holy night, in loving awe at the Birth of this Child, all of God's promises kept. For with this one original Christmas Gift, we receive a joy beyond all sorrow, a light beyond all darkness, a hope beyond all weariness, a love that is greater even than death. Come, let us adore Him: Christ, the Lord.

**Fr. Tom**

**ITALY**  
*Assisi & Rome*  
**OFF THE BEATEN PATH**

**Fr. Steve Binsfeld**  
**October 18-28, 2023**

Accommodations	Tour Inclusions	More Information
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nine nights hotel accommodations in 4-star, centrally located hotels:</li> <li>• Four nights: Hotel Gioiolo, Assisi</li> <li>• Five nights: Hotel Ponte Sisto, Rome</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Breakfast daily, five dinners, one lunch and a special wine tasting</li> <li>• Private tour of the Vatican Museums &amp; Sistine Chapel</li> <li>• Masses for the group</li> <li>• Excellent local guide and deluxe motorcoach</li> <li>• Porterage of luggage</li> <li>• Personal headsets</li> <li>• Gratuities for local guides &amp; drivers</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Visit <a href="http://magitravelinc.com">magitravelinc.com</a> to register online and view more detailed information</li> <li>• Questions? Call Magi Travel at 952.949.0065 or email <a href="mailto:info@magitravelinc.com">info@magitravelinc.com</a></li> </ul>

Register online: [magitravelinc.com](http://magitravelinc.com)

**MAGI**

## ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Need help paying your Energy Bills? Greater Minnesota Gas, Inc. (GMG) would like to remind residential homeowners or renters of the Energy Assistance Program (EAP). This federally funded program helps pay for home heating costs, may assist with furnace repairs and could offer energy efficiency home upgrades for income qualified customers. Please call 1-800-657-3710 for Assistance. If you have any questions, please call us from 8:00 am –4:30 pm Monday—Friday.

## LEADERSHIP

**ACC Pastoral Leadership**

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 <a href="mailto:pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org">pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org</a>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Ron Weyrens</b> 320-252-1363, Ext.401 (days) Ext. 402 (night/weekends) <a href="mailto:rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org">rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org</a>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Joe Kresky</b> 320-251-8115 <a href="mailto:jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org">jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org</a>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Terry Jancik</b> 320-251-8115
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Steve Pareja</b> 320-761-2503
<b>Pastoral Associate</b>	<b>Sandee Kremers</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 403 <a href="mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org">skremers@stfrancissartell.org</a>

**Stewardship as a Way of Life:** “And the Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us...” — John 1:14

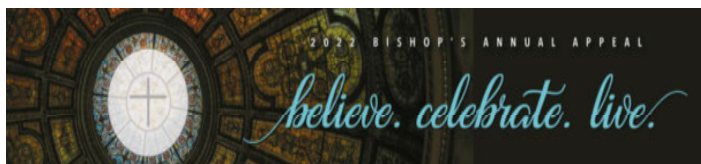
God made us to be in relationship with Him. He loves each of us individually. Through sin, our relationship with God was broken. He gave us Jesus to restore our relationship. Being a disciple of Jesus, we are given the model to obtain eternal life in Heaven. Christmas isn't about the material gifts we receive, it's about the love that God, Our Father, gave us by giving us His Son, Jesus — the best gift we could ever receive.

### ST. STEPHEN

The Acts of the Apostles tells the story of St. Stephen, the first Christian martyr. A man filled with grace and power, he worked great wonders among the people. Some Jews debated with St. Stephen but could not match his wisdom and spirit. Eventually, a charge of blasphemy was brought up against him, and the local population demanded that he be tried and sentenced. He was seized and carried before the Sanhedrin. Despite the danger he faced, in front of the Sanhedrin and his accusers, St. Stephen gave a long speech about the history of Israel and the blessings that God had given upon His chosen people. He talked about how Israel had become disobedient despite God's abundant mercy. This enraged his accusers, and eventually the crowd dragged him out of the city and stoned him to death. Even in his final moments, St. Stephen displayed great forgiveness and even asked God not to hold the sins of his attackers against them. Hundreds of years after his death, he is still a role model for us to follow.  
©LPI

### SAVE THE DATE

On January 22<sup>nd</sup> in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall, we will have live entertainment, a chili challenge AND the drawing for the raffle prizes! We all know in Minnesota it is going to be cold on January 22<sup>nd</sup>, why not come in, warm up, visit with people and enjoy entertainment at the church?! See Sacred Heart Section for more details.



Christ is born! Our mission is to be **His** heart of mercy, voice of hope, and hands of justice. The ministries supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal are at the heart of this mission. They provide assistance, education and pastoral care to people throughout our diocese. Please consider a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### BAPTISMS

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

**Scarlett Opal Rosha**, daughter of Derek & Mary who was baptized at Sacred Heart



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE



III Zechary Klindt & Taylor Daniels  
Sacred Heart

### YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

#### Young Adult Christmas Gathering

Join us for a fun Mexican Christmas Tradition on Friday, January 6th from 7:00 - 10:00 pm!  
Additional information can be found on our GroupMe or by contacting Jason Prigge.

#### Young Adult Bible Study

Our new series studying the Acts of the Apostles continues on Thursday, January 5th at St. Francis Xavier in Xavier Hall. We'll be starting with chapter 4 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm. See the website or contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486) for details.

#### Theology on Draft

After a month off - we are excited to be gathering at Olde Brick House on Thursday, January 12th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Our speaker will be Jeff Kaster, retired professor from the School of Theology at Saint John's University. He will be breaking open more data for us to understand, 'Where is everybody going?' So, if you liked Matt Reichert in October, you'll sure enjoy January! Food is on us, drinks are your responsibility. All are welcome!



## 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.

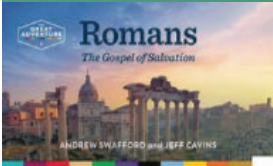
## TABLE FOR TWO

### Help plan our upcoming Tables for Two event!

Tables for Two returns on Saturday, February 18, 2023 at Sacred Heart. This gourmet, 5-course meal for married couples is designed to enhance communication and connection in an elegant setting.

If you'd like to help us put the finishing touches on planning (menu, environment, etc.), please join us on **Saturday, January 7, 2023 at 10 am in the Sacred Heart hospitality room.** The meeting and the event are open to all four parishes in our ACC. For more information, contact Maureen Otremba at (320) 309-5063.

## BIBLE STUDY/THE BOOK OF ROMANS



We are starting a new bible study in January. We will meet on Sunday evenings for 8 weeks beginning January 15<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm in the St.

Stephen Church hall. Please contact Carol Hellmann at the St. Stephen Church office to register no later than December 11 so materials can be ordered. Cost: \$30 (couples are welcome to share one book). Questions? Call Mike or Julie at 320-248-6823.



## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Hours: Mon-Fri 2:00 –6:00 PM**

ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

ststephenfaith@gmail.com

### Financial Offerings - Dec. 10 & 11

Adults	\$1,743.00
Plate	296.10
Immaculate Conception	464.00
Christmas	250.00
Religious Retirement	520.00
Online Giving: Dec 3-9	260.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$3,533.10</b>
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget:	\$2,740.00

### Christmas flowers in memory of:

Naomia Schultenover      Clarence Justin  
 Joe & Gertrude Hellmann  
 Mary Ann & Stanley Legatt  
 Edwin & Virginia Kowitz      Dennis Smoley  
 Charles & Lucille Nienaber      BJ Legatt  
 James & Eleanor Maier  
 Elizabeth Gillen      Carol Cropper  
 (George) Fiedler family      Donald Vouk  
 Robert Slivnik      Roger Trobec  
 Tillman & Jenny Knapp  
 Verdell Rudolph      Margaret Robich



**Faith Formation:** December 28 - NO CLASSES

**Ministry Schedule for January 14-March 26:** If there are dates you know you will be unavailable please call or email the office by **December 31**. This schedule will include Ash Wednesday (Feb. 22) Mass at 7:00 PM. New servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers & ushers always welcomed.

**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 **Rusty Nail** at noon followed by cards. Cost is \$6.00 per meal.

**Monthly Lunch & Learn -** There will be **NO** Lunch & Learn in January. The next date will be February 16.

**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 Dec 11, 2022

Adult Collection.....	\$22,458.33
Children's Collection.....	\$13.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$390.00
Christmas.....	\$430.00
Friends in Need.....	\$35.00

Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$19,673

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Christmas Decoration Take-Down** will take place immediately after the 9am Mass on Sunday, January 8th. We will be removing tree decorations, fabric, flowers, the Nativity scene and vacuuming (Bring a hand held vacuum if you have one) Any questions, call Jill K in the office.

**Winter Raffle** Do you know of anyone that would like to buy a raffle ticket? You can pick some up in the office to sell! Or, how great would it be if you bought someone a ticket as a gift and they won the \$2,500 cash prize?!? What a great gift! Tickets can be purchased in the office.



**Pictorial Directory** Have you signed up to have your picture taken? We still have slots the week after Christmas and January 20/21. Go to [ucdir.com](http://ucdir.com) church code mn279a password photos (all case sensitive.) Or if you don't want to have your photo taken you can submit a photo for \$15, then you would get a directory!

**Volunteers** We are also looking for volunteers to check people in for their photo session. Sign ups are in the gathering space or you can call Vicki in the office or email at [vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)

**Breakfast Hosts for Youth Bible Study** We are looking for some parishioners to host Breakfast for our young people. To learn more or to volunteer please contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486 or [jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)).



## 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: Gloria, Margaret Couch & Jimmy James Jr.

**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 6** WNL is taking a week off - see you at Waldo!

**Where's Waldo Hunt** Please check your email for information

**5th Grade Youth Ministry** 5th graders of Sacred Heart, SKD or anywhere really... Save the date for Wednesday, January 25th, for your very first Youth Ministry event! More details to come soon. Contact Jason Prigge for questions.

**Breakfast and Bible Study** Grades 6 - 12 are welcome to attend a free breakfast and bible study at Sacred Heart on the first Friday of each month before school. Our next Breakfast and Bible Study will be on Friday, January 6th from 7:00 - 7:55 am.



## FAITH FORMATION

One of my favorite hymns in the Christmas season is "Joy to the World." The word "Joy" seems so fitting for how my first few months as Director of Faith Formation have been at Sacred Heart. I am joyful to be part of a caring, passionate staff at Sacred Heart that seeks to share the Good News of Jesus to all in the parish and community. I am joyful to see the committed Catechists, God Squad, and Sacred Heart Cafe team make Wednesday Night Faith Formation a special place where families encounter Christ. Finally, I am joyful to see so many families make faith a priority by participating in Faith Formation. I pray that you all have a safe and blessed Christmas and New Year and find peace and joy in this special time of celebration. -Scott

## THANK YOU'S

**Choir Members** Thank you to our choir members, bell choir members, musicians, and cantors who put in additional rehearsal time to make our Christmas Masses beautiful!

**Catholic United Financial** would like to thank everyone who donated gifts for the Giving Tree. Your generosity will benefit many area families. The organizations that these gifts were donated to are Anna Marie's, Elevate (Birthline), Catholic Charities, Place of Hope, and the VA. They were very grateful for the gifts they received. We wish everyone a Blessed Christmas season.



**Craft and Bake Sale** Thank you to everyone who supported the craft and bake sale held by St. Monica's Society by either making or purchasing items.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 25; 10am—Christmas Day Mass
- December 26; Office Closed for Christmas
- December 27-30; Directory Pictures
- December 28; 9am—Photo/Waldo Hunt
- 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
- December 31; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

#### Income for Sunday, December 11th, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$2,755.00
Visitor	\$244.50
Youth	\$14.00
Votive Candle	\$4.99
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Building Fund	\$155.00
Christmas Flowers	\$138.00
Immaculate Conception	\$637.00
Christmas	\$120.00
Religious Retirement	\$485.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00
Funeral Lunch	\$252.63
Breakfast/Bake Sale	\$25.00
Bishop's Appeal	\$700.00
Religious Ed Retreat	\$20.00
Total Income	\$5,584.12
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

### Mass Schedule

#### Sun. January 1st, 2023, 8:15am Mass

**Lector:** Jill Brenny

**Eucharist:** Rita Knott(H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Lori Popp(C)

**Servers:** Cole Lentner and Mariah Simmons

**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom

**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Dan Brenny



**Happy Birthday:** Thomas Brand, Ann Klein, Tom Lentner, Jake Peck, Duane Thene, David Herbst, Breanna Skroch.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes Wednesday 6:30pm:

No Class Dec. 28th and Jan. 4th, Classes: Jan. 11th, Jan. 18th, Jan. 25th.

**CONGRATULATIONS 2ND GRADERS** Congratulations to our 2nd grade students who received their First Reconciliation in December in preparation for their upcoming First Communion.

**Pierce Leo Athman**

**Sarah Ann Dinnebier**

**Nora Jean Fitch**

**Kendall John Gerads**

**Owen Gene Kaeter**

**Dominic Richard Marshik**

**Lexi Lynn Schyma**

**Lilly Lorraine Skroch**

**Quinn Nicole Skroch**

**Porter Thomas Wilaby**

Thank you to Father Tom Knoblach, Shirley Scapanski, Jenessa Strande and Tracy Wollak for their faith filled guidance and preparation for this sacrament.

**PICTURES FOR THE PICTORAL DIRECTORY** The last two days pictures will be taken here at Mayhew Lake are on Tues. January 3rd and Wed. January 4th. Please sign up if you have not done so yet. We would really like it if we have a complete book of all of our parishioners. If you have any questions or issues, please call the parish office for help.

**CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST** Please plan to join the Confirmation Students for Breakfast on Sunday, January 22nd. Everyone Welcome.

*Merry Christmas to All.*

## 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-Friday

**Parish Nurses** Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135  
Julie Kouba 701-721-5083

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget ..... \$20,192.31

Financial Information not available  
at time of Printing

### PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

There are a few openings for photos on **December 30<sup>th</sup>** for the pictorial directory. **AND, Tuesday & Wednesday, January 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023** have been added. Online sign-up **during the week** can be done at [www.ucdir.com](http://www.ucdir.com). Click on the Photography Appt. Scheduling Log-in button. Our church code is **MN279B** and the password is **photos**. Online is shut off on the weekends and we'll have the sign-up sheets in the gathering place. OR call the parish office and Becky, Jane or Tom will help you get signed up. Photos are taken in our Xavier Hall building on the north side of our campus. Go to the main door (X2) or the ramp door (X1) if needed. You get a FREE 8x10 photo and a FREE directory for getting your photo taken. You will have the option to purchase more, but it is NOT required. We want you in the directory – sign-up today! Getting some help – thank you! Looking for a few more as greeter/check-in help. **Tuesday, November 27<sup>th</sup> – 1:45 to 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 28<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 8:30pm, Thursday, December 29<sup>th</sup> 5:30 to 8:30pm and Friday, December 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:30pm.** Help will be needed in January now too.

If you are able do parts of any of the open shifts, your help is welcomed and greatly appreciated. Call Tom in the parish office with your offer to help. Thank you. And, thanks to the helpers who have volunteered already and those on the schedule for the next round. Your help is appreciated!

### MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC SCHOOL!

We hope you find joy, peace and love as you celebrate the birth of Jesus. Jesus not only comes into our lives as a baby on Christmas morning; he comes into our lives each and every moment of our day. Here at SFX School, Jesus is with us in the friendly smile of a teacher, the laughter of children playing together, and the helpful hands of our cooks and custodians. Please watch for information about our January open houses at St. Francis Xavier School. If you are interested in attending one of our open houses or would like a personal tour please call the office at 320-252-9940. We would love to show you around our beautiful school.

Heidi Schloe, Principal

**JANUARY HELP NEEDED AT CATHOLIC CHARITIES FOOD SHELF**

Every month, Catholic Charities Food Shelf relies on members of a local parish to assist them with operating the Food Shelf. Decades ago, many local Catholic and Lutheran churches committed to one month of service annually. St. Francis Xavier Parish is one of the Catholic Charities partners in the battle against hunger in our area.

This is our opportunity to be the hands and feet of Christ as we work side by side with people in need. The food shelf is open **Mondays Noon to 3:00pm, Wednesdays 11:00am to 7:00pm (3 shifts), and Fridays from 11:00am to 3:00pm**. 3 helpers are needed for most shifts. There is a 5:00pm to 7:00pm Wednesday night shift that would work well for youth. Catholic Charities just asks them to be 16 or older. The sign-up genius is great way to look at open shifts. We will also have sign-up sheets in the gathering place on weekends OR call the parish office and we can help you sign up. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040944A9A62FABFF2-food>

**THANK YOU**

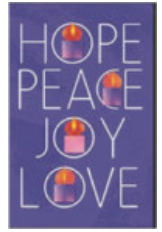
A great big thank you to all who donated to the Giving Tree this year. It was a great way to show your love this Christmas. All who benefited from your generosity were very appreciative. Thank you.

**AN ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING**

**Keeping it simple and making a DIFFERENCE!**

Thank you to everyone who donated to An Advent for Almsgiving. It was a great success and we are grateful for all who shared their time, talent and treasures. Merry Christmas to all.

The donations went to Pathways 4 Youth, Salvation Army & Catholic Charities.




**NEW MASS TIME COMING TO SFX**

St. Francis Xavier will be changing its Saturday evening Mass time from 5pm to **4pm**, effective **Saturday, January 14, 2023**. This change comes after consulting with the OIC Planning Council and considering several factors. One consideration was being able to offer an additional Mass time, rather than the current schedule where both Sacred Heart and St. Francis Xavier offer Mass at 5pm. Another consideration was being able to offer an earlier Mass time on Saturday evening for those who do not like to drive in the dark during the winter. A third consideration was our presiders and retired priests. We currently benefit from a number of retired priests, but we may not always have this luxury. A change to 4pm at St. Francis Xavier would allow for a better break before a presider would need to go to St. Stephen for 7pm Mass should we need to cover the Saturday schedule with only 2 priests. Please watch for details regarding a revised schedule for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Thank you for your understanding.

<p><b>LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS</b> Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!</p> <p><b>CONTACT ME Gina Shaughnessy</b></p> <p><a href="mailto:gshaughnessy@4LPi.com">gshaughnessy@4LPi.com</a> • (800) 950-9952 x2487</p>	 <p><b>GDS GARAGE DOOR STORE</b> POWERED BY API Group</p> <p>There is no job too big or too small, The Garage Door Store can do it all! Sales, Service, and Installation Your Satisfaction is our mission!</p> <p>Call us or stop in to see our show room 320-251-7000 900 W. Division Street • Walte Park, MN 56387</p>	 <p><b>MOTORWORKS Auto Repair</b></p> <p>COMPLETE AUTO REPAIR We Service All Makes &amp; Models</p> <p><b>Sauk Rapids 320-253-2262</b> <b>Sartell 320-259-8539</b> <b>St. Augusta 320-259-6113</b></p> <p><a href="http://www.motorworksauto.com">www.motorworksauto.com</a></p>	
<p><b>Cornerstone Insurance Agency</b> Auto - Home - Farm - Life - Commercial <a href="http://www.cornerstoneinsurances.com">www.cornerstoneinsurances.com</a> ST. STEPHEN, MN • <b>320-202-8920</b></p> 	<p><b>jmaiers CPA, LLC</b> JOSEPH E. MAIERS, CPA &amp; NICOLE PROM, CPA 320.774.2941 <a href="http://jmaiers.com">jmaiers.com</a></p>	<p><b>Mark Skudlarek</b> Realtor/Owner (320) 290-1264 <a href="mailto:mjskudlarek@yahoo.com">mjskudlarek@yahoo.com</a> Over 32 years experience in assisting buyers and sellers.</p>  	<p><b>(320) 251-5383</b> <a href="http://wipplerhardware.com">wipplerhardware.com</a></p>  <p>8 North Benton Drive Sauk Rapids</p> <hr/> <p><b>Sentra-Sota</b> COMMERCIAL AND ARCHITECTURAL SHEET METAL (320) 252 3992 <a href="http://www.sentra-sota.com">www.sentra-sota.com</a></p> 

**SUPPORT OUR ADVERTISERS!**

<p><b>Nelson</b> Family Owned &amp; Operated Since 1979 Portable &amp; Luxury Restrooms Septic Pumping - Hydro Vac Services <b>(320) 393-2787 • RICE, MN</b> <a href="http://NelsonSanitation.com">NelsonSanitation.com</a></p>	<p><b>MIMBACH FLEET SUPPLY</b> Employee Owned Since 1996 3355 Quail Rd NE, • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 <b>(320) 252-1682</b></p>	<p><b>FREE AD DESIGN</b> with purchase of this space</p>  <p><b>CALL 800-950-9952</b></p>	<p>Place Your Ad Here and Support our Parish!</p> <p>Instantly create and purchase an ad with</p> <p><b>AD CREATOR STUDIO</b></p>   <p><a href="http://4lpi.com/adcreator">4lpi.com/adcreator</a></p>
<p><b>stangl&amp;jaskowiak</b> 1428 2<sup>nd</sup> Street N, PO Box 660 Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 320-252-9972 <a href="http://www.stjsk.com">www.stjsk.com</a></p>	<p><b>KIFFMEYER PLUMBING</b> 320-253-3159 Sauk Rapids, MN <a href="http://www.kiffmeyerplumbing.com">www.kiffmeyerplumbing.com</a></p> 		



**Omann Insurance Agency**  
Sartell • 253-6822  
GRINNELL MUTUAL

320 251 5933  
mstrack@strackco.com  
strackco.com

**STRACK construction, inc**  
715 15th Avenue NE • St Joseph, MN 56374

**insight**  
SCHEDULE YOUR EYE EXAM!  
InsightEyeCare.us | (320) 253-0365

Welcome HOME to Brenny  
Your TRUCKING career starts HERE!  
320.363.6999

**INH Properties**  
Stoabe, Hiller, Nathaniel & Co.  
Property Experts Since 1981  
(320) 252.2000  
www.inhproperties.com

**Hyytinen-Trobec Family Dental**  
Jeffrey G. Hyytinen, DDS • Paul M. Trobec, DDS  
320.393.2215 • www.hyytintrobectofamilydental.com

**RED'S TRANSFER & STORAGE, INC.**  
Family owned since 1954  
(320) 251-2833  
www.redstransfer.com

**ALL STAR CONCRETE**  
Driveways • Sidewalks • Patios  
(320) 420-0371 • allstarconcretemn.com

**WILLIAMS INTEGRACARE CLINIC**  
• Medical • Chiropractic • Physical Therapy  
320-251-2600  
100 South 2<sup>ND</sup> Street • Sartell, MN 56377

**LET'S GROW YOUR BUSINESS**  
Place Your Ad Here and Support Our Parish!  
**CONTACT ME Gina Shaughnessy**  
gshaughnessy@4LPi.com • (800) 950-9952 x2487

**Cornerstone ag services**  
5 Central Ave. N St. Stephen, MN 56375  
(320) 257 - CROP(2767)

**MAHOWALD**  
More Than Insurance  
320.251.3751  
Mahowald.net

**BentonTrophy**  
800 Industrial Dr. S. Suite 205 • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
bentontrophy.com

**Heims FEEDS**  
A Tradition of Milling Excellence  
Since 1900

**HEIM MILLING COMPANY**  
32311 COUNTY ROAD 1  
ST. CLOUD, MN 56303  
Feed Manufacturers and Distributors  
Phone 1-800-462-6488 / 320-251-7033

**St. Stephen Tree & Steam**  
Tree Removal, Trimming, Hedges, Stump Grinding, Steam Cleaning of Dirty Siding, Concrete Moldy Retaining Walls, Ice Dam Removal  
28 Years Experience  
320-360-6148

**ST. CLOUD BOOKSHOP**  
23 7th Ave S, Downtown St. Cloud  
(320) 252-1152 • stcloudbookshop.com

**Rapid Rain, Inc.**  
Underground Sprinklers Installation and Service  
(320) 252-1188 • Jason Schlichting

**HANSEN FLOORING GALLERY**  
YOUR PERSONALIZED FLOOR STORE & MORE!  
www.HansenFlooringGallery.com

**THE LIQUOR SHOPPE ON 25TH**  
Serving the St. Cloud area since 1973  
532 25th Ave. North • St. Cloud, MN 56303  
320-251-5685 theliquorshoppe.com  
Long Time Parishioner

Ellen C. Morris, D.D.S.  
Mikala Gaffke, D.D.S.  
**Riverside Dental**  
Sartell • 253-8241

**K.yes**  
AM180 • FM93.5  
Proudly Airing Relevant Radio™

**Erkens Water**  
320-685-8762  
Softeners • Iron Filters  
Drinking Water

**LYON SHEET METAL & HEATING**  
• RESIDENTIAL-COMMERCIAL  
Heating & Air Conditioning  
BRYANT SALES-SERVICE INSTALLATION  
Free Estimates • 24 Hr. Service  
235 Stearns Dr. • Sauk Rapids  
252-1371

**Jason Zwilling**  
cell: 320-248-1733  
TREE TRIMMING, TREE REMOVAL, STUMP GRINDING,  
LOT CLEARING & FIRE WOOD AVAILABLE

**Granite City REAL ESTATE**  
Commercial & Investment Property  
Mike Bobick, Senior Broker, CCIM/Parishioner  
320-333-2692 • mikeb@granitecityproperties.com

**PineCone Vision Center**  
Comprehensive Eye Care  
2180 Troop Drive  
(320) 258-3915  
www.pineconevisioncenter.com

**BD EXTERIORS**  
Residential | Commercial  
License #BC326161 • Licensed | Bonded | Insured  
Because you want it DONE RIGHT  
320-229-2855 • bdxteriors.com

**WE'RE HIRING!**  
AD SALES EXECUTIVES  
BE YOURSELF. BRING YOUR PASSION. WORK WITH PURPOSE.  
• Paid training • Some travel  
• Work-life balance  
• Full-Time with benefits  
• Serve your community  
Contact us at careers@4lpi.com or www.4lpi.com/careers

**Chris Paulsen**  
Stucco, Plastering & Drywall  
Residential • Commercial  
(320) 248-9255 • St. Cloud

**WE APPRECIATE OUR ADVERTISERS!**  
They allow us to print this bulletin. Thank you!

**DALE GRUBER CONSTRUCTION**  
320-251-4956  
DaleGruberConstruction.com

**KRAMER FINANCIAL**  
INVESTING WITH A PLAN  
James Kramer III, MBA, CFP®  
1260 32nd Ave N • St. Cloud  
KramerFinancial.org • 320.253.8256  
Investments. Carefully Selected. Thoughtfully Combined.  
Securities offered through LPL Financial. Member FINRA/SIPC.

**ChemDry**  
Locally Owned & Operated for over 25 years  
By - Jeff & Tracy Swenson  
of St. Cloud  
We are your Healthy Home Specialists. We Clean:  
Wood & Vinyl Flooring • Carpet • Upholstery  
Granite Counter Top Renewal  
www.chemdryofstcloud.com

**CentralMN REALTY**  
YOUR LOCAL REALTOR  
Megan Euteneuer  
(320) 333-5913

**centrasota oral surgeons**  
Michael J. Schiff, D.D.S., Parishioner  
Wisdom Teeth • Dental Implants • Extractions • Anesthesia  
320-252-3611 | centrasotaoms.com

**WE HAUL FOR YOU**  
PROFESSIONAL MOVERS FOR YOUR HOME OR BUSINESS  
DOUG LEGATT  
320.250.2855  
www.wehaulforu.com

**SCHMIDT INSURANCE**  
• Home • Farm • Auto  
• Business • Health • Life  
Agents Who Really Care!  
320.356.9440  
www.schmidtinsuranceagency.com

**ST. JOAN OF ARC ACADEMY**  
JOYFULLY CATHOLIC. DIFFERENT BY DESIGN.  
A new classical academy aimed at helping every student know, love and serve God.  
\*\*Now enrolling for Fall 2022!\*\*  
sjaacademy.org

**MID-STATE TILE Co.**  
CERAMIC TILE SALES AND INSTALLATION  
Tom Meyer • Mike Hoden  
Serving Entire Area Since 1931

"When you need to sell some real estate, let us bring peace to you."  
(320) 493-5145  
www.AaronTrompeter.com

**McDowall company**  
A Five Generation Company  
ROOFING AND MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS  
Waite Park, MN • 320-251-8640  
www.mcdowallco.com

**Gratitude Counseling LLC**  
Helping families, individuals, and children heal.  
320-316-3550  
www.gratitudecounseling.com

**WILLIAMS DINGMANN FAMILY FUNERAL HOMES**  
www.williamsdingmann.com  
320-251-1454

**CR COUNSELOR REALTY**  
AARON TROMPETER, Broker, MSEd, 12B

**Independent Insurance Consultants**  
656-5828  
Specializing in affordable Medicare Insurance

**Midway Iron & Metal**  
Proud to be Family & American Owned!  
SCRAP METAL RECYCLING (320) 258-3033 NEW METAL SALES

Call **TRAUT**  
• Wells • Pumps • Softeners • Lawn Sprinklers  
251-5090

**KELM & REUTER, P.A.**  
ATTORNEYS WHO MAKE A DIFFERENCE™  
(320)251-1423  
www.kelmreuter.com

**PETRON**  
Heating & Air Conditioning, Inc.  
3883 155th St N.E. • Rice, MN 56367  
Jim Petron • (320) 393-2692  
Free Estimates

**ADT-Monitored Home Security**  
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust  
• Burglary • Fire Safety • Flood Detection • Carbon Monoxide  
833-287-3502