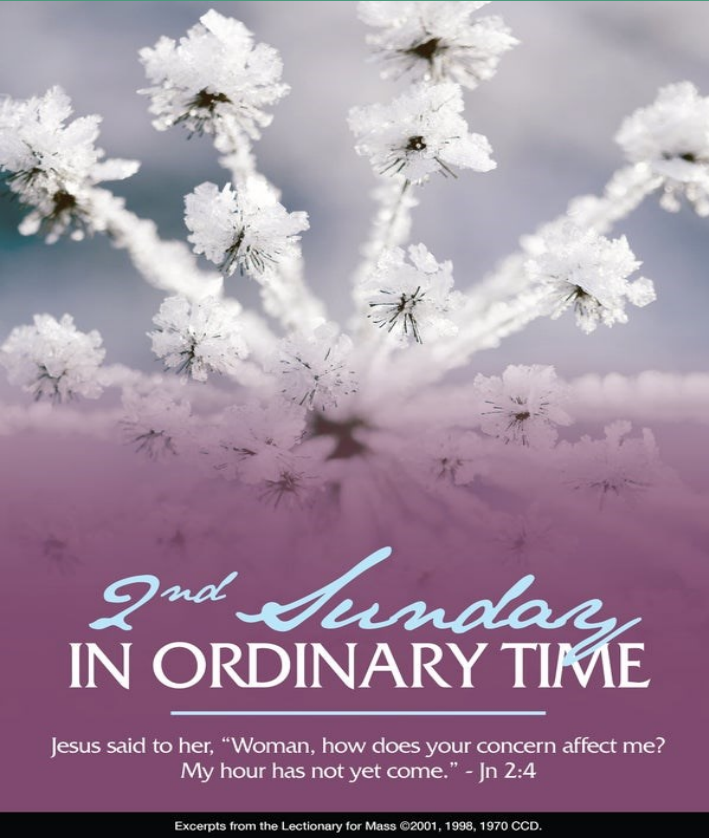


January 16, 2022
2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



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MASS TIMES

Monday Jan 17 <i>St. Anthony</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Tuesday Jan 18 <i>Weekday</i>	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Virginia Brand
Wednesday Jan 19 <i>Weekday</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Thursday Jan 20 <i>St. Fabian</i>	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Joe & Matildia Warzecha Family
Friday Jan 21 <i>St. Agnes</i>	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Jerry Harjes
Saturday Jan 22 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Brian Plantenberg
Sunday Jan 23 <i>3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Linda Ley
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† George & Martha Mehr
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	Bernard Family Health
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Spencer Yurrick
	5:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Mary Bronder
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes
	8:15 am	Annunciation	† Dan Slimmer
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Robert Stuckey
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Shirley Nord
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Jerry Pantzke

*Livestreamed Mass

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
4 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

Monday:	1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22	Friday:	1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11 /Mk 3:13-19
Tuesday:	1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28	Saturday:	2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21
Wednesday:	1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6	Sunday:	Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21
Thursday:	1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12		

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari....

Even though we are no longer in the Christmas season, we find echoes of it in today's readings. The Gospel account of the miracle at the wedding at Cana brings us the third event that was once part of the Solemnity of the Epiphany: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of the Lord, and the wedding at Cana. All three were events that revealed who Jesus really was and pointed to his mission.

Look closely at the wedding at Cana account. There is only a passing reference to the groom. The bride is not mentioned at all. No interaction with Jesus and the couple. The passage seemingly gives no insight to married or family life.

What is the lesson of this miracle story? Scripture scholar Mary McGlone writes, "The two characters who really matter in this story are Jesus and his mother. John invites us to this wedding because marriage is the favorite scriptural symbol of God's desire for loving union with humanity. But this wedding is short on wine; the relationship between God and the people is sorely lacking in the love and joy that were the reasons for which God initiated the relationship.

That problem brings Jesus' mother to center stage. John never names her, not because he didn't know her name, but because throughout his Gospel she symbolizes more than her own person and moment in history. Here, Mary represents the people of God, the chosen ones through whom God eventually sent the Messiah to the world. With exquisite simplicity, she only says, "They have no wine." Those words described Israel's plight; the lack of the wine that symbolizes the joy of life and love was intolerable.

Jesus' response to Mary has various translations; it is an idiom in the language of diplomacy among Jesus' people. If we translate it as, "Woman, what does that have to do with us?" we begin to understand the dynamic at play. First of all, by addressing her as "woman," Jesus has picked up on the wedding theme. He addresses her not as his mother, but as Israel who is called to be the spouse of God. Jesus' question implies that they represent the two sides of the covenant which is in need of attention.

Here for the first time, Jesus mentions his hour, the reason for his being. He tells Mary that his hour has not come. Jesus' hour, the fulfillment of his vocation to unite humanity with God, is a decisive moment, but it is also a reality wherever he is present. Thus, although his hour has not "come," (his passion and death) it is already in process.

We know the rest of the story. The six stone jars, as empty as the law once engraved on Moses' stone tablets, are waiting to be filled with newness. The wine that came from the jars symbolized divine love offered again, just when people recognized their need. At Cana, Jesus performed the first and primary of his signs. The wedding feast symbolized the renewed covenant. At this wedding feast, Jesus acted out a living parable of the announcement he made in the Nazareth synagogue: "Today, this is fulfilled among you." (*Celebration January 2019, p 19.*)

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Today we are called to be both Mary and the servants. In our prayer we call out to God and express our need to be renewed through his love. As servants we are to respond to God's invitation to bring the wine of his love to others, by reaching out to end prejudice and discrimination, standing up and protect the sacredness of human life, and recognizing the immigrant as our brother or sister in Christ.

On a personal note, I thank you for the Christmas wishes and gifts you sent my way. I am touched by your thoughtfulness and generosity.

Fr. Ron

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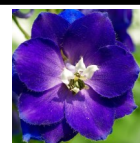
Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.



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

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STEWARDSHIP

A lifestyle of Stewardship is possible out of love for one another.

He loves each of us as there is only one of us - Aristotle

A popular phrase used to side step conflicting opinions is, "You be you and I'll be me." Is this how Jesus taught we should live with one another?

The second great commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself (Matthew 22.39).

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



II Jena Sattler & Adam Imholte
St. Francis Xavier.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Young Adult Mass and a Meal

Mass and a meal is back! Join us for 5 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier on January 29th and meet in the Gathering Space. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Contact Jason Prigge @ (320.281.9486) if you have questions.

TOUR THE WORLD

HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

September 12-23, 2022

Join Fr. Steve Binsfeld on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Spend 4 nights on the Sea of Galilee, visiting the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the neighborhood of the Holy Family and sites of Jesus' public ministry: Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Way of the Cross with Jesus' tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit Bethlehem and Shepherds Field and Ein Karem—place of the Visitation and John the Baptist's birth. Celebrate Mass every day in a site sacred to our faith. For more information, call **Magi Travel** at 952-949-0065, visit www.magitravelinc.com or email Fr. Steve Binsfeld at frsteve@stmaryalexandria.org

HELP WANTED

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

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers the family of Rodney Fischer who passed away January 2nd from St. Stephen.

Eternal Rest grant unto him.



FREE THROW CONTEST

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

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

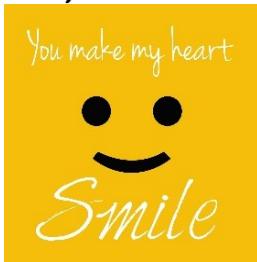
This event is sponsored annually by the Knights of Columbus with winners from the local level advancing to district, region, and state competitions. All contestants from the local level are recognized for their participation in the event and the winners at each level receive a trophy. Participants register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

JR. HIGH MISSION TRIP

Spots are filling fast for our Jr. High Mission Trip to Duluth! Dates are June 5 - 10, 2022, cost is \$325. Applications and details can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/youthministry or by contacting your youth minister. Applications and a \$50 **non-refundable** deposit were due Wed. December 15th!

NEED A SMILE

Do you know of someone who would enjoy a "check in" phone call, a visit or Eucharist?



Winter can be very long for those who cannot get out much. We are here to make those who need a "pick me up" SMILE. ☺

Please contact Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363 x 1103 or Joe Kresky at 320-251-8115.

END OF LIFE PLANNING

A Catholic Perspective

Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End of Life Planning from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life issues: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about "Death with Dignity"? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Father Tom Knoblach will address these questions and will provide steps for putting together a valid Catholic Health Care Directive during this workshop on Jan. 24th at Sacred Heart Parish at 10 am and 6 pm. Gregory Gall, Regional Manager of Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end of life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. Contact local Representative Gary Gall for more details: ggall@catholicunited.org. Please call 320-251-8115 to RSVP for this event.



YOU ARE INVITED TO ATTEND A TEC RETREAT



TEC IS BACK!

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

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

wanting to find God again after taking some time away.

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

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

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

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



OPEN HOUSE

February 1, 2022

5:00 - 6:30 PM

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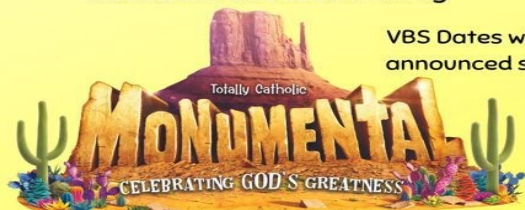


VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL SUMMER 2022

It might still be winter, but we will begin planning Vacation Bible School in January.

If you are interested in helping plan this MONUMENTAL week, please contact Melissa at 320-761-2217 or mfox@stfrancissasrtell.org

VBS Dates will be announced soon!



ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Office Hours: M-F 2:00 - 6:00 pm

ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings - Jan. 8 & 9

Adult.....	\$ 1,263.00
Plate.....	150.00
Children.....	2.00
Online Giving Dec 31-Jan 7.....	910.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,325.00

Weekly Adult & Online needed for budget: 2,500.00

Finance & Parish Council will meet on Tuesday, Jan. 18. Finance Council will meet at 7:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Parish Council will meet at 7:30. The agendas will be emailed to Council members.

Religious Ed upcoming meals:

January 19: Tacos

January 26: No Class - Teacher Inservice

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

Thank You! The family of Alice Hlebain would like to

thank everyone for their gracious support at her passing. Thank you, Fr. Ron, the choir and everyone who helped to honor her. Thank you also to Mother of Mercy Senior Living and staff for the care she received.

Prayer Line: If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please call the office to have your prayer request added to the Prayer Line.



Upcoming Events:

Feb 8 - Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm

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

Well n Fit exercise classes with Lorene Deford will be held on Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall.



Helping Hands Outreach

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

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

Feet First Clinic is the 1st Wednesday of the even months, 2:00-3:00 pm. The next one will be Feb. 2nd. Please call for an appointment - 746-9960.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729

annunciation@cloudnet.com

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, January 9th, 2022

Adult Sunday \$2,980.01

Visitor \$36.00

Youth \$0.00

Solemnity of Mary \$25.00

Votive Candle \$2.00

Mass Schedule

Sun January 23rd, 2022, 8:15 am Mass

Lector: John Koenig

Eucharist: Karla Koenig

Servers: Reid Kiffmeyer and Mariah Simmons

Greeters: Cailyn Fleck

Ushers: Jeff & Lisa Popp, John & Barb Bemboom



Happy Birthday: Lynda Gans, Tim Scapanski, Lane Jurek, Maralyn Larson, Sandra Rajkowski, Thomas Knott, Sarah Larson, Kimberly Dahler, Kyle Haus, Jeremy Janson, Janice Hinkemeyer.

Religious Education:

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

Wed. Jan. 26, Religious Ed Classes—Feed my starving children.

Confessions at Annunciation:

Sundays from 7:45am-8:05am

Worldwide Marriage Encounter "Yet, O LORD, you are our father; we are the clay and you the potter; we are all the work of your hands." The next Weekends are Feb 11-13, 2022 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 18-20, 2022 in WINDOM, MN. For more info, call Brent & Tracy Chessen at 612-756-8720 or visit them at northmnwwme.org.

Thank You to everyone for helping with the putting up and taking down of all the Christmas decorations this year. We had a really good group of workers and your help was very much appreciated.



Thank You also: from the family of Barney & Linda Molitor for all the cards, prayers, well wishes, food, help with farm chores during Barney and Linda's hospital stay and help with preparing for the wake and funeral. Also all those who helped set up, work and clean up at Sacred Heart for the funeral. Your generosity and kindness was so very much appreciated.

Thank You.



Cupcakes for Life: Will be sold after Mass on Sunday, January 23rd. A free-will offering will be accepted for the purchase of cupcakes.

SACRED HEART PARISH

Contact: Jill Lieser — 320-251-8115, X114
parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Office Hours: Monday – Closed
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-4pm

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Christmas Masses Jan 9, 2022

Adult Collection.....\$12,415.12
Children's Collection.....\$2.01
Christmas.....\$545.00

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

FINANCIAL UPDATE

We are 27 weeks into the fiscal year (51.9%). Regular and adult giving is at \$451,222. This puts us at 54.7% of our budgeted amount. Considering the \$18,500 needed weekly to meet budget and cover the deficit, we should be at \$499,500 so a deficit of \$48,278. Christmas giving is slightly above budget with \$42,494 versus a budget of \$41,000. Thank you for your continued generosity!

SKD FAMILY SNOWMAN BUILDING EVENT

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



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 16; 10am—Parish Pot Luck
January 17; Office CLOSED-MLK
YA Ski Trip
5pm—Men's Group
7pm—KC Meeting
January 18; 6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club
January 19; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
5pm—Faith Formation
5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal
7:15pm—WNL
January 20; 1pm—Card Making
4pm—ACC Evangelization/Stewardship
January 22; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
January 23; 10:30am—Confirmation Learning Centers

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 320-251-8115: Jerome Mehrwerth and Pam Smoley.

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

WNL

WNL is back this Wednesday for GLOW night! Stay tuned for details on our Facebook page and messaging. All young people in grades 5 - 12 are welcome until 9pm.

MSHS TOGETHER

Deadline to register for the rally is this Wednesday! Registration can be found online: www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms and on the Youth Bulletin Board. Cost is \$20. The rally is scheduled to take place on Sunday January 30th from 9-4pm at Cathedral High School.

CASTAWAY

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

SKD NEW FAMILY OPEN HOUSE

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

***When:** Wednesday, Jan. 19th, 2022

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

*Perspective families may call the school office (251-2376) to sign up for a time to visit.

*Families will have an opportunity to meet the teachers and visit with the principal to learn about St. Katharine Drexel.

*Please invite families you know who may be interested in SKD to attend! Thank you!



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget \$19,230.77
Collected 12/25/2021 \$17,533.50
Excess (Deficit) \$(1,697.27)

YTD Collection Budget \$423,076.94
YTD Collected \$425,593.04
Excess (Deficit) \$2,516.10

FRANTOBERFEST 2022 IS ON!

Frantoberfest is back! Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 17th & Sunday, September 18th.

What we know so far . . . The Silent Auction is in good hands with returning chair people – Pam & Boris Banjac and Candice Koopmeiners. Same thing with the Franny Flyer 5k/10k/1 mile walk and Children's Run which starts off the weekend with the race taking place Saturday morning. Thank you Nick Novak. Saturday afternoon we will have Mass at 4:00pm with music, food and fun to follow . . . OUTSIDE! The hamburger stand is back, beer will be poured, music will be playing and there will be activities for children and youth. Thank you to Margaret Stang (children's games), Rick Fleege (youth), Jeff Eikmeier (beer), KC's (food stand), and Mary Fasen (finance). Lily's Wings (Steve & Kelli Ehlen) and Fun Time Ice Cream (Francis & Shikha Gomes) will be on site and selling food.

On Sunday morning, a *Dad's Belgian Waffle Breakfast* is getting lined up and we will end the event with the closing of the Silent Auction at Noon and the raffle drawing. Are there opportunities for more? Probably. What do we need? More good people to step forward to help. We need prayers for good planning and the safety of all involved. We need donations for many things – silent auction, parish raffle, and more. Details will come out as the planning continues. Thank you to those who have said yes to helping make this happen. Many great things have been started. Please call Tom in the parish office (320-252-1363, ext. 1105) or send him an email (tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org) if you have ideas and/or want to help.

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