

December 24, 2023
4th Sunday of Advent

Fourth Sunday of
ADVENT



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MASS TIMES

Monday, December 25	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Geno Brown
	9:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† LaVonne Villeneuve & Family
	10:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Jan Handeland
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Stanley & MaryAnn Legatt
Tuesday, December 26	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Word & Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† David Massmann
	5:30pm	St. Stephen	† John Vouk
Wednesday, December 27	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Loretta & Andrew Plafcan
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Steven Schmitt
Thursday, December 28	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Word & Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Members of the Carl & Angela Knettel Family
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Thanksgiving
Friday, December 29	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Norb & Nancy Motzko
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Isaiah Moorefield
Saturday, December 30 <i>4th Sunday of Advent</i>	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Mary Ann Nunes
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Sharon Waldorf
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Larry & Verdell Rudolph
Sunday, December 31 <i>Mary Mother of God</i> <i>*Livestreamed Mass</i>	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Bernie & Linda Molitor
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† For the Members of the Parish
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Eric Wochnick
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Jerry Mehr

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

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

Readings on page 3.

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



On behalf of Fr. Ron and all of our One in Christ staff and leadership, I pray for you a most blessed Christmas to you and your loved ones!

What does one say about Christmas joy and hope that has not been said thousands of times before, by far more eloquent voices? But then,

it is new for each of us, every time we celebrate this Birthday of Life, because God loves each of us uniquely, across the span of life, and even into eternity.

Scripture is clear that the birth of Jesus affected people in different ways – or not at all.

Luke tells us that all those who heard the shepherds speak of their remarkable experience of angelic choirs and the sight of the newborn Messiah “were amazed by what had been told them by the shepherds” (Luke 2:18). Herod and “all Jerusalem with him” were greatly troubled and Herod, furious at the potential loss of his throne and troubled by fear and doubt, massacred the Holy Innocents (Matthew 2:3, 2:16). The Magi, though this may have been considerably later after a long journey, were “overjoyed” and offered their gifts to the Child (Matthew 2:10-11).

Carols, art, tradition, and speculation about the life and times of people in Jesus’ era have given us the animals, likely from Luke’s mention of the “manger” in which Jesus was laid, the feeding trough used by animals. How many and of what type are not described in the Gospels. But the rich connections of Jesus, “the new Adam” (see Romans 5:12-18) with the first Adam in the Book of Genesis, to whom God brought all the animals that he might name them (Genesis 2:19-20) have been drawn out by theologians and spiritual writers, a foreshadowing perhaps of Isaiah’s vision of the coming of the Messiah (Isaiah 11:6-9).

Luke also tells us that Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart (Luke 2:19; see Luke 2:51), a contemplative believer and a devoted mother. Other than the mention of the finding in the Temple twelve years later, Joseph disappears from the Scriptures. The shepherds return to the fields; the Magi return to their own countries; Jesus grows to adulthood in Scriptural silence.

Most of the world, even those in Israel at the time, knew nothing about all this. No news media, no Internet, no phones or email. Word of mouth was all they had; and that very limitation is a lesson from Christmas, the poverty and humility of the way in which God comes personally and humanly into the world.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

What will Christmas mean to you? When we place Jesus at its heart, the Lord’s birthday, it becomes a moment of joy, consolation, peace, and reassurance that does not fade with the passing of the season. That is my prayer for each of us ... Emmanuel, God-With-Us, has come, and He prepares for each of us the Way to join Him, now and forever. May Jesus bring you the gift of serenity and hope today, and all through the New Year.



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” – Luke 1:28
 After Jesus, we look to Mary as an ideal steward. Her entire life was lived in obedience to God’s call. Mary teaches us to live with joy for all we have been given. Just as the moon reflects the light of the sun, Mary reflects the light of Christ. Like Mary, we are called to reflect Christ’s light to the world through our gratitude and generosity.



Blessings to you in this fourth week of Advent as we contemplate the message of the angels: “Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men.” Please take a moment to pray for the people of our diocese and all who serve to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota.

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.



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 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/>

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Alex Jacques & Katie Windschitl



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Patricia “Pat” Koenig, who passed away on December 11, from St. Francis Xavier.



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

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 Dcn Joe Kresky at 320-292-4857 or Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 for more information. The deadline for signing up is soon approaching.

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



DAILY MASS READINGS

- Monday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/
 Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96: 1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13/Ti 2:11-14/
 Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/
 Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14
- Tuesday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22
- Wednesday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Thursday:** 1 Jn 1:5—2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7cd-8/Mt 2:13-18
- Friday:** 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6/Lk 2:22-35
- Saturday:** 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Lk 2:36-40
- Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/
 Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Only ONE MORE WEEK remaining in the Young Adult Needs Assessment!! Your voice plays a vital role in ensuring we are listening and meeting your needs along with the needs of others when we consider ministry with Young Adults. If you are a young adult aged 18-39, please take the time to complete this 10-15 minute assessment. If you feel inclined, we also encourage you to share this assessment with your family and friends. Your submission will remain anonymous unless you leave your contact information for a follow-up.



If you are having difficulty completing the form, have any questions, or would prefer an in-person conversation, please contact Jason Prigge, Young Adult Minister for One in Christ, for any assistance.

Young Adult Bible Study

All are welcome to join for conversation and wrapping up the final two chapters of ACTS on Thursday, January 4th at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. We'll be meeting in Xavier Hall from 7:00 - 8:30 PM. No need to have previously attended, anyone 18-39 welcome!

CEMETERY WREATHS

Attention those with loved ones at Assumption, Calvary, and Sacred Heart Cemeteries:

CHRISTMAS: Only Wreaths will be allowed from November 15th through to January 3rd.



Wreath stands are available (while supplies last). You can pick up a stand at the outside of the Assumption Cemetery office building or you can supply your own. Be sure to secure the wreath to the stand. All wreaths and stands not removed by January 3rd will be removed and disposed of by the Cemetery grounds crew. If you have any questions please call the Cemetery office at, 320-251-5511.

SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETED MASSES

ASL interpreters are generally at Sacred Heart every Saturday evening for the 5:00 Mass. During the holidays we have some additional services interpreted.

Christmas Day 10:00 am Mass

New Year's Day 10:00 am Mass

Did you know? Sacred Heart has Personal PA devices that can be checked out from the AV desk. The device has an earbud or headphones that works with our sound system so the user can control the volume. Stop by the AV desk if you would like to try one.

CANA DINNER 2024

Please join us at Sacred Heart on February 24th for our Cana Dinner as part of our 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.



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 7, 9 & 10

Adult	\$ 2,839.00
Adult online giving Dec 2-8	415.00
Plate	273.00
Immaculate Conception	450.00
Religious Retirement	260.00
Total	\$ 4,237.00
Weekly <u>Adult</u> income needed to meet budget:	\$3,150

Christmas flowers in memory of:

Joe & Gertrude Hellmann

Clarence Justin Kaye Rudser

Tillman & Genevieve Knapp

Tony & Lorraine Rutz Margaret Robich

Stanley & MaryAnn Legatt

Robert Slivnik Roger Trobec

Romie & Delphine Palmersheim

Edwin & Virginia Kowitz Donald Vouk

Robert & Jenny Fiedler BJ Legatt

James & Eleanor Maier

Deceased members-Paggen family

Deceased members-Steve & Frances Supan family

Larry & Verdell Rudolph

Novak Day family

Richard & Naomia Schultenover

Clarence & Martha Reichmann family



Feast of St. Stephen The Vibrancy Committee will be hosting a time for Fellowship after the 5:30pm Mass on Tuesday, December 26. Join us as we celebrate the feast of our patron saint.

Blood Pressure Checks next Sunday, December 31, after the 10:00 am Mass in the annex.

Faith Formation/Youth Group News
Classes Dec 27: No Classes. Merry Christmas!

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 **The Rusty Nail** 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 10, 2023

Adult Collection.....	\$13,073.25
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,636.24
Christmas.....	\$1,285.00
Immaculate Conception.....	\$1,245.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$370.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$19,673	

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW)

There will be **no CLOW** on **Sundays December 24th or December 31st.**

Homebound Communion Ministers and Visitation

Ministers Needed Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Beside sharing the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. We are in need of support after the 2pm Monday Mass at Good Shepherd and Sunday's homebound outreach. Contact Dcn Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

Habitat for Humanity Volunteers Are you interested in volunteering as a team to help build simple, decent and affordable housing?

Dcn Joe jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Glove and Paper Product Drive Homeless Helping

Homeless is open again and is in need of supplies! From 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 gathering space or by the parish office.

For more information contact Dcn Joe at 320-292-4857.

HOMELESS HELPING HOMELESS
GLOVE AND PAPER PRODUCT DRIVE



ELECTRONIC GIVING AND YEAR END GIFTS

As the end of the year is getting closer, many people begin thinking of year end gifts. Please keep Sacred Heart in mind for your charitable donations. For those who qualify, IRA roll-overs can possibly have some tax advantages. Please see your financial advisor or accountant for such possibilities. Another way to give regularly is by electronic giving. That can be set up for weekly, monthly or quarterly donations. Even one time gifts if you so choose. Go to the parish website at www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org to donate. It is easy to set up! Thank you for your commitment and generous support of Sacred Heart and our parish ministries.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded

December Theme: Grounded in JOY

Upcoming Dates Grounded isn't an exclusive club, its for everyone - come join us! Activities to be printed next week, stay tuned to see what's happening!

Wednesday, January 3rd (grades 6-8): 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, January 17th (grades 6-12): 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Sunday, January 21st (grades 9-12): 7:30 - 9:00 PM
Wednesday, January 24th (**5th grade only**): 6:30 - 8:00 PM

Waldo Hunt 2023 Last call to sign up for the Waldo Hunt at Mall of America! Waldo is on Wednesday, December 27th, we will also be going to Feed My Starving Children in the afternoon. Forms are available online and by the Youth Ministry board. Contact Jason Prigge to register or to learn more.

Castaway 2024 Did you hear the news?! Due to generous donations, we are able to ask for \$25 DOWN with a max total of \$90 for Castaway 2024! God is so good. Thank you to those who have donated so our young people can experience God's love for them. If you're in grades 9 - 12, you won't want to miss it, March 22 - 24. Forms are online or near the bulletin board. Questions? Ask Jason Prigge!

FAITH FORMATION

ACC Winter Confirmation is Saturday, January 6th at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. Please watch your emails for more information.

Congratulations to the 2nd Graders from Sacred Heart who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Thursday, December 14th and Saturday, December 16th. May they all be strengthened by God's Mercy and Grace.

WOMEN'S BOOK BUFFET SELECTION

The Women's Book Buffet is reading *The Only Woman in the Room* by Marie Benedict. Our next meeting is Thurs, Jan 11 at 6pm in Room D. The St. Cloud Library has copies available.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 25; **Office Closed**
10am—Christmas Day Mass
- December 26; **Office Closed**
- December 27; 9am—Waldo Hunt
- December 28; 6:30pm—Young Adult Team Meeting
6:30pm—Caroling at Poor Clares
- December 30; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Alex Euteneuer, Christopher Fuchs and Phil Goerger 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 10th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$2,802.00
Visitor	\$176.00
Youth	\$15.00
Votive Candles	\$2.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Religious Retirement	\$388.00
Immaculate Conception	\$583.00
Thanksgiving	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$150.00
All Saints	\$10.00
Food Shelf	\$20.00
Total Income	\$4,296.00
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. December 31st, 2023 8:15am

Lector: Bob Rajkowski and Jenessa Strande
Eucharist: Jean Bemboom (H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Lori Popp(C)
Servers: Noah & Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: Dan Bemboom
Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Dan Brenny

Mon. January 1st, 2024 8:30am

Lectors: Volunteers **Eucharist:** Volunteers
Servers: Volunteers **Greeters:** Volunteers
Ushers: Volunteers

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Clarke Anderson, Thomas Brand, Ann Klein, Tom Lentner, Jake Peck, Duane Thene, David Herbst, Breanna Skroch.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

Wed. Dec. 27th & Wed. Jan. 3rd, NO Religious Ed Classes.
Wed. Jan. 10th, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU? During the weeks of Advent look for the wooden cross where everyone is invited to tack up their prayer requests. Everyone needs prayer. Everyone is encouraged to read the postings and to pray. Praying for each other connects us more deeply as people of Christ, and asks the Lord to take hold of our lives and situations.



Write your prayer request on a sticky and attach it to the wooden cross. If you are homebound, contact the parish secretary for help to post your prayer request. If you wish to talk with Prayer Line, Call Maureen at 320-339-6800 or Lucy at 320-393-2538.

NOTE: Contributions for 2023 must be in the office no later than Dec. 29th, 2023 at noon to be included in your 2023 contribution statement. Thank you!

KOINONIA: Jesus isn't just the reason for the season... He's the reason for every day of our lives. Central MN 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 \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for the retreats.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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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 11/12/2023.....	\$23,645.55
Excess (Deficit)	\$2708.00
YTD Collection Budget	\$500,629.51
YTD Collected	\$508,789.76
Excess (Deficit).....	\$8160.25

OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed on
Monday, December 25 & Tuesday,
December 26. Merry Christmas!



MERRY CHRISTMAS & BLESSINGS IN THE NEW YEAR

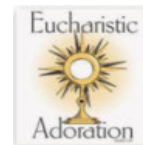
From the staff at St. Francis Xavier, we wish you and your families a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We are blessed with so many who share their time and gifts with the parish. This is your home and your faith family and getting involved with things a little or a lot is so rewarding. From the little things done with little notice to sharing talents in ministry in front of others at church or helping with tasks for the office or cleaning church or so many other things, we are so grateful. Thank you!

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration

December 26, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with
Jesus.



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.

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.

CRAFTERS NIGHT

Join us for our first Crafters night on Friday, January 12th, 2024 from 5pm-10pm in Xavier Hall. Bring your own craft projects to work on- quilting, sewing, scrapbooking, card making etc. This is a great time to get to know new people and work on craft projects you don't get to at home. Please RSVP to Melissa Fox at mfox@stfrancissartell.org or 320-252-8761.

GIVING TREE

The giving tree gifts have been delivered. Thank you everyone for your support again this year.

2024 CALENDARS

Church calendars are available at all entrances. One per family please. Thank you to Williams Dingmann Funeral Home for providing them to our Parish.

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Thursday, December 28 from 4-11 pm - Lock-in for grades 6-12 @ SFX. Registration deadline for this event is Wednesday, December 20th for your name to be placed in the drawing for door prizes. The cost of the event is \$25 per person.

Service Sunday for January 7th will take place at Country Manor, Sartell from 1-3pm. We will be helping them take down their Christmas decorations.

Sunday, January 21st Youth Group for grades 6-12 (note grade change) at Xavier Hall from 6-8:30pm. Come and enjoy a fun evening of Faith, Food, Friends and Fun.

Middle School Lock-in for grades 6-8 will take place Saturday-Sunday, January 27-28 beginning at 7pm at Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids for Mass. We will end our time at 6am at the St. Cloud YMCA.

Saturday, February 3rd Youth Group for grades 6-8 from 4-8pm (note time change) at Xavier Hall.

Castaway 2024 will take place Friday, March 22 -

Sunday, March 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN for youth in grades 9-12.

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

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