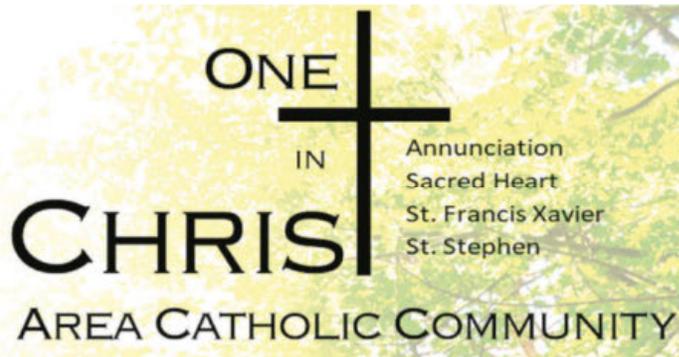
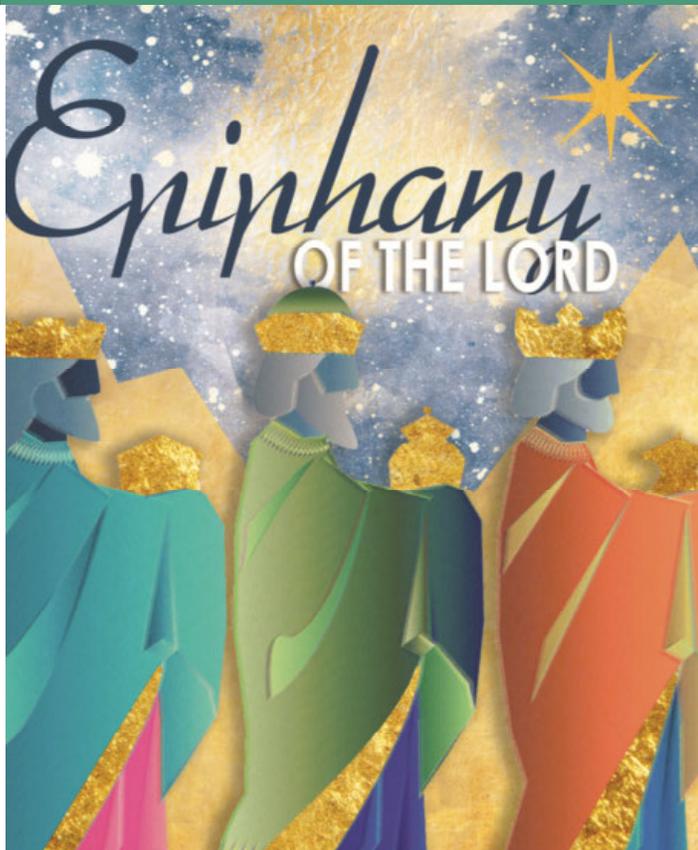


January 8, 2023
The Epiphany of the Lord



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MASS TIMES

Monday January 9 <i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Scott Pekarek
Tuesday January 10 Weekday	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Loran Hall
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	Word & Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Steve Kaluza
Wednesday January 11 Weekday	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Patrick Smith
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Thursday January 12 Weekday	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Eric Wochnick
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	Word & Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Betty Zwillling Cichon
Friday January 13 <i>St. Hilary</i>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Leon Thelen
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Linda Ley
Saturday January 14 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes
	5:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Darrel Lewellyn
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Alice & Ben Supan
Sunday January 15 <i>2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>	8:15 am	Annunciation	† Don Kainz
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Ken Malikowski
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	For the People of the Parishes
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Larry Rudolph

*Livestreamed Mass

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier
6:30 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: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Acts 10:34-38

/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 (11b)/Mt 3:13-17

Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9

/Mk 1:21-28 or Heb 1:1-6 and 2:5-12/Mk 1:14-20 and 1:21-28

Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9

/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11

/Mk 1:40-45

Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8

/Mk 2:1-12

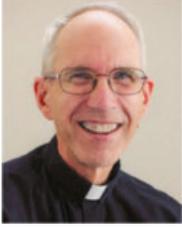
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15

/Mk 2:13-17

Sunday: Is 49:3, 5-6/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

/1 Cor 1:1-3/Jn 1:29-34

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



In Memory of Pope Benedict XVI

We join the whole Church and many others who have been touched by the life, ministry, and death of Joseph Ratzinger, Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI (1927-2022). Born on Holy Saturday, as the hope of resurrection dawned, and dying on the last day of the year, Pope Benedict's life was lived always in the atmosphere of faith in

Jesus Christ.

So much will be remembered about his witness to the Gospel in challenging times, but I remember one particular moment as a student in the seminary – holding his crozier when he celebrated one of the Lenten Station Masses for the English speaking faithful at San Giorgio in Velabro, an ancient, small – and very chilly – church in Rome. At the time, he was prefect for the Congregation of the Doctrine of the Faith and had a reputation as a strict, impersonal, and logical theologian. I was surprised to find him personable, grateful, and genuinely warm to a few young American seminarians he had never met before and probably would not see again.

Despite his unsurpassed intellect and theological depth, his apostolic courage and dedicated ministry as priest, bishop, and pope, it is that kind and gentle smile and personal faith that come back to me. Whatever your memories, we pray for his eternal rest, and for Bishop Kettler's nearing retirement and Bishop-elect Neary's service to the same Gospel in our midst.

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 Minnesota bishops' connection in recent years between Epiphany and the question of the migration of peoples ... not only those we see in our communities of different

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

nationalities and beliefs, but many who are also displaced by war, natural disaster, political unrest, and the search to provide for the needs of their families. We think especially this year of the people of Ukraine, but there are dozens of conflicts and crises around the globe that displace persons and create hunger, violence, and fear. 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 among the "Gentiles"; descendants of immigrants; followers of Jesus, the Light of all Nations. All of these come together and inspire us to strive to journey towards the Father's House, together. Is it always easy? No. Do we always know the way? No. But we that faith's light may always guide us.

In this time of Eucharistic Revival, we deepen our awe in the ongoing manifestation or "epiphany" of Jesus among us at every Mass and in each tabernacle. Like that first revelation of God's glory in Christ, the divine Presence was seen not directly with human eyes, but by the light of faith. So it remains: Jesus is Emmanuel, God with us, and we see beyond the appearances to know the risen Lord.

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 + 23

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.

Change in Saturday Mass Time at SFX

Just a reminder that beginning next weekend, January 14, the Saturday Mass at St. Francis Xavier will change to 4:00 p.m., with confessions beginning at 3:00 p.m. The other Mass times in our ACC remain as before. In addition, confessions at St. Stephen on Saturdays will change to 6:30 p.m. (before the 7:00 p.m. Mass, rather than afterwards). Thank you for your flexibility.

Fr. Tom

*"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh."
Matthew 2:11*

The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow each day. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all of our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be generous with everything, but especially that one thing that means the most to you.

KOINONIA RETREAT

Journey to Eternity... Whether you use a paper map or a GPS app, do you know where you are going? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed to help you on your faith journey. The next retreat is scheduled for March 3-5, 2023, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights of Columbus, Bishop Trobec Council #5276, serving the Sartell and St. Stephen communities, would like to invite the children of these communities to participate in this year's free throw competition. **All children ages 9 – 14** are invited to participate in this year's event that will be held on **Saturday, January 21st at 10am**. The event will be held at **St. Francis Xavier School in the gymnasium**. This year, all participants will receive a Gatorade and will be entered into a drawing to win one of four \$25 gift certificates to Clutch Take and Bake Pizza! (Limit 1 per family)

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@charter.net with any questions.**

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Jerry Mehr who passed away Dec. 31, from St. Stephen.

Eternal Rest grant unto him and let perpetual light shine upon him.



YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

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!

Young Adult Mass and Meal

Young Adult Mass and Meal is back after the Holidays. Get together with young adults old and new for Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell on Saturday, January 21st at **4:00 pm**. Meet Jason Prigge in the Gathering Space following Mass and we will head out from there. Questions or plan on attending, text Jason (320.281.9486).

*Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

PERPETUAL ADORATION

Are you being called to spend time with the Lord in a beautiful and peaceful way? There are many opportunities to pray before the Blessed Sacrament and spend time with Jesus. The Saint Anthony's Chapel is the only perpetual adoration chapel in town. We are especially in need of nocturnal adorers. Here are the most urgent hours: Sun 11pm -4am and Friday 12am-5am. If you could cover 1-2 of these hours, please contact Nicky Carlson to sign up at nicolechristine789@gmail.com or text 320-304-4199.

Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you-1 Peter 5:7

SAVE THE DATE

On January 22nd 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 22nd, why not come in, warm up, visit with people and enjoy entertainment at the church?! See Sacred Heart Section for more details.



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.



Have you read The Central Minnesota Catholic magazine? Do you follow the Diocese of St. Cloud on Facebook, YouTube, Twitter or Instagram? Have you visited the diocesan website for resources? All of these communication tools inform us of the latest Catholic news and are supported by the Bishop's Annual Appeal. Keep the news coming by contributing at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



Beginning in January, the Eucharistic Revival initiative is hosting a series of "BREAD Talks" in the diocese's five regional deaneries, each at a different brewery. At each of the events, modeled after the popular Ted Talks, local speakers will share brief testimonies — their "eucharistic love stories." Following their sharing, a main speaker will give a longer talk, about 20-30 minutes, on a eucharistic theme. These are in-person-only events. Come join us for these free, faith-filled gatherings!

SUN.
FEB. 19 | 2:00 PM
 at
Sunken Ship Brewing
 Princeton
 with
 Matt Kehrer and guests Joe
 Molitor & Leah Weinhold

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. 24 & 25

Adults - Sunday envelopes for December	\$ 5,100.00
Christmas envelopes	11,220.00
Plate - Christmas	742.00
Religious Retirement	30.00
Online Giving: Dec 22-30	260.00
TOTAL	\$ 17,352.00
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: \$2,740.00	

The Vibrancy Committee will meet on Tuesday, January 10, at 6:15 in the annex.

Faith Formation: January 11 - Grades 5-9 & Confirmation (game night). The meal for January 11 will be Tacos.

Pictorial Directory: Another date has been added to have pictures taken at St. Stephen Parish Hall - Monday, January 16. Sign-up at www.ucdir.com. Our church code is **MN279D** and the password is **photos**.

Parish Council will meet Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 PM. The agendas will be emailed to Council members. Congratulations to newly elected members: Rod Host, Nancy Ferche & Theresa Lalim and returning member, Merlin Berndt.

Blood Drive: We will be hosting a blood drive with American Red Cross on Monday, February 13, 2023. The blood drive will be from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up online at www.redcrossblood.org or call the parish office.

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.



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 **Trobec's Bar & Grill** at noon followed by cards. Cost-\$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 25, 2022

Adult Collection.....	\$29,144.00
Children's Collection.....	\$6.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$10.00
Religious Retirement.....	\$50.00

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

Christmas Collection

Adult Collection.....	\$29,880.00
Children.....	\$413.00

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Winter Raffle We are asking for your help with ticket sales! Do you know anyone that would be willing to buy a raffle ticket? If so, you can grab some tickets after Mass (or in the office during the week) and sell some for our parish.



Chili Challenge Have you signed up to bring your chili yet? We have a signup sheet in the gathering space, or you can call the office, or if you go to our website, under the Stewardship tab you can sign up online too! Ideally, we would like to have about 15-20 different chilis for people to sample and vote on. Even if you don't make a chili, come on out and try the ones we have! Catholic United Financial is giving Sacred Heart a marching donation up to \$1,000 for this event.

Live entertainment We are still looking for talents that can be shared during our January 22nd chili challenge. Do you sing or dance, tell jokes, juggle, play the piano, play an instrument. You name it, we would love to showcase your talent!

Parish Potluck: We will have our New Member Slideshow and Parish Potluck on Saturday, January 14th. The potluck has been changed to after the Saturday night Mass only. Please bring a dish to share and join us for community building, conversation and great food!!!

THANK YOU'S

What a storm! A big thank you to our snow removal company, **Laurin's Lawn and Landscaping L.L.C** for taking such great care of our lot, to make sure we had enough room for all those attending Masses.

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: Margaret & Scott Couch and Harold Lutz.

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 7 We had a blast wrapping up the Christmas season with lots of Christmas activities. See you again on Wednesday, January 18th @ 7:30 pm.

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.

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Where's Waldo Hunt We had a great time looking for Waldo at Mall of America! 17 young people participated in the event and for the first time ever in Waldo History (11 years) a team found every single Waldo in the mall. Congratulations to Shaina Rosa's Team!



FAITH FORMATION

First Eucharist Parent Meetings are Tuesday, January 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 pm or Saturday, January 21st from 10:00 - 11:00 am at Sacred Heart. Families who are wishing for their 2nd grader to receive First Communion in May, need to attend 1 of these meetings. If you have questions, contact Scott.

Confirmation Retreat Please pray for our 10th Graders as they prepare for their Overnight Confirmation Retreat on January 13th and 14th at St. Benedict in Avon.

UPCOMING EVENTS

January 9;	6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group
January 10;	12:30pm—ACC Worship Committee
	6:30pm—Pastoral Council
January 11;	9am—Wednesday Bible Study
	1pm—Craft Group
	5pm—Men's Schola Rehearsal
	6:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
January 12;	6pm—SH Book Buffet
	6pm—Theology of Draft
January 14;	3:30pm—Reconciliation
	6pm—Parish Pot Luck

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 25th, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$2,360.00
Visitor	\$399.00
Youth	\$15.50
Votive Candle	\$13.00
Christmas Flowers	\$25.00
Christmas	\$7,605.00
Religious Retirement	\$25.00
Rectory Rent	\$750.00
Building Fund	\$85.00
Catholic Charities	\$25.00
Immaculate Conception	\$5.00
Initial Offering	\$10.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$25.00
Total Income	\$11,342.50

Income for Sunday, January 1st, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$1,045.00
Visitor	\$121.00
Youth	\$2.00
Votive Candle	\$2.65
Solemnity of Mary	\$670.00
Christmas	\$1,560.00
Initial Offering	\$66.00
Church in Europe	\$25.00
Building Fund	\$80.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$20.00
Total Income	\$3,591.65

Mass Schedule

Sun. January 15th, 2023, 8:15am Mass

Lector: Shirley Scapanski

Eucharist: Deacon

Servers: Noah & Kelsey Lentner

Greeters: Don & Karol Weyer

Ushers: Tom, Barb & Jeremy Brand and David Lentner



Happy Birthday: Wyatt Montag, Jeremy Brand, Cailyn Fleck, Lexi Novak, Jason Brenny, Angela Thene, Jason Willing, Ron Brand.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes Wednesday 6:30pm:
Classes: Jan. 11th, Jan. 18th, Jan. 25th.

PICTURES FOR THE PICTORAL DIRECTORY There has been a day added for pictures to be taken here at Mayhew Lake on Monday, January 23rd. Please sign up if you have not done so yet or call the Parish Office for help signing up. We would really like it if we have a complete book of all of our parishioners.

CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST Please plan to join the Confirmation Students for Breakfast on **Sunday, February 19th**. Everyone Welcome.

COVID TESTS are available in the parish office, please call or stop in to pick some up.

DINNER/AUCTION at the Sobieski Community Center on Fri., February 10, 2023. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. and Auction starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets are available by calling Val at 320-547-2920 in the morning. Dinner is ham, chicken, aluski, potatoes & gravy, corn, coleslaw, roll and beverage. Put on by the Swanville's St. John the Baptist Catholic Church.

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
Collected 01/01/2023	\$19,998.90
Excess (Deficit)	\$ (193.41)
YTD Collection Budget	\$545,192.37
YTD Collected	\$537,837.87
Excess (Deficit)	\$(7,354.50)

PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

There are a few openings for photos on **Tuesday & Wednesday, January 17th & 18th, 2023** that have been added. Online sign-up **during the week** can be done at 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. Help will be needed in January 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!

CONFIRMATION RETREAT VOLUNTEER AT CASTAWAY

Open to current 11th graders through adults! January 14-15, 4:00pm Saturday to 8:00pm Sunday.

Background volunteer help is required for SFX youth to participate in the confirmation retreat at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes. Your role is vital in preparing meals and other background needs. No being put on the spot or leading a group of young people.

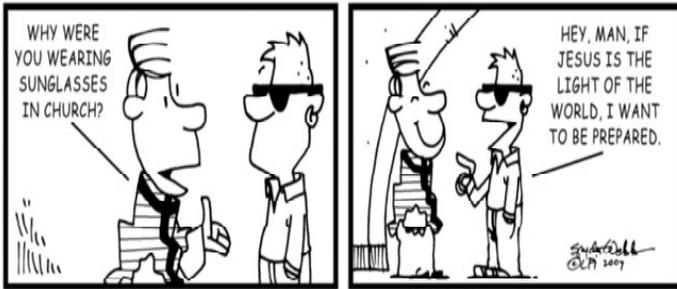
No cost to volunteers! Transportation, accommodations, meals, etc. are provided. Any questions and to sign up contact Kristen Neuman at kneuman@stfrancissartell.org Thank you!

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

EPIPHANY



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**TOGETHER,
WE CAN
MAKE A
DIFFERENCE**

**Vespers / March
for Life**

VESPERS

JANUARY 15
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, SARTELL | 3:30 - 5:00 P.M.

The Rosary for Life is at 3:30 p.m. The Vespers service is at 4:00 p.m. and includes music, prayer, Scripture and reflection for the millions of children who have been aborted since 1973. Bishop Donald Kettler will presiding. Monetary donations accepted to Mother Mary's Fund to assist crisis pregnancy centers in the Diocese of St. Cloud.

MARCH

JANUARY 22
CATHEDRAL OF SAINT PAUL, ST. PAUL, MN

The Diocese of St. Cloud is coordinating busses to St. Paul. Diocesan busses are being coordinated in several locations. A free-will offering will be accepted on several of the busses to help defray the cost of the bus. Be sure to dress warmly and bring a bag lunch. To register for the bus, visit www.stcdo.org/March4Life-bus

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT WWW.STCDIO.ORG/MARCH4LIFE-2023 OR EMAIL OMF@GW.STCDIO.ORG

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