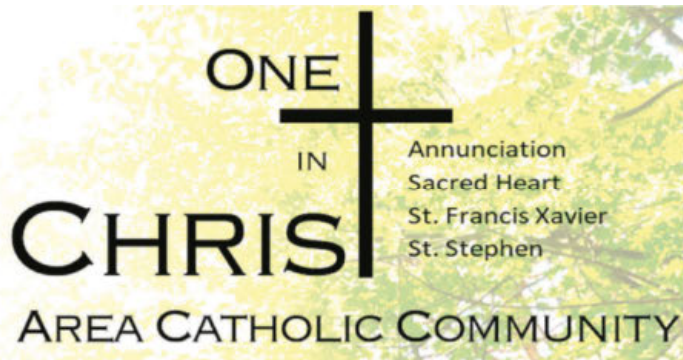
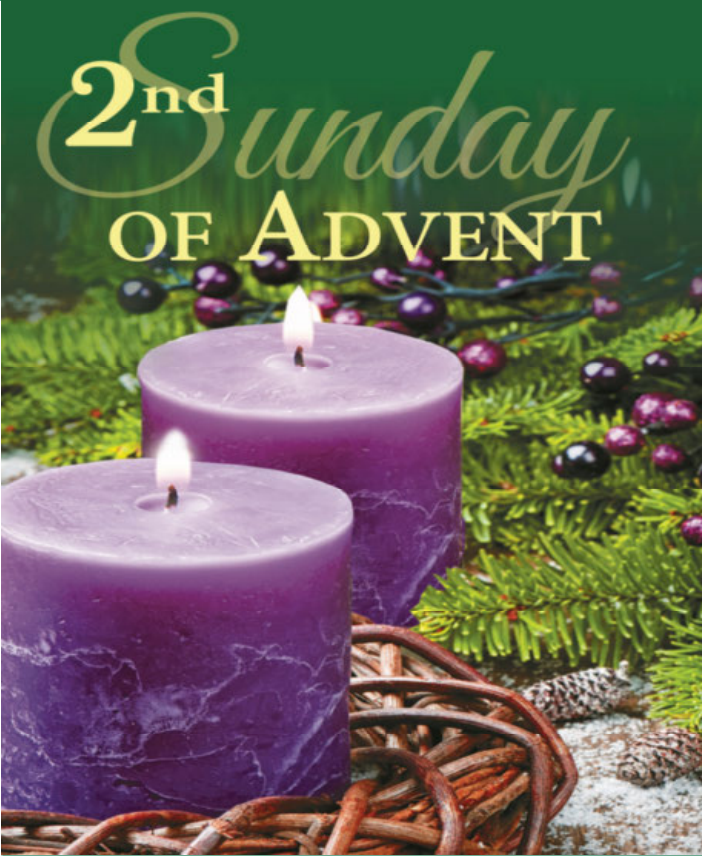


December 4, 2022
2nd Sunday of Advent



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Annunciation

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Sacred Heart

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

St. Francis Xavier

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320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

St. Stephen

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

MASS TIMES

Monday December 5 <i>Advent Weekday</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	Word & Communion † John & Yvonne Ferche
Tuesday December 6 <i>St. Nicholas</i>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Sacred Heart	† Edgar Wacha † Alice Hlebain <i>Living & Deceased member of St. Monica's Society</i>
Wednesday December 7 <i>St. Ambrose</i>	8:00 am 8:00 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier Annunciation St. Stephen	† John Brunn † Leander Weyer † Mary Lentner † Roger Trobec
Thursday December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:30 am 8:30 am 6:30 pm 6:30 pm	Annunciation St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Joe Knott † LeRoy Czech † Rich Kukilock † Luella Menke
Friday December 9 <i>St. Juan Diego</i>	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† James Rudnitski † Julie Klein
Saturday December 10 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	5:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Joseph & Florence Petrich † Robert Oldakowski <i>For the People of the Parishes</i>
Sunday December 11 <i>3rd Sunday of Advent</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Marie Bemboom & Delores Jochum <i>For the People of the Parishes</i> † Jerry Peckskamp † Scott Monson

*Livestreamed Mass /ASL 9am Dec 11th at Sacred Heart

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

Monday: Is 35:1-10/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14/Lk 5:17-26
Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Ps 96:1-2, 3 and 10ac, 11-12, 13/Mt 18:12-14
Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8 and 10/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4 /Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38
Friday: Is 48:17-19/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 /Mt 11:16-19
Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Ps 80:2ac and 3b, 15-16, 18-19/Mt 17:9a, 10-13
Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10/Ps 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10 /Jas 5:7-10/Mt 11:2-11

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

We are in the season of TREE STANDS. Vehicles dart about on the highways proudly displaying their successful hunting of deer or trees.

In the past few weeks countless hunters have climbed their TREE STANDS in hopes of shooting a deer, perhaps a trophy buck. The time on the tree stand often provides a time to be in sync with nature and to reflect. One hunter mused, "The wilderness always affirms my belief in God. When you observe the intricacies of an ecosystem unsullied by the hand of humankind and begin to understand how every plant, rock, liquid and animal — and the vagaries of weather — all have their place in the working of day-to-day life, and then break it down as far as you can to the interactions between various individual elements, how can you believe anything but that it was all part of some grand design, and not random?" And still another, "If the apocalypse came while I was on stand and I was the only person left alive, would I hurry to eat all the ice cream before the power shut off?" And my favorite: "It's only 11:00 a.m. Why did I eat all my lunch already?"

Other hunters roam streets or stores. This hunter may have a saw in hand, walking through snow, to find the perfect Christmas tree. Others go from lot to lot, looking for the right tree. (Long needle, short needle; fir, pine, spruce, cedar...) The tree is placed in the TREE STAND to settle before it is adorned with lights and ornaments. The tree in all its regal glory had one tree hunter ponder, "A Christmas tree allows me to settle into the meaning of Christmas. It reminds me of the tree that brought the need for a child born in Bethlehem and the tree of Calvary that righted it all. And it reminds me to stop climbing for a never attainable perfection but to recognize that God who covers me in grace is close enough to touch."

Advent is a season that invites us to ponder and listen to God's Word. We are challenged to see God's hand at work in the world and how we are invited to actively bring God's love to one another. We are called to be patient with others and ourselves, recognizing that each of us is the dwelling place of Emmanuel. We remember that Bethlehem to Jerusalem is the most important event in our lives. God's Son breaks into this world as a baby and is placed in the wooden manger (TREE STAND) and on the wood of the cross (TREE STAND) sets us free from sin and death.

O come, O come Emmanuel!

Fr. Ron

SILENT RETREAT

An Advent of Listening

You are invited to a morning of Silent Prayer.

St. Francis Xavier
Sartell, Minnesota



Silent Retreat

Saturday, December 10
8:00 – 11:30 am

Featuring
Sister Christian Morris, OSB
Sister Helene Mercier, OSB
Sister Josue Behnen, OSB

This retreat will focus on an Advent of Listening with the themes of Hope, Peace, Joy & Love. There will be four – 45-minute sessions followed by Silent Prayer.

During the Silent Prayer you will have the opportunity to speak with one of the facilitators who are Spiritual Directors.

For more information contact Sandee Kremers or the Parish Office.

Registrations can be found on our website or in the Parish Office

and are due **by Monday, December 5**

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

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

STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION
LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



“Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.” — Matthew 3:10

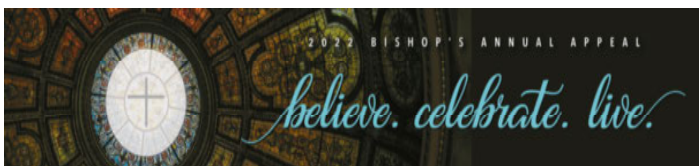
Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer, or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church, or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?



You can evangelize!
Be prepared. Be present.
Listen well.

ADVENT SCRIPTURE STUDIES FOR ADULTS

Prepare your heart for the birth of Christ by participating in a short 3 week scripture study. There will be sessions on Sundays beginning December 4th from 4:30 - 5:45 pm and Tuesdays from Noon - 1:15 pm (Feel free to bring a lunch) beginning December 6th. The material used for the study is called Advent: Season of Divine Encounter by Little Rock Scripture Study. Registration forms are due Friday, November 18th and can be found in the gathering space and on the parish website. If you have questions, contact Scott Frieler at Sacred Heart Parish 251-8115.



Blessings to all of you in this season of Advent. Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of November 18, the Appeal raised \$1,250,850 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 7,509 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Learn more at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

BAPTISMS

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



Carson Warren Theisen, son of Benjamin & Kristi.

Wrenley Louise Goedert, daughter of Eric & Kyerstun, both baptized at Sacred Heart.

Olivia Jane Kenning, daughter of Nicholas & Kristen, baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Verdell Rudolph who passed away on November 19 from St. Stephen.

Remember in your prayers the family of Mary Lou Colbert, who passed away November 20 from St. Francis Xavier

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



| James Anderson & Stephanie Stracke
Sacred Heart



Fr. Steve Binsfeld
October 18-28, 2023

Accommodations

- Nine nights hotel accommodations in 4-star, centrally located hotels:
- Four nights: Hotel Giotto, Assisi
- Five nights: Hotel Ponte Sisto, Rome

Tour Inclusions

- Breakfast daily, five dinners, one lunch and a special wine tasting
- Private tour of the Vatican Museums & Sistine Chapel
- Masses for the group
- Excellent local guide and deluxe motorcoach
- Porterage of luggage
- Personal headsets
- Gratuities for local guides & drivers

More Information

- Visit magitravelinc.com to register online and view more detailed information
- Questions? Call Magi Travel at 952.949.0065 or email info@magitravelinc.com

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YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Theology on Draft

Due to the Holy Day of Obligation –Theology on Draft will be on the third Thursday (Thursday, December 15th.) Put it in your calendar, don't miss it! More details to come soon.

ST CLOUD RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Christ Church Newman Center	Tuesday, Dec 6-6:00 pm
St. Augustine	Tuesday, Dec 6-6:30 pm
St. Paul	Tuesday, Dec 6-6:30 pm
St. John Cantius	Thursday, Dec 6-6:30 pm
Sacred Heart	Friday, Dec 16-6:30 pm
St. Peter	Saturday, Dec 17-1:00 pm
Holy Spirit	Sunday, Dec 18-1:00 pm
St. Anthony	Monday, Dec 19-6:30 pm
St. Mary's Cathedral	Tuesday, Dec 20-6:30 pm

CONTEMPORARY COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION SERVICE

Contemporary Communal Reconciliation Service, St. Francis Xavier, Saturday, December 10, noon. A time to acknowledge the good we do, our sinfulness, and the forgiveness of God. There will be no additional priests at this service. Please see above for other Communal Reconciliation services with multiple confessors.

ARE YOU MISSING A JACKET

A Black Jacket was left in St. Stephen October 23 after the ACC Leadership Conference. Please contact Carol Hellmann in St. Stephen to claim. Thank you.

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 8th 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 - Nov 19-20 and 26-27

Adult collection	\$3,034.00
Plate	358.00
Children	8.00
Online Giving Nov 12-25	1,321.00
Catholic Charities	55.00
Thanksgiving.....	1,140.00
Campaign Human Development.....	145.00
Total: \$6,061.00	
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: \$2,740.00	

Congratulations Confirmation students

The following students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday afternoon at St. Francis Xavier Church: Erin Blenkush, Madalyn Dockendorf, Paige Fiedler, Anna Nordby, Wyatt Paggen, Jack Pesta, Addison Rudser, Zack Schleper, Olivia Spychala, Annie Supan, Dustin Waddell and Logan Warner.



Faith Formation: Dec. 7 - Grades 5-9 and Grade 10 Confirmation. Meal will be Sloppy Joes.

Events, collections & meetings:

Dec. 4: St. Nick visits after 10:00 Mass.

Dec. 10: Slovenian Sausage Cook-Off Sponsored by St. Stephen Lions at Trobec's Bar from 6:00 - 8:30 PM. Come out and vote for the best one! Call Rick Knettel for tickets/details, 320-267-8897.

Dec. 10 & 11: Poor Clares collection: There will be baskets at the entrances of church to collect items for the Poor Clares. Items that we will be collecting include: stamps, band aids, no meat soups, white wash cloths, tuna, canned fruit, business envelopes, canned vegetables. We will also accept monetary donations - there will be a box to drop cash donations in.

Nov. 27 - Dec. 18: Giving Tree donations can be dropped off by the Giving Tree. **Parish Christmas Card** wishes and donations can be placed in the collection basket. **Faith Formation & Youth Group** are collecting donations for Pathways 4 Youth. There will be boxes at the entrances of Church until Dec. 18 for your donations.

Well n Fit exercise classes Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall. Wednesday morning exercise 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 - In the St. Stephen Parish Hall on December 15. Social starts at 11:30.

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 November 20, 2022

Adult Collection.....	\$18,900.06
Children's Collection.....	\$22.00
Christmas Flowers.....	\$320.00
Poor Clare Sisters Collection.....	\$120.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Flower Fund If you are interested in donating to our flower fund, which covers the cost of Christmas greens and poinsettias, Easter flowers, and so much more. To donate towards the flowers in memory of someone, please pick up an envelope in the Gathering Space. You can return it in the collection or to the parish office.



Immaculate Conception Mass We are in need of Liturgical Ministers for the Immaculate Conception Mass on December 8 at 6:30pm. Please sign up on the web terminal or on sign up sheets by the Sacristy.

Decorating for Christmas We will be decorating for the Christmas Liturgies after Mass on Sunday the 18th. If you are able to help, please just stay after Mass in the Gathering Space.



Winter Raffle We will be selling our winter raffle tickets in the gathering space before and after Masses starting December 3rd/4th weekend. Tickets are \$100 each. We are ONLY selling 250 tickets. Nine prizes will be given away between \$100-\$2,500! Buy early so you are sure to get a ticket! These would make a great Christmas gift! Drawing will take place at our Chili Challenge event on January 22nd from 12-3:30 in the Parish Hall. Tickets may also be purchased by coming into the office.



Chili Challenge Do you make a mean chili? We would love for you to enter our chili challenge! There will be live entertainment from 12-3:30, the cost to get into the event is \$10 (free entry for those who are entertaining and enter a chili to be judged.) More details to come as we get closer. Call the office to register your chili.

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: Jim Bares, Rita Barthel, Geraldine Janson, Mary Mainus & Arlene Ramey.

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 5 is on a little break! Thank you to all who've joined us for the month of November. We'll be back on Wednesday, December 21st from 6-7:30 pm for Christmas Caroling.

Where's Waldo Hunt Our second annual Waldo Hunt at MOA is on Wednesday December 28th! This event is for anyone in grades 6 - 12. Still looking for some adult chaperones and for some young adults to be WALDO. Questions or want more details? Contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486). Forms and details can be found online at: sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms

Children's Liturgy of the Word schedule for December will be the 18th. CLOW happens on Sundays at the 9am Mass.

FAITH FORMATION

10th Grade Confirmation Orientation Meetings are December 12th, 13th, and 15th. The meetings are about 1 hour and are for the candidate and a parent. Meeting times are 6:15 - 7:15 pm and 7:30 - 8:30 pm each day. To sign up, go to the parish website, click on the Sacraments tab, and then click on Confirmation. A link will be on the Confirmation Page to sign up. If you have questions, contact Scott in the FF office.

First Reconciliation Retreat is Saturday, December 10th from 9am - Noon. The retreat is for the child and a parent and will conclude with the children receiving the Sacrament. Please pray for our children as they prepare for the special graces they will receive from the Sacrament.



BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING

The next blood pressure check weekend is December 17 & 18 after both Masses.

ADDED PICTORIAL DATES

We still have slots available to have your photos taken. Check out UCDIR.com (mn279a) password (photos) all case sensitive. January 20th and 21st time slots have been added OR call the office and we can get you signed up. We are currently at 25% participation, please help us hit our goal of over 30%!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 4; 10am—St. Monica's Bake Sale
4:30pm—Advent Bible Study Rm B
- December 5; 5pm—Men's Group
- December 6; 12pm—Advent Bible Study
4pm—Healing from Loss Rm D
4pm—St. Monica's Mtg with Member Potluck
6:30pm—Baptism Prep Mtg (SS)
- December 7; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
- December 8; Office Closed—Immaculate Conception
7:30pm—Young Adult Team Meeting
6pm—SH Book Buffet
- December 10; 9am—First Reconciliation Retreat
12pm—Caroling
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- December 11; 4:30pm—Advent Bible Study Rm B

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, November 20th, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$2,784.36
Visitor	\$47.00
Youth	\$23.00
Votive Candle	\$1.00
All Saints	\$45.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Christmas Flowers	\$15.00
Total Income	\$2,925.36

Income for Sunday, November 27th, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$2,390.00
Visitor	\$187.00
Youth	\$125.00
Votive Candle	\$1.50
Thanksgiving	\$650.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Loose—Thanksgiving	\$121.00
Energy Rebate—New Furnaces	\$600.00
Christmas	\$100.00
Food Shelf	\$150.00
Total Income	\$4,334.50

Mass Schedule

Wed. December 7th, 2022, 6:30pm Mass Immaculate Conc.

Faith Formation Students serving the ministries.

Thurs. December 8th, 2022, 8:30am Mass Immaculate Conc.

Lector: JoAnn Marshall

Eucharist: Rita Knott

Servers: NA

Greeters: NA

Ushers: Lora Knafla, Dan Bemboom, Lawrence & Jane Thell

Sun. December 11th, 2022, 8:15am Mass

Lector: Bob Rajkowski

Eucharist: Lori Popp

Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa

Greeters: John & Karla Koenig

Ushers: Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence & Jane Thell



Happy Birthday: Sheldon Gravelle, Daryl Kuehn, Kelsey Miller, Madeline Montag, Carter Thell, Ava Krajsa, Jerome Bernard, Jerome Schubert, Eugene Pekarek, Shanna Czeck.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Dec. Classes Wednesday 6:30pm:

Dec. 7th, 14th, 21st, No Class Dec. 28th.

COATS FOR KIDS The Knights of Columbus will be putting out a box in the entryway of church to collect clean and good shaped men's, women's and children's winter coats and hats/caps again. If you have any questions or if you are in need of a winter coat, you can call Tom and lone at 492-7993 & 252-0126. Thank you for your generosity. God Bless.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS CONCERT: Sunday, Dec. 11th at 12:00pm at Church of the Holy Spirit, St. Cloud. Music by Holy Spirit, St. Anthony and Newman Center Adult Choirs. Free and open to the public. ♪

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Music presentation Dec. 9th (7pm), 10th(7pm), and 11th(2pm) by the St. Cloud Ecumenical Choir.

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 11/27/2022	\$27,956.50
Excess (Deficit)	\$7,764.19

YTD Collection Budget	\$444,280.82
YTD Collected	\$452,723.13
Excess (Deficit)	\$8,442.31

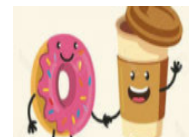
PICTORIAL DIRECTORY UPDATE

There are still quite a few openings in the afternoons and evenings on December 29th & 30th for having your photo taken for the pictorial directory. 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 are also looking for greeter/check-in help. **Tuesday, November 27th – 1:45 to 5:00pm, Wednesday, November 28th 5:30 to 8:30pm, Thursday, December 29th 5:30 to 8:30pm and Friday, December 30th from 1:45 to 5:00pm and 5:00 to 8:30pm.** 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!

Coffee & Community

Please join us for 1st
Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on
Wednesday, December 7, after
the 8 am Mass.



Advent HEALING MASS

National Shrine of St. Odilia Onamia, Minnesota

Sunday, Dec. 11 9:00 a.m.

Celebrate Mass with the Anointing of the Sick and the
Ritual Blessing with the Relic of St. Odilia.

Coffee and rolls served following the Mass.

All are welcome!

Crosier Fathers & Brothers
P.O. Box 500
Onamia, MN 56359



PHONE: 320.532.3103
WEB: www.crosier.org
EMAIL: onamia@crosier.org

DELIVERY DRIVER(S) NEEDED

An Advent for Almsgiving Delivery people needed! Could you spare some time on a Monday to make a delivery to one of the recipients of God's goodness from our parish? Please contact the Parish Office. Delivery will be to Catholic Charities, Salvation Army, Pathways4Youth and 180 Degrees. You could deliver to all four or just volunteer for one delivery for the next four weeks. Another FANTASTIC way to do Almsgiving during Advent. Thank you!



AN ADVENT FOR ALMSGIVING

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

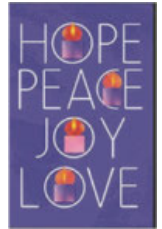
Week 2 (Dec. 3 - Dec. 9) - Peanut Butter & Jelly

The GOAL for each item is 500.

Please bring in only item(s) specified for the week to the Gathering Space and place on the tables by the Parish Office.

You will be able to see the fruits of our love each week in the Gathering Space in front of the Parish Office, on Facebook and in Flocknote.

The donations will go to Pathways 4 Youth, 180 Degrees, Salvation Army & Catholic Charities.



CHURCH CLEANING

I'm looking for helpers for church cleaning before Christmas. We wipe down pews and kneelers and dust throughout the church and hallway and such. We have the pails and rags and Murphy's Oil Soap, but I'm looking for helpers who can share some of their time and talents with the cleaning.

Thursday, December 22nd 2:00pm is set for the cleaning day and time. All should be completed by 4:00 at the latest. We generally get enough helpers that work is completed in about an hour, so come and share some time as you are able - 30 minutes or an hour or longer if you wish or until the work is done. Thanks for helping make our church shine for Christmas! Call Tom in the parish office (320-252-1363, ext. 405) for more details.

75th Anniversary for St. Francis Xavier

This is a big one as we celebrate 75 years as a parish. This is a big one with *The Killer Vees - Killer Country* show as the main attraction for music. I need some help with marketing and planning as we get things moving for Franny Fest 2023 which will take place September 16th & 17th. Help from any and all past chair-people would be particularly welcomed. Your experience would be a big plus for such an event. Still, new people are readily welcomed as new ideas would enhance the plans for a great gathering. So . . . ALL HELP would be great! Call Tom Offerdahl . . . 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or email tofferdahl@sfrancissartell.org.

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