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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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MASS TIMES

Monday March 28	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Weekday	8:30 am	Annunciation	Peace
Tuesday March 29	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Art & Nancy Kiffmeyer
Weekday	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† David Gaida
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Cora Obermiller
Wednesday March 30	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Marcel Tadych
Weekday	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Mary Bronder
Thursday March 31	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Ben Supan
Weekday	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Int. Cyrus Post
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Nathan Ficek
Friday April 1	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† John Vouk
Weekday	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Kathy Janson
Saturday April 2	5:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Deacon Andrew Kunkel
5th Sunday of Lent	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Rosemary Pflipsen
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Carol Cropper
Sunday April 3	8:15 am	Annunciation	† Dennis & Rita Regnier
5th Sunday of Lent	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Nick Prom
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Deceased members of the Henning Family
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes

*Livestreamed Mass

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 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/Jn 4:43-54
Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 /Jn 5:1-16
Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 /Jn 5:17-30
Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 /Jn 5:31-47

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 /Jn 7:40-53
Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3] /Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari...

Our Lenten Journey brings us to Laetare Sunday. Not counting the Sundays, this is day 22 of Lent. Laetare Sunday is a day of hope with Easter at last within sight. The word comes from the Latin *laetare*, the singular imperative of *laetari*: "to rejoice". How has your Lent been going? If you have faltered some in your planned Lenten practices, take the time to renew your efforts this last half of Lent.

This Sunday offers us the classic gospel story of the Prodigal Son. This uniquely Lucan parable is the final and most important in a trilogy of parables about things (sheep and coin, or in this case, a person) that were lost and then found. The parable of the wayward son represents Jesus' response to those who objected to him welcoming sinners and eating with them. Through his three parables, Jesus illustrates God's love for the lost and the desire to welcome home those who have gone astray. As some writers have noted, God operates a lost and found department.

In a much different Father Son story, Jesus enters in our world and takes on our human condition. He does give into temptation but rather seeks out those who are lost. Jesus brings the love of the father to the sinner, the cripple, the sick, and the lonely. He engaged in conversation with anyone. His selfless love eventually had him accept the sentence of crucifixion, which set us free sin and death. Instead of squandering his inheritance, Jesus, made us coheirs. In three weeks, we will again join Jesus on the *via dolorosa*.

Theologian Sandra Schneiders writes, "The divine Father...is the one who refuses to own us, demand our submission or punish our rebellion. Rather, God is the one who respects our freedom, mourns our alienation, waits patiently for our return and accepts our love as pure gift."

The Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession or Penance) is another great gift Jesus has given to us. In this sacrament we meet our waiting, Father. Our Father has reconciled the world to himself in Christ and by making peace for all things on earth and in heaven by the blood of Christ on the cross. Through this selfless act, Christ has forgiven all sins committed and those to be committed. Forgiveness is ours if we are willing to accept the gift.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

The prodigal son is welcomed back as a son on his return. In fact, the Father was so eager, that when he caught sight of the son returning he ran out to meet him. Our willingness to express heartfelt sorrow and our intention of sinning no more, bestows the grace of forgiveness upon us, and we are welcomed back as a daughter or son. Our God continues to scan the horizon awaiting our return from our sinfulness. God does not scan to see if we are giving into temptation but continues to shower grace upon grace on us in hopes we will turn from temptation. And when we do sin, his graces help us come to our senses and return into his arms. Consider experiencing the celebration of God's forgiveness during one of the times scheduled reconciliation services or individual times before Easter. Please note there are no scheduled times after Holy Monday, April 11.

Continued blessings on your Lenten Journey.

Fr. Ron



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STEWARDSHIP

The Lord gives us the
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that is carried through living out our Christianity
every day.

(Gal 5:22)

BAPTISMS

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

Aric Edward Rieger, son of Zack &
Simone and
Ella Rae Harris, daughter of Travis &
Alexandra, both baptized at St. Francis Xavier.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE



I Jushua Puhalla & Sarah Hendrickson,
Sacred Heart.

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Theology on Draft

Stay tuned for details on our next Theology on Draft
- Thursday, April 7th from 6:00 - 8:00 pm!

Young Adult Bible Study

Our next gathering will be on Holy Thursday
(April 14th). We will attend 6:30 pm Mass at
Sacred Heart, followed by Adoration, and
concluding with a small gathering to discuss chapters
3 & 4 of Mark. All you need to do is bring a Bible
and join us. Contact Jason Prigge if you have any
questions.

FISH FRY



It's that time of year
again....Fish Fry Time!! St.
Katharine Drexel will be
holding their Annual Fish Fry. It

will be drive thru **ONLY!** The date is Friday, April 1
from 4-7. Tickets are available at the Sacred Heart
Parish Office. Tickets are \$11.00.

SAINT JOHN'S ABBEY

Abbott John and the monks of St. John's Abbey invite
you to take part in a special prayer service at the
Abbey Church on Saturday evening, April 9, the
evening before Palm Sunday. Beginning at 7:00 pm,
the service, with its special music and prayer setting,
is an opportunity to enhance the beginning of your
Holy Week. A reception will follow in the Great Hall
and will include light refreshments. Please join us for
this special vigil service, Saturday, April 9 at
7:00 pm. And feel free to bring a friend or two.
All are welcome

MONUMENTAL VBS

Planning for VBS is underway and this
year our One in Christ Catholic Parishes
are teaming up and offering not one
but **TWO** choices of VBS sessions at St.
Francis Xavier in Sartell!



Join us for this **Monumental** week for a
choice of an evening track, June 19 - 23 (6:00 -
8:30 PM) OR in the morning, June 20 - 24 (9:00 -
Noon). VBS is for students ages 4 to grade 5. Cost
for VBS is \$25 per student. Register now to
guarantee your spot, your shirt and much more!

Payment and forms are available online at:
oneinchristacc.org/vbs. **All checks should be made
out to: St. Francis Xavier.**

All paperwork can be turned into your home parish
office. If you have questions, please contact your
parish office.

VBS Volunteers

While we are excited for this **Monumental** step in
our ACC, there is a **HUGE** need for volunteers to
make VBS happen for all of our families and young
people. Volunteers who are in grade 6 and up
(young adults / adults) are welcome and
appreciated to help with crews, stations, etc. Form to
volunteer can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/vbs
**All volunteers who have students attending VBS
have their tuition waived.**

CHICAGO MISSION TRIP

Exciting opportunity for all students in grades 9 - 12,
young adults and adults in our ACC! You're invited to
join us for our Chicago Mission Trip, July 16 - 22.
Details can be found at: oneinchristacc.org/chicago.
Hurry, spots are being filled! See your Trip Directors
for questions and to register.

The Richard M. Schulze Family Foundation has invited Catholic Community Schools to participate in a \$25,000 grant challenge. This is a one-time challenge and is by invitation only. Each elementary school must individually raise \$25,000 to receive the \$25,000 Schulze grant. If a school does not raise the full \$25,000 by March 31st, they won't receive anything from the foundation. Help us succeed so we don't leave this generous \$25,000 match per school on the table!



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Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

TEC RETREAT FOR LENT

You Are Invited to attend a TEC Retreat this Lent. Sign up to participate in the April 9-11 Central Minnesota Together Encountering Christ (TEC) retreat and pay just \$30. The regular price is \$95 – so this is quite the deal. Sign up today at cmtec.org and pay the \$30 deposit. We will take care of the rest. TEC is a three-day retreat for youth (age 16+) and adults. Described as one of the most relevant and life-changing retreats around, TEC promises to inspire and surprise. This encounter retreat is perfect for those searching, those needing direction and a little peace, and those looking to deepen their relationship with God. Come find out what 41,000 others have already experienced. Go to www.cmtec.org today!

FF LENTEN PROJECT

 This year for Lent, Sacred Heart Faith Formation participants will be doing a project to help people in need all around the world through **Heifer International**. We will be collecting donations beginning March 9, 2022, and ending April 6, 2022 and you can help by donating online at <https://fundraise.heifer.org/fundraiser/3724839>, by dropping off a check (written to Sacred Heart Church with a notation for "Heifer International," or by dropping cash in our giant piggy bank in the Parish Hall during our Faith Formation meal. We will track the amount we collect on a chart in the Parish Hall. Sacred Heart Social Concerns Committee will also match the amount we collect dollar for dollar up to \$1000! Whatever you choose to give is welcome and important in helping out – no matter how small. Together our small contributions will make a big difference!

DIOCESAN TV MASS

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

REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers the family of Renee Omann who passed away March 12, and the family of Shirley Chapman who passed away March 19, both from St. Francis Xavier.



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

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

Financial Offerings - March 20 & 21

Adult.....	\$ 1,669.00
Plate.....	82.50
Children.....	2.00
Online Giving: March 12-18.....	980.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,733.50

Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: 2,500.00

Thank you to everyone who made a donation for the collection for Ukraine - \$ 2,330.00

Faith Formation Meals: March 30 - Tacos

Stations of the Cross: Join us every Friday evening at 6:30 pm during Lent.

Communal Reconciliation Service will be here Tuesday evening, March 29, at 6:30 pm. Please see the Reconciliation Schedule on page 3 for more dates and times.

Save your onion peels - The Vibrancy Committee needs onion peels for an upcoming egg dyeing project on April 10 in the Parish Hall. There will be a box at the back of church to put your onion peels in.

Holy Thursday Feet Washing -

We are looking for parishioners to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday. There is a sign-up sheet at the entrances of the church.



Upcoming Events: April 3 - Holdingford KC #9307 Chicken dinner at Pelican Lake Ballroom 3:30 -7:00 pm. Tickets at the door \$12 adults, \$7 kids. Take out avail.

Apr 10 - Traditional & Slovenian egg dyeing, palm weaving & a light lunch after Mass in Parish Hall

Apr 12 - Vibrancy meeting 6:15 pm in the Annex

Apr 17 - Blessing of Easter baskets at Mass. Receive bagged cookies after Mass from Vibrancy Committee.

Apr 24 - Tractor and seed blessing after 10:00 AM Mass. Please park tractors in the east parking lot.

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 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 April 21 starting with 11:30 social, followed by meal, speaker & entertainment in the Parish Hall.

Feet First Clinic - Call Helping Hands to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729

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Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERING

Income for Sunday, March 20th, 2022

Adult Sunday	\$2,537.25
Visitor	\$75.00
Youth	\$9.00
Easter Flowers	\$55.00
Votive Candle	\$2.50
Rajkowski/Jochum Bequests	\$1,362.44
Building Fund	\$70.00
Church in Central/Eastern Europe.....	\$45.00
Funeral Lunch	\$20.00
Fall Festival	\$50.00
Easter	\$25.00
Home Mission	\$25.00
Catholic Relief	\$25.00
Total Income	\$4,301.19

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00*

Mass Schedule

Sun April 3rd, 2022, 8:15am Mass

Lector: Lora Knafla

Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau

Servers: Noah & Cole Lentner

Greeters: Cailyn Fleck

Ushers: Jeff & Lisa Popp, John & Barb Bemboom.



Happy Birthday: Alexander Dinnebie, Shaun Hiemenz, Haylee Zwick, Kayla Brenny, Jake Herbst, Lisa Janson, Calvin Voss.

Religious Education:

Wed. March 30th, April 6th at 6:30pm

March 30th: Stations of the Cross

Wed. April 6th—Learning Centers 2nd Grade

No Class on Wed. April 13th



Stations of the Cross and Soup Suppers

a meatless Soup Supper will be served at 6pm with Stations of the Cross afterwards at 7pm.

*Soup will be served on April 8th. (Stations will be every Fri. during Lent).



Rice Area Community Spring Blood Drive As you may have heard or read there is a great blood shortage. Sign up and donate blood on **Monday, April 11, 1:00 – 5:45**

at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Appointments highly recommended. Sign up by going to the Red Cross website <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give/html> and enter 56367 or call Lora at 320-393-2701.



Holy Week Collection: Holy Thursday is for the Rice Bowl. And Good Friday is for the Holy Land.

Liturgical Ministers Schedule: If you know of times when you are not available for your ministry in the next four months please let Lora know by April 6th. 320-393-2701.

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 the Week of March 20, 2022

Adult Collection.....	\$24,806.46
Children's Collection.....	\$13.50
Central MN Catholic.....	\$105.00
Ash Wednesday.....	\$45.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$556.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget	\$18,500

FILLING THE PEWS

We love seeing our pews filled with parishioners. Can you help make room for everyone? Scoot to the middle if you can so others can fill in, or if you need to be on the end, just keep an eye out for those looking to sit down and let them in with the welcoming spirit Sacred Heart is known for. Thank you!

ALTER SERVERS NEEDED

Attention boys & girls in 4th grade and older!

If you would like to become an altar server at Mass, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office to set up training. Scheduling for altar servers is flexible and based on family preferences and availability.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 28;	5:45pm—Baby/Parent Group
	6:15pm—Bells of the Heart
	6:30pm—Lenten Journey with H. Nouwen
March 29;	6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
March 30;	9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
	5:30pm—Men's Schola Rehearsal
April 1;	8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
	10am—Reconciliation
	11am—Rosary & Benediction
	4pm—SKD Fish Fry
	6:30pm—Stations of the Cross
April 2;	3:30pm—Reconciliation
April 3;	10:30am—CPR/AED/First Aid Training

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: Harold Lutz & Emma Walker.

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.

PEER MINISTRY TEAM

Are you looking for a way to go deeper into your faith, serve your community and peers? If you answered yes to these questions and are currently in grades 8 - 11, we want **YOU** on our Peer Ministry Team. See Jason Prigge to apply.

CASTAWAY

Please pray for all of our young people, young adults, adults, work crew and coordinators who are up at Castaway this weekend. We can't wait to come back and share what we learned!

Butter Braids

LAST CHANCE TO ORDER BUTTER BRAIDS. All orders will be submitted early morning, March 28th. Thank you to all who have ordered thus far. Scan the QR code or stop in the office to order.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross are at 6:30 pm.

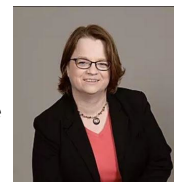
April 1st: Social Concerns Committee

April 8th: Sacred Heart Youth

DIRECTOR OF FAITH FORMATION

Greetings Sacred Heart Family!

It is after much discernment and with mixed emotions (sadness, anticipation, gratitude) that I announce my resignation from the position of Director of Faith Formation here at Sacred Heart Church. My time here has been eventful, to say the least, and I have formed some wonderful friendships. I also hope that God has used my gifts to make a difference for His kingdom in the lives of those I have ministered to and with. I will miss many things about being a DFF (the amazing people, sharing a faith-learning environment, leading VBS!) but am also at peace with a decision that was weighing heavy on my heart. Those people who already know have asked "what's next?" for me. While I don't have that answer, I do know God works in wondrous ways in the lives of those who trust him, and I wait with great excitement for the next thing He has for me. [Candidates have been identified and interviews are being scheduled for Jen's successor in this position.]



"If God truly does work all things for the good of those who love Him, then our purpose in each transition is not simply to succeed or transition well. It's to trust God and follow His direction." Author Unknown

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$19,230.77
Collected 03/20/2022.....	\$17,533.50
Excess (Deficit)	\$(1,697.27)
YTD Collection Budget	\$423,076.94
YTD Collected	\$425,593.04
Excess (Deficit)	\$2,516.10

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be on Monday March 28 from 4-7pm. Thank you for spending time with Jesus.





The Spring Bling Sale is Back, it will be from 4:00 -7:00 Friday, April 22nd and after the weekend Masses April 23 & 24th. We will be collecting new, vintage & repurposed Jewelry, Scarves and Handbags starting on March 7th until April 10th, Palm Sunday. Donations may be dropped off in the collection boxes marked for the sale, by the parish office. Thanking you in advance for your donations, proceeds will be used for enhancements of the Gathering Place and church.

The Gathering in the Arts Committee

THANK YOU

The family of Patrick Eisenreich would like to thank Fr. Ron for the heartening words and Mark Levandowski for the beautiful music at the funeral.

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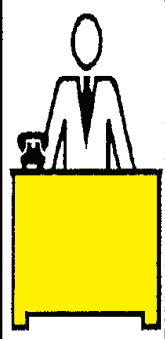
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