

February 4, 2024
5th Sunday of Ordinary Time



5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

So he went into their synagogues, preaching and driving out demons throughout the whole of Galilee. - Mk 1:39

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MASS TIMES

Monday, February 5	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Howard Cariveau
Tuesday, February 6	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† John A. Walker
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Donna Peternell
Wednesday, February 7	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	- Sophia Crane
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
Thursday, February 8	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	-Word and Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Dolores Friedrich
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Erin Kelash Anderson
Friday, February 9	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† James Nierengarten
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Ann Strack
Saturday, February 10 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Donald & Donna Pallansch
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Jacqueline Buemmer
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Linda Engebretson Vouk
Sunday, February 11 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Jerry Molitor
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Anna & Michael Lock family
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Bill & Helen Hintz
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	- Gerald Trobec

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
If you have any of the above pastoral
needs, please contact your Parish
Office.

Bulletin announcements are
due in the parish office by
8:00 am on Mondays.
Thank you! Please contact
your Parish Office for
more information.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10

Next Sunday: Lv 13:1-2, 44-46/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 11 (7)/1 Cor 10:31—11:1/Mk 1:40-45

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Staying to the End: Why to Say No to Assisted Suicide

Have you ever turned off a TV show, walked out of a movie, not finished a book, abandoned an article in a magazine or newspaper? Perhaps it made no sense to you; or it was too long with too many plot twists. Maybe it stirred difficult memories or

feelings, or simply failed to engage you. Leaving the story early means we do not know what we have missed, often the most important part that would tie the rest together.

In the virtual world of entertainment and relationships, we are used to a measure of control – to click or not to click, that has become the question. All of us have days when we wish we could just change the channel, or pause, or rewind and run it again.

Life is not that way. Each chapter, lived in sequence and through to the credits, has value, purpose, and lessons to teach.

This session of the Minnesota Legislature has recently seen the return of the issue of assisted suicide. Introduced repeatedly, it has long failed to garner support. Today's political and cultural climate raises the concern that Minnesota could soon join the ten states and D.C. in legalizing the practice.

There are many reasons to reject legalizing assisted suicide, each of them grounded in sound social policy and long human experience.

Assisted suicide undermines the value and dignity of life. Its legalization, though claimed to be only for those with terminal illness, also exposes those who live with significant disabilities or those who already lack social support to the slippery slope that could move from a "right to die" for those who wish it to a "duty to die" for those who do not. It is contrary to the medical profession's fundamental purpose and integrity. It makes the choice for death a mainstream option that may attract those, including young people, whose depression or despair can be addressed in lifegiving ways. It weakens motivation to develop better therapies and end-of-life care. It may trade lives for dollars, as hastening death is inevitably cheaper than extending care for a longer period; indeed a recent report from Canada made that financial point clearly and without any moral concern for the social costs.

But such principled arguments often fail to persuade those who favor assisted suicide. Some focus on admirable concern to alleviate suffering, even to the point of ending life to achieve it. Others believe that individual freedom extends as far as this choice to end one's life, validated and facilitated by law.

Suffering does call for compassion and relief. Palliative care exists precisely to attend to the physical, psycho-social, and spiritual distress of those who face serious illness, and also seeks to support their caregivers. States that have legalized assisted suicide report that when bodily and emotional pain are addressed – whether the suffering is current or (as is most common) anticipated in the future – requests for assisted suicide are withdrawn.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Each day, families deal with the tragedy of suicide. The fear, loneliness, and personal pain borne by some may lead them to find the future unbearable, and they seek an end to their distress. Such existential suffering calls for more care, not less, in gestures of hope and presence.

Some chapters of life's story challenge us to the core. They may make no sense, or drag on, or stir difficult memories and feelings. But they are never unimportant for shaping who we are, as individuals and as a society.

This above all is when we need one another. Quality of life is not defined in isolation solely by symptoms and pain scales; it is determined in no small measure by the kindness and mercy of those around the person in need. These often emerge at the end of life's story in ways we never knew before.

While death will visit each of us, it need not be our master. Suffering, fear, and dependence on others may threaten what we cherish and hold important in life, but assisted suicide would allow death to have the final and strongest word.

In thirty-six years of ministry, I have been inspired by so many examples of tireless and genuine care for those approaching death. Medical professionals, neighbors, families, even strangers, have supported, accompanied, comforted, laughed and cried along with one whose life was impacted, but not defined or devalued, by the prospect of dying. To be present, hold a loved one's hand, and keep vigil with a fading light – these reveal the unfading dignity of human life and demonstrate the mutual gift of true compassion that enriches both those who give and those who receive.



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

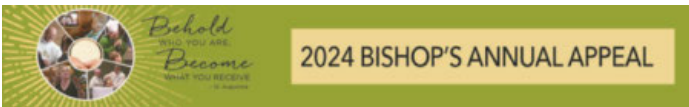


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“Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, ‘Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.’” - Mark 1:35, 38

In today’s Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.



This is Announcement Weekend for the 2024 Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Please take this opportunity to consider your gift and the many ministries that are only available through your generosity. Next week, you can make a gift with envelopes that will be provided at Mass or bring the envelope many of you will receive in the mail this week. You can also hear Bishop Neary’s message and see highlighted ministries in our 2024 video at: <https://youtu.be/IRAGKm8k-5A> Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

2024 CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE

Sharing Our Eucharistic Journey

Saturday, February 24th from 8:30am–3:15 pm at St. Francis Xavier, Sartell. We have an exciting speaker, Father Tim Donovan, who was ordained a priest for the Diocese of Orange, California in 2017.



Before entering the seminary, he was a youth minister and continues to have a heart for sharing the Catholic Faith. He is the founder and President of “Faith and Family Life Catholic Ministries.” We will also have workshops presented by Father Matthew Crane, Deacon Mike Benda and Deacon Ed Shoener (from Scranton, PA) COST= \$35 Registration Deadline: February 14. To register call 258-7615 or go to www.stcdio.org/2024mensconference

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

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.



Teaching Mass with Fr Tom at Annunciation Parish in Mayhew Lake March 6 starting at 6:30 pm.

—To find out more information on the Eucharistic Revival, visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>

BAPTISM

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

Owen Thomas Schlichting, son of Brian & Nicole and Chance Rick Haakonson, son of Aaron & Marissa, who were baptized at Sacred Heart.



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of James “Jim” Anderson, who passed away on January 24th from St. Stephen

And Joyce Saldana, who’s funeral was January 26th from Annunciation.

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



FINANCIAL CENTER & CREDIT UNION

Join the party -- Parishioners are invited to celebrate the **Grand Opening** of the Catholic United Financial Center and Credit Union in downtown St. Cloud on Feb. 13th. A ribbon cutting ceremony begins at 11 a.m. and will include a light lunch, prize drawings and special guest, Bishop Patrick Neary. Free parking is available. Catholic United Financial staff are celebrating all week with treats, tours and special offers during business hours Feb. 12th to Feb. 16th. The Center is located on 120 10th Avenue North in St. Cloud. For more details or directions, visit www.catholicunitedcu.org or call 877-871-8313.

FESTIVAL OF FAMILIES

Please pray for the success of the Diocesan Festival of Families taking place next Sunday (February 11). May the families of our diocese grow closer to one another in faith and nurture their relationship with a loving God who accompanies them in their daily life.



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School for our ACC will be June 23rd-28th at St. Francis Xavier. Morning and evening sessions available. Registrations will begin in March!!

Plans are being made for a great VBS session this summer. Supplies are needed: Med & large boxes, fake greenery, blue fabric/bed sheets, any fish or sea creature stuffed animals, old scuba gear, 2 liter bottles cleaned out with lids, dowels of various sizes and old pool noodles.

ROSES FOR LIFE

The Knights of Columbus will be at Annunciation on Sunday February 4 and Sacred Heart on Sunday, February 11 with Roses for Life. A free will offering is accepted.



YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Draft

Save the date for the next TOD, Thursday, February 8th from 6-8 PM at the Green Mill in St. Cloud. Our speaker this month will be Cindy Gonzalez. Cindy is the Campus Minister for the College of Saint Benedict in St. Joseph. She has spoken at many events including the keynote at Diocesan Ministry Day in 2021. Bring a friend, partner, etc. Should be a great night.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Metro Night

Grades 6 - 12, join us for the first Metro Night of 2024 on Friday, February 23rd from 7-9 pm at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. All are welcome to meet new friends, pray and of course play blacklight games. Contact your Youth Minister for more information!

GRIEF: MIND, BODY & SPIRIT

Healing the broken hearted and binding up their wounds. Psalm 147:3

Grief is a normal and natural reaction to loss in your life (death of a loved one, job, mind, health, divorce etc.) Each person has their own timetable and style of grieving. Come and explore grief this Lent at St. Francis Xavier Church,

Sartell, MN. Attend one session or all. **All are Welcome!**
Tuesdays in Lent – February 20 & 27, March 5, 12, 19

5:30-6:00 pm Soup & Sandwich Dinner
6:00-7:00 pm Guest Speaker
7:00-7:30 pm Social & Discussion

Guest Speakers include Deacon Steve Pareja, Bethany Tollefson, DNP, MSN, RN, PHN, Hannah Warzecha, APRN, CNP, Liz Fiedler, APRN, CNP, Roland Brunner, RN. Questions or to register contact Sandee Kremers.



DCCW ANNUAL WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Join Deb Rudolf, Retreat Leader, on a "Journey of a Woman's Life: Using the Sacraments to Grow in Our Faith". That is the theme of the annual St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat to be held Saturday, March 9, 2024 at St. Martin's Parish in St. Martin.

Following registration at 8:30 a.m., Deb will kick off the Retreat at 9:00 a.m.; Bishop Patrick Neary, C.S.C. will celebrate Mass at 11:00; followed by lunch/social, and conclusion of presentation. Registration is \$20 by March 1.



ST. STEPHEN

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings for January 27-28

Adult	\$ 2,690.00
Adult online giving Jan 20-26	438.00
Plate	163.00
Solemnity of Mary	20.00
Total	\$ 3,311.00
Weekly <u>Adult</u> income to meet budget:	\$3,150

Ushers

Feb 10: Peter Schumer, Will Hellmann, Mitch Pangerl
Feb 11: Steve Vouk, Art Lyon, Jake Rothstein

Faith Formation/Youth Group News

Classes February 7: Grades 1-4 and Confirmation. A meal will be served in the Parish Hall before class.

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet Sunday, Feb. 4, from 6-7pm in the church annex. This month we will discuss Ruth.

St. Stephen Lions 52nd annual Walleye Fish Fry is Friday, February 9, from 5-9pm in the Parish Hall. Contact Dennis (320-428-8171) or Linda (320-260-8290).



Fellowship next Sunday Everyone is invited on February 11 after 10am Mass to join us in annex for treats and to meet someone new - The Vibrancy Committee.

Quilters Needed Each Monday we meet from the first Monday in October through May. We quilt and enjoy each others company while we sew the quilts for the Labor Day bazaar. Come to the church basement on Mondays from 9am to 5 pm for as much time as you choose. If we get enough interest, we will consider evening hours as well.

We will teach anyone that wants learn the art of quilting and assembling the quilts. We also welcome donations of quilt tops and quilts for this worthwhile cause. We have a stache of donated fabric that you have access to by notifying us. Donations of fabric is welcomed as well.

For more information contact Liz at 320-251-5062 or Barb at 320-251-0462 or join us on Mondays.



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.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Wednesday's at **Trobec's** at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - February 15 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 January 28, 2024

Adult Collection.....	\$8,775.63
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,526.79
Central MN Catholic.....	\$90.00
Easter.....	\$50.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$50.00

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

FEAST OF ST.BLAISE

THIS WEEKEND!! We will offer the Blessing of Throats after Mass on Saturday, February 3rd and Sunday, February 4th.

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) CLOW will continue to meet regularly on Sunday mornings at 9 am. CLOW is for young people in grades PreK - grade 3. We are always looking for more assistance, please contact Jason Prigge to learn more!

Stations of the Cross We will again pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 6:30 pm. If you, your family, or a group you are part of would like to lead Stations of the Cross, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office as soon as possible. If you would like to help as a lector, musician, or AV operator, please sign up using the online terminal. Thank you!

- February 16 - Boy Scouts –Stations for Youth
- February 23 - St. Arnold's Group– Traditional
- March 1 - Catholic United Financial– Traditional
- March 8–
- March 15–
- March 22–



Palm Branch Collection You can bring your palm branches from previous years and place them in the basket in the gathering space to be burned for Ash Wednesday.

Lent Decorating Decorating for Lent will take place on Tuesday, February 13th at 9:00 am. We'll be removing green plants, setting up our Lenten "path", hanging fabric, and doing other decorating. Please come lend a hand if you're able.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Donna Lardy and Jane Wruck 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry

February Theme: Grounded in Love

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!



Sunday, February 4th (grades 9-12): 5:00 - 7:00 pm
Theme: Formal Attire/Mystery Dinner Theater

Wednesday, February 7th (grades 5-8): 7:30 - 9:00 pm
Theme: Wear Red or Pink

Wednesday, February 21st (grades 5-12): 7:30 - 9:00 pm

Castaway 2024 Last chance to register for Castaway 2024 - contact Jason Prigge ASAP!

FAITH FORMATION

Foundation Adult Night is Wednesday, February 7th from 6:30 - 7:30 pm. All adults in the parish are invited to hear Fr. Tom share about Marriage and the Eucharist. Please join this parish Eucharistic Revival presentation.

THANK YOU

The family of Jim Nierengarten would like to express their gratitude to Fr. Tom, the ushers, choir members and lunch servers at Jim's funeral Mass and for all who reached out to us with their prayers and concern. The service was lovely and the music in particular was beautiful.



INK CARTRIDGE DONATIONS

Help the Environment and the Youth Group Recycle those old Ink Jet cartridges, Cell Phones, laptops, or small electronics. Useable ones are repurposed, the rest are recycled for components. Drop off in the gather space Kiosk or in the Office. Contact Gerry Kittok for more information (320) 420-9050

UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 5; 5pm—Men's Group
- February 6; 6:30pm—ACC Adult FF Sub Committee Room C
- February 7; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1pm; Prayer Blanket Ministry
5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal
6pm—Grounded (5-8)
- February 8; 6pm—SH Book Buffet
6pm—Theology on Draft (YA)
- February 9; 9am—Mass time CHANGE-Mass with SKD
- February 10; 8am—Diocesan Confirmation Retreat
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- February 11; 10:30am—Festival of Families
11am— Confirmation Learning Centers (SS)

CRAFT GROUP DATE CHANGE

The Craft group was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, February 14th. Due to this being Ash Wednesday, the craft group will meet the following week on Wednesday, the 21st instead.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729
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Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP


Income for Sunday, January 28th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$1,550.00
Visitor	\$87.00
Youth	\$11.00
Votive Candles	\$0.71
Breakfast (Jan. 21st, 2024).....	\$627.00
Saldana Funeral Lunch.....	\$200.00
St. Cloud Visitor	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Extra Photo Directories.....	\$25.00
Total Income	\$2,560.71

Mass Schedule

Sun. February 11th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: Jenessa Strande and Gene Poser
Eucharist: Amy Krajsa(H), Lloyd Lyon(C), Gene Poser(C)
Servers: Ava & Halle Krajsa
Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Mason & Carson Zwiling, Spencer Ackerman
Ushers: Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, Spencer Ackerman, and Lora Knafla

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Donna Brown, Jennifer Puhalla, Rose Beauchamp, Donald Gravelle, Beth Walker, Joshua Ackerman, Sarah Dinnebier, Kendel Pflipsen, Jackson Ackerman, Bradley Popp, Vernon Kosloski, Marilee Pflipsen, Oliver Skroch, Mitchell Thell.

DEEPEST SYMPATHY our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Joyce Saldana who's funeral was here on January 26th. Eternal rest grant onto her Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Upcoming:

TODAY, Feb. 4th, 11th gr. Learning Centers, St. Stephen 11am-3:15pm
Mon. Feb. 5th, 11th gr. Learning Centers, St. Stephen, 5pm-8pm
Wed. Feb. 7th, Religious Ed Classes at 6:30pm
Sun. Feb. 11th, 11th gr. Learning Centers, St. Stephen 11am-3:15pm
Sun. Feb. 11th, Family Fun Day, Sacred Heart 10:30am-3pm
Wed. Feb. 14th, Ash Wed. Mass @ Sacred Heart 6:30pm

SJAS OPEN HOUSE St. John's Area School, Foley, will have an Open House for Pre-K, Kindergarten, and all new students in grades 1-6 on Feb. 6th and 15th from 3:30-5:30pm. Please call the school at 320-968-7972 for more details or visit our website www.saintjohnsschool.net

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER "Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, heartfelt compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience." - Colossians 3:12. Experience these at a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next available **Weekends** are Feb 9-11, 2024 in Buffalo, MN and Feb 9-11, 2024 in Mandan, ND. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



LOST & FOUND if you are missing a glove or two, please check the table in the back of church or call the parish office. We just might have what you are looking for.

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Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158
Prayer Line Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 1/14/2024.....	\$22,922.54
Excess (Deficit)	\$(2,249.46)
YTD Collection Budget	\$640,950.94
YTD Collected	\$675,566.90
Excess (Deficit).....	\$34,615.96

COFFEE & COMMUNITY

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



PLACE OF HOPE



We are looking for volunteers to cook and serve at Place of Hope on Tuesday, February 27.
Contact Sandee Kremers for more information or to volunteer @ 320-252-1363.

AA GROUP MEETINGS

AA Group Meetings at St. Francis Xavier

If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol abuse, St. Francis Xavier hosts a local AA group which meets every Thursday at 6:30pm in Xavier Hall. Attendees should go to the east side of the Xavier Hall - Door X3 and down to the basement. If you have questions, please contact Denny K. at 320-224-7785.



PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES

We received a limited number of additional Pictorial Directories. The directories were FREE to those who had their photo taken or submitted a photo. If you are not in the directory, but would like to purchase one they are available for \$5.00.

1ST ANNUAL ARTS & CRAFTS FAIR

Please join us Sunday, February 11, 2024 for the 1st Annual Arts & Craft Fair. Featured: agates, crochet toys, card holders, crochet items, greeting cards, fleece jackets, mittens, hats and bears, baby items, embroidery, jewelry, hang towels, bowl cozies, doll clothes, pottery/ceramic, sculpture dolls, swags and wreaths, watercolor painting, woodworking, Warren's BBQ sauce, cake pops, cookies and cupcakes. 1:00pm-4:00pm in the Gathering Place. Refreshments will be available.



CRAFTERS NIGHT

Mark your calendars, our next crafters night will be Friday, February 16th from 5-9pm. Please RSVP to Melissa if you plan to attend by noon on the 16th.

We host a Crafters Day on Saturday, March 2nd starting at 9AM. Cost is \$20.00 lunch and snacks will be provided. We will work as long as people want to stay.

Crafters nights (or days) are a time for people to come together and work on their own craft projects, to meet new people and to have fun!

Questions, please reach out to Melissa Fox 320-761-2217 or mfox@stfrancissartell.org

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Service Sunday Events:

February 11th Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids from 10am – 3pm. We will help with the Diocesan Family Rally event.

Aftershock:

February 21st Grades 6-12 at SFX from 6:30-8:30pm.

Youth Group Nights:

February 3rd grades 6-12 from 4-8pm (note time change from original calendar) at Xavier Hall.

February 25th TREMOR for grades 4-5 from 5:30-7:30pm in the Gathering Place of SFX.

Diocesan Event:

Castaway 2024 Friday, March 22 – Sunday, March 24 at the Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes, MN for youth in grades 9-12. **If you are interested in learning more about this retreat experience, please contact Jennifer before Wednesday, January 31st!**

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