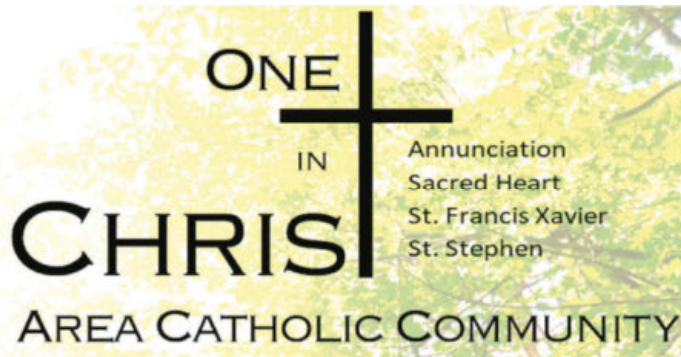


January 29, 2023  
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time,  
Catholic Schools Week



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## Annunciation

9965 Mayhew Lake Road NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-252-1729 • oneinchristacc.org

## Sacred Heart

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

## St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377  
320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

## St. Stephen

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

### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday January 29</b> Weekday	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Joyce Loidolt
<b>Tuesday January 30</b> St. John Bosco	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Mrs. Clarence Reichmann
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Rich Kuklock
<b>Wednesday February 1</b> Weekday	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Ron Schmitz
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Int. Urban Frank
<b>Thursday February 2</b> The Presentation of the Lord Groundhog Day	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Jerry Mehr
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Jerry Diederich
<b>Friday February 3</b> St. Blaise	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Janet Holthaus
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Mary Botz
<b>Saturday February 4</b> 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Martha Koenig
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	Living & Deceased members of the Hudalla & Sumej families
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Calvin & Pauline Ristow
<b>Sunday February 5</b> 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time	8:15 am	Annunciation	For the People of the Parishes
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Andrew Dusek
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schweiters
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Roger Trobec

### 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.

### \*Livestreamed Mass

### DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31:20, 21, 22, 23, 24  
/Mk 5:1-20  
**Tuesday:** Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22:26b-27, 28 and 30,  
31-32/Mk 5:21-43  
**Wednesday:** Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/Ps 103:1-2, 13-14,  
17-18a/Mk 6:1-6  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10  
/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Friday:** Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27:1, 3, 5, 8b-9abc  
/Mk 6:14-29  
**Saturday:** Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4,  
5, 6/Mk 6:30-34  
**Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (4a)  
/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

Welcome to Catholic Schools Week. Our One in Christ Communities support three Catholic schools as part of our mission – St. Francis



Xavier, St. Katharine Drexel, and Cathedral Middle School and High School. This year's theme is "Catholic Schools: Faith. Excellence. Service." Our schools have a specific purpose to form students to be good citizens of the world, love God and neighbor and enrich society with the leaven of the gospel and by example of faith. We partner with parents in the faith formation of their children.

As communities of faith, our schools instill in students their destiny to become saints. Academic excellence is the hallmark of Catholic education intentionally directed to the growth of the whole person – mind, body and spirit. Finally, service is fundamental to Catholic education and the core of Catholic discipleship. Service is intended to help form people who are not only witnesses to Catholic social teaching, but also active participants through social learning.

I invite you to check out our schools. Registration is currently taking place. All are welcome!

Beginning this Sunday and until Lent, our gospel will be taken from the "Sermon on the Mount." Some background to the gospel of Matthew. Matthew is writing to a Jewish audience. As a result, you will notice some similarities with the Hebrew Scriptures. For instance, Jesus is likened to Moses. Moses brought down the ten commandments from Mt. Sinai. Jesus presents the beatitudes from the mount. Jesus did not come to abolish the law but to enhance it. In computer lingo, you call ten commandments -- version 1.0 and the beatitudes -- version 2.0. Matthew stresses the Jewish sense of the kingdom of God. This kingdom is not something off in the distance but is to be achieved now. Salvation is harmony with God, being in right relationship. The kingdom of God is being in right relationship with God. Matthew is concerned with what are we doing now. There needs to be a connection between our spiritual lives and our everyday life. This is reflected in the judgment scene of Matthew in chapter 25 where the sheep and goats are separated.

Today's passage of the beatitudes can be divided into several parts. The first four --- poor, mourning, lowly, hungering for righteousness stress a reversal. The poor person is someone who has lost a reason to hope in this world. Not only are they lacking materially but it seems as if God has abandoned them. The person who is mourning can find no reason for joy. Their life appears to be spinning out of control. The meek person feels tread upon and used, forgotten by others. Those hungering for righteousness feel that God has abandoned the covenant.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

These are conditions that should not be. In God's rule the poor, the mourning, the meek, the hungering will find righteousness. The covenant will be fulfilled and they will be in joy.

The next four beatitudes are characteristics and virtues which a disciples are to possess. A disciple is to be merciful. A merciful person brings healing through forgiveness, being present with the hurting. A merciful person strives to rid the world of poverty, hunger, disease, and evil.

A disciple is pure of heart. To be pure of heart is to live an authentic life. One's spiritual life and everyday life are the same. They are single focused and have a passion for praising and serving God.

A disciple is a peace maker. A peacemaker strives to restore relationships. Shalom – Peace, is being in right relationship with God and others. a peace maker is a reconciler.

A disciple is willing to face persecution for righteousness. Committed to being faithful to the covenant with God, a disciple will not waver because of opposition, even if it means their life is taken.

The beatitudes are both a revelation of Jesus and an invitation to become like him, thus foregoing all the advantages of this world in order to embrace the eternal ethic and experience of God's reign. When will we take him at his word?

Fr. Ron

St. Katharine Drexel School

### **SKD CELEBRATING CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK** **JANUARY 29TH - FEBRUARY 3RD!**

Join us as we celebrate Catholic Schools Week! The theme for the week is: Faith, Excellence, Service!  
Here is a list of all the fun activities we will be doing to celebrate together:

- \*Sunday, Jan. 29 - CSW Kick-off Masses - 9:00 a.m. - St. Aug's and Sacred Heart
- \*Mon., Jan. 30 - Celebrating Our Community (Blue and Gold/Spirit Wear Day & Volunteering in community)
- \*Tue., Jan. 31 - Celebrating Our Students (Wacky Wear/ Crazy Hair Day & Special activities & lunch)
- \*Wed., Feb. 1 - Celebrating Our Families (Neon Day & Family Breakfast in Cafeteria from 7:00-8:00 a.m.)
- \*Thur., Feb. 2 - Celebrating Vocations (Every Day True Heroes/Future Job Day & Cap Day, our Pastors & Sr. Karen sharing about their religious vocations, Career Bingo, & Skating' Place in the evening)
- \*Fri., Feb. 3 - Celebrating Our Faculty, Staff, & Volunteers (Dress Up as Favorite Teacher, Staff, or Volunteer Member, Parent offered Mini Courses to students & Staff Meal)

*“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.” — Matthew 5:3*

The phrase “poor in spirit” can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God’s providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

### FEBRUARY SPECIAL DAYS

The first is Feb. 2, the feast of the Presentation of the Lord, once called the Purification of Mary. Both titles stem from the requirements of Jewish law that the firstborn male be presented to the Lord at the Temple and that the mother complete the days of her purification at the same time. The change in the feast’s name after the Second Vatican Council (1962-65) was intended to better reflect its meaning. In days gone by, it was considered by many the end of the Christmas season and the time to take down decorations. Over the years this has, also been a day to bless candles. Consider bringing candles to be blessed to Mass on Thursday at Annunciation or St. Stephen.

The second is Feb. 3, the optional memorial of St. Blaise, who has long been associated with ailments of the throat. The blessing of throats will take place after Mass on Feb. 3 and will be available after all the weekend Masses.

We will offer the traditional blessing of throats through the intercession of St. Blaise after each of the weekend Masses in our One in Christ ACC on February 4-5. Simply remain prayerfully in church after the recessional, and the celebrant and extraordinary ministers will provide this blessing.

### CANA DINNER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

**"Christ at the Heart" Cana Dinner for Married Couples, Sat. Feb 18 at Sacred Heart**

Married couples in our ACC are invited to a Cana Dinner celebrating marriage. The event will feature a catered buffet Italian dinner (with vegetarian and gluten-free options), beer, wine, dessert and coffee, and a presentation by Jim and Maureen Otremba. We have room for 80 couples, and the cost is \$60 per couple (funding available if you need help purchasing a ticket). Purchase tickets at your parish office. We look forward to celebrating with you!

### BAPTISMS

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

**Evelyn Rose Paek**, daughter of Woon Ho & Kari who was baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

**Bentley James Courier**, son of Hayden & Kristi who was baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

**Carter Joseph Olsen**, son of Chad & Courtney who was baptized at Sacred Heart.



### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of William “Billy” Supan who passed away January 20, from St. Stephen.

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



### WOMEN'S LENTEN RETREAT

Don't miss Dana Webskowski, a dynamic speaker, who will be the featured speaker at the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Lenten Retreat to be held at St. Paul's Parish in St. Cloud on Saturday, March 18, 2023. “Be Still and Know that I am God” is the theme of the day and Dana will guide the attendees to do just that during her morning presentation and again, through musical adoration following lunch.

Dana was a lukewarm “cradle Catholic” who found church boring and contemplated leaving the church but is now in love with God, the Catholic faith and the Eucharist. Her mission is to help fallen away Catholics come back to His church, light a fire for the lukewarm Catholics out there, and help other Christians to see that the Catholic church has absolute truth and everything they need to grow in holiness. Dana grew up on a farm near Millerville, MN and now resides in Sioux Falls, SD.

### SKD OPEN HOUSE



Both current families and new prospective families are invited to our upcoming **SKD**

**Open House on Wed., Feb. 1st anytime between 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.** This is a great opportunity for children going into preschool and kindergarten next fall, as well as children in older grades to come and visit SKD with their families! Please pass the word to others you know who may be interested in checking out what SKD has to offer! Thank you

## THE CHOSEN



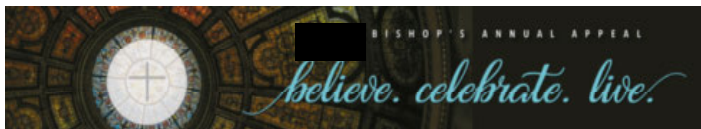
**JOIN US for THE CHOSEN Season 3**

**Monday Mornings at 8:30 am in Xavier Hall**

**February 6, 13, 20, 27**

**March 6, 13, 20, 27**

**All are welcome!**



**Announcement Weekend is February 25 - 26:** You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.

**Commitment Weekend is March 4 - 5:** This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2023 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.

## YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

### Young Adult Bible Study

Our next Bible Study is this Thursday, February 2nd from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at St. Stephen. We'll be continuing our study on the Acts of the Apostles starting with chapter 6. If you're looking for a small group to dive deeper into your faith, this group is for you! Contact Jason Prigge with questions (320.281.9486).

### Theology on Draft

Our next Theology on Draft is on Thursday, February 9th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Great River Bowl in Sartell. Join us in an important conversation with Christine Pinto from the Diocese as we begin to talk and think about what does a Multicultural Church look like, what can we do? Apps are provided. Drinks are your responsibility. We are in a private room with private bowling lanes. Following the presentation, there will be an option/opportunity to bowl at your expense. This will be just another great way to build community - so bring a friend and don't miss out!

### Mardi Gras

Join other young adults and other young adult families for a night out celebrating Mardi Gras on Friday, February 17th at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell, in Xavier Hall. More details to follow.

## 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 - January 15 & 22

Adults	\$ 5,083.00
Plate	374.75
Children	201.00
Online Giving: Jan. 7-20	1,070.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$6,728.75</b>
Weekly Adult/Online needed for budget: \$2,740.00	

**Faith Formation:** Feb 1 - Grades 5-9 & Confirmation  
The meal will be Ham & turkey sandwiches.

**Thank You!** To everyone for your donations to the Cupcake for Life fundraiser on January 15. All proceeds will go to Pro-Life efforts.

**The Vibrancy Committee** will meet on Tuesday, February 7, at 6:15 in the annex. We are always looking for new members to join our committee. Contact Liz Legatt at 320-251-5062 for more info.

### St. Stephen Lions Club 51st Annual Walleye Fish Fry

**Fry** - February 10, 2023 in the St. Stephen Parish Hall  
Dine in or Take Out 5:00 - 9:00 PM  
Tickets: \$18 advanced & \$20 at the door  
Call Linda at 320-260-8290 for tickets

**Blood Drive - February 13:** We will be hosting a blood drive with American Red Cross. The blood drive will be from 1:00 - 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. Please sign up online at [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call the parish office.

**Fellowship Sunday-February 12** after the 10 AM Mass in the annex. Everyone is invited to come & spend time visiting with fellow parishioners. Cookies & cupcakes will be served.

**Senior Driver Class** - February 28 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Register at [STSE.biz](http://STSE.biz) or call Helping Hands at 746-9960 or 393-4467.

**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.

**Adoration** will be on Thursday, February 2, following 8 AM mass until 4 PM.

### 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** - Will be February 16.

Social starts at 11:30, meal at 12:00, speaker at 12:30, entertainment to follow. St. Stephen Parish Hall.

**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 Jan 15, 2023

Adult Collection.....\$13,664.3  
Children's Collection.....\$27.00  
Holy Days.....\$20.00  
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$19,673

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Chili Contest Thank You** A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Chili Challenge Congratulations to Renee Mastey for having the most votes and winning the Chili Challenge trophy for 2023! Thank you to those who shared their talents with us, it made the event wonderful. Thank you to Catholic United Financial for giving us the matching grant of \$1,000. And last but not least, a HUGE thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets (We sold all 250), came to the event and for those that helped make the event successful! The raffle winners are: \$2,500 Roger Linz, \$1,000 Marilyn Popp, \$500 Sandra Heflin, \$250 Brandon Tschida & Richard Theis and \$100 Pat Welty, Dale Johannes, Ron & Kathy Mastey and Mark Kaschmitter. Congratulations!!



**Social Concerns Focus Survey** Please take time to help the Social Concerns Committee focus on upcoming goals by completing a brief survey available at the February 4/5 weekend Masses, Facebook and the Sacred Heart All Parish February News

**Card Making Ministry** Do you have a crafty side? Do you enjoy getting cards in the mail? This may be just the group for you. The Card Making Ministry meets on the third Thursday of the month at 1 pm. Never made cards before??? That's ok too. Come and learn as you go.

## MASS TIME CHANGES

The Students and staff from St. Katharine Drexel will be celebrating Mass with us on Friday, February 10th. The 8am Mass for that day will be moved to 9am. We look forward to them sharing their time and talents with us!

## 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: Gloria & Kevin Hanson.

**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 8** WNL is back for the 8th time this year! **Grades 5 - 12**, join us for a Bean Bag Tournament, prayer and a discussion about relationships. Bring a friend and plan on joining us from 7:30 - 9:00 pm!

**Breakfast and Bible Study** Free Breakfast for students in grades 6 - 12 this Friday February 3rd from 7:00 - 7:55 AM! All are welcome. If you ever want to help host a breakfast for young people, please contact Jason Prigge.



**Metro Youth Night** Join other young people from the metro area for Adoration, Praise and Worship and games on Friday, February 3rd from 7:00 - 9:00 pm at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in St. Joseph. Rides available, contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486). Permission slips near the Youth Ministry board and online.

**Birthday Cake Project** Our youth group will be packaging/ putting together Birthday Cake packs for kids who might not be able to afford a birthday cake. We will then bring them to Catholic Charities to be distributed. You can help by providing a financial donation OR by donating these items: \*Birthday Cake Mix, \*Frosting, \*Sprinkles, \*Birthday Candles Please have your donation to the parish office by Wednesday, February 15th at Noon. Questions? Contact Jason Prigge.

**Tubing at Powder Ridge** Save the date for Monday, February 20th for tubing. Information and forms to be found online this week. Contact Jason Prigge now if you're interested.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 29; Beginning of Catholic Schools Week  
February 1; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study  
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry  
7:30pm—WNL  
February 2; 7pm—YA Bible Study  
February 3; 7am—Breakfast and Bible Study  
8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration  
11am—Rosary & Benediction  
February 4; 10th Grade Confirmation Commitment Weekend  
3:30pm—Reconciliation  
6pm—Blood Pressure Checks  
7:30pm—Jr High Lock-in  
February 5; 10th Grade Confirmation Commitment Weekend  
11am—Confirmation Stations

## SOCIAL CONCERNS

**Green Card Voices** will be displayed at Sacred Heart Church from February 4-12, featuring 18 first generation immigrant and refugee stories from 12 different countries of origin. The stories that make up this exhibit are Central Minnesota stories, told by community members who live here, work here, and serve here. The exhibit features individual 8ft. tall full-color banners displaying highlights of each incredible and unique story. Each banner includes a portrait, their 200-word bio, a quote and a QR code (viewers can scan them with a smart phone/iPad and watch the first-person video story).

## 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, January 22nd, 2023

Adult Sunday .....	\$2,668.00
Visitor .....	\$215.00
Youth .....	\$25.00
Religious Ed. Retreat .....	\$20.00
Initial Offering .....	\$13.00
Votive Candles .....	\$2.10
Total Income .....	\$2,943.10

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00

### Mass Schedule

#### Sun. February 5th, 2023, 8:15am Mass

**Lector:** Lora Knafila

**Eucharist:** John Koenig(H), Karla Koenig(C), Lloyd Lyon(C)

**Servers:** Noah & Kelsey Lentner

**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom and Lillian Piotrowski

**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom and Dan Brenny



**Happy Birthday:** Gabi Molitor, Cheryl O'Keefe, Mariah Simmons, Shirley Lindner, Michael Lentner, Lisa Przybilla, Anita Montag, Donna Brown, Jennifer Puhalla.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to Colin Michael Jurek, son of Matt and Amanda, who was received into our Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism today, during mass. Many blessings to him and his family.



**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Classes Wednesday at 6:30pm:

Classes: Feb. 1st, Feb. 8th, Feb. 15th,

Ash Wed. Mass (Feb. 22nd) at 8:30am here and at Sacred Heart Church at 6:30pm.

Confirmation Learning Centers: Feb. 5, 6 and 12th at SS.

**CONFIRMATION LEARNING CENTERS** Dates are Feb. 5th, 12th from 11am to 3pm and on Feb. 6th from 6pm to 8pm at St. Stephen. Please make sure to sign up for one of these dates.

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

**DINNER/AUCTION** at the Sobieski Community Center on Fri., Feb. 10, 2023. Dinner at 6:30 p.m., Auction starts at 8:00 p.m. Tickets call Val at 320-547-2920 in AM. Put on by the Swanville's St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. Church open @ 5:30pm to view auction items.

**Do you like visiting on the phone?** Would you like to check in with a fellow parishioner just to say "Hello, how are you doing today?" or would you like to even visit them in their home? If so, please call the office 252-1729 or Lora 393-2701 or Maureen 252-7650 by Feb. 3rd. We would like to have a mtg with those who are interested or want to learn more sometime in Feb. where Fr. Tom would give us some guidance on what we should/could do for parishioners who would appreciate a call or visit.

**ADULT CHOIR MEMBERS NEEDED** Practice on Monday's from 6:30-8:00pm. Do not need to know how to read music ♪.

## 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 01/22/2023.....	\$20,132.75
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(59.56)</b>

YTD Collection Budget .....

YTD Collected .....

**Excess (Deficit) .....**

### SCHOOL NEWS



St. Francis Xavier  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Happy New Year! We are excited for all of the learning opportunities awaiting us in 2023!

St. Francis Xavier School has much to offer the families of our community.

1. Our Catholic school partners with parents to form children in the virtues of faith, hope and charity, and our world needs renewal of these virtues. Children are proof that God is good and with us.
2. Our Catholic school is small and committed to developing the whole child through academic excellence, spiritual growth, and community service.
3. We work with our families to adjust to changing economic situations.
4. Our Catholic school teachers and staff model to our students how to rely on their faith to persevere through challenges that may emerge.
5. Our Catholic school is purposefully planning for possibilities to improve our instruction and strengthen our community.

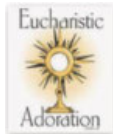
We invite you to attend one of our Open House events for new and prospective families for the 2023-2024 school year. The first open house will be **Sunday, January 29th after 9:30 Mass until 12:00 pm**. The second open house is scheduled for **Thursday, February 2nd from 5:00 pm-7:00 pm**.

If these dates do not work for your family, please contact the office for a personal tour on a different date that works better for you. If you or someone you know are interested in enrolling as a SFX and want to know more about our programs, please contact the school office at ([schooloffice@sfx61.org](mailto:schooloffice@sfx61.org)) or call 252-9940.

Heidi Schloe, Principal

## 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](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.



### Eucharistic Adoration

February 14 & 28, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

4th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## 75<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY FOR ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

The first planning meeting for the festival took place on Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Planning and preparation will start earlier this year as we expect a bigger event due to the draw expected with having *The Killer Vees – Killer Country Show* and this being the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of St. Francis Xavier Parish. Put Saturday, September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> on your calendar now. We will soon be asking for donations for the raffle drawing and for silent auction and more. This year with the expense of the music, we will be looking for big donors and corporate sponsors to offset costs as well.

I'm still looking for some creative types who like to dabble in social media and marketing to help get the word out and promote the party. Call or email me - we'll talk! 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or [tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org).

## MISSION GROUP

St. Anthony Mission group will meet January 31st in Xavier Hall at 10 am. Please join us as we make blankets for those in need.

## INSPIRATION FOR THE WEEK

Every day, God offers each of us countless opportunities to embody the Beatitudes. Blink and you might miss them. Where is God inviting you to poverty of spirit? Where does he beg you to hunger for righteousness? How does he ask you to make peace?

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