



Annunciation Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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St. Stephen

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Monday, October 14	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Bonnie Wruck
Tuesday, October 15	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Pat Smith
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Harold Legatt
Wednesday, October 16	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Bob & Pat Koenig
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Margaret Rymer
Thursday, October 17	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	- Word and Communion † For the People of the Parish - A Return to the Sacraments
Friday, October 18	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Richard Esselman
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† David Gaida
Saturday, October 19 29th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Angeline Maus † Nick Prom † Dennis, Mary Jane & Sam Schuneman
Sunday, October 20	8:1 <i>5</i> am	*Annunciation	† Geno Brown

*Sacred Heart

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

† Andy Hovanes

*St. Francis Xavier † Gabriel Bradley

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7/Lk 11:29-32

9:00 am

9:30 am

10:00 am St. Stephen

29th Sunday Ordinary Time

*Livestreamed Masses

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3 and 6/Lk 11: 42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk

11:47-54

- Law Enforcement/First Responders

Friday: 2 Tm 4:10-17b/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Lk

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 12:8-12 Next Sunday: Is 53:10-11/Ps 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22, (22)/Heb 4:14-16/Mk 10:35-45 or 10:42-45

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Voting with a Catholic Conscience — Part I [taken from the Minnesota Catholic Conference, the public policy voice of the Bishops of Minnesota, and presented to shape voter's consideration of the elections from a Catholic perspective]

The imminent 2024 election will determine not only our next president but also numerous

legislators at the local, state, and federal levels. As Minnesotans prepare to vote, we as Catholics are called to vote in accord with our faith, with a focus on human dignity, recognizing that every person is made in the image and likeness of God. This fundamental belief is central to how we engage in public life, including how we vote. Catholics should approach the upcoming election with this in mind, using the Church's teachings as a guide to form their conscience and inform their vote at the ballot box — and how we respond peacefully and responsibly to whatever results from the election.

To help Catholics prepare to vote, Minnesota Catholic Conference has created a collection of resources, including specific information on Catholic Social Teaching. These resources, designed to guide and inform voters, can be found at mncatholic.org/election2024.

Catholic Social Teaching

Catholic Social Teaching (CST) offers a framework for how to build a just society that promotes human flourishing. CST reflects the Gospel's call to love our neighbor and uphold the dignity of every human person. The principles give Catholics the tools to live out our personal call to holiness despite the challenges of modern society and to share the truths of the faith in the public square.

It is often said that Catholics are politically homeless, as no candidate or party perfectly embodies all of the Church's teachings. Sometimes it is frustrating that there are no obvious answers when we take the whole of our teaching into account. But by prioritizing issues that most directly affect human dignity and the common good, and avoiding intentionally voting for positions that conflict directly with Catholic principles, we can allow our faith to inform our vote.

The Seven Principles of Catholic Social Teaching are: Life and Dignity of the Human Person Call to Family, Community, and Participation

Balancing Rights and Responsibilities
Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers
Solidarity

Care for God's Creation

Faithful Citizenship

The USCCB's <u>Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship</u>, though lengthy, helps guide voting decisions – not prescribing specific votes but instead providing essential elements to properly form one's conscience. This formation is crucial, prioritizing the principles of life, dignity, and the common good in often difficult choices before us.

Part III is useful for its direct statement of the Catholic Church's position on key issues before voters. While the views of some Catholics do not follow this teaching, Catholic teaching itself does not rest on popular approval but on the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Part III also presents questions to consider the positions and proposals of candidates: where does each stand, and what do they propose to do, about the following?

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Address the preeminent requirement to protect the weakest in our midst— innocent unborn children—by restricting and bringing to an end the destruction of unborn children through abortion and providing mothers and families the supports needed to make a decision for life.

Keep our nation from turning to violence to address fundamental problems—a million abortions each year to deal with unwanted pregnancies, euthanasia and assisted suicide to deal with the burdens of illness and disability, the destruction of human embryos in the name of research, and the scourges of war to address disputes.

Protect the fundamental understanding of marriage as the life-long and faithful union of one man and one woman and as the central institution of society; promote the complementarity of the sexes; and provide better support for family life morally, socially, and economically to ready the coming generation to build a better future for all.

Achieve comprehensive immigration reform that offers a path to citizenship, treats immigrant workers fairly, prevents the separation of families, maintains the integrity of our borders, respects the rule of law, and addresses the factors that compel people to leave their own countries.

Help families and children overcome poverty: ensuring access to and choice in education, as well as decent work at fair, living wages, helping to overcome widespread hunger and poverty here and abroad.

Provide health care while respecting human life, human dignity, and religious freedom in our health care system, education, and other social goods.

Continue to oppose prejudice, hostility, and all forms of unjust discrimination.

LEADERSHIP

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"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." (Mark 10:25)

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. However, we are all called to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts, and especially the one that means the most to us! That includes our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.



2024 BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

"Behold who you are. Become what you receive." The beauty of Catholic tradition and liturgy draws people in. Those discerning Catholicism seeking to return to the catholic faith are invited to engage in the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. To learn more, visit https://youtu.be/pxS5kuNzfFo. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network. The Network is an initiative of the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC). When you sign up, you will receive a bi-weekly email of resources that will provide formation on the Catholic faith and information on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. MCC also sends occasional action alerts that equip you to take action to transform Minnesota by contacting your elected officials on key issues. To join, go to mncatholic.org/join. You can also text CAN to 651-998-7322.

DIOCESAN ADULT FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

On October 26 the diocese is offering three events aimed at engaging adults in their faith. Adults are welcome to attend all three events or choose the ones that work in their schedule. All three events are taking place in St. Joseph, MN. The titles of the day are: Are You Ready?...for Surprise, Newness, Letting Go, Healing and Grace; The Lord has Done Great Things for Us...Are You Ready...for a FREE Concert? Please look to the stuffer for more details and costs.

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;" Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter.** The next weekend is: Apr 5-6, 2025 in BRAINERD, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact us at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.



BAPTISM

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



Richard Curtiss Rasmussen, son of Kellen & Brianna, from Sacred Heart,

Grace Leigh Fuchs, daughter of Henry Fuchs & Iliana Pichinte and William Joseph Maresh, son of Michael & Mary, both from St. Francis Xavier.

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of LaVern Reischl, who passed away on, October 3, from Sacred Heart.

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

KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

"Do This in Memory of Me" presented by King's House Retreat Staff Begin or continue the tradition of an annual retreat by attending a silent retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. Take this opportunity to grow in your relationship with God, the Father through the experience of this year's theme "Do This in Memory of Me". Jesus, present at The Last Supper shared with His disciples the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples remembered many things from that night. It is these memories that will guide our retreat. Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and suggested donation of \$195; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals; Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394.

SARTELL AREA CRAFT & BAKE SALE



As the countdown has begun, there are only 19 days left before our area churches (Celebration, Messiah, Riverside Presbyterian, St Francis Xavier & Unity) come together for our annual Craft & Bake Sale. Please join us Saturday,

October 26th, from 10 AM-1:00 PM in the SFX school gym. Please bring a friend & your Christmas shopping list as you are sure to find something for everyone on it! Check out & perhaps bid on a Silent Auction Item! After shopping enjoy a delicious lunch of Wild Rice Soup, (prepared in our SFX kitchen by our very own World Famous Chefs, Marlys & Doris) Coffee, juice, a roll & dessert are included! SOUP will be available to take out! This is also a great opportunity to fill your freezer with amazing baked goods for the holidays! Looking for a gift for your mailman, next door neighbor, co-worker, or friend? Check out the homemade Jams, Jellies, Pickles, Candies, Taco Sauces, etc! I am still in need of Lg. Baskets. Gift Cards from locally owned businesses are great to add to Silent Auction Baskets!! Thank you in advance for supporting this event & God bless you for your generosity!

Questions: Bonnie Nies 267-9237

YOUNG ADULTS

Oktoberfest

Save the date for Oktoberfest - fun for all young families and all young adults on Friday, October 18th from 6-8 PM at Sacred Heart. There will be activities for kids, games for adults, Brats and light snacks. Don't miss out, come socialize and meet others for a fun night!

Praise Night

Join us at the next Praise Night on Thursday, October 24th at 6 PM at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. The night will feature Praise and Worship and Eucharistic Adoration. All young adults are welcome, especially young children and their families.

YOUNGLIFE

Introducing MN62 - YoungLife | Granite City

We are pleased to announce our YoungLife area has officially been OPENED. Please continue to offer your prayers and offer your time / talent. If you'd like to make a financial contribution to our ministry, please contact Jason Prigge or Dana Howard.

YoungLife Training

The next step is here...it's time to begin training. If you have discerned that you are ready to be a part of bringing YoungLife WyldLife to our ACC by entering into the world of young people, it is time to get started. Online training is beginning. Please contact Jason Prigge to get access to the training at 320-281-9486.

Prayer Team Needed

We are looking for people to join us on Wednesdays at Noon for weekly prayer! Prayer generally lasts about 15-20 minutes and we are praying for our new

YoungLife area, our young people and for kids who aren't a part of our parish communities. If you'd like to join the prayer team but are unable to Zoom, contact Jason Prigge for another opportunity. Scan for Zoom Link:



SS BREAKFAST THANK YOU

The Parish Neighborhood Renewal Ministry Board, Iris and Glahecer would like to thank the Vibrancy Committee, Joyce Zimmerman, and the volunteers who helped make the breakfast a success. A special thank you to all who attended or donated to the ministry in any way. The breakfast was delicious and the sense of community was priceless! Continued prayers for the success of the mission is always appreciated. God Bless you all!

SH MEN'S CLUB THANK YOU

The Sacred Heart Men's Club would like to thank everyone who donated to the Poor Clares Breakfast. With the Men's club donating the food, they were able to bring in \$1,406 for the Poor Clare Sisters.



ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for Oct 5 & 6

Adult	\$ 1,705.00
Adult Online Sep 28-Oct 4	\$ 653.00
Plate	\$ 213.00
Children	\$.25
Total	\$ 2.571.25

Ushers:

Oct 19: Dan Warzecha, Gene & Karen Skaj Oct 20: Nancy & Tom Vouk, Jake Rothstein

Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin: No classes October 16—MEA break.

<u>Congratulations Confirmation students:</u> The following students will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday afternoon at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell: Simon Boeckman,



Makenna Fiedler, Blake Hengel, Tyler Janssen, Hunter Jepperson, Madison Knettel, Nolan Meling, Masyn Patrick, Caden Rothstein, Vernica Schefers, Jackson Seehusen, Nolan Shea, Aubrey Stang, Grace Stank, Eli Waddell.

Holdingford Knights of Columbus chicken & ham dinner at Pelican Lake Ballroom, Sunday, Oct. 13, from 3:30-6:30 PM.

Mass of Remembrance: If you have lost a loved one, whose funeral/burial, in the past year was elsewhere and would like their name included during our Mass of Remembrance on November 3, please contact the parish office by October 25.

Help needed - please contact the parish office to help with:

Homebound Communion a few people who could take communion to some of our homebound parishioners - either on a regular basis or as a backup.

<u>Boiler Maintenance</u> someone to help take care of the boiler in church during the winter months. You would need to get a boiler license.

Upcoming Events:

Oct. 17: Helping Hands Health Fair 10am-12pm Parish hall Oct. 20: First Responders Appreciation Mass at 10am

Oct. 22: Senior Traffic Safety class, 5:30-9:30 PM

THANK YOU

From the Honer family: Our family extends our deepest thanks to the St. Stephen parish, Fr. Ron, the choir, kitchen staff and the St. Stephen community for making the passing of our beloved Jim, as painful as it is, as painless as possible for us. One of Jim's greatest loves was music. He loved to share that with everyone at the parish festival over the years.

From Ray & Karen, David and the family of Jason Trobec: We would like to extend our heartfelt gratitude to Fr. Ron and our fellow parishioners, for the love, concern, sympathy, and prayers that have been expressed during our mourning of our beloved son, Jason. Please continue to keep Jason and his family in your prayers. May God Bless You!

Well n Fit exercise class: Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, 9:00-10:00am. The Wednesday class will be followed by half-hour line dance.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach:
Senior Dining: Wednesdays at The Rusty Nail (October-December) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

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 October 6, 2024	
Adult Collection	\$15,372.15
Automatic Giving	\$5,702.62
Friends In Need	
Improvements	\$135.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Lector Books Lectors, if you requested a new Lector Workbook for the coming year, please pick up your copy in the gathering space. Thank you!

Help Needed at Catholic Charities Food Shelf! Our church has chosen to Adopt-A-Month and join Catholic Charities in fighting hunger in our community during the month of October.

However, we face a shortage of volunteers. Many longtime helpers have retired, and new volunteers are scarce, especially post-COVID. As the need for the Food Shelf grows, volunteer numbers dwindle.

Please consider giving a few hours this month to help in the Food Shelf alongside fellow Sacred Heart parishioners. Your service is vital to our community. Scan the QR code to access the sign up or call Liz @ 320.229.4568 for more info and to sign up.



DAY OF SERVICE THANK YOU

Thank You to the home owners and the volunteers who helped make the Fall Day of Service last Saturday a wonderful event. It is so meaningful to help out parishioners with various outdoor tasks in the fall that brings joy to them and provides us an opportunity to use our gifts in service to others. We made new friends and helped other relationships to continue to grow. This is what a community of faith is about. Dcn Joe - Social Concerns Committee

ST. MONICA'S CATHEDRAL SCHOLARSHIP

St. Monica's scholarship to Cathedral High School has been increased to \$500 this year. Please submit a letter of application stating why you chose CHS to the Sacred Heart office by December 1st. You will be notified by December 5th if you are selected.

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting their Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on October 22 with social hour at 4:30 and dinner at 6. Please contact Tony Gruba at 320-333-1900 by October 18 to reserve your spot. The cost is \$24/person and will be a dinner of Parmesan Chicken or a vegetarian option. Please join us in showing our appreciation.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry Oct. Theme: Grounded in Unity

Upcoming Grounded dates:

*Sun. October 13th (Grades 9-12) @ 5-7 PM Dinner: Homemade Pizza

*Wed. October 23rd (Grades 6-12)

7th Grade Grounded Small Group Leader WantedConsider joining the Grounded family and walking with our middle schoolers in their faith journey. Training and support provided, contact Jason Prigge.

Sr. High Youth Day Grades 9-12, lets fill a bus and go see PJ Anderson in concert (and much more)! Sunday, October 27th all day at Lake Geneva in Alexandria. Cost is \$40, contact Jason Prigge or use our LinkTree to register!

MEA Tailgate All young people and families are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart on Wed. Oct. 16th for hotdogs, games and football. We'll stream the Storm game - doors open at 6:30 PM. Bring something to share!

Trunk or Treat Save the date for Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 - 7:00 PM for Trunk or Treat at Sacred Heart! Join us for this safe and fun for the whole family opportunity to visit all of the themed trunks and enjoy some hot cider/hot chocolate from our Young Adult Team. To make this event happen, we need two things:

- 1. Trunkers Decorate your trunk with a theme and be prepared for about 600 trick or treaters. Contact Jason (320).281.9486 OR iprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org) to sign-up your vehicle.
- 2. Candy Donations For our high school students who would like to participate in decorating their cars, we'd like to help them by providing bags of candy. Please bring bags into the Parish Office by Wednesday, October 30th.

Turkey Bowl Information Coming Soon The (0-3) students will take on the (3-0) young adults on Wednesday, November 27th at the Husky Dome. Lots of changes to the event, all are still welcome, stay tuned!

UPCOMING EVEVNTS

October 14; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group 6:30pm—Bells of the Heart Rehearsal

October 15; 6:30pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal 6:30pm—Parish Council

7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club

October 16; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study 6:30pm—MEA Tailgate

October 17; 1pm—Card Making 6:30 Young Adult Team Meeting

October 18; 6pm—Young Adult Oktoberfest

6pm—Chosen Event
October 19; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

6pm—Blood Pressure Checks-Hospitality Room

October 20; 10am—Blood Pressure Checks-Hospitality Room

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Annie Bandemer, Lori Kelzenberg, Rosanna Leither, Patricia Olson 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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729

cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941

shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income	for	Sunday	, October	6th, 2024
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Adult Sunday	\$2,920.00
Visitors	\$111.00
Youth	.\$175.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00
Fall Festival	.\$50.00
Votive Candle	.\$3.60
Building Fund	\$80.00
Total Income	

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. October 20th, 2024

Lector: JoAnn Marshall and Gene Poser

Eucharist: Deacon(H), Amy Krajsa(C), Jean Bemboom(C)

Servers: Halle Krajsa and Cole Lentner Greeters: Don and Karol Weyer

Ushers: Jeff Wollak, Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Brenda Carstensen-Boe, Natilee Montag, Sophia Rothstein, Stephanie Rothstein, Spencer Ackerman, Scott Thell, Matthew Kahl, Luella Cave, Brayden Melby.

AA MEETING at Annunciation Church Hall on Thurs., at 7pm. Meetings will be held every week. Call Lori for info. 320-406-8742. Everyone Welcome.

CHOIR PRACTICE On Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the choir loft.



ANOINTING OF THE SICK There will be Anointing of the Sick during Mass on Thursday, October 24th. There will be coffee and rolls after Mass. Everyone Welcome.

JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK The Catholic Advocacy Network is an initiative of the MN Catholic Conference (MCC) which provides information on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. To join, go to mncatholic.org/join, or text 651-998-7322.

BOXES OF JOY Deadline to turn in the boxes will be November 1. If you would like a box/boxes early, please contact Lora 393-2701. Thanks for thinking of these children. Learn more at www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: There is no Religious Ed classes on Wednesday, Oct. 16th.

Wed. Oct. 23, Rel Ed will be saying the Rosary. Everyone welcome.

PICNIC/PARADE 2024 Thanks to all the Participants. The planning committee deemed the Picnic and Parade a success and a ton of fun. All the food and parade units were great. Thanks to all who helped. Ideas have already begun to bubble up for next year. If you have a great idea, jot it down and bring it next year. We served about 200 people at the picnic. The Sauk Rapids Herald proclaimed our parade to be the "shortest parade route in Minnesota." Yay! Visitors came from all One in Christ parishes

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158
Prayer Line Karen Reinholz 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21.346.15
Collected 10/6/2024	
Excess (Deficit)	
YTD Collection Budget	\$298,846.10
YTD Collected	\$278,316.94
Excess (Deficit)	\$(20,529.16)

CHRISTIAN WOMEN

Saint Monica Christian women will meet on Tuesday, October 15 at 6:30 PM in Xavier Hall. All women of the parish are invited.

COATS FOR KIDS



The Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting new and gently used coats. Coats can be for youth and adults. The box for the donation will be in the gathering place from October 1—November 24.

SFX SCHOOL WORK-A-THON

What is the Saints in Service Work-a-Thon?

Saints in Service is a time where the SFX school community comes together to service the elderly, handicapped, or family in crisis in the greater parish community. In addition to serving as a full community, it is our fall fundraiser. Families will be doing jobs such as lawn raking, garden cleaning, litter pick-up, weed pulling, sidewalk sweeping or other light outdoor cleaning that can be done by little hands with help on Saturday, October 26th. All money earned from our service work supports technology initiatives and a reading/math specialist. Our goal this year is \$30,000.

How can I donate funds?

Put your offering in an envelope and place it in the Sunday collection basket (labeled Saints-in-Service) or drop it off at either the parish or school office. Another option is to use the QR code or visit https://ccsprek12.org/events/st-francis-xavier-work-a-thon

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MONTH OF THE ROSARY

In Honor of the month of the rosary, Gathering in the Arts Committee has a rosary display in the Gathering Place. On the table you will find rosaries, pamphlets on how to pray the rosary, prayer cards, medals and religious necklaces, all are free for you to take. The rosary is a devotion that consists of meditating on the mysteries of the life of Jesus and Mary by reciting Hail Mary's. "The rosary is a long chain that links Heaven and earth. One end of it is in our hands and the other end is in the hands of the Holy Virgin...the Rosary prayer rises like incense to the feet of the Almighty." ~ St. Therese

OCIA

O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Formerly known as R.C.I.A. Classes have started but you can still join! We will meet in the conference room by Sandee Kremers' office. Questions, contact Sandee at 320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org.

MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Mass of Remembrance at St. Francis Xavier will take place on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00pm and October 27 at 9:30 am. All are Welcome!

ANNUAL KC BINGO AND RAFFLE

All are invited to this great family event. It takes place on Sunday, October 27th at 12:00 Noon at the St. Stephen Parish Hall. Prizes are mainly gift cards to local businesses along with several door prize drawings. A 50/50 raffles are done and our KC Raffle has over \$1,000 in prizes.



Ticket available from KC members. A hot turkey sandwich lunch is available- FREE WILL offerings for the lunch go to Pro -Life causes. The Knights of Columbus are a men's fraternal organization that stand by the principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Bishop Trobec Council 5276-Sartell, St. Stephen, and St. Wendell is active in our communities. We support vocations, family, pro-life & those in need. Recent donations include cash for the St. Stephen & St. Francis Xavier Parish Festivals & donations to youth groups at both parishes. You see the KC's helping with hospitality and serving food at youth events or the Place of Hope. To learn more contact Grand Knight Adam Fasen (320-282-7083), Tom Offerdahl(320-290-3228), Jake Schneider (320 -761-7143), or Mark Dorn (320-250-0415) or any other Knight you may know.

BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 21, 2024 12:30pm-6:30pm in the SFX Gathering Space. You can register now to Give blood by contacting Greg 320-250-9137 or schlossergregory@gmail.com















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