

April 21, 2024
4th Sunday of Easter

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Sacred Heart
St. Francis Xavier
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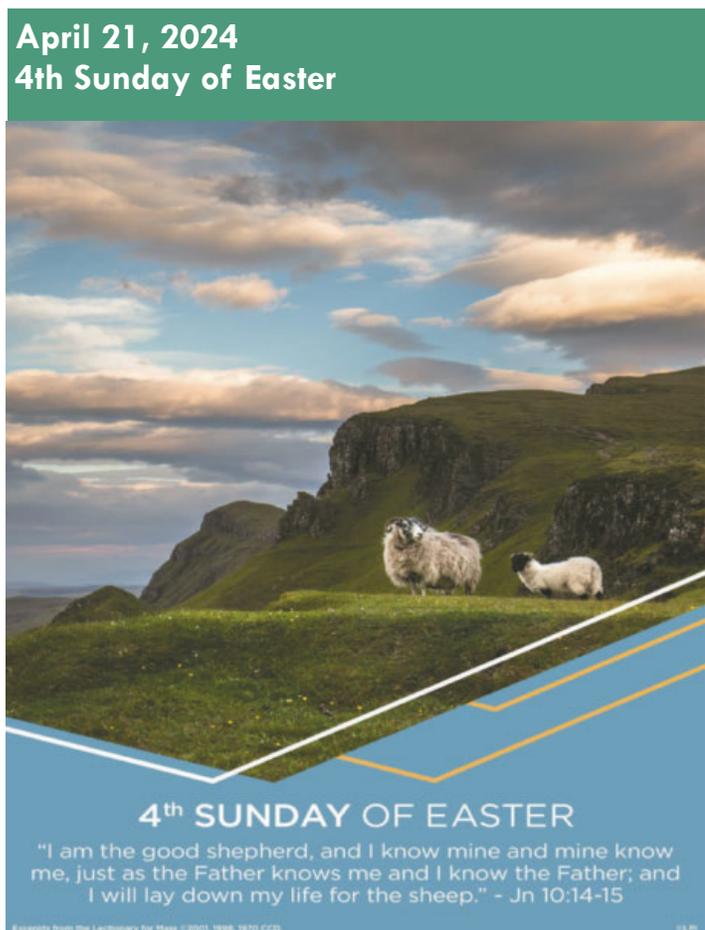
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4th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the good shepherd, and I know mine and mine know me, just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I will lay down my life for the sheep." - Jn 10:14-15

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MASS TIMES

Monday, April 22	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Karen Wentland
Tuesday, April 23	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. of St. Monica's Society
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Lawrence & Minnie Lampert and Ted & Leroy Lampert
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Scott Munson
Wednesday, April 24	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Int. of Jacob Sylvester
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Paul & Delores Robak
Thursday, April 125	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† David Heim
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Linda Engebretson Vouk
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Geno Brown
Friday, April 26	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Gary Thorsten
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Ralph Dehler
Saturday, April 27 5th Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Phillip Orth
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Robert Borgert
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	- For the Members of the Parish
Sunday, April 28 5th Sunday of Easter *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Babcock & Kosiba Families
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Gary Forner
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† George & Rose Opatz and Paul & Elenore Solarz
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Donna Knapp

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: Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday: Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday: Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn
12:44-50

Thursday: 1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Friday: Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday: Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Next Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32
(26a)/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From safari.....

We are an Easter People and Alleluia is our song. We are half way through the Easter Season. Unlike Advent and Lent, no rose (pink) vestments today. This Sunday is often called Good Shepherd Sunday because the Gospels in all three

cycles of the Lectionary speak of Christ as a shepherd. Today, last week, and the next two week many of our One in Christ members will be making their first communion. Congratulations to our First Communicants (included in this number are those who joined the Catholic faith at the Easter Vigil).

Receiving Christ's Body and Blood, whether for the first time or the 10,000th time, is about belonging to the flock, being more deeply incorporated into the body of Christ, rather than "getting Jesus" for the first time. Eucharist is not something we "get" as much as it is something we do. "In the celebration of the Mass," the U.S. bishops write, "we are shown what love truly is, and we receive grace that enables us to imitate the love that Christ shows us" (The Mystery of the Eucharist in the Life of the Church, 34). For St. Augustine: "If we receive the Eucharist worthily, we become what we receive" (Easter Sermon, 227).

Students at the parish school were learning about Jesus and his role as the Good Shepherd. They were given a month to memorize Psalm 23, which they would have to recite at a school assembly with the pastor and all the parents attending. When the big night came, the first student nervously stepped up to the microphone and began, "The Lord is my shepherd." Then his mind went as blank as a wall. The parents waited while he struggled to remember the next line. Finally, in desperation, he said, "And that's all I need to know." At first there was silence, and then the applause began. The claps came slowly at first, finally building to full, thunderous ovation.

If Jesus is the shepherd, we are the sheep. Perhaps the image of being sheep is not one we readily accept because we think of them being mindless, not so bright. Yet I invite us to ponder the image for a few moments. In Jesus time shepherds would bring their flock into a common pen at night. In this pen the sheep of the various flocks would mix together. In the morning the shepherd would go to the pen and call his sheep. The sheep would recognize the voice of its shepherd and follow along. The shepherd would direct the sheep to the pasture. In addition to finding food for the sheep, the shepherd, armed with only a staff, would also protect them from predators. As Jesus says, only one concerned for the sheep more than his pay check, will go to such extent.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

At our baptisms our parents brought us to the waters of salvation and there we were introduced to the voice of the Good Shepherd. We were committed to walking in the light of Jesus Christ. And yet, like sheep, we can easily go astray and get ourselves in trouble because we cherish our independence. Letting ourselves get misguided--- one more drink won't matter; how fast can this car go, did you hear the latest rumor about so and so.

The good news is that Jesus knows us by name. As our shepherd he comes after us, calling us by name, inviting us back into the fold. He guides us to the green pastures of the Eucharist where we are nourished by word and sacrament.

The Lord is my shepherd --- there is nothing else I need to know.

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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"I am the good shepherd...and I lay down my life for the sheep...and they will heed my voice." - John 10:14-16

When you pray, do you only ask Jesus for the things that you want? Do you ever ask Jesus what He wants from you? How do you listen for His response? Many times Jesus responds in "quiet whispers" that are not so obvious. So, take time every day, in silence, to actively listen for His voice.



The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Where kids will dive into a friendship with God!

June 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 or
June 24-June 28 from 9:00-12:00.

Registration materials are available at all 4 parishes for students and volunteers. VBS is open to kids ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Students in 6th grade and older can volunteer to help in various ways throughout the week. Lots of volunteers are needed both the week of VBS and leading up to VBS. See the volunteer form for more information on how to get involved.



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Banquet of Love- As a gift to couples and a support for parishes and ACCs, Bishop Neary purchased the license for anyone in the diocese to use this series at **NO COST**. The license includes 18-month access to the entire course material, online video modules and printable PDFs for each session. It can be offered to couples to use on their own or as part of small faith sharing groups. Topics include how the Jewish understanding of sacrifice and time are critical to understanding the Eucharist, the positive and negative sides of predictability and possibility in marriage, building blocks to help forgive and heal, anger management and conflict resolution, the sacred order toward marital intimacy modeled for us in the Eucharist and why the Real Presence is so critical in marriage.

—To find out more information about the Banquet of Love, please 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:



Oliver Jordan Griffith, son of Jarod & Jayme, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I Sean Donahue & Mikayla Holroyd
- III Jacob Enneking & Jordan Helmin



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Marcel Knappek, who passed away on April 14, from St. Francis Xavier,



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

KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

Women's Silent Midweek Retreat — (Tues-Thur) April 23-25, 2024

Do This in Memory of Me, presented by King's House Retreat Staff

Jesus shared The Last Supper with His disciples and gave them the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples have many memories of these events and will be the focus of 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 6 meals; Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394.

"A Day Away" for Men and Women— Saturday, April 27, 2024

Do you need some "ME" time to be in solitude with the Lord away from the business of life? Join us at the HOLY GROUND which is Christ the King Retreat Center, overlooking Buffalo Lake, for a day in a peaceful setting to "walk humbly with your God". Optional guided meditations and conferences. Includes Lunch. Suggested Donation \$30. Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA

All are created in the image of God and called to be part of His family. Are you seeking to be part of His family? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey.

Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

YOUNG ADULTS

Mass and Meal

Join us at 4 pm Mass on Saturday, April 27th at St. Francis Xavier and catch a meal with some other young adults. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass, everyone is responsible for their own meal - contact Jason!

Praise Night

See you Sunday, April 28th from 4-6 PM at our next Praise Night at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. Praise and Worship, Adoration, food and friends!

ALASKA MISSION TRIP

Donations One in Christ Missionaries continue to seek your prayers and support as 30 disciples are sent to evangelize, support and grow in solidarity with our Yupik brothers and sisters from Toksook Bay Alaska. We are very grateful to Bishop Donald Kettler for providing the connections that have helped make this mission location possible. To help make this mission possible please send your prayer and financial support. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart, attention Alaskan Mission, Dcn Joe Kresky. This is a tax deductible contribution. Contact Dcn Joe for more information.



PRC WALK FOR LIFE 2024



Pregnancy Resource Center & Medical Clinic is excited to announce their Walk for Life 2024. Join them Saturday, May 4th at Southside Park in Sauk Rapids. There will be music, food, and a chance to connect with PRC friends! Help Pregnancy Resource Center &

Medical Clinic to save lives one step at a time by fundraising, securing your pledges, and walking at the annual Walk for Life event, Saturday, May 4th! Register and fundraise on the event page found at <https://give.preghelpfriends.com/event/2024-walk-for-life/e548638> Or by scanning the QR code.

MANY volunteer opportunities are available!! Whatever you like or are able to do, we can find a perfect place for you to volunteer with the Walk for Life. Fundraiser. Please contact Elizabeth at 320-371-0533



ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY PILGRIMAGE

JOIN FR. STEVE BINSFELD & FOLLOW ST PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY SEPTEMBER 15-29, 2024

Walk the stones where Saint Paul walked through Athens and Corinth. Then set sail on a 9-night Celebrity Cruise through the Greek Isles continuing the journey as we visit six ports of call: Santorini, Ephesus, Mykonos, Volos, Thessaloniki, and Kavala. Enjoy both private group tours and free time in Athens and on the cruise. Learn of the spiritual, historical, and cultural significance of Greece and Paul's missionary journey. Mass is celebrated every day, especially in Corinth, Thessaloniki and Ephesus. This quality, customized tour is done through Magi Travel. Space is limited on this pilgrimage so sign up today! Call **Magi Travel** 952-949-0065 or visit the web at www.magitraelinc.com and click on Greece, then Fr. Steve Binsfeld

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8:30-2:00
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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

Financial Offering for April 13 & 14:

Adult	\$ 1,764.00
Adult Online Giving Apr 6-12	448.00
Plate	344.25
Holy Land/Good Friday	5.00
Easter	60.00
Rice Bowl/Holy Thursday	5.00
Total	\$ 2,646.25

Weekly Adult income to meet budget: \$ 3,150.00

Ushers: April 27: Schefers family

April 28: Jim Schumer, Jake Rothstein, Ralph Barhorst

Faith Formation classes April 24 for grades 5-9 and Confirmation. Chicken Alfredo will be served in the Parish Hall before classes.

Youth Group, grades 6-12, will meet in the Parish Hall from 8-9:30pm.

Poor Clare's Collection is next weekend, April 27-28. This month we are looking for fresh produce, yogurt, cheese and eggs. Coolers will be at the entrances of church to place cold items in. Other items (stamps, envelopes, meatless soups, toiletries, white thread, scotch tape, medicated cough drops, etc.) will also be accepted. Monetary donations always welcomed.

Blood Pressure checks will be available next Sunday, April 28, after the 10 am Mass in the annex.

KC Toastie Roll Fundraiser is next weekend, April 27-28.

KC members will be at the entrances of church after each Mass handing out Tootsie Rolls at no charge - Free Will donations accepted. Proceeds donated to Special Olympics, Camp Courage, and the St. Cloud Diocese (for ministry to people with special needs).

Doing some Spring Cleaning? If you come across CLEAN, gently used, working items that you no longer want or need, consider donating them to Grannie's Attic for the Labor Day Festival. NO clothing or shoes accepted. Contact either Nancy Vouk or the parish office if you have questions or would like to drop off some items.



Corpus Christi Chapel: We are looking for a family or group of people to take over decorating one of the chapels for the Corpus Christi procession on June 2. All items, except fresh flowers, provided by the church. Please contact the parish office for more info.

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.

Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach

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

Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.

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 April 14, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$8,843.91
Automatic Giving.	\$6,883.62
Children.	\$19.00
Improvements.	\$160.00
Easter.	\$1,175.00

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

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. If children who are in

PreK, a parent or older sibling are to accompany them to CLOW.

As this ministry continues to grow, we are in need of helpers each Sunday. Helpers don’t have to prepare anything but simply be present to assist in activities or walk children to and from Mass or bathroom, etc. Please consider helping so we can be safe environment compliant. Contact Jason Prigge.

Day of Service - We are looking for volunteers to help with our Spring Day of Service-Sat., April 27, 9-12pm.



Volunteers will enjoy a light meal and then will be sent as a community to clean yards, windows or other manageable projects. There will be a sign up sheet in the Gathering Space.

Are you in need of some spring yard clean-up, window cleaning or manageable house projects? Please contact Dan Joe at jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org or 320-251-8115 for support or questions.

Homebound Communion Ministers and Visitation Ministers Needed Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Beside sharing the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. We are in need of support after the 2pm Monday Mass at Good Shepherd. Contact Dan Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

KC Toostie Roll Fundraiser is next weekend, April 27-28
Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus are doing their annual Tootsie Roll fundraisers to help those with intellectual disabilities. Money raised will be donated to MN Special Olympics, WACOSA, Granite Care Homes and other local organizations. Free will donation for a Tootsie Roll will be accepted after all Masses next weekend.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry

April Theme: Grounded in the Resurrection

Upcoming Dates

Grounded isn’t an exclusive club, its for everyone - come join us!

Wednesday, May 1st (gr. 5-8): 7:00 - 8:30 PM

Wednesday, May 8th (Gr. 5-12): 7:00 - 8:30 PM @

NEWMAN CENTER - St. Cloud State

SummerFestival Camp

Are you currently in grades 6-8? If so, you automatically qualify for SummerFestival Camp! Come experience God’s love for you through energizing games, talks, life-changing conversations, music and of course lots more.

Dates for SummerFest are Sunday, July 14th - Wednesday, July 17th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Cost of camp is \$270 - fundraising is available.

Permission slips are online and of course by the Grounded board. The sooner you register, the better - contact Jason Prigge for more information or questions!

FAITH FORMATION

Can you believe the end of the Faith Formation year is right around the corner. All Faith Formation Families are invited to an end of the year picnic and bingo event on



Wednesday, May 1st from 5:30 - 7:00 pm. Come enjoy food, fellowship and fun. The meal will include hotdogs, chips, baked beans, and dessert. Fr. Tom will be the special guest bingo caller for the night. If the weather is cooperative, there also will be outdoor activities. Please come celebrate a wonderful year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

April 23; 6:30pm—Finance Council

April 24; 6:45pm—Peer Ministry Meeting

April 27; Time & Talent Weekend

9am—Day of Service

3:30pm—Reconciliation

4pm—Young Adult Mass & a Meal (SFX)

April 28; Time & Talent Weekend

4pm—Young Adult Praise Night (SFX)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Kohlton Kjorsvik, Patricia Jones, Larry Thompson, Jayne Wruck and Ryan 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.



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, April 14th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$3,331.00
Visitor	\$219.01
Youth	\$18.00
Votive Candles	\$1.60
Easter	\$30.00
Building Fund.....	\$5.00
Funeral Lunch.	\$10.00
Total Income	\$3,614.61
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. April 28th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: Lori Schaefer and Loren Popp
Eucharist: Lori Popp (H), Gene Poser(C), Anita Montag(C)
Servers: Halle Krajsa and Cole Lentner
Greeters: Don & Karol Weyer and Kendra Carlson
Ushers: Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell and Jeff Wollak



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Reese Herbst(late), Katie Ackerman, Dawn Belgarde, John Koenig, Robert Rajkowski, Lilly Skroch, Todd Lubbesmeier, Layne Albright, Robert Boe, Payton Keeville, Phillip Nelson, Lori Popp, Leah Rajkowski.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:

Wed. April 24th, Last Rel Ed Class, Student/Parent Meal 6:30pm

RICE AREA COMMUNITY SPRING BLOOD DRIVE:

The spring Rice Area blood drive is coming up on Mon., April 22, 1:00 – 6:45 at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control in accordance with CDC guidelines. Appointments are highly recommended as we may not be able to accept walk-ins if all appointments are filled, which we hope they will be. Sign up by going to the Red Cross [website:https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html) and enter 56367 or call Lora at 320-393-2701



ELEVATE: On behalf of the ELEVATE staff and Board we would like to thank you for your support and donating extra change for the baby bottles. We rely on donations from you to obtain the necessary supplies for our clients. The success of our mission relies heavily on the generosity and partnership of community minded individuals like you. By donating, you play a pivotal role aiding us offering (at no cost) educational classes and mentoring as well as free medical grade pregnancy tests and options counseling. We also sponsor educational information for teens, helping them navigate healthy relationships with themselves and others within our area schools.



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ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

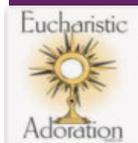
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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158
Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 4/14/2024.....	\$11,986.95
Excess (Deficit)	\$(8,686.13)
YTD Collection Budget	\$870,088.23
YTD Collected	\$906,491.14
Excess (Deficit).....	\$36,402.91

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration
April 23, 4-7 pm.
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

SPRING BLING SALE

Gathering In the Arts
Spring Bling Sale

Friday, May 3 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Final day to donate jewelry, scarves & handbags is Sunday, April 28. Drop off items in designated areas outside the parish office. If you cannot attend the Bling Sale on Friday, May 3rd stop by the Gathering Place after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5.

Join us for an afternoon of shopping, a huge selection of items for yourself or a gift for a special someone. Don't forget Mother's Day, May 12. Invite your girl friends and family to an awesome shopping experience.

Enjoy a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverages, meat, cheese and snacks.

Thank you for your support! Gathering in the Arts Board

CEMETERY PLANT STANDS

One of the guidelines for decorating at our parish cemetery is to use single pole plant stands (NOT shepherds hooks or 3 prong stands or other configurations). This is to help keep the cemetery looking nice and making it safer and more efficient for those who mow at the cemetery. We have approved, single pole plant stands available at the parish office. They are made locally and we sell them for what we pay for them - \$65.00. They are made for approximately a 10" pot. They can hold larger or smaller pots by some "squeezing" or "stretching" the brackets on the stand.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Gun Raffle. The tickets are \$20 and only 350 will be sold. There are 6 hunting guns shown (3 shotguns and 3 rifles.) and six \$50 Scheel's gift cards. If you don't hunt or don't need a gun, you can get a gift card with the value of the gun to be used for anything you like at Scheel's. The gun raffle takes place on Monday, May 6, 2024 at Trobec's Bar in St. Stephen at 7:00pm. See a KC member about buying a ticket or the parish office also has a number of tickets available. Thanks for your support!

KNIGHTS TOOTSIE ROLL FUNDRAISER

Bishop Trobec Council will be having its annual Tootsie Roll Fundraiser the weekend of April 26th, 27th & 28th. Proceeds from the Tootsie Roll Drive help youth and adults with intellectual and developmental challenges. KC members will be at the Pine Cone and Riverside Coborn's stores on Friday and Saturday (Apr. 26 & 27) and also at St. Stephen and St. Francis Xavier parishes after the each Mass that weekend. The Tootsie Rolls are handed out and there is no charge for them, but FREE Will offerings are accepted. Proceeds from this fundraiser are donated to The Special Olympics, Camp Courage by Maple Lake/Annandale, the St. Cloud Diocese (for ministry to people with special needs), and the Sartell-St. Stephen special education department. The Knights of Columbus want to help recognize the dignity of every person. Every life is a blessing!

YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

Youth Group Nights

April 28 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00-8:30pm. Grades 6-8 Welcome.

Aftershock

May 15. Grades 6-12. 6:30-7pm Supper & 7-8:30 programming

Save the Date

August 5-9. Youth in grades 6-11 are invited to participate a week of Service this summer.

May 19 Baccalaureate Mass @ 9:30 Mass.

THANK YOU FROM SOCIAL JUSTICE

The Social Justice Concerns Committee offers a special thank you to all who donated personal hygiene, supplies for Terebinth Refuge (rehab for women who are sex trafficked) and the Dream Center (re-entry program for those getting out of jail) . Grateful for good neighbors!

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR PEACE

Sunday, April 28th, 4 pm at the Sartell Community Center (850 19th St. S Sartell) Wondering what to do in this time of great violence, uncertainty and heartbreak over what's happening in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan and our own communities? Join with others in praying for peace. We will gather and then walk around Lake Frances. Sponsored by the following churches: First United Methodist, Celebration Lutheran, St. Francis Xavier Catholic. For more information contact Molly Weyrens 320-828-4465.

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