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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY 8:00AM ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU!

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, November 17
St. Elizabeth of Hungary

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** – Word and Communion
8:30am **Annunciation** + Rosemary Dittmar

Tuesday, November 18

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Jerry Schwieters
5:30pm **Sacred Heart** + Timothy Preusser
5:30pm **St. Stephen** + Darleen Blonigen

Wednesday, November 19

8:00am **Sacred Heart** + Judy Whalen
8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Eric Wochnick

Thursday, November 20

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Jimmy Schultz
8:00am **St. Stephen** + Maxine & Marvin Schramel
8:30am **Annunciation** + Corey Karg

Friday, November 21

The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am **Sacred Heart** + Viola Schloeder
8:30am **St. Francis Xavier** + Marssy Cheeley

Saturday, November 22
34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00pm **St. Francis Xavier** + Rick & Sandie Karasch
5:00pm **Sacred Heart** – Liv. & Dec. Members of the Kjorsvik & Gangl Families
7:00pm **St. Stephen** – For the People of the Parish

Sunday, November 23
34th Sunday of Ordinary Time

*Livestreamed Masses

8:15am ***Annunciation** + John & Delores Jochum
9:00am ***Sacred Heart** + Fr. Sylvester Gall & Joseph & Agnes Gall
9:30am ***St. Francis Xavier** + Deceased members of the Schueller & Cooley Families
10:00am **St. Stephen** + Rod Fischer

Reconciliation

Saturday:

3:00pm St. Francis Xavier
3:30pm Sacred Heart
6:15pm St. Stephen

Sunday:

7:40am Annunciation

Adoration

First Thursday at St. Stephen 8:30am–4pm

Second and Fourth Tuesday at St. Francis Xavier 4–7pm

First Friday at Sacred Heart 8:30am–11am

Pastoral Needs

Please contact your parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion, Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests, Marriage and Baptism Preparation.

Daily Readings

Monday: 1 Mc 1:10-15, 41-43, 54-57, 62-63/Ps 119:53, 61, 134, 150, 155, 158/Lk 18:35-43

Tuesday: 2 Mc 6:18-31/Ps 3:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 19:1-10

Wednesday: 2 Mc 7:1, 20-31/Ps 17:1bcd, 5-6, 8b and 15/Lk 19:11-28

Thursday: 1 Mc 2:15-29/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Lk 19:41-44

Friday: 1 Mc 4:36-37, 52-59/1 Chr 29:10bcd, 11abc, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Lk 19:45-48

Saturday: 1 Mc 6:1-13/Ps 9:2-3, 4 and 6, 16 and 19/Lk 20:27-40

Next Sunday: 2 Sm 5:1-3/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 1:12-20/Lk 23:35-43

Ministry & Life Perspectives



From safari....

This is the only Sunday this month when we celebrate a Sunday in Ordinary Time. We are just two weeks away from the start of a new liturgical year. A time to look

back at the story of our salvation, as told by the writer Luke. What are some of your favorite scripture readings from the past year? God's grace is amazing!

Outdoors we are preparing for the coming of winter. The outdoor growing season ended this past Saturday for me. An Elephant Ear Plant and a White Dinner Plate Dahlia, which I had protected previously from frost, succumbed to the frost. Sunday saw the first snow flurries of the season. Ready or not -- cold days and snow covered ground are here.

The arrival of colder weather is a prompt to pull out the quilts. Patchwork quilts are a testimony to patience and creativity. From a spiritual perspective, each piece of our spiritual quilt, is a fragment of our life story, representing the good and the bad. In those various moments, if we look closely, we will see the hand of God at work.

Between the quilt top and back is the batting. In our lives the batting is the Spirit prompting us to lives of gratitude and hospitality. Our gratitude expressed in actions and attitudes of love, peace, patience, kindness, gentleness, joy, perseverance, and mercy.

Quilting secures the three layers of the quilt and provides a decorative element to the finished project. In our lives it is God's hand that secures the events of our lives together. Our willingness to receive God's love, mercy, acceptance, and comfort, shapes our character.



Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

As you wrap yourself in the warmth of a quilt feel the love of God and as you look at the quilt top recall the events of your life and express gratitude for God's companionship on your pilgrimage of life. Recall the words found in Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, ... a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance ... time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace." The one constant between the actions is God's presence. Much like the free space on a BINGO card, God is always present and can be counted on.

God pours abundance into our lives. God desires us to say yes to living with him for all eternity.

Fr. Ron



ACC Pastoral Leadership

Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, ext 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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Deacon	Steve Pareja 320-761-2503
Pastoral Associate	Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363, ext 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org

ONE IN CHRIST AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Marriage Banns



III Daniel Legg & Jill Lieser

Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Linton "Lint" Edgerly, who passed away November 5 and Rupert Weyer, who passed away on October 28, from St. Francis Xavier.



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

ACC Events

All Things New Planning Process Please plan to join us at an upcoming Town Hall, where the planning committee will present the proposal that has been prepared to submit to the diocese. Tuesday, November 18th, 7pm at St. Francis Xavier in the church, or Thursday, November 20th, 7pm at Sacred Heart in the Parish Hall.

St Monica's of Sacred Heart is having a craft and bake sale on

December 6th and 7th after Mass. Please join us and maybe finish up your Christmas shopping list.

If you are bringing things to sell, please bring them in priced and ready to sell.



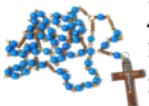
Family Day at the Theater to see a special presentation of the new animated film David with the One in Christ ACC on Sunday, December 14th at 11:00 AM at Marcus Theaters in Waite Park.

Bring your family to join the ACC for this special ACC preview showing of the new animated film "David" before it officially opens in theaters. Cost is \$7.00 per person and attendees need to register by Monday, December 1st using the following QR code.



Painting the Word Let's start Advent off right with a relaxing night of Painting the Word with Women and Wine! Please note that the location will be at

Annunciation Church in Mayhew Lake. All are welcome! November 30th, from 6:00-7:30 p.m. No need to bring anything other than yourself, and no creativity is needed. A \$5 donation is helpful (not necessary) in covering supplies for the next event. Please text me at 320-761-5155 if you'd like to sign up!



Rosary Making Group Looking to make some new friends and have some fun...Come to the Rosary making group that meets at St Francis the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month at 9AM in Xavier hall. Everyone in the ACC is encouraged to come. All supplies are provided. We send rosaries to Missions around the world. For questions call Nita Davis 214-455-4301.

Cash and Card Bingo Join us for a fun afternoon of BINGO in the St. Francis Xavier School Cafeteria on Sunday November 16 beginning at 1:00 pm. Doors open at 12:30 pm. The cost is \$10 for 24 games. There will be additional games available. A light lunch will be available for purchase. We hope you can join us! Sponsored by St. Monica Christian Women of St. Francis Xavier Parish

Young Adults

Praise Night

The next Praise Night falls out of sequence but will still be offered on Thursday, November 20th from 6-7 PM at St. Anthony's in St. Cloud. Nights generally include various prayer experiences, music and Reconciliation. This is a great opportunity for young families to come pray and enjoy fellowship with others. This is a collaborative effort between the All Called to Christ Catholic Community and the One in Christ Catholic Community.

Turkey Bowl 2025

Any Young Adult who would like to participate in the 2025 Turkey Bowl should contact Jason Prigge ASAP. We have a fairly large group, we'll be accepting participants until Sunday, November 9th.

Young Adult Mass and Meal

Mass and a Meal will be on Saturday, November 29th with 5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart. Great way to hang out with old friends along with meeting some new ones.

We have a special opportunity to lead music at Mass, if you're interested in joining, please contact Jason Prigge. We'll warm-up in the Choir room at 4 PM. Any vocalist or musician is welcome!

*Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

Young Life WyldLife

Club Update

We are looking for more leaders and more involvement from other Churches and areas, if you are interested, please contact Jason Prigge.!

Fall Camp

We are taking several friends to fall camp this year!! Please pray for all of our middle school friends and their leaders going November 21-23.

There will be a parent meeting soon, please watch for an email from Scott Frieler.

If you'd like to make a donation towards transportation, please do so, bussing is expensive! You're able to do that by writing a check or by using this link: [Donate](#)

Camp Reunion

Join us on Monday, December 1st to hear first hand from our middle school friends who went to camp. This gathering will take place at St. Francis Xavier in the Gathering Space starting at 6 PM.

Follow Us on Social Media

Be sure to go like our page on Facebook: Granite City Wyldlife
Follow Us on Instagram: [gcwyldlife](#)

News and Events From Around the Diocese



“...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.” 2 Thessalonians 3:9

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.



Our diocese is richly blessed with exceptional lay and ordained people who faithfully serve the Church in a variety of ways. Diocesan ministries work diligently to form, educate and support all people who are answering the call to service in the Church through our offices for vocations, the diaconate, faith formation, lay ministry formation and many more. Make a gift today at www.stedio.org/annualappeal.

Kids Hope Shop...Place of Hope is once again collecting donated items for our annual **Place of Hope “Kids Hope Shop”** scheduled for December 16th. To make this possible, we need donations of new unwrapped gifts for all ages! They can be brought to the blue Door #4 at Place of Hope-511 9th Ave N St. Cloud. Please bring donations to Place of Hope-NOT to your parish. 

Join the Franciscan Sisters for Taizé Prayer Join the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls for Taizé Prayer on Tuesday, November 18, 5:30 p.m. in the Gathering Space on the campus of the Franciscan Sisters. Enter at the Main Entrance, Door F. All are welcome!

Koinonia You knit me together in my mother's womb. Did you know that God knew you before you were born? **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. The next retreat is scheduled for January 23-25, 2026, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

St. Cloud Metro Advent Reconciliation Service Schedule

St. John Cantius Tuesday, Dec. 2, 6:30pm
St. Francis Xavier..... Thursday, Dec. 4, 6:30pm
St. Anthony..... Tuesday, Dec 9, 6:30pm
St. Paul..... Thursday, Dec. 11, 6:30pm
Holy Spirit..... Sunday, Dec. 14, 1pm
St. Michael..... Tuesday, Dec. 16, 6:30pm
Sacred Heart..... Thursday, Dec. 18, 6:30pm
St. Peter..... Saturday, Dec. 20, 1pm
St. Mary's Cathedral..... Tuesday, Dec. 23, 6:30pm

St. Stephen

Fr Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

NEW Email: director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for Nov. 8 & 9

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,208.00
Adult online giving Nov. 1-7	733.00
Plate	429.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,370.00
Catholic Charities to date	\$ 710.00

Ushers:

Nov 22: Sandy Paggen, Dave Fiedler, Will Hellmann

Nov 23: Tom Vouk, Nancy Vouk, Tim Rudser

The Parish office will be closed November 20 & 21.

Parish Council meeting for November 18 has been **canceled** so members and parishioners can attend the All Things New Planning Town Hall meeting at St. Francis Xavier at 7:00 pm. The next Parish Council meeting will be January 20. Thank you to Merlin Berndt and Nancy Ferche for your service on the council the last three years. Their terms expire at the end of December.

Faith Formation: A teacher is needed for grade 7. Contact Danna Gasperlin if you would like to share your faith with our 7th graders. **November 19 Classes** for grades 1-4 and Confirmation. Chicken enchiladas will be served before classes in the Parish Hall.

Giving Tree: Tags for the Giving Tree will be available in baskets at the entrances next weekend. There will be tags for three different organizations. The tags will list all of the items that the organization is in need of. You can purchase as many or as few of the items as you choose from the list. Items can be brought to church beginning the weekend of November 30.

Parish Christmas Card: The tradition of sending Christmas wishes to everyone in the parish continues this year. To send your Christmas wish, print your name on a sheet of paper along with a short wish (optional), place it in an envelope labeled Christmas Card, along with a donation of your choice and place it in the collection basket.

Christmas Flowers: Donate to the Christmas Flowers in memory of a loved one by using the Christmas Flowers envelope in your packet. Deadline for Christmas Card & Flowers is December 14.

Well n Fit Exercise Class - All level of fitness welcome!

St. Stephen Parish Hall on Wednesdays & Fridays

A fun social time for everyone, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises.

There will be line dancing following the Wednesday classes.

NEW WINTER HOURS begin November 5: 9:30-10:30 AM

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach-Senior Dining-Everyone invited. Wednesdays at **Rusty Nail** in St. Stephen. Meal served at noon followed by cards (500). Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.
St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings: 103 Main St E.
Tuesdays 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)
Wednesdays 5:30pm-Al-Anon/AA Mixed meeting
Wednesdays 7pm-AA Big Book meeting
Saturdays 8pm-AA meeting

Sacred Heart

Fr Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Contact: Jill Lieser — 320-251-8115, X114
parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm

Financial Offering

Income for the Week of Nov 9, 2025

Adult Collection	\$23,586.10
Automatic Giving	\$5,876.98
Friends In Need	\$120.00
Holy Days	\$93.00
Improvements	\$85.00
Christmas Flowers	\$120.00

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

Stewardship

Advent Decorating We will be decorating for the season of Advent on Saturday, November 29th at 9:00 am. Help is needed with removing fall plants and decorations and setting up the Advent wreath and other decor. If you are able, please come and help prepare our spaces for this beautiful season!

Giving Tree Catholic United Financial will be putting up the Giving Tree next weekend. Please consider taking a tag off the tree. All items we receive will be donated to local charities

Liturgical Minister Help Needed Liturgical ministers, we need your help for our Thanksgiving Mass on Thursday, November 27th at 9:00 am. If you can help in your ministry, please sign up online or on the sheets near the sacristy. Thank you!

CUF Christmas Meeting Catholic United Financial will hold their annual Holiday Meeting on November 25, 2025. Social hour starts at 5:30 in room D.

OCIA - Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Are you someone or do you know someone who...Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic? Has a child over the age of seven who has not been baptized? Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

We offer an opportunity to gather in a small group to learn more about our faith. Sessions focus on the teachings and experience of the Church and prepare individuals to celebrate the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. Contact Dcn Joe Kresky

The Monthly Magnificat is at a reduced yearly rate to those who would pick theirs up here at Sacred Heart. The Magnificat includes daily readings, reflections, and information on Saints, Holy Days and more. Subscriptions are delivered each month to the table outside of the Sacristy. If you are interested in a new subscription or a renewal, please contact Jill L. in the office by November 24th. The cost for the year is \$35 and magazines arrive monthly from February '26-January '27

Thank You Liz sends her deepest gratitude to Sacred Heart Adopt-a-Month volunteers for the incredible service provided last month. (43 people volunteered 264 hours.) Your compassion and dedication made a significant difference in the lives of so many in our community. Thank you for sharing your time and heart. It means more than you know! John & Peggy Weber

Youth Ministry

Grounded Youth Ministry November theme: Grounded in Sharing (Evangelization)

- Sun. November 30th (Grades 9-12) | 5-7 PM

The Grounded Podcast Exciting news - we're launching a Podcast, The Grounded Podcast! Join us weekly (or bi-weekly) for stories and conversations about life that connect us to our faith. At this time The Grounded Podcast can only be found on Spotify. We hope you enjoy it! Link to access:



Turkey Bowl 2025 The annual Turkey Bowl is scheduled for Wednesday, November 26th at the St. Cloud State Husky Dome! The game will feature the (0-4) students v. (4-0) young adults. Gates open at 6 PM, kick-off is at 6:30 PM. Everyone is invited and welcome to come watch the game and enjoy fellowship with your parish communities - please bring a lawn chair and something warm, the dome is approximately 50 degrees.

Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate in the Turkey Bowl - to do so, please register using this link: <https://permission.click/6MXJA/int>. All registrations must be in by Sunday, November 16th to participate.

Practice dates: Wed. Nov. 19th and Sun. Nov. 23rd at Sauk Rapids High School Football Field - starting at 3:15 PM.

Faith Formation

First Reconciliation Parent/Child Retreat is Saturday, December 13th from 9:00 AM - Noon at Sacred Heart. 2nd Grade families should be working on their at home preparation and be formally registered in the process. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Frieler in the parish office.

Upcoming Events

- November 17; 5pm--Men's Group
6:15pm--Bells of the Heart Practice
7pm--KC Meeting
7pm--OCIA Class
- November 18; 4pm--Healing from Loss
6:15pm--Choir Rehearsal
7pm--Sacred Heart Men's Club
- November 19; 9am--Wednesday Bible Study
5:30pm--Kid's Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm--Faith Formation K-8
- November 20; 1pm--Card Making
6pm--Young Adult Praise Night (St. Anthony)
7pm--All Things New Town Hall
- November 21; 6:30pm--The Chosen Season 3
- November 22; 3:30pm--Reconciliation

Prayer Requests

Please add Gloria Anderson, Jeff Crane, Jeanne Eveslage, Mike Janku, Gerry Maleska and Jayne Wruck to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put in the prayer corner, please call 320-251-8115.



Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain. Please call 320-492-9361 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.

Annunciation

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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Weekly Collection Budget

Income for Sunday, November 9, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$3,075.00
Visitors	\$216.00
Youth	\$46.75
Thursday Social	\$37.00
Catholic Charities	\$20.00
All Saints	\$60.00
Votive Candles	\$53.00
Building Fund	\$75.00
Thanksgiving	\$30.00
Christmas Flowers	\$30.00
Immaculate Conception	\$30.00
Religious Retirement	\$30.00
Christmas	\$50.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$30.00
Total Income	\$3,785.75
<i>Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00</i>	

Mass Schedule

Sun. November 23rd, 2025

Lector: Karla Koenig and John Koenig

Eucharist: Jean Bemboom(H), Lora Knafla(C), Rita Knott(C)

Servers: Kelsey Lentner and Zoey Heck

Greeters: Dustin and Lucas Heck

Ushers: Dustin & Teresa Heck, John & Barb Bemboom

Happy Birthday: Logan Kaeter, Rori Anderson, Roger Athman, Tammy Brown, Max Reich, Robert Carstensen-Boe, Kylie Gravelle, Mary Hommerding, Ashley Keeville, Lee Popp, Renee Thell, Brixx Bemboom, Bob Hiemenz, Lester Adelman, Joshua Lamecker, Julie Miller.

Deepest Sympathy our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Gwenda (Brown) Gravelle, who's funeral was here on November 5th. Eternal rest grant onto her Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.

New Youth Group All youth in grades 6-12 are invited to an evening of fun, games & friends on TODAY Sun. Nov. 16th from 5pm-7pm at Annunciation Hall. This is our "Kick Off" night. Adult helpers needed. Call Karen at 320-761-5155

Quilt & Turkey Bingo & Raffle Sun. Nov. 23, 6pm @ Sts. Peter & Paul, Gilman. Matching grant w/ Catholic United Financial.

Thank You The Red Cross and the Rice Area Bloodmobile would like to thank the 46 people who took time out of their busy schedule on Monday, October 20, to come to Shepherd of the Pines Church in Rice to donate a unit of blood so others can be helped. This is a great way to do a corporal work of mercy.

Coats for Kids You can drop off at the hall or in the box in the entryway of church. They will also accept gently used hats, mittens, gloves and boots.



Food Shelf Collection We will once again be collecting food donations for the food shelf. There will be a box in the entryway of church for collecting food for the poor thru December 1st.

St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135

Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line: Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

Weekly Collection Budget

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 11/9/2025	\$20,186.43
Excess (Deficit)	\$(1,159.72)
YTD Collection Budget	\$405,576.95
YTD Collected	\$403,340.77
Excess (Deficit)	\$(2,236.18)

Gathering in the Arts

Advent begins November 30

Advent wreaths for sale in the Gathering Place after Weekend Masses of November 15-16, 22-23, 29-30 \$15.00 each includes wreath, candles, choice of decorations, Advent/weekly prayers for Advent weeks.



Advent Almsgiving

Advent begins in 2 weeks! We will be having our 5th Annual Advent Almsgiving. Week 1 starts November 29, we will be collecting cereal and spices. Our goal for cereal this year is 600 boxes. The donations we receive will go to Pathways for Youth, Salvation Army & Catholic Charities. Keep an eye out in the bulletin and flocknote for what to bring each week. God's blessings on you!

Ecumenical Service

The Sartell Ecumenical Thanksgiving Prayer Service is Sunday, November 23, 6:30pm, at The Waters. An offering will be taken and you are encouraged to bring nonperishable food items for local food shelves. The Faith Communities of Sartell have come together at Thanksgiving for prayer and fellowship for almost 30 years. The service rotates among the Churches.

Giving Tree

The Giving Tree is back! The tags will be available in the Gathering Place the weekends of November 22/ 23 & November 29/30. All items will be due back the weekend of December 6 & 7. This is a wonderful opportunity to give back to those in need! Any questions, call Judy Pohlkamp 224-8757.

Blood Drive

Tuesday, December 2, 2025 | 12:30pm—6:30pm in the SFX Gathering Place. Call the Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter SFX to schedule an appointment.

Christmas Candy & Cookie Bake Sale

GATHERING IN THE ARTS

St. Francis Xavier Church
Gathering Place
219 2nd St. N, Sartell, MN

Christmas Candy & Cookie Bake Sale

Saturday, December 6, 2025

9:00—11:00 am



Choose your own baked items

\$8.00 per pound

Let US Do the Baking for YOU

Craft, Bake & Silent Auction News

With fond memories of our recent event it's time to send out Thank You's! St. Monica's Christian Women would like to thank TOM & BECKY for their willingness to make sure we had everything we needed to help make the day go smoothly! To Kathy Wilson who coordinated the event with Celebration, Messiah, & Unity churches, (something she has done for many years) THANK YOU!! Thank you to Gary & Dan for set up & take down of the gym and to our volunteers who helped in that process. Thanks to all our awesome Christian Women who baked, made homemade jams, jellies, pickles etc, & those who sold those items! Thank you to Marlyce Plante & Doris Lodermeier & their helper's who once again prepared their World Famous Wild Rice Soup, & to ALL who served it! Thank you to Kay Bluhm and Bonnie Nies for co-charring the Silent Auction, & Lastly Thanks to YOU, our AMAZING parishioners who donated gently used items for the Silent Auction, & all those who priced those items, & helped with set up & take down! Thanks to those who sold left over items after the weekend Masses! We are grateful for all the help & support we received! The Silent Auction made: \$1,675.00 As you can see, "It takes a Village" & WE HAD ONE" With YOUR help, St. Monica's Christian Women raised, \$4,505.60 Blessings to all of you! Kathy Wilson, Kay Bluhm, Bonnie Nies

Christian Women Meeting

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18 at 6:30 pm in Xavier Hall. All women of the parish are invited. We will not meet again until April 21, 2026.

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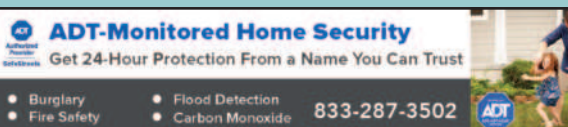
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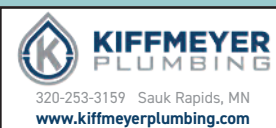
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