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PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, February 2</b> <i>The Presentation of the Lord</i>	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> - W & C 8:30am <b>Annunciation</b> - Fruition of the Choose Life Plate
<b>Tuesday, February 3</b> <i>St. Blais</i>	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + No W&C \ No Mass 5:30pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Delores Robak 5:30pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Roger Trobec
<b>Wednesday, February 4</b>	8:00am <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Jacqueline Beumer 8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> - Luke Villeneuve and family
<b>Thursday, February 5</b> <i>St. Agatha</i>	8:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> + Ben & Olivia Omann 8:00am <b>St. Francis</b> + No W&C \ No Mass 8:30am <b>Annunciation</b> - Thanksgiving
<b>Friday, February 6</b>	8:00am <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Imelda Stang 8:30am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Helen & Bill Hintz
<b>Saturday, February 8</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00pm <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Al Fasen 5:00pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> - For the People of the Parish 7:00pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Rosemary Kalla
<b>Sunday, February 8</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:15am * <b>Annunciation</b> + Joe Knott 9:00am * <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Tom Wyrowski 9:30am * <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> - Francis & Shikha Gomes 50 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary 10:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> + Dolores Friedrich

\*Livestreamed Mass

### 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:** Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24:7, 8, 9, 10/Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32

**Tuesday:** 2 Sm 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25a, 30-19:3/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 5:21-43

**Wednesday:** 2 Sm 24:2, 9-17/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7/Mk 6:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Kgs 2:1-4, 10-12/1 Chr 29:10, 11ab, 11d-12a, 12bcd/Mk 6:7-13

**Friday:** Sir 47:2-11/Ps 18:31, 47 and 50, 51/Mk 6:14-29

**Saturday:** 1 Kgs 3:4-13/Ps 119:9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14/Mk 6:30-34

**Next Sunday:** Is 58:7-10/Ps 112:4-5, 6-7, 8-9/1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

## Ministry & Life Perspectives



You have been told, O mortal, what is good,  
and what the LORD requires of you:

Only to do justice and to love goodness,  
and to walk humbly with your God.”

Those familiar words come from the prophet

Micah (6:8), a clear-sighted statement of the essentials of faith in how we live our lives. But putting them into practice is not always simple.

Balancing the many competing claims of justice for individuals, communities, and nations; knowing what is truly good for oneself and others in concrete decisions when choosing one good means sacrificing others; and being humble without surrendering our stewardship to use the gifts God has given to lead and to be visible in the Lord's service like a lamp on a lampstand to give light to others (Matthew 5:15) – these are not always easy or obvious choices. We pray therefore for discernment, to truly know what is just, good, and humble.

Last week, I helped serve a meal at Place of Hope for the homeless in our community. Actually, thanks to Deacon Joe and the Social Concerns committee's work, I did next to nothing, as there was a strong and dedicated group there who stepped into every role of service with grace and good humor. Some of the faces among the homeless were familiar from seeing them around the community. There were families as well as individuals who had various deficits in their lives, both physical and mental health challenges that led them in different ways to this place and this meal of goulash, mixed vegetables, rolls, Rice Krispie bars, applesauce, and milk or water (I was at the end of the line with the water and think I had only two takers).

Among those serving was a young couple who were observing their first wedding anniversary by spending this time in service and giving of themselves to some of our most vulnerable community members. Others were long-time volunteers in this outreach. Some were part of the OCIA class, preparing for Baptism in 2027, and learning this side of Christian faith and charity.

## Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

For me, it was a personal stretch, as I am not always comfortable or capable in that part of ministry. But I felt the tug from Jesus to take part, and I am so inspired by the selfless generosity of so many of our parishioners in this kind of work. Besides Place of Hope there are those who are at the food shelf regularly; serve meals for and teach in our faith formation programs; visit the homebound and hospitalized and those in long-term care with Communion and friendship; those who help with our liturgies, environment, administrative tasks, funeral meals ... the list is long and inspiring. And beyond things at the parishes, there are other forms of witness to faith in the broader community, in daily family life, and in prayer.

As we are so often overwhelmed by distressing and discouraging events in our communities and world – unrest, violence, wars, divisions and deceptions, hatred for others in full view – it is important not to lose trust in these words of God given through Micah and lived on in so many positive ways.

If our focus is drawn always to the negative, it can seem like the bad news is the only thing that is real, and goodness is feeble and powerless against it. But Jesus is in our midst, especially in those who bear a share in his Cross, and those who, like Simon of Cyrene, help bear it with him. Look for those moments to keep a healthy perspective, for as St. Paul reminds us, this hope does not disappoint (Romans 5:5).

And even a plastic cup of cold water, given with a desire for justice, goodness, and humility, is right there in the Gospel.

## ACC Pastoral Leadership

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# ONE IN CHRIST AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Baptisms

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



Allison Jean Kelly, daughter of Ryan & Heather, from St. Francis,

Harvey William Wivoda & Aria Marie Wivoda, children of Zachary & Sonya, from Sacred Heart and

Lydia Rose Skroch, daughter of Eric & Roseann baptized at St. Stephen

### Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Gerri Downey, who passed away on January 14 from St. Francis.



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

### ACC Events

**Cana Dinner:** The Cana Dinner is a marriage enrichment event for anyone who is married 1 day to 75+ years! There is a sign up in the gathering space. Cost is \$40 a couple, childcare is \$10 per child. Space is limited so sign up early!



**Volunteers for the Cana Dinner,** February 28th. Volunteers needed from 5:45-10pm Sign up will be available at the beginning of February.



#### Social cards/ games party-Mayhew Lake

Our next social gathering will be Thursday, February 5th, beginning with Rosary @8:15, Mass at 8:30, coffee and juice after Mass. Various games and cards will start around 9:30. Lunch will be served at noon. Please join us, and we ask that you invite a friend or neighbor who just might be waiting for an invitation. Offer a ride if necessary.

**Tabernacle for Toksook Bay.** As a capstone to our ACC's Jubilee Year of Hope plans, our One in Christ ACC is raising funds for a tabernacle to replace the damaged one in the church in Toksook Bay, Alaska. The total cost for the tabernacle is \$6000. Checks can be made payable to Sacred Heart with Tabernacle included on the memo line. **Donations will be accepted until February 15, 2026.**

### Young Life WyldLife (Gr. 6-8)

#### Club Update

A new look and semester is about to begin for Granite City Wyldlife... We will now meet on the 2nd Friday of every month from 7-9 PM at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. We love a party with a purpose and our purpose is to bring all middle schoolers from the metro area together for a night of fun, games, food and to hear the Gospel.

Our next Friday Night Party is on Friday, February 13th from 7-9 PM at St. Francis Xavier - it's neon night! Wear your white and or something bright for blacklight 9-square, dodgeball, games, and food. All are invited!

### Young Adults (ages 19-39)

#### Young Adult Bible Study

Join us as we start a brand new series this Thursday, February 5th from 7-8:30 PM at St. Stephen. We'll be meeting in the parish hall which is the building parallel to the Church. We'll continue our new series reading and discussing the Psalms along with the Book of Proverbs. This is a great space to come have casual conversations while diving into the Scriptures.

#### Theology on Draft

Our next Theology on Draft takes place on Thursday, February 12th from 6-8 PM at Great River Bowl in Sartell. This month we are partnering with the Diocese of St. Cloud to bring in national renown speaker Robert Feduccia who will be presenting, "I'm listening but are you talking?" We hope to see you there for food and conversations.

\*There is optional bowling following... Participants are responsible for their own bowling and own beverages.

#### Praise Night

Our next Praise Night is on Thursday, February 26th from 6-7 PM at Sacred Heart. One of the unique things about Praise Nights is that we seek to bring different types of prayer experiences for young adults and their young families. This month we'll be featuring Taize which is a style of prayer that offers reflection through hundreds of candles, repeated and meditative psalm style refrains and silence. We also would like to extend an invitation to all parishioners of our area Catholic Communities to come pray with us, so come check it out! If you have any questions, contact Jason!

#### Mass and Meal

Our next Young Adult Mass and Meal takes place on Saturday, February 28th starting with 4 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass and go out with old and new friends!

**\*Each participant is responsible for their own meal.**

### Young Life WyldLife (Gr. 6-8) Cont....

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

#### Summer Camp

Have you heard?! It's time to register for Summer Camp 2026! Sign-up your middle schooler for the best week of their life from July 21 - 25, 2026 at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes. You can begin your registration here at: [granitecity.younglife.org/camp](http://granitecity.younglife.org/camp).

#### Donations

If you'd like to make a donation to our Wyldlife Area for either club supplies or for camp, please contact Jason via phone or email. We sincerely appreciate your contribution in our efforts making sure middle schoolers are known, loved and cared for. Thank you so much for your generous donation!



## News and Events From Around the Diocese



*"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.



*Hearts of*  
**MERCY**  
*Agents of Compassion*



**The 2026 Appeal launches soon.** Your offerings change lives in so many ways through ministries that reach out to the homebound, form our children and families in the Catholic faith, protect people at all stages of life, inspire people to become faith leaders, establish mental health ministries, build bridges connecting communities and work in so many ways to bring our brothers and sisters closer to Christ.

**40 Days for Life** The Lenten 40 Days for Life Campaign begins Wednesday, February 18. For more info visit [www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/st.cloud)



**Lenten DCCW Women's Retreat Day** A great New Year resolution is to **TAKE time for yourself**. Take time now and register for a Lenten Retreat. The upcoming Lenten Retreat "Praying for the Prodigal" will be held Saturday, March 14, 2026, at Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in Morris, MN and includes speakers, **Jason Prigge** and Roxane Salonen, the Chaplet to St. Monica, Mass, and of course, lunch. Fee is \$25 by March 2 or \$30 at the door. Feel free to invite your spouse and friends.



**Diocesan Festival of Families on February 22** Join us at St. Francis Xavier on February 22 from 9:00AM-3:00PM for a day of family fun and learning. Parents will choose which breakout sessions to attend while children and teens are engaged in their own learning. Then parents and children will reunite for whole family activities!! Enjoy the day together while celebrating our Catholic faith. Register your family for only \$25 at: <https://stcdio.org/event/2026-festival-of-families/>

**Men's Conference** The annual Men's Conference is less than one month away! Join us on Saturday, February 28, 2026, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at St. John's University in Collegeville. Don't miss this opportunity to grow in your relationship with the Lord through inspiring speakers and opportunities for prayer, Reconciliation, and Mass. Register online at <https://stcdio.org/event/catholic-mens-conference-2026/>

## St. Stephen

Fr Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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### **Financial Offering for January 24 & 25:**

Adult	\$ 1,181.00
Online Giving January 17-23	730.00
Plate	229.00
Children	21.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,161.00</b>
Venezuela collection to date:	\$263.00
Central MN Catholic magazine to date	\$20.00

### **Ushers:**

Feb 7: Tom Larson, David Pogatchnik, Sandy Paggen

Feb 8: Ralph Barhorst, Merlin Berndt, Jake Rothstein

**Faith Formation:** February 4 classes for grades 1-4 and Confirmation. Spaghetti will be served in the Parish Hall before classes begin.

**Women's Bible Study** will meet Sunday evening, February 1, in the **Parish Hall** from 6:00-7:00 pm. This month we will be discussing the women that followed Jesus. Women's Bible Study is open to all women and girls in middle school and higher. There is no prep work or homework. Invite a friend to come along.

**Adoration:** The church will be open Thursday, February 5, from 8:30am - 4:00pm for you to come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

**Old Palms:** There are baskets at the entrances for you to drop off your palms from last year. These palms will be burned at St. Francis Xavier Church on Wednesday, February 18, for ashes.

**Contribution Statements:** The 2025 contribution statements are available on the table at the back of the church. If you give online, you can print your 2025 Tax statement directly from your online account.

**54<sup>th</sup> Annual St. Stephen Lions Club Walleye Fry** - February 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Stephen Parish Hall. Serving from 4:30pm-8:00pm. There will be a Silent Auction on main floor.

**Prayer Line:** If you or someone you know needs our prayers, contact the parish office and have your/their name added to the Prayer Line.



### **Well n Fit Exercise Class - Open to everyone to attend!**

Classes are held Wednesdays and Fridays in the Parish Hall 9:30-10:30 AM.

Line Dancing will follow each Wednesday class.

Enjoy a fun social time and maintain your strength with low impact cardio, chair and balance exercises.

All levels of fitness welcome!

**Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach-Senior Dining-Everyone invited.** Wednesdays at **Trobec's** in St. Stephen. A meal will be served at noon followed by cards -500. Suggested meal donation \$6.  
**St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings:** 103 Main St E.  
Tuesdays 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)  
Wednesdays 5:30pm-AI-Anon/AA Mixed meeting  
Wednesdays 7pm-AA Big Book meeting  
Saturdays 8pm-AA meeting



# Sacred Heart

Fr Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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

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

## Financial Offering

### Income for the Week of January 25, 2026

Adult Collection	\$14,982.16,
Automatic Giving	\$6,511.17
Children	\$14.00
Improvements	\$220.00
Friends In Need	\$30.00
Central MN Catholic	\$65.00
Christmas	\$25.00
Holy Days	\$100.00
Easter Flowers	\$45.00
CRS/Venezuela	\$1,010.00

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

## Stewardship

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** CLOW will be offered every Sunday at the 9 AM Mass for friends in PreK-3rd Grade. We have some amazing leaders but we also need helpers in the room to make CLOW possible, contact Jason Prigge if you are interested or have any questions!



**Baby Bottle Campaign** Bottles must be returned by February 15th as they will be sent to the Pregnancy Resource Center on the 16th.

**Palm Branch Collection** You can bring your palm branches from previous years and place them in the Gathering Space between February 7<sup>th</sup> and 15th.



**SH Women's Book Club** will meet on Thurs, Feb 12 at 6 pm. We will be reading The Good Earth by Pearl S. Buck. New attendees are welcome. Please contact Anita at 320.380.1120 with questions.

**Festival** Yes, we know it is still winter, but we start fundraising for the festival raffle ticket early. You will be receiving a letter in the mail asking for donations to the festival raffle ticket prizes. All prizes for the raffle ticket are from donations we receive. Please prayerfully think about how you could donate to the raffle ticket prizes. This year, we will have a QR code on the letter. You can turn in the slip and donation or you can simply scan the QR code and donate that way! Either way, we are appreciative of any donation given!



**Altar Servers Needed** It's time to recruit new altar servers again! If your child is in 3rd grade or older and would like to try this ministry, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office to set up a training. Scheduling is very flexible for families, and you're able to set your frequency and dates that you prefer not to be scheduled. This is a very important ministry and a fun way for kids to be involved in Mass. Please consider it!

## Youth Ministry

### Grounded Youth Ministry February theme: Grounded in Doubt

- **Sun. February 1st (Grades 9-12) | 5-7 PM**
  - Formal Night / Murder Mystery-Be sure to wear something 'nice'... dress, suit, tie, etc. **Don't** go out and buy something, don't worry about it, we just want you there!
- **Wed. February 11th (Grades 5-8) | 7:30-9 PM**
- **Fri. February 13th (Grades 5-8) | Wyldlife Friday Night Party at St. Francis Xavier | 7-9 PM**
- **Wed. February 25th (Grades 5-12) | 7:30-9 PM**

**Castaway 2026** Less than 50% of spots remain!! Grades 9-12, don't miss the best weekend of your life March 20-22 at Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes. Cost of this years retreat is \$110 + any clothing students want to order. Register fast as spots will quickly disappear: [linktree.com/groundedym](http://linktree.com/groundedym)

We have a few of our high school friends that need some financial help in getting to Castaway. If you are interested and are able to help support one of our friends going up to camp, please contact Jason Prigge.

**Cana Dinner Volunteers** We're looking for some volunteers to help with Childcare for the Cana dinner. If you'd be interested in helping out with a fast paced VBS style for kids, have great food and serve our ACC community, this is for you! It's also a great opportunity for some Confirmation hours... Contact Jason Prigge ASAP to get involved!

## Upcoming Events

- February 2; 5pm--Men's Group
- 6:15pm--Bells of the Heart Practice
- February 3; 6:15pm--Choir Rehearsal
- February 4; 8:30am--Lent Letter Stuffing
- 9am--Bible Study
- 5:30pm--Kid's Choir Rehearsal
- 6:30pm--K-8 Faith Formation
- 6:45pm--Peer Ministry Meeting
- February 5; 7pm--Young Adult Bible Study-SS
- February 6; 8:30am--Eucharistic Adoration
- 11am--Rosary & Benediction
- 6pm--Chosen Season 4
- February 7; 7:30am--Diocesan Confirmation Retreat
- 3:30pm--Reconciliation
- February 8; 8am--Men's Club Breakfast
- 11am--Confirmation Learning Centers-SS

## Prayer Requests

Please add Jennifer, Char Kipka, Al Moody, Duane Schmidtbauer, and Samantha Voigt to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put in the prayer corner, please call 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, January 25, 2026

Adult Sunday	\$2,6968.26
Visitors	\$360.00
Youth	\$15.75
Votive Candles	\$3.00
Building Fund	\$70.00
Initial Offering	\$16.00
CRS/Caritas Venezuela	\$25.00
Total Income	\$3,458.01

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,0370

## Mass Schedule

### Sun. February 8th, 2026

**Lector:** Lora Knafla and Shirley Scapanski

**Eucharist:** Brenda Carriveau(H), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C), Jean Bemboom(C)

**Servers:** Ava Krajsa, Gretchen Czech, Lucas Heck

**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom, Logan Simmons, Wyatt Montag

**Ushers:** Jeff Wollak, Dan Bemboom, Dan Brenny, Lora Knafla



**Happy Birthday** Michael Lentner, Lisa Przybilla, Anita Montag, Donna Brown, Jennifer Puhalla, Rose Beauchamp, Donald Gravelle, Beth Walker, Joshua Ackerman, Sarah Dinnebier, Kendel Pflipsen.

**Social Gathering** Our February social gathering will be on Thurs., Feb. 5th, starting with the Rosary at 8:15, Mass at 8:30 with coffee & juice after Mass. Various games and cards will start around 9:30am. Lunch will be served at noon. Please join us, and we ask that you invite a friend or neighbor. Offer a ride if necessary. All are Welcome.

**Upcoming Service Event** Grades 6-12 will be visiting Good Shepherd to play bingo and visit with the residents on Friday, February 13th from 5:45-7pm. If you need a ride, meet at Annunciation at 5:10pm. We will be back at 7:20pm. Call Karen to sign up.

**Youth Group** (6th-12<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet on Sunday, February 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-7pm.

**Thank You** To everyone that donated in any way to "Cupcakes for Life". Those who made & supplied the cupcakes, those who frosted them and boxed them up and to all who purchased the cupcakes with your generous donations—those from Annunciation, Sacred Heart and St. Stephen. Thank you.

Also



**Thank You** To everyone who helped out with the breakfast, those who planned, cooked, cleaned, ate and donated so generously to St. John's Catholic School in Foley, MN. Your donations are very much appreciated, Thank you.

# St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

**Prayer Line:** Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

## Weekly Collection Budget

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 1/25/2026	\$21,313.03
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(28.12)</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$640,384.60
YTD Collected	\$674,632.85
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$34,248.25</b>

## Coffee & Community



Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, February 4, after the 8 am Mass.

## Altar Server Training

Any youth in the fourth grade or older is invited to be an altar server here at St. Francis Xavier. In order to be a server, you must participate in a training session. The session will be on Thursday, February 5 at 5:30pm. The training will last one hour. You will be able to indicate which Mass you would like to serve at - either Saturday at 4:00pm or Sunday at 9:30am. Please call the parish office at 320-252-1363 to let us know that you will be attending. Hope to see you there!

## Faith Formation Mardi Gras Family Night

Wednesday, February 4 in the Gathering Place  
Hot Dog Dinner Served from 5:30-6:30pm  
Bingo from 6:00-7:30pm  
Come and go as it works for your family!



## Fair Trade Products for Sale

We have Fair Trade coffee, tea, hot cocoa mix, and chocolate bars available for sale. In addition, all of the products are organically certified. The products can be found on a table just outside the parish office. It is an "honor" system, and we ask you to pay the posted prices. During the week, if you do not have correct change, please check in the parish office for assistance. Sometimes correct change may be found in the collection envelope. There is a QR code to pay by VENMO or maybe even round up. The parish does not make money on the items. They are sold at the price we pay which is a fair price for the farmers/producers of the items. With Valentines' Day, these items would make gifts! Thank you for supporting fair trade.



## Lenten Series

St. Frances Xavier  
Heath & Wellness Team

# LENTEN SERIES

## TECHNOLOGY AND OUR MENTAL HEALTH

### LOOKING THROUGH THE LENS OF OUR FAITH

Guest Speaker

Bethany Tollefson

DNP, MSN, RN, PHN

**MARCH 12, MARCH 19 & MARCH 26**

5:30-6:00 PM OPTIONAL SOUP & SANDWICH DINNER

**6:00-7:00 PM SPEAKER**

*All are Welcome!!*

*Join us for one or all of the nights.  
Free will offering will be accepted for dinner.*

*St. Francis Xavier - Gathering Space  
219 2nd Street S., Sartell, MN*

*Sign up by calling Sandee Kremers  
320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org*

## Lent Book Club

### Lent Book Club - Discussion Group

#### The Practice of the Presence of God by Brother Lawrence

Lets Explore a book that Pope Leo XIV has described as one of his favorite books. He describes the core message of the book as a "type of prayer and spirituality where one simply gives his life to the Lord and allows the Lord to lead." This teaching emphasizes experiencing God's presence not just during formal prayer times, but in every moment and every ordinary, daily task, such as working in a kitchen. Dive deeper into your faith this Lent. We will spend three weeks discussing each part of the book and how we can use it in our daily lives to let the Lord lead us.

**Part One - February 19**

**Part Two - February 26**

**Part Three - March 5**

**St. Francis Xavier Gathering Place from 6-7:00 pm**

Contact Sandee Kremers to sign up at 320-252-1363 or  
skremers@stfrancissartell.org.

The book can be purchased on Amazon or through St. Francis.

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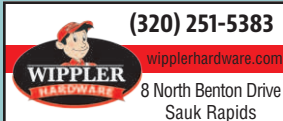
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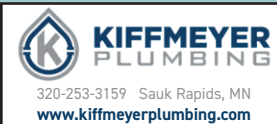
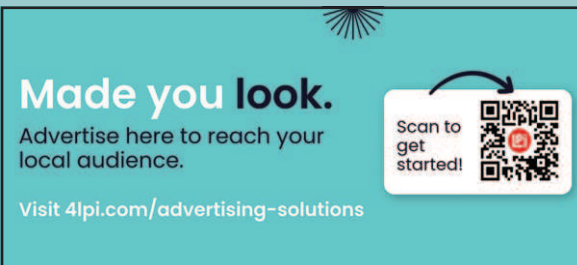
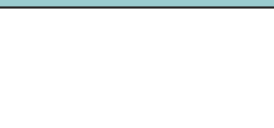
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