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PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Monday, January 19

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** – W & C  
8:30am **Annunciation** – Our Nation

### Tuesday, January 20

St. Sebastian

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Pat Koenig  
5:30pm **Sacred Heart** + Don Kuefler  
5:30pm **St. Stephen** + Scott Monson

### Wednesday, January 21

St. Agnes

8:00am **Sacred Heart** – EJ Crane  
8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Ronald C. Berg

### Thursday, January 22

8:00am **St. Stephen** + Jerry, George & Martha Mehr  
8:00am **St. Francis** + Earl Udermann  
8:30am **Annunciation** + Virginia Vorpahl

### Friday, January 23

St. Vincent

8:00am **Sacred Heart** + Gail Kiekow & Grace Lytle  
8:30am **St. Francis Xavier** + Matilda Ley

### Saturday, January 24

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

4:00pm **St. Francis Xavier** + Jimmy Schultz  
5:00pm **Sacred Heart** + John Waseka  
7:00pm **St. Stephen** + Clarence Justin

### Sunday, January 25

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time

\*Livestreamed Mass

8:15am \***Annunciation** + Jerry Molitor  
9:00am \***Sacred Heart** – For the People of the Parish  
9:30am \***St. Francis Xavier** + Ron & Louise Hoffman  
10:00am **St. Stephen** + Nick Appert

### 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 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mk 2:18-22

**Tuesday:** 1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28

**Wednesday:** 1 Sm 17:32-33, 37, 40-51/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

**Thursday:** 1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-10a, 10b-11, 12-13/Mk 3:7-12

**Friday:** 1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2, 3-4, 6 and 11/Mk 3:13-19

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3, 5-7/Mk 3:20-21

**Next Sunday:** Is 8:23-9:3/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/1 Cor 1:10-13, 17/Mt 4:12-23 or 4:12-17

## Ministry & Life Perspectives



For almost 40 years now, I have worn either a Rose for Life or the Precious Feet pin on some item of clothing. Both are a silent testimony, widely recognized as a commitment to the Gospel of Life. First created in 1974, just a year after the Roe v. Wade decision, the Precious Feet pin is the exact size and shape of an unborn child's feet at 10 weeks. But much has happened in that child's life by the time he or she reaches the age of 70 days. Already at conception, every detail of the entire genetic blueprint is present; only time and nurture is needed to allow it to unfold as the months and years go by. By 24 days, the heart has begun to beat; by 42 days, the skeleton is formed and brain waves can be detected as the child begins simple but coordinated movements. And by nine weeks, unique fingerprints – and toeprints – are present. Already some 800 years before Christ, the author of Psalm 139 could only marvel: "Truly You have formed my inmost being; you knit me in my mother's womb. I give you thanks that I am fearfully, wonderfully made. My soul also you knew full well, nor was my frame unknown to you when I was made in secret." These words are true for each of us, and for every person to whom God gives the gift of life. As St. John Paul II said, respect for life must begin with this sense of awe, with wonder that we exist at all.

One of the most decisive and enduring gifts that Christian faith has given to the world is this conviction that every person is made in the image of God and has equal, inviolable dignity – not just when we are in the womb or newborn, but throughout the entire span of our lifetimes, and into eternity. Faith reveals that no life is a mistake, an accident, unplanned or unwanted by God. Whether a life is marked by wealth or poverty, success or misery, robust health or chronic suffering, many years or only a few hours – all of this is secondary to the fundamental fact that God has given each person the gift of life, a life that will last forever. Those who are most vulnerable, dependent on our care, those who need us to help them, remind us that we are called to love and care for the real individuals in our midst. It can be hard to recognize Christ in the faces of those we do not know or do not like – whether they be the unborn or the aged or the immigrant or the troubled, or just the people that are different than we are used to. Every person we see is among those Jesus refers to in those

## Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

words that are both unsettling and truly ennobling: "Whatever you do to the least, you do to Me." This truth remains a disturbing challenge at times to our own comfort and convenience, our preferences and projects, and I freely admit that I fail too often to live it. But that truth remains one that calls forth the best in ourselves: compassion, patience, love. The hard-won wisdom of St. Teresa of Kolkata reminds us, as she said: "God does not ask us to be successful, only faithful." For as she knew, conversion of hearts is the work of the Holy Spirit; we evangelize most effectively by simply living our own faith with conviction so that others can see what the Gospel of Life looks like when put into action. There are inspiring examples of this witness in these parishes and everywhere in the Church; thank you for the work you do for the Gospel in your homes and schools and workplaces, with your friends and neighbors.

The Precious Feet and the Rose for Life call to mind the dignity of each human life; but especially those Feet might also remind us of the words of Jesus at the Last Supper, calling us to serve: "If I washed your feet – I Who am Teacher and Lord – then you must wash each other's feet. What I did was to give you an example – as I have done, so you must do."



### ACC Pastoral Leadership

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# ONE IN CHRIST AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Janice Sears, who passed away on January 8 and William Odegard, who passed away on January 10 from Sacred Heart.



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

### Marriage Bans



I Weston Jordan & Valerie Gall

### 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.



### Free Throw Contest

**Knights of Columbus Free Throw Contest**  
**Saturday, January 31 @ 10:30am**

The local council of the Knights of Columbus, Bishop Trobec Council #5276 would like to invite the children of Annunciation, Sacred Heart, St. Stephen and St. Francis parishes to take part in the annual Free Throw Challenge! All children ages 9-14 are invited to participate. The event will be held at SFX School in the gym. This event is sponsored annually by the KC's with the winners from the local level advancing to district, region, and state competitions. All contestants from the local level are recognized for their participation in the event and the winners at each level will receive a trophy. Registration is at the event and must have written consent and age verification from a parent or guardian. Please contact Jake Schneider 320-761-7143 or jakeschneider34@gmail.com.

### Young Adults (ages 19-39)

#### Mass and Meal

Join us for a special edition of Mass and Meal on Sunday, January 18th at St. Stephen. We'll gather for the 10 AM Mass and meet in the annex after Mass. We hope to see you out there!

#### Praise Night

Join us for our next Praise Night on Thursday, January 29th starting at 6 PM at St. Anthony's in St. Cloud! This will be a great night of worship, praise, Adoration and more! We hope to see you there. Young families are highly encouraged to join - this event is geared towards you!

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

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. Donations can also be made electronically by going to [granitecity.younglife.org](http://granitecity.younglife.org) and clicking the big orange button that says, 'give'. Thank you so much for your generous donation!

#### Follow Us on Social Media

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



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### St. Stephen Church

103 County Road 2 South, St. Stephen, MN  
In the Parish Hall

**Monday, February 2, 2026**

**12:00 pm – 6:00 pm**

Sign up online: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
Or call the St. Stephen Church

## News and Events From Around the Diocese



"Now the Lord has spoken who formed me as his servant from the womb..." Isaiah 49:5

God have given each of us different gifts. In order for God's plan to work, you have to do what God is calling you to do, and I have to do what God is calling me to do. And guess what? God has given each of us a different plan! So, stop comparing yourself to others. Don't let envy and jealousy enter your life. Be thankful for the gifts God has given you and become the saint that God is calling you to be.



Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

**March For Life** Join us January 22, 2026 at the MN Capitol in St. Paul. (For more info visit [www.MCCL.org](http://www.MCCL.org))



**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)

**Join the Franciscan Sisters of Little Falls for Taizé Prayer** on Tuesday, January 27, 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!

Taizé is a simple meditative practice that includes readings, long periods of silence and brief repetitive songs. Participants find this prayer service to be a time to center themselves and experience quiet contemplation, a perfect way to end a busy day. No experience with meditation needed, nor a singing voice! Each service will be about 45 minutes long. No RSVP is needed.



**Diocesan Festival of Families** is back! Designed specifically for families and with a cost that is affordable (\$25 for your whole family)! Taking place on February 22, at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell, the day will include a free carnival, breakout sessions for parents, children and teens, Mass with Bishop Neary, family activity centers and more! Join other families from around the diocese for a day celebrating the family. Register now at: <https://stcdio.org/event/2026-festival-of-families/>

## St. Stephen

Fr Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm  
[ststephencurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststephencurchoffice@gmail.com)

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066  
[director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### Financial Offering for January 10 & 11:

Adult	\$ 2,051.00
Online Giving January 3-9	615.00
Plate	285.00
Children	1.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 2,952.00</b>

### Ushers:

Jan 24: Dave Fiedler, Will Hellmann, Dan Warzeka

Jan 25: Matt Nienaber, Jake Rothstein, Tim Rudser

**Faith Formation:** January 21 - Classes for grades 1-4 and Confirmation. Sloppy Joes will be served in the Parish Hall before classes begin.

Grade 9 students will have a Church Tour.

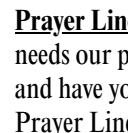
**Parish Council** will have a meeting Tuesday, January 20, in the Parish Hall beginning at 7:00 pm. Agendas have been emailed out.

**Old Palms:** There will be baskets at the entrances beginning next weekend for you to drop off your palms from last year. The palms will be used to make Ashes for Ash Wednesday on February 18.

**St. Stephen Choir Recordings available!** The choir has made a recording of some favorite choral music. Please stop in the choir loft after Sunday mass to purchase a recording, available on CD or Flash drive. The cost for either format is \$20.00.

**THANK YOU** to those who came to help take down the Christmas decorations on January 12. It takes many hands to decorate and take down the decorations. I am deeply grateful for the volunteers that help with the church decorations, plant and flower care throughout the year.

 **Blood Pressure** checks will be offered after Mass next Sunday, January 25, in the annex.

 **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. **NO CLASS January 23.**

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-Al-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 11, 2026

Adult Collection	\$28,753.5
Automatic Giving	\$6,982.62
Holy Day	\$35.00
Improvements	\$1,660.00
Christmas	\$80.00

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!

**Crockpot Challenge:** Have you signed up for the crockpot Challenge yet? If not, you should! This will be a wonderful event for all to attend. Anything you can fit in a crockpot is an easy genre. The event will be on January 31st following 5pm Mass. Entry to the event is \$10 person (\$20 family max) where can you go to a buffet for \$20 for your whole family and support a good cause while you are at it! 

Catholic United Financial is going to be giving us a matching grant again this year, so this could be a really great addition to the fund raised from the Winter Raffle ticket sales!

We do also need **volunteers** for this event. You can sign up in the gathering space or by going to the sign up genius or by calling Vicki in the office.

**Baby Bottle Campaign** We are once again partnering with the Pregnancy Resource Center for their baby bottle campaign. The bottle will be available in the gathering space the weekend of January 24th/25th. Bottle must be returned by February 15th as they will be sent to the Pregnancy Resource Center on the 16th.

**Catholic United Financial** CUF will hold a regularly scheduled meeting January 27 at 6:30pm. We will be in Room C.

**Roses For Life** Sacred Heart Knights of Columbus will be handing out Roses for Life and collecting donations after Mass on Jauary 24 and 25 at Sacred Heart and February 1 at Annunciation. Proceeds will go to Elevate Pregnancy center and MCCL locally.

## Prayer Requests

Please add Craig, Jennifer, Char Kipka, Duane Schmidtbauer, Mason Schroeder, Joni Uhlenkamp 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.



## Youth Ministry

### January theme: Grounded in Well-Being

- Wed. January 21st (5th Grade Only) | 6:30-8:00 PM
- Sun. January 25th (Grades 9-12) | 5-7 PM
- Wed. January 28th (Grades 5-12) | 7:30-9 PM

**5th Grade Leader(s) Needed** We are looking for 1-2 Young Adult and or Adult leaders who would be willing to be Small Group leaders for our 5th Grade friends. It's rewarding and a ton of fun. Commitment is approx. 2-3 Wednesdays a month. Programming is around the corner, make sure our 5th Graders have a leader, contact Jason Prigge to learn more and get trained before Wed. January 14th.

**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:

<https://open.spotify.com/show/6taeQXnYfwDpL865Xuu3AQ?si=LfCNnmUiTwqSwY852q3huA>

**Jr. High Lock-In 2026** The Jr. High Lock-In will take place Saturday, January 24th - Sunday, January 25th at the St. Cloud YMCA. The event starts with Mass at 8 PM on Saturday and ends Sunday morning at 6 AM. Cost is \$40, all middle school friends are invited! Registration is available online: [linktree.com/groundedym](https://linktree.com/groundedym). Contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions or would like to help out!

**Castaway 2026** Castaway registration is FINALLY available! 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](https://linktree.com/groundedym)

## Upcoming Events

January 19; Office Closed-All Day  
10am--Peer Ministry Retreat  
5pm--Men's Group  
7pm--KC Meeting

January 20; 6:15pm--Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm--Parish Council  
7pm--Sacred Heart Men's Club

January 21; 9am--Bible Study  
5:30pm--Kid's Choir Rehearsal  
5:45pm--9<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip  
7:30pm--Grounded (5<sup>th</sup> Grade)

January 23; 6pm--Chosen Season 4

January 24; Roses for Life  
3:30pm--Reconciliation  
8pm--Jr. High Lock-in--YMCA

January 25; Roses for Life  
6am--Jr. High Lock-in end--YMCA  
5pm--Grounded (9-12)  
7pm--DTS Session



# Annunciation

Fr. Tom Knoblauch, Pastor

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## Weekly Collection Budget

Income for Sunday, January 11, 2026

Adult Sunday	\$22,710.85
Visitors	\$301.00
Youth	\$24.00
Thursday Social-Lunch Donation 1/8/26	\$62.00
Votive Candles	\$1.30
Building Fund	\$125.00
Initial Offering	\$39.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$1,375.00
Total Income	\$24,638.15

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

## Mass Schedule

Sun. January 25th, 2026

Lector: Loren Popp and Bob Rajkowski

Eucharist: Lori Popp(H), Brenda Cariveau(C), Amy Krajsa(C)

Servers: Ava Krajsa, Alayna Traut, Makayla Traut

Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Mason Zwilling & Carson Zwilling

Ushers: Jenny Zwilling & Son, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken



Happy Birthday Sarah Larson, Kimberly Dahler, Kyle Haus, Jeremy Janson, Delilah Hiemenz, Fr. Thomas Knoblauch.

Youth Group—TODAY Youth group meets TODAY,

from 5-7pm at the Parish Hall. All 6th—12th graders are invited.



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.

**GIVE BLOOD**

**BLOOD MOBILE** American Red Cross, Mon. Feb. 2nd, 2026 at St. Stephen Church, St. Stephen from 12pm—6pm. Sign up online: [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) Or call the St. Stephen Church office at 320-251-1520.

Cemetery Cross after voting, Cross A received 38 votes and Cross B received 110 votes. Cross B will be ordered in a timely manner and if all goes well we could be placing it sometime as Spring weather allows. As a reminder here is Cross B: Thank you to everyone who voted and all who have generously donated to getting the cross replaced.



**Roses For Life** Will be available for after Mass on Feb. 1st by the Knights of Columbus. Donations will be accepted.

# St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135

Karen Reinholtz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line: Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

## Weekly Collection Budget

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 1/11/2026	\$31,783.07
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$10,436.92</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$597,692.30
YTD Collected	\$637,953.51
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$40,261.21</b>

## Yearly Giving Statements

2025 giving statements will be available for pickup in the Gathering Place the weekend of January 24 & 25.

## Roses for Life

The annual Knights of Columbus Roses for Life fundraiser will take place on the weekend of January 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. Knights of Columbus members at both St. Stephen and St. Francis Xavier will be handing out roses for life stickers after masses. You see the stickers on jackets, caps, purses, computers, notebooks, dashboards, and many other places to remind us of the sanctity of life. Donations will be accepted, and all proceeds will be sent to Pro-life causes such as 40 Days for Life, Pro-Life Across America (the billboard people), and in St. Cloud both the Elevate Pregnancy and Family Resource Center, and the Pregnancy Resource Center. Your support is greatly appreciated.

## TEC Retreat

**Saturday, February 14 to Monday, February 16**

TEC (Together Encountering Christ) is a three day Catholic retreat based on the Paschal Mystery. Its an opportunity to discover more about yourself, connect with other faith-based individuals and deepen your relationship with Christ.

Join our community of over 40,000 people who have made a TEC weekend in Central MN. Three days might just change your life. Open to anyone ages 16+.

All students can have their \$30 deposit waived by entering the code 'SCHOOLSPECIAL' in the gift certificate line! Need additional scholarship support? We never want cost to be the reason someone can't experience a TEC weekend. Reach out! Direct any questions to Mike - [mike@cmtec.org](mailto:mike@cmtec.org). Use the QR code for a link to the application.



## Faith Formation

Group B will meet Wednesday, January 21. If you can't make it, please let Sandee Kremers know at 320-252-1363 or [skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org).

## Thank You

Thank you Fr. Ron, Fr. Eb, and all the parish staff for your consolation and care during the funeral service. The comfort and compassion shown to our whole family helped us endure a very trying time. The Gilbert Boser Family

## Catholic Charities Food Shelf

January is the month that St. Francis is asked to help staff the volunteer needs at the Catholic Charities Food Shelf. Please use the link provided to find available time slots and sign up to help.

<https://ccstcloud.volunteerhub.com/vv2/lp/AdoptAMonth>

If you need help with getting on the schedule, call Elizabeth Hamak at Catholic Charities and she'll help you out.

Elizabeth Hamak  
Volunteer Coordinator  
Emergency Services  
D 320.229.4568 | C 320.339.7171



Scan the QR Code to Get Started!

## March for Life

2026 March for Life Thursday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at the Minnesota Capitol in St. Paul  
PRAYER SERVICE FOR LIFE at the Cathedral of Saint Paul at 10:30 a.m.

[March for Life Bus Note: The Diocese of St Cloud is providing bus service to and from Prayer Service and March for Life at the State Capitol.](#)

Reserve a spot by contacting Jan at 320-258-7615 by Jan. 17, 2026

- 7:30 a.m. Arrive St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud
- 7:45 a.m. Depart St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud
- 3:45 p.m. Return St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud
- A free-will offering may be accepted on the buses to help defer the cost of the bus.
- Dress warmly, bring a bag lunch or snack.
- Bus reservations required.

\*\*7:00 a.m. Mass will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud prior to loading the bus

PLEASE JOIN US –

Have questions, please call  
Marilou Sommers  
320-247-9838



# Things I may use in the future

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.



## Marriage Blessings



Congratulations and many blessings to Dan & Jill Lieser-Legg at Sacred Heart.

We welcome the following children, baptized into our parish family and the Christian community: Sophia Isabel Schmitz, daughter of Joshua & Marita, from Sacred Heart and

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



## Adult Faith Formation

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**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. This gift will be an enduring witness to our unity in the One Body of Christ through the Eucharist. Checks can be made payable to Sacred Heart with Tabernacle included on the memo line. Place cash or check in an envelope marked "Alaska Tabernacle" and drop it off or mail it to your parish office, or drop it in the regular weekend collection. Donations will be accepted until February 15, 2026. Any funds raised that exceed the cost of the tabernacle will be sent to the Diocese of Fairbanks for their ministry needs. Thank you.

**Melodies of the Danube Travel Experience.** From October 9-19, 2026 join Fr. Steve Binsfeld and listen to the Melodies of the Danube on AmaWaterways. Enjoy 2 nights in Budapest before the cruise. Then journey on the Danube for 7 nights to discover why this great river has inspired generations of artists, poets and musicians as while slowly sailing through Hungary, Slovakia, Austria and Germany. Indulge your passion for timeless architecture and art in three magnificent capitals: Budapest, Bratislava and Vienna. The hills come alive with the sounds of music in Salzburg and the Austrian Lake District. Cruise through enchanting Strudengau Valley. The melodies of the Danube carry you from one gem to another. On Ama, you will enjoy a choice of excursions, such as standard tours, bike tours, hikes and special interest tours. Choose how you want to explore. There is an optional 3-night extension in Prague, the charming capital of the Czech Republic. Scan the QR code for details or contact Magi Travel at [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com) or call 952-999-0065.



## New things for Jill to add...

- Jill make sure craft group is listed

## All Things New Planning Process

available at <https://stcdio.org/all-things-new/> (or scan the QR code), including the Introductory Guidebook being used by the committee. Copies of this guidebook are also available in your parish office.

**Diocese of St. Cloud Resources**

**Widows/Widowers Group** We now have a widow/widowers group for the ACC. If you are a widow/widower, you are invited! This group will meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month from 1-3 at Sacred Heart. The next gathering will be January 13th. Please enter through door 5-the office doors. This is not a grief group. We visit, play cards, eat a little and get to know each other. All widows/widowers are welcome!

January 24 - 25, 2026

Stewardship as a Way of Life: "He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him." Matthew 4:22

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

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Hearts of Mercy - Bishop's Annual Appeal: The 2026 Appeal launches soon.

- Announcement Weekend is February 7 - 8: You will receive bulletin inserts highlighting diocesan ministries and be asked to consider a gift to support these ministries on Commitment Weekend.
- Commitment Weekend is February 14 - 15: This is your opportunity to support diocesan ministries with a 2026 gift to the appeal. You may bring the envelope you receive in the mail or use a response envelope that will be provided at Mass. Both will be gratefully received in the offertory.