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**St. Francis Xavier** 219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377 • 320-252-1363

**St. Stephen** 103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375 • 320-251-1520

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

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|---|---|
| <b>Monday, December 22</b>  | 8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + W & C<br>8:30am <b>Annunciation</b> - Peace  |
| <b>Tuesday, December 23</b>   | 8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + No Mass / No W&C<br>5:30pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Chris Stock & Jonathan Sanchez<br>5:30pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Joe & Roska Peternell   |
| <b>Wednesday, December 24</b><br><i>Christmas Eve</i><br>*Livestreamed Mass                         | 4:00pm * <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Irene E. Laudenbach<br>4:00pm <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Wyatt Tiemann<br>4:00pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Jerry Gohmann<br>7:00pm <b>Annunciation</b> + John Gans<br>8:00pm <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Firmin & Donna Traut<br>10:00pm <b>Sacred Home</b> + Dec. Members of the Packard Family |
| <b>Thursday, December 25</b><br><i>The Nativity of the Lord</i><br>*Livestreamed & Interpreted Mass | 8:00am <b>Annunciation</b> + Rita Scapanski<br>9:30am <b>St. Francis</b> + Doris Schefers<br>10:00am * <b>Sacred Heart</b> - For the Members of the Parish<br>10:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> + Stephen & Alice Hlebain  |
| <b>Friday, December 26</b>  | 8:00am <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Lucille Peterson<br>8:30am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + No Mass / No W&C  |
| <b>Saturday, December 27</b><br><i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>                  | 4:00pm <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Richard & Betty Porwoll<br>5:00pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Tom Wyrowski<br>7:00pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Dec. Members of the Carl & Angela Knettel family   |
| <b>Sunday, December 28</b><br><i>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary &amp; Joseph</i>                    | 8:15am * <b>Annunciation</b> - For the People of the Parish<br>9:00am * <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Norb & Nancy Motzko<br>9:30am * <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Robert & Jeanette Scheidecker<br>10:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> + Linda Douvier   |

### Daily Readings

**Monday:** 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 1:46-56

**Tuesday:** Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/Lk 1:57-66

**Wednesday:** Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Lk 1:67-79

**Thursday:** Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 (2a)/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 (Lk 2:11)/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-

12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20

**Day:** Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 (3c)/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

**Friday:** Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17/Mt 10:17-22

**Saturday:** 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12/Jn 20:1a, 2-8

**Next Sunday:** Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 (see 1)/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

### 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.

## Ministry & Life Perspectives



This Thursday ... a **Most Blessed Christmas of Hope!** The calendar points to winter's arrival with the shortest day of the year on December 21. The longer time of darkness certainly mirrors the concerns of many hearts in difficult and fearful times in our world.

How much more, then, do we understand the great joy of the shepherds, the Magi, Joseph, and Mary at the Good News that the Light of the World has come: "Today a Savior has been born for you, who is Messiah and Lord."

As we celebrate the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ, near the conclusion of the Jubilee Year of Hope, I join Fr. Ron in thanking you for the generous and inspiring ways you reflect that hope to one another and to the world. Your goodness and faith in challenging times as well as joyful moments continues to inspire and encourage.

As I encourage each year, amid all the good and lifegiving gatherings and events, be sure to take some time in silence and stillness, perhaps in front of the manger scene. Mary was counting down the last days of her pregnancy – what will this Child, God's own Son in her womb, look like? What will this birth be like? Will her love, and that of Joseph, be able to rise to the occasion to house the Savior of the World in their small home?

Along with the joy we celebrate, there were many questions that only time – lived in patient faith – could reveal. It is so for us as well.

I share some words from Pope Benedict's Midnight Mass homily in 2009. Perhaps they can inspire you with the hope this day brings, especially to those who feel small in this world of noise, haste, and anxiety.



## Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

*The Angel had said to the shepherds: "This will be a sign for you: you will find a babe wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger" (Lk 2:12; cf. 2:16). God's sign, the sign given to the shepherds and to us, is not an astonishing miracle. God's sign is his humility. God's sign is that he makes himself small; he becomes a child; he lets us touch him and he asks for our love. How we would prefer a different sign, an imposing, irresistible sign of God's power and greatness! But his sign summons us to faith and love, and thus it gives us hope: this is what God is like. He has power, he is Goodness itself. He invites us to become like him. Yes indeed, we become like God if we allow ourselves to be shaped by this sign; if we ourselves learn humility and hence true greatness; if we renounce violence and use only the weapons of truth and love. ... When we see him, the God who became a child, our hearts are opened. ... Lord Jesus Christ, born in Bethlehem, come to us! Enter within me, within my soul. Transform me. Renew me. Change me, change us all from stone and wood into living people, in whom your love is made present and the world is transformed. Amen.*

May God bless you, your families, and all those you love. Jesus, our Hope, is here among us. Come, let us adore Him: Christ, the Lord.



## 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: Elsie Lou Ogg, daughter of Brett & Morgan, from Sacred Heart.



### ACC Events

**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.

**Fellowship Event:** The next fellowship event will be held on January 18th in the basement of Annunciation church. The event will begin with Mass at 8:15. We are focusing on those people involved with funeral lunch helpers, funeral Mass helpers, St Monicas, The Knights of Columbus, and Men's Club. Deacon Terry will be the speaker and the topic will be on Luke: 38-42--Martha and Mary, the balance of ways to honor the presences of Jesus and the needs of the Body of Christ. There will be muffins and juice/coffee served. No need to RSVP, and if you are not part of one of these groups and would like to come please do so.

**Melodies of the Danube Travel Experience** From October 9-19, 2026 join Fr. Steve Binsfeld and listen to the Melodies of the Danube on Ama Waterways. 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 952.949.0065.



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

#### Summer Camp

Stay tuned... Summer Camp info is coming out soon and you seriously won't want to miss out on the best week ever!!

#### Year End Giving

If you'd like to support the mission of Granite City Wyldlife in their efforts to share the Gospel with Middle Schoolers through Friday Night Parties, Summer/Fall camp, please consider making a year end donation. Donations can be made at: [granitecity.younglife.org/](http://granitecity.younglife.org/). Thank you for sharing your gift with teens so they may know that they are known, seen, heard, loved and cared for.

#### Follow Us on Social Media

Be sure to go like our page on Facebook: Granite City Wyldlife  
Follow Us on Instagram: gcwyldlife



**Stearns County Jail** in St. Cloud is looking for ministry volunteers at the jail. Monday nights at 7:00 pm is "Let's Talk". The 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday morning ministries are needed for Mass. If this is an area you would like to use your talent and volunteer for, please call Karen Kierzek at 320-253-1799

#### St. Cloud Metro Advent Reconciliation Service Schedule

St. Mary's Cathedral.....Tuesday, Dec. 23, 6:30pm





## News and Events From Around the Diocese



*"When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home." Matthew 1:24*

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.



Blessings to you in this fourth week of Advent as we contemplate the message of the angels: "Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men." Please take a moment to pray for the people of our diocese and all who serve to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota.

Your ways are not my ways says the Lord. Do you what the Lord's ways are? **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](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.



**Year-End Prayer for Peace Vigil** Join us in prayer from wherever you are during the Vigil, held Tuesday, December 30, 6 p.m. through Wednesday, December 31, 6 p.m. Come to the Prayer Service on Wednesday, December 31 at 7 p.m., held in Sacred Heart Chapel.

*Being Peace in a Time of Division*

**Being Peace in a Time of Division** Drawing from the wisdom of our Franciscan tradition, this retreat will offer an opportunity to deepen peace within ourselves, thereby strengthening our capacity to be instruments of peace in our relationships and in our world. Come prepared for an exploration of discernment and deepening the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives!

January 19th-23rd Daily Sessions:

Session 1: 9:00 - 10:15am

Session 2: 3:15 - 4:00pm

If you choose to have accommodations, please contact Shelly Bombard to make arrangements: [sbombard@fslf.org](mailto:sbombard@fslf.org)

If you have any other questions regarding this retreat, please reach out to Kari Lamb at [FLCevents@fslf.org](mailto:FLCevents@fslf.org) or 320-632-0680

## St. Stephen

Fr Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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[ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com)

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

[director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### Financial Offering for December 6 & 7

|                                      |                    |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|
| Adult                                | \$ 2,191.00        |
| Online Giving November 29-December 5 | 698.00             |
| Plate                                | 310.25             |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                         | <b>\$ 3,199.25</b> |

**Ushers:** Dec 24: Schefers family

Dec 25: Tom & Nancy Vouk, Tim/Dawson Rudser

Dec 27: Dan Warzecha, Amanda DeYaeger, Karen Skaj

Dec 28: Tom & Nancy Vouk, Ralph Barhorst

**Christmas Masses:** There will be music sung 30 minutes before both Masses.

**It's time to decorate the church!** On Monday, December 22, beginning at 7:30 am. Men and women, young and old are invited to help set up the trees in church and the annex, put lights on the trees, hang the wreaths (in church and outside) and set up the creche for Christmas. Whether you can help for a half hour or a couple hours, your help is greatly appreciated.



### Christmas Flowers in loving memory of:

Julian Johnson, Joseph & Gertrude Hellmann, Tillman & Genevieve Knapp, Ben & Janis Paggen, Stephen Slivnik, Robert Slivnik, Ron Schmitz, Naomia Schultenover, Elizabeth Gillen, Deceased members of the Pantzke family, Day Novak family, Loretta Pogatchnik, Henrietta Phillipp, Larry & Verdell Rudolph, Alex & Anna Mae Smoley, Annie Slivnik, Denny, Mary Jane & Sam Schuneman, Bob Knettel, Edwin & Virginia Kowitz, Elaine Kowitz, Deceased members of the Mehr family, Dennis Janssen, Stanley & Mary Ann Legatt, Margaret Robich, Carola Frank, Kantor & Hylla family, Norma Vouk, Clem & Janie Skroch, Deceased members of the Steve & Frances Supan family, Ben & Alice Supan, Alice Hlebain, Dennis Smoley and Clarence Justin.

**Blood Pressure checks** next Sunday, December 28, after 10:00 am Mass in the annex.

**Faith Formation:** NO Classes December 24 and 31.

**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 one is \$20.00.

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

NO classes December 24, 26 or 31 - Merry Christmas!

There will be class January 2. See you in the New Year!

**Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach-Senior Dining-Everyone invited.** Wednesdays at **Rusty Nail** in St. Stephen. Meals will be served December 24 & 31 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-AA-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 Dec 7, 2025

|                   |             |
|-------------------|-------------|
| Adult Collection  | \$13,938.00 |
| Automatic Giving  | \$6,171.37  |
| Friends In Need   | \$220.00    |
| Holy Days         | \$617.00    |
| Christmas         | \$945.00    |
| Christmas Flowers | \$415.00    |

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!

**Liturgical Ministers Needed for Christmas** We need many ministers to help with our upcoming Christmas liturgies. Signups will be available online and near the sacristy for Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year's Eve, and January 1st (the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God.) Please sign up if you can help.

**Christmas Mass Musical Preludes** Please join us for one of our Christmas Masses and the wonderful music beforehand! Christmas Eve 4:00 pm Mass prelude music will begin at 3:30. Christmas Eve 10:00 pm Mass prelude music will begin at 9:30 pm. Christmas morning 10:00 am Mass prelude music will begin at 9:40, and is ASL interpreted. Incense will not be used at any of the Christmas Masses. We hope to see you there!



**Christmas Flower Fund donations** Envelopes will be available in the gathering space if you would like to donate to our Christmas flower fund. The funds collected cover the cost of poinsettias, plants, fabric, candles, and other decorating supplies used throughout the year. Thank you for your generosity!

**Winter Raffle:** Winter Raffle tickets are now on sale! \$100 tickets, we are only selling 250 tickets so the church once again can make \$20,000 from this one fundraiser. Tickets are sold before and after Masses or in the office during business hours until they are sold out!



**St. Monica's scholarship to Cathedral High School** is \$500 again this year. Please submit a letter of application stating why you chose CHS to the Sacred Heart office by January 1st. You will be notified by January 15th if you are selected.

## Prayer Requests

Please add Gloria Anderson, Jeff Crane, Jeanne Eveslage, 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.



## Youth Ministry

**Grounded Youth Ministry December theme** Grounded in Empathy With January right around the corner we are in need of two Young Adults or Adults 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. Contact Jason Prigge to learn more!

**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:

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

**Fifth Annual Waldo Hunt** The fifth annual Waldo Hunt is set for Tuesday, December 30th. Join us for this all day adventure looking for Waldo at MOA and then service after. Cost is \$5 to help with transportation fees, students will need money for lunch and or if they want anything at MOA. Forms are available online ([linktree.com/groundedym](http://linktree.com/groundedym)). If you have questions or need assistance, please contact Jason Prigge.

**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](http://linktree.com/groundedym). Contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions or would like to help out!



## Upcoming Events

December 22; 6:15pm--Bells of the Heart Practice  
December 23; 6:15pm--Choir Rehearsal  
December 24; **Office Closes at Noon**  
4pm--Mass  
10pm--Mass  
December 25; **Office Closed**  
10am--Mass  
December 26; **Office Closed**  
December 27; 3:30pm--Reconciliation



# Annunciation

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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Faith Formation: Karen Handeland 320-259-4941  
karenh@annunciationmayhewlake.com

## Weekly Collection Budget

### Income for Sunday, December 7, 2025

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|---------------------------|------------|
| Adult Sunday              | \$3,675.00 |
| Visitors                  | \$166.00   |
| Youth                     | \$21.50    |
| Christmas Flowers         | \$485.00   |
| Thanksgiving              | \$15.00    |
| Rel. Ed Bake Sale         | \$25.00    |
| Religious Retirement Fund | \$25.00    |
| Immaculate Conception     | \$515.00   |
| Christmas                 | \$100.00   |
| Building Fund             | \$85.00    |
| Community Social          | \$15.00    |
| Total Income              | \$5,127.50 |

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

## Mass Schedule

**Come 20 minutes early to Mass, to sing along or to enjoy the music of our choir and musicians prior to each of the Dec. 24 Christmas Eve and the Dec. 25 Christmas Day Masses.**

### Wed. December 24th, 2025, CHRISTMAS EVE 7pm MASS

**Lector:** Jill Brenny and David Zimmer

**Eucharist:** Brenda Carstensen-Boe(H), Katie Lentner(C), Lora Knafla(C)

**Servers:** Cole Lentner and Gretchen Czech

**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom

**Ushers:** Barb & Tom Brand, John & Barb Bemboom

### Thurs. December 25th, 2025, CHRISTMAS 8:00am MASS

**Lector:** Jenessa Strande and Karla Koenig

**Eucharist:** Brenda Cariveau(H), Amy Krajsa(C), John Koenig(C)

**Servers:** Krajsa girls

**Greeters:** Don & Karol Weyer

**Ushers:** David Lentner, Peter Ackerman, Jenny & Jason Zwilling

### Sun. December 28th, 2025

**Lector:** John Koenig and Karla Koenig

**Eucharist:** Katie Lentner(H), Rita Knott(C), Lora Knafla(C)

**Servers:** Noah Lentner and Grayson Herbst

**Greeters:** Chuck Wocken, Carson Whilling and Mason Zwilling

**Ushers:** Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, Dan Brenny



**Happy Birthday** Chase Fitch, Jeff Popp, Clarke Anderson, Thomas Brand, Ann Klein, Tom Lentner.

**Christmas Play** Will be here **TODAY**, after Mass at 9:45am. Come to Mass, stay for coffee afterwards and enjoy the Christmas play by our Religious Ed Students. Everyone Welcome.

**Youth Group** will meet on TODAY, from 5pm-7pm. This is for students in grades 6-12. Wear your ugly Christmas Sweaters.

**Thank You** to everyone who provided 68# of food and \$41 for the Thanksgiving food drive which was taken out to the Cross Center in Foley this year. Also, thanks to those who took items directly to a food shelf. God will reward you for your Corporal Work of Mercy.

**Please Vote** Please see the display board showing the two options for our new crucifix for the Cemetery. Please vote once for the crucifix you prefer. You can vote TODAY, Sun Dec 28th, or Jan. 4th

# 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

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Weekly Collection Budget | \$21,346.15        |
| Collected 12/7/2025      | \$37,794.22        |
| <b>Excess (Deficit)</b>  | <b>\$16,448.07</b> |
| YTD Collection Budget    | \$490,961.55       |
| YTD Collected            | \$509,497.21       |
| <b>Excess (Deficit)</b>  | <b>\$18,535.66</b> |

## Office Closed

The office will be closed on January 1.

Happy New Year!

## Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration November 25, 4-7 pm.  
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



## Advent Almsgiving

### Week One of Advent Almsgiving is complete!

Thank you for the generosity. As you can see things are packed up to go to Pathways4Youth, Catholic Charities and the Salvation Army. A special "Thank You" to Maurus Karboviak for coordinating distribution to our local charities. There was a total of 223 boxes of cereal and 29 pounds of spices. All donations were greatly appreciated!



## Merry Christmas & Blessings in the New Year

We could not do it without you! The staff at St. Francis Xavier is so thankful for the parish "family" that makes things go here. Sharing your time and talents and treasure enable St. Francis Xavier to be the hands and feet of Christ. When we work side by side and come together for projects or fundraisers, we make new friends and share our lives together in faith. Our parish is your faith home, and we're glad when you participate in making things happen from worship to all of the ministries that we do. We wish you a Merry Christmas and Blessings to you in the New Year!



## Seeking Help in the Sacristy

Help is needed for cleaning the purificators. They are the white cloths used to wipe the chalice during the distribution of the precious blood. The volunteer who does this can set their own schedule. It is a job that needs to be done about once a week. Thank you to Sue Butkowski who has done this for the past few years. She has some things come up in her life and needs to pass this on. Please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office - 320-252-1363.

## Church Cleaning for Christmas

Church cleaning for Christmas will take place on Monday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 1:00pm. We have scrub pails and cleaning cloths and other needed supplies. We wipe down the pews and kneelers to make them shine and be ready for Christmas worship. If you are able to share some time in this ministry it will be greatly appreciated. Usually there is enough help that we can get things done in hour. Questions, please call Tom Offerdahl at 320-252-1363, ext. 405. Thanks for helping!

## Advent Almsgiving

Week 1 (Nov. 30-Dec 6) Cereal & Spices  
Week 2 (Dec. 7-Dec 12) Peanut Butter & Jelly  
Week 3 (Dec. 14-Dec. 19) Fruit Snacks & Breakfast Bars  
Week 4 (Dec. 19- Dec. 24) Ramen, Pasta Sauce & Pasta  
Please bring in only the items specified for the week to the Gathering Place and put on the tables by the parish office.



## 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.

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## Youth Ministry

- Sunday, December 21st: **Aftershock** for grades 6-12 | 4:30-9:00pm | SFX Gathering Place
- **SAVE THE DATE** for the **Middle School Lock-in** at the St. Cloud YMCA! Dates are January 24-25, 2026, and its open to youth in grades 6-8. More details will be available after the New Year! Any questions, see Jennifer.

\*\*\* Watch flocknote for more details\*\*\*

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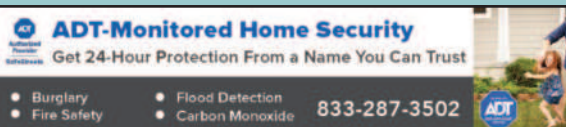
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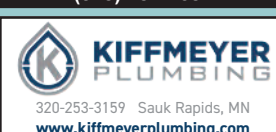
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