### Mass Schedule

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**
25267 Redwing Avenue
Shafer, MN 55074

**ST. JOSEPH**
490 Bench Street
Taylors Falls, MN 55084

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<th>OFFICE HOURS</th>
<th>7 HOUR ADORATION</th>
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<td>Mon - Fri: 8:30-4:00</td>
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### Reconciliation

Tues. - Fri: 7:00 am - 7:25 am
Sat: 4:30 pm - 5:15 pm

Call the office to schedule a time for confession if you want to receive the sacrament outside the regular schedule.

### Baptisms

Please call the office to have a registration form filled out and make an appointment to attend a 1 hour class to schedule the date for your child’s Baptism.

### Marriage

Call the office 9 months in advance to set up dates for required classes for marriage preparation. Couples and/or parents should be registered members of the parish.

### Calendar

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**NEW PATHWAYS, Social Justice Program**

St Bridget’s in Lindstrom is participating in a social justice program called “New Pathways”. This program involves providing housing at St Bridget’s four times a year for a one-week basis for homeless families to help them get back on their feet. During their week stay, the families are provided with meals, private rooms, and transportation. The entire program is run through the Cambridge office of New Pathways.

A group of parishioners here at St. Joseph’s are going to help St Bridget’s by preparing and serving one of the evening meals to their guests, as well as, donating needed items for the breakfast and lunch meals. The St. Bridget food coordinators will alert us to the specific food items needed the Thursday or Friday before the Sunday night that the families arrive which is Sunday, December 17th. If you would like to donate some of the needed items please call either Jan K. at 612-554-4946 or Karen D. at 715-646-2829. These people will let you know the type of item that is needed and when it should be brought to St. Joseph’s church.

Thank you for your participation in this project.

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS**

Help religious communities. “Your generous contribution helps us to care for our retired sisters and enables our younger sisters to continue in active ministry,” writes a religious sister. Your gift to today’s collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests. It also helps ensure younger members to continue the good works of their elders!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THE SUFFERING OF OUR PARISH:** Kay Vogt, Terri Angel, Steve Gall, James McIntyre, Don Nellen, Belphine Gall, Pat Lee, Sr. Justin Bradley, Dory Kazmierczak, Gene Krell, Karen Salokar, Mark Kruger, Barb Schafer, Jim Burkart, Jane Greene, Judy Johnson, Richard Tetzlaff, Mary Carlson, Elizabeth Cox, Neal Dencen and Rosemary Deneen.

To add or subtract a name, please call the office.

† Indicates repose of soul

**MASS INTENTION**

To add a Mass intention to the calendar, contact the church office. Recommended stipend $7-$10.

Please pray for the Holy Souls in Purgatory daily.

**SCHEDULE OF MINISTRIES**

- **SATURDAY VIGIL, DEC 16, 2017**
  - 5:30 pm Mass (St. Joseph)
  - Communion Servers: 1 needed
  - Jan Rintoul, Deb Roach*
  - Reader: Marilyn Strege
- **SUNDAY, DEC 17, 2017**
  - 7:30 am Mass (St. Joseph)
  - Communion Servers: Sue Gross, John Gyllen, Jan Kozlowsky*, Gerry Merth*
  - Reader: Paul Nordick
  - 9:15 am Mass (St. Francis Xavier)
  - Communion Servers: Dorine Rohe, Darlene Kazmierczak, Molly Martin, Debra Kops*
  - Reader: Karen Nelson
- **11:00 am Mass (St. Joseph)**
  - Communion Servers: 3 needed
  - Reader: Mary Jo Mandell

*Indicates people to cleanse Sacred Vessels

**ST. JOSEPH'S KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **$25 ea, many chances to win money and prizes. They make great Christmas gifts!**

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

- **2018 Calendar Sales**
  - Nov. 5 $25
  - Nov. 12 $25
  - Nov. 19 $25
  - Nov. 26 $25

**November winners of Gift Certificates**

- $50 Gift Certificate from R & D Towing
  - Cormac Brissett

**Congratulations to the Nov. Winners**

- Nov. 5 $25 Leland Peltier
- Nov. 12 $25 Frank Dusenka, Sr.
- Nov. 19 $25 Isabelle Peterson
- Nov. 26 $25 Dan Baillargeon

-R & D Towing
-Cormac Brissett
From Fr. Drees' Desk

Update on Music at St. Joseph and St. Francis

We are so blessed with such talented musicians at our parishes whose talent adds to the weekly liturgies. Over the next few weeks, you may notice a change in the music and those playing it. Bob Bernard, our employed musician, served his last Mass with us last week. Dominic Mitchell, one of our accompanists, and Travis Loeffler, one of our cantors, will also no longer be playing music at our Masses. If you or anyone you know is interested in participating in this beautiful ministry, please contact: Sandy Greene at 651-465-7345 or stjoegreene@gmail.com.

Thank you Bob, Dominic, and Travis for sharing your gifts with us!

Advent Adoration, Confession & Rosary

This Thursday, Dec 14 at St. Francis from 11am-noon there will be Eucharistic adoration and the sacrament of Confession available during adoration. The rosary will be prayed aloud for part of the hour of adoration. This same format of confession, adoration, and the rosary, will be done at St. Francis also on Thursday, Dec 21 from 7pm-8pm.

My Direct Office Number:

612-234-1345

The parish office has two lines but only one voicemail box to which Sandy and I both have access. In order for me to have a private voicemail in the parish office, I had to set up a new number. So, if you need to reach me during the day you can call my direct office number 612-234-1345 or you can still call the parish office 651-465-7345 and ask to speak with me. Unfortunately, the parish’s phone system will not allow transferring calls between these two numbers (i.e. the main parish office number and my new personal office number). You may be confused by what you just read; you are not alone; technology is confusing at times. In short, if you need to speak with me, call either 612-234-1345 or 651-465-7345 (or 651-317-9614 if it is a pastoral emergency).

Blessings,
Fr. Drees