# May 19, 2024 Pentecost



PENTECOST SUNDAY

Jesus said to his disciples: "When the Advocate comes whom I will send you from the Father, the Spirit of truth that proceeds from the Father, he will testify to me." - Jn 15:26



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MASS TIMES			PASTORAL SERVICES	
Monday, May 20	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion	<u>Reconciliation</u>
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Clarence & Audrey Posch	Saturdays
Tuesday, May 21	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Delores Hamlet	3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Donna & Arnold Scholz	3:30 pm Sacred Heart
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	- Word & Communion	6:15 pm St. Stephen
Wednesday, May 22	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Conrad Harren	Sunday
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Ron Schmitz	7:40 am Annunciation
Thursday, May 23	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	- Word & Communion † Roger Trobec † John & Barb Bemboom 54th Wedding Anniversary	Anointing of the Sick Home Bound Communion Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests, Marriage and Baptism Preparation If you have any of the above
Friday, May 24	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Bernie Wesenberg	pastoral needs, please contact your
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Luella Menke	Parish Office.
Saturday, May 25 The Most Holy Trinity	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Jan Roering † John Brunn † Bill Maleska	<ul> <li>Bulletin announcements are due in the parish office by 8:00 am on Mondays.</li> <li>Thank you! Please contact your Parish Office for more information.</li> </ul>
Sunday, May 26 The Most Holy Trinity *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Scott Pekarek † For the Members of the Parish † Linda Ley † Donald & Rita Stangler	

#### DAILY READINGS

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34 Friday: Jas 5:9-12/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8-9, 11-12/Mk 10:1-12

- Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23/ Mk 9:30-37
- Wednesday: Jas 4:13-17/Ps 49:2-3, 6-7, 8-10, 11/ Mk 9:38-40
- Thursday: Jas 5:1-6/Ps 49:14-15ab, 15cd-16, 17-18, 19-20/k 9:41-50

Saturday: Jas 5:13-20/Ps 141:1-2, 3 and 8/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 (12b)/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20

#### MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



#### From Safari...

Pentecost marks the end of our 50-day Easter season. Hopefully, the alleluias resounded through you throughout this Easter season.

In recent days I have spent some time working on the garden areas around the parish house in Sartell. I have been planting a mix of perennial and annual flowers in the hopes of enlivening the summer and fall landscape. Still deciding if I will plant vegetables or not --farmers markets are so much easier. Farmers are out preparing and planting the fields with the seeds that they hope will bring a plentiful harvest. Others are putting in docks for a summer of relaxation, fun, and fishing. Yes, everywhere people are at work bringing life to our landscape in part fulfilling the prayer of Pentecost, "Lord send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth." The tasks of spring require hard work and even a little (okay maybe a lot) of cursing as equipment breaks down or plans don't materialize.

Pentecost is about having the courage to utter the prayer, "Lord, renew the face of the earth." The prayer is more than sprucing up the yard or planting, it is about making the kingdom of God more visible in our world. Part of the challenge is our own willingness to let go of the behaviors and attitudes that block God's graces in this world. Do we tend to think of ourselves first or fail to see God's image in another? Are our hearts on fire with love?

Today's feast sends us forth, like the first disciples, to announce the Good News to others and to help create a world built on Gospel values. Mary Whitacre writes, "What is the Spirit calling us to in response to an environment of growing fear that paralyzes, anger that demeans and intolerance that isolates us? When we are willing to share our gifts rather than hoarding them in fear; to celebrate each other rather than competing for prestige; and to build bridges of understanding rather than needing to have the last

#### (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

word, then we are learning to speak the Spirit's language of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Speaking with one voice — the Spirit's voice, together we can create more light for our darkness, more courage for our fear, more hope for our despair, more wisdom for our confusion, more love for our hate, and more peace for our turmoil. When we communicate together on common ground, we can do more for the common good. Together we are more"

Peace and may the Easter Alleluias fill your heart! Fr. Ron



# LEADERSHIP

## **ACC Pastoral Leadership**

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Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
Pastor	Fr. Ron Weyrens 320-252-1363, Ext.401 (days) Ext. 402 (night/weekends) rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org
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Deacon	<b>Terry Jancik</b> tjancik@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
Deacon	<b>Steve Pareja</b> 320-761-2503
Pastoral Associate	<b>Sandee Kremers</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org



"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone." - 1 Corinthians 12:4-6

All of us are blessed, regardless of our own individual circumstances. God has given each of us many gifts. How we use those gifts is our gift back to God. For God's plan to work, each must do what we are called to do. Guess what? We are not all called to do the same thing! 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.



The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

# PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 18+

Join us on June 2nd from 6 pm-7:30 pm for the Painting the Word event at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 18+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is





needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be provided. This event is free, thanks to the Building Bridges Thriving Mission Grant! Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up or scan the code.

## EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**First Eucharist Student Opportunity** There is one specific opportunity we would like to highlight for our First Communion students. On Thursday, May 23, St. Mary's Cathedral will be hosting a Eucharistic Procession around the downtown area followed by a family Adoration hour (5 -6 p.m.) and meal (6-7 p.m.). We would like our First Holy Communion students to have a special place in this Eucharistic procession. Students are highly encouraged to wear their First Communion outfits for the big day! If you have students that are interested, a group will be meeting at **4:15 p.m.** on **May 23** on the steps of the Cathedral (Hannah Shefveland will be there to direct), and the procession will start at 4:30pm.

Sign-up at: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/</u> go/5080849ABA72AA6FA7-48534766-eucharistic#/

If you have any questions regarding any of these events – or – if your group would like to be involved in any of these events in a special way, please reach out to Tricia Walz at <u>tricia.walz@yahoo.com</u>.



## BAPTISM

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



Theodore Matthew Blaine, son of Matthew & Chantel, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.

Julia Beverly Warzecha, daughter of Nicholas & Lindsay, who was baptized at St. Stephen.

## **BANNS OF MARRIAGE**

II Duane Miller & Kari Meyer



# FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Jim Novak, who passed away on May 4 and Isabelle Schilling, who passed away on April 30, from Annunciation.

and

The family of Regis LaFleur, who passed away on April 25, from St. Francis Xavier.

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

#### **CEMETERIES-MEMORIAL DAY**

#### <u>Memorial Day Flower / Decoration Rules for Assumption,</u> <u>Calvary, and Sacred Heart Cemeteries</u>

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 27, 2024. With gratitude and respect for those who have served in our nation's military to preserve peace and freedom, Memorial Day is a time to honor our deceased veterans.

One common and beautiful way to do so is with flowers on the burial places of those we remember. Cemeteries are glad to accommodate this act of remembrance and hope. To assure good order for all, cemeteries have rules for what is permitted and appropriate. Below you will find the rules for the three diocesan cemeteries of Assumption and Calvary in St. Cloud and Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. (For other cemeteries, whether parish-based or civil, please contact the management of each cemetery through the parish or the county where it is located.)

#### Memorial Day Rules:

Vases can be turned over for use on the Saturday before Memorial Day (that is, on May 25).

Additional flowers may be placed on graves two days prior to Memorial Day (on Saturday) but must be removed within three days after Memorial Day (by Thursday, May 30). All remaining flowers will be disposed of by the Cemetery.

Small United States flags welcomed two days before and through Memorial Day and must be reclaimed by those placing them.

For further questions, please see the full list of rules and regulations for the diocesan cemeteries found on the diocesan website, www.stcdio.org under the Offices tab, or call the Cemetery Office at 320-251-5511. Thank you for your cooperation.

## YOUNG ADULTS

#### Young Adult Mass and Meal

Join us for 5 PM Mass on Saturday Night, May 18th at Sacred Heart! After Mass we will meet in the Gathering Space and go out to dinner from there. This is a great opportunity to make new friends and share fellowship with one another. Contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions!

## **SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024**



#### Where kids will dive into a friendship with God! June 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 or

June 24-June 28 from 9:00-12:00 Registration materials are available at all 4

parishes for students and volunteers. VBS is open to kids ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Students in 6th grade and older can volunteer to help in various ways throughout the week. Lots of volunteers are needed both the week of VBS and leading up to VBS-See the volunteer form for more information on how to get involved.

#### TEREBINTH REFUGE

Please join us on Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> for a conversation led by the team from Terebinth Refuge. This local Christ-centered shelter and safe home brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women in our very own community. The leaders of Terebinth Refuge believe in forming a community of women empowering women, providing victims with healthcare, psychological support, personal coaching, employment coaching, and training of transferable skills. They need our support now more than ever.

Date: Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup> Time: 1-3pm

Location: Church of St. Columbkille in St. Wendell, MN



A Shelter for Hope and Healing

Please join us for a conversation followed by Q&A and Fellowship.

## WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A **Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend** is a private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift! The next available Weekends are Oct 12-13, 2024 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and Aug 17-18, 2024 in Oakdale, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: **northmnwwme.org** or contact Miki at <u>applications@northmnwwme.org</u> or 507-227-8229.

## ALASKA MISSION TRIP

One in Christ Missionaries continue to seek your prayers and support as 32 disciples are sent to evangelize, support and grow in solidarity with our Yupik brothers and sisters from Toksook Bay Alaska. To help make this mission possible please send your prayer and financial support to Sacred Heart, attention Alaskan. This is a tax deductible gift. Contact Dcn Joe for more information.



# ST. STEPHEN

<u>Contact:</u> Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8:30-2:00 ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

<u>Faith Formation</u>: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066 ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for N	May 11 & 12
Adult	\$ 490.00
Ascension	1,711.00
Adult Online Giving May 4-10	393.00
Plate	273.00
Children	10.00
Total	\$ 2,877,00

Weekly Adult income to meet budget: \$ 3,150.00

## Ushers:

May 25: Peter Schumer, Sandy Paggen, Mitch Pangerl May 26: Tom & Nancy Vouk, Merlin Berndt

#### Congratulations High School graduates:

Erin Blenkush Madalyn Dockendorf Paige Fiedler Collin Friedrich

Makayla Nienaber Anna Nordby Wyatt Paggen Jack Pesta Addison Rudser Kloey Sand Zack Schleper Tyler Smith Olivia Spychala Annie Supan Dustin Waddell Logan Warner

And to all college graduates.

For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope. Jeremiah 29:11



<u>**Parish Council**</u> meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, at 7 pm in the Parish Hall.

<u>Corpus Christi Chapel:</u> We are looking for someone to decorate one of the chapels on the procession. Corpus Christi is June 2 this year. Please call the parish office.

<u>**Prayer Line:**</u> Please pray for healing for Jim Bieniek. If you have someone to add to the Prayer Line, contact the parish office.

<u>Cemetery Flowers and Decorations</u>: With Memorial Day and the summer months approaching, here are a couple reminders about flowers & decorations in the cemetery.

Artificial and live flowers are allowed to be placed on the ground for Memorial Day with the understanding that they must be removed by June 15. All decorations, whether stuck in the ground (solar lights, shepherd hooks, floral bouquets, etc.) or set on the headstone (statues, coins, toys, etc.) must be removed by June 15. Any items left in the cemetery that are not attached to the headstone will be removed and disposed of.

No flowers or other items are to be attached to the mausoleum, except the Veterans Memorial Star. Any items attached to the mausoleum will be removed and disposed of.

 Well n Fit exercise class:
 Wednesday & Friday mornings at

 St. Stephen Parish Hall, 9:00-10:00am.
 The Wednesday

 class will be followed by half-hour line dance.
 Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach:

 Senior Dining Wednesday's at The Rusty Nail

 June) at noon followed by 500.
 Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

 Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.

# SACRED HEART PARISH

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

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

#### Income for the Week of May 12, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$12,109.26
Automatic Giving	\$5,477.62
Children	
Ascension	
Peter's Pence	\$40.00

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

# STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Raffle tickets Raffle tickets are in the gathering space. Please pick up your envelope and try to sell (or purchase) those tickets. If you do not see an envelope with your name on it, please find a staff person and they can get you an envelope.

Volunteer Appreciation Dinner Thank you to everyone who came out for the volunteer appreciation dinner on May 15th, we had a great turn out! Volunteers are such an important part of our parish community!

Thank you

Time and Talent It's not too late to turn in your time and talent forms. Please consider how you can be involved in our parish community! We try to make it easy on you to get involved; you can email Vicki the areas you want to volunteer at <u>vsanbon@sacredheartsaukrapids.org</u>, you can call the office and talk to Vicki at 320.251.8115 ext 129 or you can fill out the form. If you have any questions, please reach out to Vicki.

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) This Sunday is the last time CLOW will be offered until September. Special thanks to Dana Howard, Jennifer Jackson, Emma Nelson and those who stepped up to help these leaders at Mass.

As this ministry continues to grow, we will be in dire need for more helpers so we can continue to offer this important ministry in the fall. Contact Jason Prigge to learn more and get involved!

# PENTECOST SEQUENCE

On certain days, a beautiful poetic prayer is sung before the Gospel Acclamation. The sequence is required on Easter Sunday and Pentecost. It may be sung all together, or in alternation between the congregation and choir and cantor, or by the choir or cantor alone. (Sing to the Lord paragraph 166.) The text can be found in the Word of The Lord missal on page 366. Since the sequence goes by quickly during Mass, you may wish to use the text during your prayer this week asking the Spirit to come and refresh weary hearts.

# **YOUTH MINISTRY**

Grounded Youth Ministry Thanks for an amazing year of Grounded. Over 100 young people were impacted in some way through our efforts of intentional accompaniment! We appreciate your support.

Our work for 2024 - 2025 begins now and we will continue looking for help so stay tuned in ways you can be apart of Grounded!

Butter Braids If you didn't pick up your Butter Braids, please stop by the Parish Office and pick them up. We do have some additional Butter Braids for sale (limited flavors) available for \$15 each. Contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions.

SummerFestival Camp Are you currently in grades 6-8? If so, you automatically qualify for SummerFestival Camp! Come experience God's love for you through energizing games, talks, life-changing conversations, music and of course lots more.

Dates for SummerFest are Sunday, July 14th - Wednesday, July 17th at Gustavus Adolphus College in St. Peter. Cost of camp is \$270 - fundraising is available.

Permission slips are online and of course by the Grounded board. The sooner you register, the better - contact Jason Prigge for more information or questions!

# SACRED HEART SOFTBALL

Come out and cheer on your Sacred Heart softball team on Monday nights at Whitney Park in St. Cloud (just behind the YMCA).

May 20th @ 7:10 PM - Field #9

\*Dates, time and locations vary if there is a rain-out. Watch Social Media for any updates.

# MEMORIAL DAY MASS



Memorial Day Mass at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Monday May 27th will be at 8am. If it is raining, the Mass will be at Sacred Heart.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 20; 5pm Men's Group

- 5-8pm—Pizza Ranch Fundraiser-Alaskan Mission
  - @ Pizza Ranch 7pm—KC Meeting
- 7:10pm—SH Softball Whitney Field #9
- May 21; 7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club
- May 22; 6:30pm—Peer Minister Meeting

# PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Patricia Olson, Larry Thompson and Jayne Wruck to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the prayer list, please call 320-251-8115.

Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain. Please call 320-492 -9361, 320-252-3401 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.

# **ANNUNCIATION PARISH**

320-252-1729 **Contact:** Cindy Gans cindya@annunciationmayhewlake.com Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941 shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

#### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Income for Sunday, May 12th, 2024

Adult Sunday	.\$2,380.00
Visitor	\$127.00
Youth	. \$11.00
Building Fund	. \$80.00
Easter	.\$20.00
Votive Candle	. \$9.60
Perpetual Care—Cemetery	\$250.00
Total Income	.\$2,877.60

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00

## Mass Schedule

## Sun. May 26th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: Gene Poser & JoAnn Marshall Eucharist: Lloyd Lyon (H), John Koenig(C), Karla Koenig(C) Servers: Halle Krajsa and Cole Lentner Greeters: Dustin, Zoey and Lucas Heck Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom and Dustin & Teresa Heck



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: William Fitch, Zachary Hiemenz, Amanda Lamecker, Judy Behrend-Loidolt, Sue Thompson, Kayla Beauchamp, Beth Brenny, Gene Poser, Ashley Thell, Ryker Boron, Andrew Roettger, Dave Scapanski, Pierce Athmann, Mitchell Pflipsen, Andrew Reich, JoAnne Zimmer.

**DEEPEST SYMPATHY:** our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Jim Novak who's funeral was here on May 10th. Eternal rest grant onto him Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon him.



Also

our thoughts and prayers go out to the family of Isabelle Schilling who's funeral was here on May 11th. Eternal rest grant onto her Oh Lord and may perpetual light shine upon her.

AA MEETING at Annunciation Church Hall on Thursdays, at 7pm. Meetings will be held every week. Anyone touched by alcohol in anyway are invited. Call Lori for more info. 320-406 -8742.



#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES:**

Blessing of May God Bless them and be with them on Graduates A their future journey in life:

This years High School Graduates are:

**Brandt Andres Reid Kiffmeyer** Lillian Piotrowski **Sawyer Simmons**  Sierra Brenny Elizabeth Krueger **Rylan Robinson** 

**CEMETERY NEWS:** Just a reminder for Memorial Day. To keep our cemetery neat and orderly, we find it necessary to remove all plants and flowerpots one week after Memorial Day unless they are attached to the top of the monument or on the cement base of the monument and out of the way of lawn care. If items are in the way of lawn care they will be disposed of. If you want your items please remove them in the week after Memorial Day.

# **ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**

Contact: Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363 bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday

Parish Nurses	Julie Kouba	/01-/21-3083
	Bev Wiehoff	320-492-0135
	Karen Reinholz	320-260-6158
Prayer Line	Margaret Stang	320-249-9304

# **FINANCIAL OFFERINGS**

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 5/12/2024	\$20,428.97
Excess (Deficit)	\$(244.11)
YTD Collection Budget	
YTD Collected	\$976,528.32
Excess (Deficit)	\$23,991.88

## **MEMORIAL DAY**

The office will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, May 27. There will not be a Word and Communion service that morning. The church will not be open.

## **MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE**

The Sartell American Legion Post 277 invites you to attend the 2024 Memorial Day Service being held at the Sartell Community Center at 9:00am on Monday, May 27. This is a rain or shine event. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service. Seating is limited, so plan to bring a lawn chair.



## **BLOOD DRIVE**



Thursday, May 30, 2024 1:00pm-7:00pm SFX Gathering Space. You can register now to give blood by contacting Greg 320-250-9137 or schlossergregory@gmail.com

American Red Cross

#### SFX CEMETERY NEWS

Please remember . . . items placed on the ground at gravesites (or sticking in the ground) for Memorial Day need to be removed by Sunday, June 2nd. Cemetery Committee members and maintenance staff will be clearing any noncompliant items from graves later in the week. The cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. Solar lights are not approved for decorating at the cemetery. Flowers cannot be planted at sites. Landscaping with rocks and other ornaments on the ground is not allowed. Please follow cemetery guidelines to be respectful of all who make St. Francis Xavier Cemetery their final resting place and for the survivors who visit as well as the safety of those who mow and trim and maintain the cemetery. Thank you for keeping our cemetery a safe and reverent place.

#### **NEW LEADERSHIP**

Hear, Ye! Hear, Ye! It is time to look for new and additional leadership for the Pastoral Council and ACC Council. We will accept nominations thru Tuesday, May 21st. All nominees will be contacted. Those who are interested are invited to an Evening of Discernment on Thursday, May 23rd at 6:30pm. We meet in the gathering place, and you learn more about how the pastoral council and ACC Committee works. Both groups meet regularly - 8 or 9 times a year. Terms last for 3 years and you can renew once. Meetings for Pastoral Council are generally the 4th Thursday of the month at 6:30pm in Xavier Hall. The ACC Council meets on Tuesdays at 7:00pm every other month. There are also some sub-committees that could be served on as well. We don't vote. Nominees are placed in a "hat" for a drawing. The Discernment Process is prayerful and not competitive. WE need volunteers to lead to and continue to guide the process of being parish and an area Catholic community. Questions, contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office.

#### CANCER/CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

#### Monday, June 10 from 6:30-7:30—Gathering Space

A supportive setting for those with cancer and/or their loved ones—that will include prayer and opportunities to share person experiences with God's grace and blessings when battling illness. Contact Jim Negen, Tom Offerdahl or Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

**August 5-9.** Youth in grades 6-11 are invited to participate a week of Service this summer.

May 19 Baccalaureate Mass @ 9:30 Mass.

**Coming Back to SFX** Youth Engagement Team. Contact Jennifer if you want to learn more or are interested in volunteering.

**Coming Soon** Peer Ministry Team. This team is new to the SFX Community. This will be built with youth in grades 9-12 that will have leadership in the events that happen within our parish. Some of the roles will include: lead prayer during events, give input for what we do and mentor our TREMOR youth at their events. If interested, contact Jennifer at Jkaweesa@stfrancissartell.org.

\*\*Watch Flocknote for more information and details\*\*

#### THANK YOU

On behalf of the family of Tom Buley, we would like to express our thanks to all of those who performed services at our father's funeral. Our gratitude goes out to Father Ron Weyrens for officiating the Mass, the words of comfort and the encouragement that you shared. To Mark Levandowski and the choir for the beautiful music, and to Sue Schlosser and everyone who helped serve the lunch. Your words and your kindness at our time of need will always be treasured by our family.



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