

August 4, 2024
18th Sunday Ordinary Time



18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven." - Jn 6:32

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MASS TIMES

Monday, Aug 5	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Howard Cariveau
Tuesday, Aug 6	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Gary Fuchs
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Pat & Mary Kroll
Wednesday, Aug 7	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† JoAnn Schmitz
Thursday, Aug 8	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- NO MASS
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Bill Maleska
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Greg Smith
Friday, Aug 9	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Judy Whalen
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Bob Czech
Saturday, Aug 10 19th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Ralph Dehler
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Edwin Barthel
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	- For the People of the Parish
Sunday, Aug 11 19th Sunday Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Dick Brand
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Lorraine & Eugene Knappek
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Diann Opatz
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† JoAnn Smoley

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation
Saturdays

3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier
3:30 pm Sacred Heart
6:15 pm St. Stephen

Sunday

7:40 am Annunciation

Anointing of the Sick
Home Bound Communion
Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests,
Marriage and Baptism Preparation
If you have any of the above
pastoral needs, please contact your
Parish Office.

Bulletin announcements are
due in the parish office by
8:00 am on Mondays.
Thank you! Please contact
your Parish Office for
more information.

DAILY READINGS

Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Ps 119:29, 43, 79, 80, 95, 102/Mt 14:13-21

Tuesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/ Mk 9:2-10

Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Mt 15: 21-28

Thursday: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19/Mt 16:13-23

Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Dt 32:35cd-36ab, 39abcd, 41/Mt 16:24-28

Saturday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9/Jn 12: 24-26

Next Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 (9a)/ Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Three times he tried to leave his seemingly fruitless labors in the parish. The people there laughed at him, ignored him, started vicious rumors about him. He was sincere, but he had struggled in school and sometimes with his self-confidence. His bishop had to intervene to get him from getting dismissed from the seminary, as the staff considered him kind and pious but not really pastor material. Finally ordained, he was assigned a small, backward place where, it is said, people thought he couldn't do much harm.

Such is a part of the story of St. John Vianney. Today, August 4, is his feast day, the 165th anniversary of his death. Born in 1786 in Dardilly, France, his childhood coincided with the social upheaval and at times violent persecution of the Church in the French Revolution. As an adult, he sought to minister to a people who had largely abandoned Christian faith or at least viewed it with a combination of disdain, suspicion, and indifference.

Yet the hunger for God remained, and Pere Jean Vianney, the Cure d'Ars, began his work of prayer, witness, sacraments, and works of charity. It changed not only the village of Ars, but far beyond.

In five weeks, you are invited to hear the story of this saint through the dramatic theater of Leonardo deFillipis. This presentation will be Sunday, September 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall at Sacred Heart. All are welcome; the drama is suitable for those age 9 and above. There is no charge, though a free will offering will be accepted.

St. John Vianney's call to the priesthood continues today in the life of the Church. As the Preface of the Mass of Ordination says: "Christ not only adorns with a royal priesthood the people he has made his own, but with a brother's kindness he also chooses men to become sharers in his sacred ministry through the laying on of hands."

13 months ago, Bishop Neary asked me to serve as his vicar for clergy. As I prayed about that invitation, especially focused on the needs and support for my brother priests, the voice of Jesus was suddenly very clear in my mind: "Help take care of them, they belong to me."

That was it, a single sentence. But it continues to inspire me. The same can be said, of course, for any role of service – spouses for one another, parents and their children, educators and their students, health care professionals and their patients, employers and their staffs.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

"Help take care of them, they belong to me." When we keep that perspective, we are able to bring our relationships into the orbit of Jesus, the Good Shepherd, and remember that the people in our lives are a gift, an opportunity, a mission of sorts. They do not belong to us, they belong to God. Like St. John Vianney, we are here to help take care of them, so we can know God's love with, for, and through one another.

Pray for vocations, especially to the priesthood for our diocese. Pray for our young people, particularly those we will seek to engage with the message of Jesus through our Young Life pilot program. Pray for parents, entrusted with the beautiful gift of family.

When we join our prayers, and above all in the Church's liturgy, we adopt the wisdom of one of St. John Vianney's sayings: "Private prayer is like straw scattered here and there: if you set it on fire it makes a lot of little flames. But gather these straws into a bundle and light them, and you get a mighty fire, rising like a column into the sky; public prayer is like that." And: "Prayer never leaves us without sweetness. It is honey that flows into the souls and makes all things sweet. When we pray properly, sorrows disappear like snow before the sun."

May you find it so.

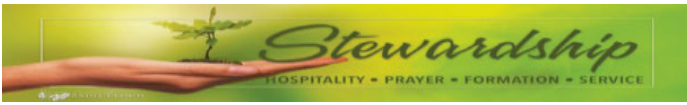


LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

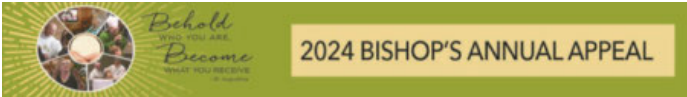


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“Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not.” Exodus 16:4

When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our “wants” from our “needs”. Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.



Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of July 29, the Bishop’s Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,208,044 toward our goal of \$1,450,00 (86.29%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 6,832 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

BAPTISM

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

Beau George Guggenberger, son of Blake & Emily, from St. Stephen,

Sophia Louise DeAustin, daughter of Michael & Kimberly, from Sacred Heart

and Colter James Ackerman, son of Cody & Kayla, from St. Francis Xavier.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Christopher Budde & Alexis Kluk
I Brandon Kresky & Phuong Thuy Le Pham
III Sam Gerdt & Maran Wagner



EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

St. Luke Productions presents **Vianney** performed by Leonard DeFilippis. The gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil. Join us Sunday, September 8 at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Production is suitable for ages 9 and up. A free will offering will be collected. To learn more about the production and the history of St. John Vianney, go to www.vianneydrama.com. Please call the sacred Heart office at 320-251-8115 for any information or questions.



ALASKA MISSIONS 2024—TOKSOOK AND TUNUNAK ALASKA

Alaska Mission Return Gathering

All are invited to our mission trip return gathering at Sacred Heart Church, Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30pm. There will be snacks and refreshments. The missionaries will share the wonderful experiences and relationships that were built during children's ministry, home visits, prayer, music and construction projects (windows, cross, bell installation, etc.). We are excited to share the gifts we are bringing home and how we can continue to develop our relationship with Toksook Bay and Tununak parish communities. We are so thankful for your prayers and support while we were gone. Thanks to Catholic United for sponsoring our return gathering! David Stang dstang@catholicunited.org



YOUNGLIFE MINISTRY

Prayer Team Needed

We are looking for people to join us on Wednesdays at Noon for weekly prayer! Prayer generally lasts about 15-20 minutes and we are praying for our new YoungLife chapter, our young people and for kids who aren't a part of our parish communities. If you'd like to join the prayer team but are unable to Zoom, contact Jason Prigge for another opportunity. Scan for Zoom Link:



YoungLife Discernment Nights

Thank you to the many people who came to discern their role with YoungLife. Training and the official work of our chapter will begin soon. Please reach out to Jason Prigge to confirm your role / spot in the training by **Sunday, August 11th**.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. 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 applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA

Is God calling you to experience life in a Christian

Community? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held September 20-22, 2024 beginning at 5:30 PM Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need. Registrations may be made at centralmnkoinonia.org or for a paper copy email cmkoinonia@gmail.com.

KING'S HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

"Unwrapped Presents" Silent Weekend for Men & Women August 23-25, 2024

Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. We studied them in our youth and received them as the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. Chances are that one or more of these gifts are still unwrapped. This is an inspiring weekend to unwrap, open and receive anew the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Church of Pentecost. Includes conferences, time for prayer and contemplation, healing service, confessions and Mass on Saturday and Sunday Mass. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and Suggested Donation of \$250; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals; Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394.

ST. STEPHEN

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
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Financial Offering for July 27-28

Adult	\$ 1,851.00
Adult Online July 20-26	\$ 393.00
Plate	\$ 357.00
Children	\$ 11.00
Total	\$ 2,612.00
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$ 3,150.00

Ushers:

Aug 10: Tom Larson, Amanda DeYaeger, Dave Fiedler
Aug 11: Jake Rothstein, Steve Vouk, Ralph Barhorst

Parish Office will be closed August 5-7.

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet Sunday night, August 4, in the annex at 6:00 pm. We will continue discussing women in the Bible.

Ice Cream Fellowship next Sunday, August 11, after Mass. Enjoy a treat and visit with fellow parishioners and neighbors.

Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin:
The Youth Group is looking for large appliance boxes to use for their annual "Box City" in September. To raise awareness for homelessness, they will sleep in boxes outside overnight. **Faith Formation** is looking for teachers for grades 4 and 8. Please consider sharing your gifts with our students.

Help needed in the following stands for our Labor Day festival:

Quilt Stand, Auction, Inside Dining, Dice Game, Children's Games and Grand Raffle. To make our festival a success and enjoyed by everyone, we need your help - even if you only have an hour or two. There are sign-up sheets on the table at the back of church for these stands or call the parish office.

Area festivals from Central MN Catholic calendar:

Aug 10-11: St. Boniface Parish in Cold Spring. **Saturday:** Polka Mass at 5 pm. Food, games and music to follow.

Fireworks at 9:30 pm. Sunday: Parade at 10 am. Food, games, beanbags and music.. Quilt auction at 2:30. Raffle and car raffle at 4:15.

Aug 11: Seven Dolours Parish in Albany. Polka Mass at 10:30. Homemade chicken & ham dinner. Grand raffle at 6:00.

Aug 11: St. James Parish in Randall. Mass at 10:30. Gorka's chicken dinner with haluski and corn-on-the-cob. Grand raffle drawing at 4:00.

Aug 11: St. John Nepomuk Parish Picnic in Reno Township/Lawry. Mass at 10:30. BBQ picnic lunch. Raffle drawing at 3.

Aug 11: Sacred Heart Parish in Dent. Mass at 10 am. Chicken and meatball dinner. Raffle at 3:00.

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.

Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach:

Senior Dining - Wednesday's at **Trobec's** (July-September) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.

SACRED HEART PARISH

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Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for the Week of July 28, 2024

Adult Collection.....	\$8,751.00
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,420.81
Children.....	\$4.00
Friends in Need....	\$25.00
Funeral Fund.....	\$20.00
Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget	\$19,673

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Art & Environment Committee is in need of volunteers! What is an Art & Environment Committee? This is a group of people who meet to plan for the decorations and atmosphere throughout the year in the Church and coordinate and implement these plans during the changing seasons. Time commitment varies, but it's usually not more than a few hours each month, with busier times being around Christmas and Holy Week. If you love to decorate, or simply have a heart for the changing seasons of the Church, contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office for more information.

Solemnity of Mary We will celebrate the **Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary** on Wednesday, August 14th at 6:30 pm and Thursday, August 15th at 6:30 pm. Liturgical ministers and musicians, if you are able to help in your area of ministry, please sign up on the web terminal or on the sheets near the sacristy. Thank you!



Festival Country Store If you are bringing in donations for the Country Store and would like your items priced, please do so **prior** to bringing your items in. If items are not priced they will be sold as a freewill offering.



SACRED HEART SOFTBALL

Come out and cheer on your Sacred Heart softball team for their last regular season game at Whitney Park in St. Cloud (just behind the YMCA).

August 5th @ 7:10 PM - Field #4

Play-offs start soon!! Don't miss us!

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry Just a couple weeks until our last summer Grounded! Join us Sunday, August 11th for WATER NIGHT! Slip and Slide Kickball and water games from 6-8 PM for grades 6-12. See you there!

Mystery Tour / Lock-In Registration materials are available online and in the office for our annual Mystery Tour - Wed. Aug. 14th - Thurs. Aug. 15th! Cost of the event is \$40 and is for grades 6-12. Register quickly so activities can be planned. Contact Jason Prigge for more info! **Deadline is today!**

FAITH FORMATION

Faith Formation Volunteers Help children at Sacred Heart grow in their relationship with Jesus by volunteering in the faith formation program. The program is always looking for adults willing to help with faith formation as a catechist or catechist assistant. Materials and support will be provided. If you would like to learn more about this role, contact Scott Frieler in the Faith Formation office.

Faith Formation schedules are ready!! There also are two exciting new initiatives in faith formation that One in Christ ACC will be starting next program year. I think these efforts have potential to strengthen faith formation in the ACC and allow the parishes to better support you as parents in sharing faith. I will send you updates when they are ready. If you have any questions about the registration or faith formation in general, please feel free to contact me.

Faith Formation Registration Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfupiXBF-XZ-YBC0y61tLmlJvc-zKXfrjyn9vLTYDWcbfHdqA/viewform?usp=sf_link

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

If you are interested in meeting new friends-you are invited to join a group of widows and widowers at Sacred Heart. To begin with, the meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month from 1-3pm beginning September 10. We will have coffee & goodies and will play cards, dominoes, cribbage or just visit & get to know people who are going through grief & understand what we are all feeling. For more information, please call Linda Massman at (320) 492-4297 or Marion Kuklock at (320) 252-9560.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 5; 5pm—Men's Group
- August 7; 9am—Breakfast & Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
- August 8; 6pm—SH Book Buffet
- August 10; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- August 11; 11am—KC Picnic
5pm—Grounded (Water Night)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Patricia Jones and Jane 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

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Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, July 28th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$8,090.01
Visitor	\$54.00
Youth	\$8.50
Building Fund	\$30.00
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00
Votive Candle	\$6.60
Total Income	\$8,199.11

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

Mass Schedule

Sun. August 11th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: Jenessa Strande and Shirley Scapanski
Eucharist: Rita Knott (H), Katie Lentner(C), Lloyd Lyon(C)
Servers: Noah Lentner and Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: Don and Karol Weyer, and Kendra Carlson
Ushers: Tim & Renee Thell, Lawrence Thell and Jeff Wollak



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Wyatt Brenny, Nancy Gerads, Brooke Thell, Melissa Boron, Joanie Krueger, Dorothy Nelson, Margaret Peterson, Katelyn Scapanski, Mya Brenny, Rodney Kaeter, Lauren Popp, Logan Rajkowski, Beverly Petron, Jim Ratka.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL SCHEDULES:

Sacred Heart: Sunday, August 25th
St. Stephen: Monday, September 2nd
Annunciation: Sunday, September 8th
St. Francis Xavier, Sunday, September 15th



AA MEETING at Annunciation Church Hall on Thurs., at 7pm. Meetings will be held every week. Call Lori for info. 320-406-8742. Everyone Welcome.

NOTICE Someone (Fr. William Vos / Fr. Augustine Gama) will be here during Mass on Sunday, August 18th to make a mission appeal for the Archdiocese of Songea, Tanzania. Let us welcome them and show our generosity to the Mission in Tanzania.

BOXES OF JOY Our parish will once again participate in the Box of Joy project. Anyone in the One in Christ ACC may participate in the annual Christmas gift ministry which is facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. Being back to school sales are taking place, pick up some items to put in a box(es) for children in other countries. Please no crayons, liquid items or anything that might melt. Deadline to turn in the boxes will be November 1. If you would like a box/boxes early, please contact Lora 393-2701. Thanks for thinking of these children. Learn more at www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 7/21/2024.....	\$13,928.67
Excess (Deficit)	\$(7,417.48)
YTD Collection Budget	\$85,384.60
YTD Collected	\$100,114.52
Excess (Deficit).....	\$14,729.92



Mass will be held at St. Stephen at 8:00 am and **NOT** at St. Francis Xavier the following dates due to Fr. Tim being gone.

Thursday, August 1	Thursday, September 19
Thursday, August 8	Thursday, September 26
Thursday, August 29	

Mark your calendars! WE will see you there!

COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, August 7, after the 8 am Mass.



FAITH FORMATION

Volunteers Needed for 9th grade! We are in need of 1 set of small group leaders and 5 co-leaders. There will be structured class time 2 times a month and then Aftershock once a month. Our year will be focused on Catholic Social Teaching. Contact Melissa Fox if you are interested or would like more info at mfox@stfrancixaviersartell.org

Middle School Faith Formation SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED BADLY!! 4 – 6th Grade Small Group Leaders, 3-7th Grade Small Group Leaders, 5- 8th Grade Small Group Leaders This program cannot run without small group teacher volunteers. You are your child's number one catechist! Take one hour and fifteen minutes and spend time with your child and his/her friends. It's not an easy job but your kids and I need you! Or are you retired, an empty nester or just someone who would like to make a real difference in a child's life? You too can be a small group leader! Please contact Sandee Kremers at skremers@stfrancixavier.org or 320-252-1363 to volunteer or if you have any questions!

FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Here are a few more ideas for items that we would love to feature in our upcoming auction. Embroidered dish towels always go over big. Pioneer Woman products are very popular too. Who doesn't like Dairy Queen or fast food gift cards? Locally produced honey, maple syrup and jelly are popular. Bird houses and bird feeders also catch a lot of bids.

Thank you for your generosity and for questions, please call, Candice Koopmeiners 320-654-1350 George and Marcy Reisdorf 320-493-7620

Scan the QR code and save for later.
Auction goes live 9/4!



YOUTH MINISTRY

Now collecting new or gently used backpacks for our September Service Sunday event. You can bring in your donation beginning the weekend of August 3-4 and we will continue to collect through August 17-18. We are accepting backpacks for children & youth that will benefit from Pockets of Hope. These bags will be filled with items from the needs list that Pockets of Hope has as well as a fleece blanket.

FESTIVAL NEWS

Festival packets with raffle chances and lots of information are available to be picked up in the gathering place. Thanks to the raffle prize donors who contributed cash and items that have a value of over \$12,500.00. Looking ahead, help is needed for the kitchen and the dining room for the breakfast. I'm looking for some leaders or teams to help with that. It will be a Sunday morning of fun and fellowship.

We have some fun plans to make our breakfast special with Mimosas and ultimate Bloody Mary's. Thank you to Jeff Eikmeier, Chad Braegelmann and Dave Vos for leading that charge. Thanks to Doris Lodermeier and Marlyce Plante for heading up the bake sale. Candice Koopmeiners and George & Marcy Reisdorf are leading the way with the Silent Auction - thanks!

Please call or email me with any questions or your offer to help - Tom Offerdahl 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

CANCER/CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

The support group will meet again on Monday, August 12th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place. The plan is to meet in the GP in the summer because it is air conditioned and more comfortable. The support group has been formed to offer a place to gather to recognize the grace found in the journey of major health challenges. This is a place where stories and other information is shared and an opportunity to connect with others who are dealing with serious health issues. Spouses and friends are welcome to join us and it is open to anyone - regardless of parish or faith affiliations. All are welcome - please join us!

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