

May 5, 2024  
6th Sunday of Easter



6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

"If you keep my commandments, you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love." - Jn 15:10

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MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, May 6</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Donna Poganski
<b>Tuesday, May 7</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Living & Deceased Members of St. Monica's Society
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	- Jim Bieniek-for healing
<b>Wednesday, May 8</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Lee Menke
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Dennis Gapinski
<b>Thursday, May 9</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Theresa Gorghuber
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Eddie Rudolph
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Clara Knettel
<b>Friday, May 10</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Lawrence & Minnie, Todd & Leroy Lampert
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Tom Buley
<b>Saturday, May 11</b> 7th Sunday of Easter The Ascension	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Angeline Maus
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Gina Bukowski
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Holly Justin
<b>Sunday, May 12</b> 7th Sunday of Easter The Ascension *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Dick Brand
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Loretta & Andrew Plafcan
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Lillian Dullinger

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:** Acts 16:11-15/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Jn 15:26—16:4a

**Tuesday:** Acts 16:22-34/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Jn 16:5-11

**Wednesday:** Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Ps 148:1-2, 11-12, 13, 14/Jn 16:12-15

**Thursday:** Acts 18:1-8/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 16:16-20  
Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-20

**Friday:** Acts 18:9-18/Ps 47:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 16:20-23

**Saturday:** Acts 18:23-28/Ps 47:2-3, 8-9, 10/Jn 16:23b-28

**Next Sunday:** Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 (6)/  
Eph 1:17-23 or Eph 4:1-13 or 4:1-7, 11-13/Mk 16:15-  
20 Seventh Sunday of Easter: Acts 1:15-17, 20a, 20c-  
26/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20 (19a)/1 Jn 4:11-16/Jn 7:11b-19

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### From Safari.....

My seminary classmates and I spent a semester of study in Israel. Our home base was in Ein Karem, a suburb of Jerusalem. It was an incredible time. During our four months in Israel, we spent a week around the Sea of Galilee, checking out Mount Tabor and the Jordan River, and a week in Sinai desert, climbing to the top of Mount Sinai and floating and camping out by the Dead Sea.

The Jordan River flows into two seas in Israel. One is fresh and full of life. It is surrounded by trees and small villages. People fish in it, boat in it, swim in it and it provides life and livelihood for many. It is the Sea of Galilee, around which Jesus spent so much of his ministry. The other sea is much larger. But there are few villages built around it. No one can drink from it or fish in it. Its water is stagnant and briny. It is the Dead Sea, the lowest geographical point on the earth.

How can they be so different: The Sea of Galilee has a river on both sides. It is fed by one and feeds the other. For every drop of water that comes in, one goes out – so the water is always fresh. The Dead Sea simply collects all the water that flows into it. No river flows out the other side. The water is still, salty and stale. Nothing can live in it.

The Sea of Galilee and the Dead Sea also describe different kinds of people. Like the Dead Sea, there are some who simply take, it is all about them. Very seldom are they reaching out to someone else. Some have a happiness that comes from the things of this world and they tend to use people. Look at how great I am. Others, due to misfortune, constantly grumble at how unfair life is. They wallow in their misery and zap the life of those who come in contact with them.

Others are like the Sea of Galilee, they are filled with life. They constantly strive to reach out to those around them. Even when faced with hardship they tend to be joy filled. Their joy comes not from the things of this world but their relationship with God.



## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

To both types of people the love of God flows in. The latter realize that inner and outer peace and joy, come in sharing the love we receive. Someone once defined love, "Life has taught us that love doesn't mean gazing into each other's eyes, but instead it means we look outward together." Looking outward together is surely, what Jesus asks us to do. He urges us to look tenderly on our wounded world and do whatever lies in our power to make it a happier and more peaceable place. He once asked us to see him in anyone who hungers or thirsts, is sick or in any kind of prison. And in those moments when we find it difficult to see Christ in another, when we utter the heresy that here is someone who does not deserve to be loved. In those moments, that person needs to see Christ in us.

Lord help us to let your love move in and through us. May your week be sprinkled with signs of God's goodness. Fr. Ron



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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## MN BISHOPS-ERA LEGISLATION

### From the Minnesota Bishops: Legislative Update on the Proposed Minnesota "Equal Rights Act" and on Assisted Suicide

It is clear that on the topic of human rights, freedom, and dignity, it is today especially easy to be misunderstood.

The Minnesota State Constitution has contained protection for unjust discrimination against any person related to their sexuality since 1993, along with limited exemptions for religious convictions. The Minnesota Supreme Court has repeatedly interpreted the state Constitution to uphold both protections against discrimination and sincere religious convictions. This tested balancing of interests in the Minnesota Human Rights Act ensures that the law is treated as a shield against unjust discrimination rather than a sword against those who hold faith-based views about human sexuality.

Ironically, the proposed Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) for the Minnesota Constitution would diminish hard-earned rights and protections for both women and men, and could eliminate conscience rights and religious liberty of all Minnesotans. It would also guarantee a right to abortion in our State Constitution.

The Minnesota bishops are urging Catholics to contact your State Representative by email, phone call, or video to oppose the proposed language of the "ERA" – not to discriminate against anyone, but to ensure that religious liberty and equal protection under the law for all persons will be preserved, not diminished.

You can learn more and speak up for human rights and religious liberty by going to [MNCatholic.org](http://MNCatholic.org) and clicking on the Issues tab, and then going to the "Action Center" or go to [www.mncatholic.org/action\\_21473](http://www.mncatholic.org/action_21473).

You can also go to the Conference site to urge your legislators to oppose legalizing the medicalization of suicide in the "End of Life Options Act" and other matters connected with the common good for all ages.

While many social issues today are contentious, the Church is clear: *Every human person possesses an infinite dignity, inalienably grounded in his or her very being, which prevails in and beyond every circumstance, state, or situation the person may ever encounter. This principle, which is fully recognizable even by reason alone, underlies the primacy of the human person and the protection of human rights. In the light of Revelation, the Church resolutely reiterates and confirms the ontological dignity of the human person, created in the image and likeness of God and redeemed in Jesus Christ. From this truth, the Church draws the reasons for her commitment to the weak and those less endowed with power, always insisting on "the primacy of the human person and the defense of his or her dignity beyond every circumstance."*

## 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.

## FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Tom Buley, who passed away on April 28, from St. Francis Xavier,

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



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Ill Sean Donahue & Mikayla Holroyd



## MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Congratulations and many blessings to Jacob and Jordan Enneking who were married at Sacred Heart.



## CEMETERIES-MEMORIAL DAY

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

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](http://www.stcdio.org) under the Offices tab, or call the Cemetery Office at 320-251-5511.

Thank you for your cooperation.



## YOUNG ADULTS

### Theology on Draft

Join us for the final Theology on Draft for the year on Thursday, May 9th at Beaver Island Brewing Company starting at 6 pm!

### Praise Night

Our last Praise Night will be on Thursday, May 16th at St. Augustine in St. Cloud starting at 6 PM. Come pray with other young adults, social afterwards!

## SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Where kids will dive into a friendship with God!

June 23-27 from 6-8pm or  
June 24-28 from 9-12 noon

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.

## FUN, FOOD & FUND DAY—DCCW

“Lord of the Dance”  
June 20, 2024

Looking to get out and have some fun? Love Silent Auctions? Gather your friends and head to St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fun, Food & Fund Day on Thursday, June 20. Registration and refreshments start at 8:15 a.m.; silent auction opens at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy entertainment throughout the day while you “shop”. Mass and lunch are included. Silent auction closes at 12:45 p.m. Registration is \$20 by 6/10; \$25 after 6/10 or at the door. Make check payable to St. Cloud DCCW and send to Lora Knafka, Treasurer, at 11719 16<sup>th</sup> Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367; or contact Lora at (320) 393-2701.

## AA MEETING-MAYHEW LAKE

**AA MEETING** at Annunciation Church Hall starting on Thursday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Meetings will be held every week. Anyone touched by alcohol in anyway are invited. Call Lori for more info. 320-406-8742.

## CENTRAL MN KOINONIA RETREAT

**Let us seek the light of God's glory; let us give praise to His name.** 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. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English retreat will be held May 17-19, 2024, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8:30-2:00  
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066  
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

### Financial Offering for April 27 & 28

Adult	\$ 2,116.00
Adult Online Giving Apr 20-26	543.00
Plate	285.00
Children	1.00
Catholic Home Missions	75.00
Total	\$ 3,020.00
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$ 3,150.00

**Ushers:** May 11: Dan Warzecha, Will Hellmann, Dan Paggen  
May 12: Steve Vouk, Tim Rudser, Matt Nienaber

**HOLY COMMUNION** *Congratulations to our second graders who received Jesus in the Sacrament of First Communion on May 5:*

Levi Friedrich	Adelyn Gordon
River Gustin	Magnolia Jepperson
Emma Meling	Alice Michalek
Tristan Muehlbauer	Leah Palmersheim
Lexi Palmersheim	Maggie Treanor

**Thank You** To ALL of the teachers, assistants, classroom helpers, office helpers and substitutes for all of your help this past year. Your commitment and dedication to our Faith Formation students is inspiring!

To Joyce Zimmerman, Kim Schuneman-Werner and ALL of the Parent Volunteers who helped with the Faith Formation Meals this year. Thank you ALL for a wonderful year! Danna

**Ladies...Let's Gather** will meet on Sunday, May 5, in the church annex from 6-7pm. The May meeting focus on Hannah. This is open to all ladies - girls from middle school and up are welcomed to join us. Treats will be provided. Come, connect and learn from one another.

**Carnations** will be available after Masses on May 11 & 12. Free-will donations accepted. Proceeds go toward the Alaskan Mission Trip.

### Upcoming Events for May:

May 14: Vibrancy Committee meeting  
May 19: Breakfast Fundraiser for Alaska Mission Trip, Baccalaureate Mass and Motorcycle Blessing.  
May 21: Parish Council meeting

**Corpus Christi Chapel:** 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.

**Prayer Line:** Please pray for healing for Jim Bieniek. If you have someone to add to the Prayer Line, contact the Parish Office.

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

**Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.**

**Feet First Clinic -** Call Helping Hands to for more info or to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960.

## 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 April 28, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . . \$12,638.00  
Automatic Giving. . . . . \$5,347.62  
Children. . . . . \$2.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION** If you volunteer in our parish, we want to acknowledge you and the work you do for us! So we will be offering a volunteer appreciation dinner on May 15th from 6-8 in the Parish Hall. Please come enjoy a meal served by SH Staff and fellowship with other volunteers.



## FR. JOE KORF ANNIVERSARY

Fr. Joe Korf was ordained for the Diocese of Saint Cloud on May 18, 1974 and served as associate pastor of Sacred Heart from 1974-79. He extends an invitation to the people of Sacred Heart to share in the celebration of his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Ordination on Sunday, June 9, 2024 at SS. Peter and Paul Catholic Church in Elrosa. Mass is at 10:30 a.m., followed by a meal and an Open House until 3:00 p.m. If going to the meal, please RSVP by May 20 to [jkorf74@outlook.com](mailto:jkorf74@outlook.com). Congratulations, Fr. Korf!

## PRAYER & GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 6 ; 5pm—Men's Group
- May 7; 4pm—St. Monica's Society  
6:30pm—Social Concerns
- May 8; 1pm—Craft Group  
4pm—KC Meal  
6:30pm—Grounded (5-12) Senior Night
- May 9; 6pm—SH Book Buffet  
6pm—Theology on Draft
- May 11; MCCL Flowers  
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- May 12; MCCL Flowers

## 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry May Theme: Grounded in Faith

### \*Upcoming Dates\*

Our last Grounded for the school year is happening this Wednesday at Newman Center! We will be playing our annual Humans v. Zombies. If you have a Nerf blaster, please bring it otherwise we will have some extras available! Please drop off and pick up your young person at Newman Center in St. Cloud.

Wednesday, May 8th (Gr. 5-12): 7:00 - 8:30 PM @  
NEWMAN CENTER - St. Cloud State

**Butter Braids** Thank you to all who ordered Butter Braids this year. Pick-up is this weekend! After Mass please head to the middle of the parking lot where there will be a freezer trailer parked. If you have any questions, please contact Jason Prigge.

**Metro Night** Save the date for the next Metro Night at Husky Stadium on Friday, May 10th from 7-9 PM. Metro Night is for all students in grades 6-12. Bring your friends and be ready to play a lot of different games on the turf!

**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!

## FAITH FORMATION

As the 2023-24 Faith Formation year comes to an end, I would like to say thank you to all of the families that participated and allowed the parish to partner with you in passing on the Catholic faith to your children. I would also like to recognize the amazing and dedicated Catechist who made it possible to offer such a wonderful faith formation program at Sacred Heart. If you see these folks around the parish, please thank them for their ministry to the young Church.

- Kindergarten - Laura Gorder, Gabby Gorder, Brittany Prigge, and Lisa Reimann
- 1st Grade - Rachel Wheece and Eliza Kapinos
- 2nd Grade- Kristie Frisbie, Jenny Tiernan, and Kathy Gruba
- 3rd Grade - Ken Cave and Gabe Kapinos
- 4th Grade - Michelle Sininger and Brianna Sininger
- 5th Grade - Lisa Neu & Mindy Fast
- Middle School - Karen Handeland, Shaina Rosa, Ann Popp, Faron Popp, and Jason Swanson
- 9th Grade - Kirk Kedrowski and John Keiser
- 10th Grade - Vivki Sanborn, Deacon Terry Jancik, and John Keiser
- God Squad- Brenda Hagenson, Erin McClure, Sandy Schreifels, and Kristine Johnson

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com  
**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Income for Sunday, April 28th, 2024

Adult Sunday ..... \$1,775.00  
Visitor ..... \$87.00  
Youth ..... \$15.50  
Votive Candles ..... \$4.30  
Catholic Home Mission. .... \$210.00  
Total Income ..... \$2,091.80  
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00

### Mass Schedule

#### Sun. May 12th, 2024 8:15am

**Lector:** Jill Brenny and David Zimmer  
**Eucharist:** Amy Krajsa (H), Lori Popp(C), Rita Knott(C)  
**Servers:** Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa  
**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski and Rylan Robinson  
**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Dan Brenny and Lane Piotrowski.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Grace Burski, Holly Janson, Lora Knafla, Jean Bemboom, Karen David, Ann Bemboom, Preston Gravelle, Crew Haus, Layna Schyma, Dennis Sowada, Barb Wocken, Mary Dieger, Lucy Palmer, Daniel Brenny, Clint Popp.

**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.

The parish of Annunciation places small United States flags on those graves that a veteran resides and has a bronze star by their marker. Flags will be removed in a timely manner after Memorial Day. If you know of a veteran we have missed or that needs a bronze star to hold the flag please contact the parish office.

### A WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

renews the promises you made to each other on your wedding day. Experience an enrichment for your marriage that will make your good marriage great! 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](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.



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## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363  
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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor  
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

**Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-Noon Friday**  
**Parish Nurses** Julie Kouba 701-721-5083  
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 4/28/2024.....\$19,010.03  
**Excess (Deficit) ..... \$(1,663.05)**  
YTD Collection Budget .....\$911,434.39  
YTD Collected .....\$944,305.51  
**Excess (Deficit).....\$32,871.12**

### ROSE SALES

St. Monica Christian Women will have roses available after Masses on Mother's Day weekend. Thank your mother and father for choosing Life. All donations will be given to local prolife organizations. Donations are a suggested amount of \$3 each or 2 for \$5. Thank you for supporting Life.

### THANK YOU

The family of Marcel Knappek wishes to thank Fr. Ron, Sandee Kremers and the choir for a beautiful service. Thank you to Sue Schlosser and her team for a delicious lunch.

### PARISH FESTIVAL

Mark your calendar for September 14th & 15th for our annual parish festival. We will soon be sending out invitations to contribute to our parish raffle and start collecting great items for the silent auction. In discussion at our pastoral council meeting on Thursday, April 25th, there was 1 guest who joined us, so we didn't get an our-pouring of help "from the pews" for leadership and planning for this event. We will have a raffle, silent auction, and bake sale. The thought was to have a breakfast on the morning of the 15th with the addition of Mimosa's, a Bloody Mary Bar, and smoothies for the youth and anyone else who prefers them. Leadership for planning, promoting and lining up volunteers will still be needed. Please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office or by email with your offer to help 320-252-1363, Ext. 405 or [tofferdahl@gmail.com](mailto:tofferdahl@gmail.com).

### ELECTRONIC GIVING

A great way to support St. Francis Xavier is by electronic giving. SFX has opportunities to set up for direct transfers to the parish from your bank account or giving by credit card. You can charge your credit card and the payment goes directly to the parish. It saves writing a check out each week or month as well. Call Tom in the parish office to learn more - 320-252-1363. Additionally, many banks offer "bill pay". Donations to your parish are not a bill, but that is the terminology used. This is done online from your home, but if you need help, visit your bank and they can help you get set up.

## AA GROUP MEETINGS

AA Group Meetings at St. Francis Xavier  
If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol abuse, St. Francis Xavier hosts a local AA group which meets every Thursday at 6:30pm in Xavier Hall. Attendees should go to the east side of the Xavier Hall - Door X3 and down to the basement. If you have questions, please contact Denny K. at 320-224-7785.



## CEMETERY PLANT STANDS

One of the guidelines for decorating at our parish cemetery is to use single pole plant stands (NOT shepherds hooks or 3 prong stands or other configurations). This is to help keep the cemetery looking nice and making it safer and more efficient for those who mow at the cemetery. We have approved, single pole plant stands available at the parish office. They are made locally and we sell them for what we pay for them - \$65.00. They are made for approximately a 10" pot. They can hold larger or smaller pots by some "squeezing" or "stretching" the brackets on the stand.

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Don't forget to register for next year's faith formation. Registration deadline is May 15th to receive the discounted fee. Registration forms available online, in Flocknote or in the gathering place. Completed forms can be mailed in or dropped off in the parish office.

## YOUTH MINISTRY HAPPENINGS

### Aftershock

**May 15.** Grades 6-12. 6:30-7pm Supper & 7-8:30 programming

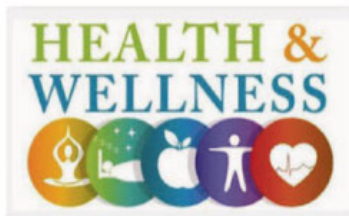
**August 5-9.** Youth in grades 6-11 are invited to participate a week of Service this summer.

**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\*\***



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