

September 29, 2024
26th Sunday Ordinary Time



26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:39

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MASS TIMES

Monday, Sept 30	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- In Thanksgiving
Tuesday, Oct 1	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jacqueline Conrad Beumer
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Jan Handeland
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Holly Justin
Wednesday, Oct 2	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† John Grundman
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	- Matt Harambasic Family
Thursday, Oct 3	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Frank Hohmann
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† JoAnn Butkowski
Friday, Oct 4	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Jeff Voit
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Joan Held Benson
Saturday, Oct 5 27th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Terry Sufka
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† People of the Parish
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Fiedler & Lampert Families
Sunday, Oct 6 27th Sunday Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Jerry Molitor
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Todd Mastey
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	- Ray & Renee Opatz 60th Wedding Anniversary
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Donald & Rita Stangler

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: Jb 1:6-22/Ps 17:1bcd, 2-3, 6-7/Lk 9:46-50

Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Ps 88:2-3, 4-5, 6, 7-8/Lk
9:51-56

Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Ps 88:10bc-11, 12-13, 14-
15/Mt 18:1-5, 10

Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Ps 27:7-8a, 8b-9abc, 13-14/Lk
10:1-12

Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Ps 139:1-3, 7-8, 9-10, 13-
14ab/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Ps 119:66, 71, 75, 91,
125, 130/Lk 10:17-24

Next Sunday: Gn 2:18-24/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 (see 5)/Heb
2:9-11/Mk 10:2-16 or 10:2-12

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



"I'm sorry you are living."

As October's Respect Life Month approaches each year, I go back to that sentence from the cover of a card I received some 30 years ago. It came from a second-grader when I was leaving a parish in Houston where I was helping out during grad school. The students made farewell cards, and that one became my favorite. I always cherish the idea that he simply misspelled the word "leaving" ... otherwise, it's a pretty dark sentiment.

I attended a summit on Catholic health care a couple of weeks ago, a joint effort of our bishops and the Minnesota Catholic Conference along with the Catholic Health Association of Minnesota. A range of speakers sounded a common message: the Church's clear and consistent teaching about life is often lost in our culture. It is hard to be heard without messages being interpreted through a partisan political lens.

Yet our faith transcends every attempt to corral it for other ends. Both revelation and reason proclaim that each person is made in the image of God with inviolable dignity and the fundamental right to life and protection all across the spectrum of age, circumstance, and condition.

Respect for human life begins with the sincere inner conviction that is the polar opposite of that child's spelling error: "I'm glad that you are living."

It is admittedly easier for us to love some people and harder to love others. Those we know, those closest to us, those we admire – for them, it is natural to say "I'm glad you are living." For others – strangers, those who challenge us, those with whom we differ strongly on things important to us, those we fear at some level – for them, it requires grace from God to truly say: "Though it is hard for me, I am glad you are living."

The erosion of respect for human life is the daily experience for so many. We see it in the scourge of pornography; in the coarseness and violence of much music and film, art and media; in the ready dismissal of human dignity in those who are unexpected or uncomfortable for us; in the narrowness when people focus on personal gain regardless of the impact on others. Human lives can be bought and sold in trafficking; virtually every aspect of life gets saturated in some sexual message; we are tempted to divide others into those worthy of our regard and those who fail to meet our criteria, thus disposable from our concern.

From the perspective of faith, we discern the age-old long shadow of original sin, continuing to darken intellects and weaken wills. The seed of doubt in God's wisdom and love that was planted by the one Jesus calls "the Father of Lies" grows like the weeds that invade fields and gardens.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

And that same faith gives us hope, for it reveals our hope that the risen Jesus is present to free us from this cycle of error, fear, and sin. We have a Redeemer, One greater than anything in the world ... One Who says to us unfailingly, regardless of our faults and rebellion: "I'm glad you are living."

Laws and policies are necessary but imperfect means to change societies. Ultimately, it is only the change of hearts – each heart – that will build a true culture of life.

St. John Paul II taught in his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life) that this culture must begin with **gratitude**. Thank you, God, that I am alive, I am made by your love, I have a purpose and a dignity that nothing and no one can nullify. My life matters, regardless of where I live, what I do, how much I make, what is in my past. I am loved by the God who is love.

And so is everyone else.

Today, thank someone for what they do to help others and witness to God's love. Be grateful for them and for the gifts God has given them. Above all, in words, in action, with a prayer or a smile, with your forthcoming votes this November, tell one another: "I am glad you are living."



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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“Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward.” MARK 9:41

We are made in God’s image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generously become easier. Why? Because that’s the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.



Instruct all ages in the Catholic faith - Diocesan ministries provide meaningful opportunities for faith formation to people of all ages and stages of life. Diocesan initiatives educate and support faith leaders in our churches and schools, engage youth in learning Catholic teaching, involve whole families in nurturing their faith and help young adults to live the Gospel message. See how your generosity makes a difference by using your smartphone or visiting <https://youtu.be/Y4uT9k4VBVo> to view our video.

PET BLESSING

The Blessing of the Pets will be Sunday, October 6, at 1 PM on the Sacred Heart grounds. Bring your furry friends (or not so furry friends) for a time of prayer and a blessing followed by fellowship. Leashes and carriers are appreciated.



ACC ADULT EVENT

Faith on Tap, an ACC Adult Event, is Saturday, October 5th at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club in Sartell from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. The night will include trivia, light snacks, Cash Bar, social time, and a presentation by Meisha Johnson on God calling her to leave her successful journalism career to join the Catholic Church and begin working in parish ministry and faith coaching. While there is no cost to attend and registration is not required, participants can sign up to be part of the Early Bird drawing to win cash prizes at the event. Use this QR code to sign up or call your parish office by Friday, September 27th and participants must be present at Faith on Tap to win. If you have questions about Faith on Tap, contact any of the ACC parish offices.



THE CHOSEN

Please join us at Sacred Heart to watch and discuss the Chosen (first season). This will begin October 4th and run for 8 weeks. Join us at 6pm for a meal (free will offering) and conversation. We will watch The Chosen starting at 6:30 and then discuss the episode. No need to attend all sessions, come when you can. This is for ages 16 and older. For food reasons, please call the church office at 320.251.8115 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

BAPTISM

We welcome the following child, baptized into our parish family and the Christian community:
Devonne Tramble Jr., Son of Devonne Tramble & Molly Voigt, from Sacred Heart.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Jordan Schmitz & Kirstin Gerads



MARRIAGE BLESSINGS



Congratulations and many blessings to Thomas & Taylor Smith, who were married on September 20th at Sacred Heart.

CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES-END OF LIFE

Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End-of-Life Decisions from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about “Death with Dignity”? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Fr. Tom Knoblach will address these questions and others during this workshop on October 1 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell at 8:45 a.m. and later at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids at 6:15 pm Greg Gall, Regional Sales Director of Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end-of-life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Ryan Voeller. To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email workshops@catholicunited.org.



NOW HIRING—ST. CLOUD DIOCESE-OMF

Now Hiring! The Diocese of St. Cloud is seeking a Program Coordinator to work with their **Office of Marriage and Family**. Job duties include coordinating marriage preparation courses, assisting with offsite event logistics and accounts receivable/payable items associated with events. Hours are Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM; some evening and weekend hours as needed. To Apply visit www.stcdio.org or contact Jessica Goebel at 320-258-7602.

MCCL FALL TOUR MEETING

Would you like to find out more about what is happening in Minnesota Citizens Concern for Life (MCCL)? Join us Monday, September 30th at 7pm at the St. Cloud Library. The speaker will be Cathy Blazer—Co-executive Director of MCCL. Hope to see you there!!



YOUNG ADULTS

Bible Study

Next Bible Study is on Thurs., October 3rd from 7-8:30 PM at St. Stephen. We'll be studying section 2 of Pope Francis' *Christus Vivit*. Bring a friend and join the conversation!

YOUNGLIFE

YoungLife Training

The next step is here...it's time to begin training.

If you have discerned that you are ready to be a part of bringing YoungLife WyldLife to our ACC by entering into the world of young people, it is time to get started. Online training is beginning. Please contact Jason Prigge to get access to the training at 320-281-9486 or jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

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 area, 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.



BREAKFAST-SS

Free will offering breakfast on Sunday, September 29th in the St. Stephen Parish Hall serving from 8am until noon. Eggs, pancakes, rolls, meats and hash browns will be served. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to the Parish Neighborhood Renewal Ministry currently located in Ecuador. Meet Iris Prieto and Glahecer Baque, a husband and wife team that lead the mission efforts in the remote areas of the jungle. They would love to meet you!

SACRED HEART MEN'S CLUB BREAKFAST

The Sacred Heart Men's Club will be hosting a breakfast on Sunday, October 6 from 8-11am. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, fruit and orange juice. It is a free will offering with the proceeds going to the Poor Clares.

AN INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO SEWS

A group of interested women are involved in making health care kits for young women living in Bambia, South Africa. Nurses from the School of Nursing at the College of St. Benedict will be going to Bambia early in Nov. The nurses will be teaching health care classes to young women. They would like to take as many health care kits as are ready. (400 or more is the goal). If you or someone you know would like to help with this sewing project please call Liz Brannan (member of St. Francis) at 320-251-3310 for details. Materials will be provided.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT ST. BENEDICT CENTER

We are looking into the possibility of resuming the Saturday 3:30pm Mass. Many of you found this helpful prior to the outbreak of Covid. Might the LORD be calling you to help us on a monthly basis? Our elders and those in rehab are in need of your love and ministry. We would be in need of the various ministries for Mass such as sacristan, lector, eucharistic minister, etc. Please call our Volunteer Specialist Allissa Volk at 320-281-1280.

—Chaplain Fr David Grundman

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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

Financial Offering for Sept 21 7 22

Adult	\$ 1,620.00
Adult Online Sep 14-20	\$ 908.00
Plate	\$ 285.00
Children	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 2,814.00

Ushers: Oct 5 & 6-schedule not available at time of printing

Free Will offering breakfast SUNDAY, 8-12 in Parish Hall

St. Stephen Legion Auxiliary will be meeting Tuesday, October 1 at 7:30 PM at the Rusty Nail.

Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin: Grades 1-4 and Confirmation meal for October 2: Hot dogs, chips, beverage and dessert.

Teachers are needed for grades 4 and 8.

Adoration: The church will be open for adoration on Thursday, October 3, from 8:30 AM-4:00 PM.

MVPA Military Convoy: October 5 in St. Stephen Church parking lot from approximately 9:00-10:30 AM. There will be over 40 military vehicles here along with the POW/MIA balloon, Model A Car Club, St. Augusta American Legion Riders and more. Coffee, rolls and cookies will be served.

Fall Fellowship: Sunday, Oct. 6, after Mass in the annex.

Ladies...Let's Gather October 6 in the annex at 6:00 PM.

We will discuss Judith. Video and discussion-no homework!

Cemetery Flowers: All flowers/plants on and around headstones are to be removed from the cemetery by October 1 per Cemetery Rules and Regulations. Items left in the cemetery get brittle over winter and break. These items then can get in the way of clearing snow between rows for funerals & snow plowing.

Mass Intentions: There are a few weekdays remaining in 2024 for Mass Intentions. Requests for masses from January-August 2025 can also be sent in. Place requests in a white envelope labeled Mass Intentions and drop it in the collection basket. Every effort will be made to schedule Mass Intentions on the dates requested. Requests to schedule all masses on a weekend will not be possible.

Other Upcoming Events:

Oct. 6: Rosary Coast to Coast at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud at 3:00 PM. Everyone welcome to come and pray.

Oct. 7: Living Rosary on Memorial day of Our Lady of the Rosary at St. Michael's Church in St. Cloud at 6:00 PM. Everyone welcome to come and pray.

Oct. 17: Helping Hands Outreach Annual Health Fair in the Parish Hall from 10 AM-12 PM. Meal to follow.

Oct. 20: First Responders Appreciation Mass at 10:00 AM.

Oct. 22: Senior Traffic Safety Ed class in the Parish Hall from 5:30-9:30 PM. Sponsored by Helping Hands Outreach. Register at www.STSE.biz or call Helping Hands Outreach at 320-746-9960.

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 **The Rusty Nail** (October-December) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return October 17.

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 September 22, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$17,866.00
Automatic Giving.	\$5,673.62
Improvements.	\$30.00
Friends In Need	\$40.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.	\$30.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Children’s Liturgy of the Word CLOW is for Pre-K (with an adult) through grade 3 and begins this month at 9 AM Mass on Sundays. We have leaders but we are needing assistant leaders to be in the room with the main leader to assist with kiddos. Contact Jason Prigge to learn more!

 **Day of Service** Fall Day of Service Saturday, October 5, 9am-12noon. Volunteers will enjoy a light meal and then will be sent as a community to clean yards, windows or other manageable projects. There still may be an opportunity to help even if this day does not work for you to volunteer. Please contact Deacon Joe in the office at 320-251-8115.

Box of Joy A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoe box, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items. Each gift represents Christ’s love and may be the only Christmas gift children in developing countries receive. Pick up your boxes after Mass the weekend of September 28/29 and October 5/6. Boxes to be returned by November 4. There is a \$9 shipping fee for each box. Donations for the shipping fee are Appreciated, not required. Contact Dcn Joe for questions.

SACRED HEART CHOIR BEGINS A NEW SEASON! Calling all SATB voices! New members HS – adult are invited! 1st rehearsal October 1st 6:15pm. Choir sings 2X/month alternating 5pm & 9am liturgies. Rehearse most Tuesdays 6:15 – 7:45pm. *“Let us sing and make music to God all the days of our lives!”*

New Projectors Have noticed the screens in church? New laser projectors were installed a couple of weeks ago using designated improvement funds. We hope you appreciate the brighter screens. Thanks to all who donate to our improvement fund.

AV HELP NEEDED Do you like technology? Are you available about once a month to help at Mass for an hour and a half? If you have any computer experience, you can easily learn to do AV during Mass. Contact Jill Kiffmeyer for more information, or stop by the AV desk before or after Mass. This is a great way for teens, or even young couples, to get involved at Mass!

Coats for Kids Collection & Distribution

Coat collection begins **NOW!** Look for collection bins in the Gathering Space. Distribution will be on Saturday Oct 12th and 19th at Atonement Lutheran Church from 9am-2pm.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Small Group Leaders Wanted Consider joining the Grounded family and walking with our middle schoolers in their faith journey. We are specifically looking for one person for 7th grade and two for 5th grade. Training and support provided, contact Jason Prigge.

Breakfast and Bible Study Breakfast and Bible Study for grades 6-12 is back with a new look and time! Join us for the first one on Sunday, September 29th after the 9 AM Mass in Room D for coffee, juice, treats and breaking open the readings from Mass. Event ends at 11:15 AM. See you there!

Sr. High Youth Day

Grades 9-12, lets fill a bus and go see PJ Anderson in concert (and much more)! Sunday, October 27th all day at Lake Geneva in Alexandria. Cost is \$40, contact Jason Prigge or use our LinkTree to register!

FAITH FORMATION

* **Faith Formation leaders** are needed in elementary and middle faith formation groups. Support the children of the parish as they journey to know Jesus and grow in their faith. Sessions meet on Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 PM usually 2 or 3 times a month between October and April. Materials and support are provided. If you have questions or would like to join the team, contact Scott.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES VOLUNTEERS

Catholic Charities relies on local churches to keep the Food Shelf running. Sacred Heart has participated in the Adopt-A-Month program for many years, partnering with Catholic Charities to fight hunger. Volunteers are crucial. With the growing demand for Food Shelf services, your help is needed now more than ever. Please consider dedicating a few hours in October to support the Food Shelf. If you can help serve our community in this time of need, call Peggy at 320-259-7841 Thank you!

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 1; 8:45am—End of Life Presentation-SFX
4pm—St. Monica’s Society
6:15pm—End of Life Presentation-SH
- October 2; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
5pm—Men’s Schola
5:30pm—Kid’s Choir Rehearsal
6:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
6:30pm—Faith Formation K-8
- October 3; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- October 4; 7am—Breakfast & Bible Study
8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
11am—Rosary & Benediction
6pm—Chosen Event
- October 5; 9am—Day of Service
3:30pm—Reconciliation
6pm—Faith on Tap
- October 6; 8am—Men’s Club Breakfast
1pm—Pet Blessing
7pm—9th Grade Session 2

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add John Gruber, Rosanna Leither, Michael Olesen, Patricia Olson, Sue Souba 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.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, September 15th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,650.32
Visitors	\$10.00
Youth	\$6.55
Campaign for Human Development	\$170.00
Fall Festival	\$50.00
Votive Candle	\$5.30
Silent Auction	\$7.00
Building Fund	\$10.00
Donation to Stove/Oven Fund	\$100.00
Total Income	\$3,009.17

Income Sunday, Sept. 22nd, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,830.52
Visitors	\$158.00
Youth	\$118.00
Assumption	\$15.00
Fall Festival	\$130.00
Votive Candle	\$2.59
Human Development	\$90.00
Building Fund	\$40.00
Total Income	\$3,384.11
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule


Sun. October 6th, 2024

Lector: Bob Rajkowski and Lora Knafila
Eucharist: Jason Zwilling(H), John Koenig(C), Karla Koenig(C)
Servers: Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa
Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Carson Zwilling, Mason Zwilling, Spencer Ackerman.
Ushers: Jenny Zwiling, Peter Ackerman, Spencer Ackerman, Chuck Wocken.

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Kevin Lentner, Eric Scapanski, Lori Schaefer, Kathy Fussy, Tara Carlson, Shannon Nelson, Tyson Haus, Kelsey Lentner, Caroline Czeck, Susan Villanueva.

BLESSING OF ANIMALS Wed. Oct. 2nd at 6:30pm outside of Annunciation Hall. Everyone is welcome to bring an animal for a blessing. Animals must be taken home before religion class.

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

LOVE TO SING? Join the Choir. Try it out if you aren't sure. Most importantly, just join us as you can and when you can. Join us at 7:45 am in the basement of church to warm up prior to 8:15 am Mass. Starting Sept. 30th, join us Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the choir loft. 

COATS FOR KIDS: The box is out in the entryway of church for your donations of winter apparel for infants to adults. The first distribution days are **Sat. Oct. 12th and 19th**, from 9am-2pm at Atonement Lutheran Church in St. Cloud. There is always a great need and your donations are very much appreciated.

BOXES OF JOY 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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Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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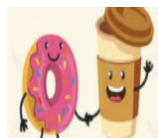
Parish Nurses Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 9/22/2024	\$24,036.60
Excess (Deficit)	\$2,690.45
YTD Collection Budget	\$256,153.80
YTD Collected	\$243,798.00
Excess (Deficit)	\$(12,355.80)

COFFEE & COMMUNITY



Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, October 2, after the 8 am Mass.

THE CHOSEN - SEASON 4

Viewing and discussion group begins October 11 at 8:45 am in Xavier Hall, St. Francis room. Join us!

BIBLE STUDY

What We Believe: The Beauty of Catholic Faith

This Bible Study Group is now being formed. If you are Interested, contact Sandee Kremers at skremers@stfrancissartell.org. We will be determining dates and time based upon those who are interested to try to accommodate as many as we can. I am looking to start up in late November, early December or before based on interest.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

The bakers, home canners etc. came through BIG time for our Frantober Fest Bake Sale! Thank you so very much for all of the wonderful baked & canned goods we received! Donations were well beyond any other year for the festival. It was awesome! Many people commented on the excellent variety of items we had as well as the reasonable prices. A special thank you to the ladies who worked with us to sell items as well as the custodial help who set up and took down the tables! A big thank you also to Tom Offerdahl for all of the time and effort he put into the festival and his encouragement and help with the bake sale!

Doris Lodermeier & Marlyce Plante

THANK YOU

SARTELL AREA CHURCH CRAFT & BAKE SALE

With planning in full swing for our Sale, we are looking for new & gently used items for our Craft Sale & Silent Auction! In the past, fall & Christmas items are a big hit, but items of all kinds & sizes make perfect gift baskets for our Christmas shoppers! We are accepting your items now, so feel free to bring them to the Parish Office during the week or leave them on the bench by the Parish Office when you come to Mass on the weekends! This is not your ordinary Craft & Bake Sale! There are wonderful home made items, gift baskets & yummy baked goods. Bring a friend & shop & then enjoy DELICIOUS wild rice soup, (Made by our very own, Marlys Plante & Doris Lodermeier)!! Luncheon, complete with coffee, juice, a roll & homemade pies & desserts! Soup will be available for purchase to take home! This event is short & very SWEET, so mark your calendar & join us for this event, Saturday, October 26th, from 10:00-1:00 in the school gym! Watch the bulletin for more information! God Bless you for your generosity! Questions? Call: 267-9237 Bonnie Nies

ST. ROSE OF LIMA ROSARY GROUP

Meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 9:00-11:00am in Xavier Hall. Learn to make rosaries, all supplies are provided. Easy to learn, we will teach you! All rosaries are donated to missions around the world. Last quarter over 5,000 rosaries were mailed out. Everyone is welcome. For questions call, Nita Davis at 214-455-4301.

"The Rosary is the 'weapon' for these times" Saint Padre Pio

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

This past Sunday, Bishop Trobec Council 5276 - Sartell/St. Stephen welcomed 2 new members. Peter Nord from St. Francis Xavier and Chuck Sychala from St. Stephen took part in our new member orientation. The Knights of Columbus are a Catholic men's fraternal organization founded on the principles of charity, unity and fraternity. You see us helping out in our parishes and communities. We are pro-life, and we support vocations, family and those in need. You see us often with our red shirts helping with hospitality, handing out Roses for Life or Tootsie Rolls, or helping in other ways. As a matter of fact, join us and you get one of those shirts that make every guy look great! Any questions, contact Adam Fasen (320-282-7083), Tom Offerdahl (320-290-3228), Al Heim (320-267-5988), Jake Schneider (320-761-7143) or Mark Dorn (320-250-0415). We have a 45 minute orientation program that tells you about the KC's and our principles.

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children at St. Francis Xavier is looking for volunteers to help with this treasured ministry. If you enjoy working with our children and love to share stories about Jesus, this is the ministry for you! If interested, please contact Jennifer at jkaweesa@stfrancissartell.org and we will get you set up to begin. Our sessions for this ministry begin in October and run through May. You will be on a rotating schedule with other volunteers and can either lead a session on your own or co-lead with another volunteer.

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