

April 28, 2024
5th Sunday of Easter



5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and everyone that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit." - Jn 15:1-2

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MASS TIMES

Monday, April 29	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Weston Lentner
Tuesday, April 30	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Joan Weyer † Lucille Skiba † Clarence Justin
Wednesday, May 1	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	† Marcel Knapek † Sharon Waldorf
Thursday, May 2	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† Weston Lentner † Larry & Verdell Rudolph † Dec. Levendowki Family Mem.
Friday, May 3	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Patricia Olson † Bob & Pat Koenig
Saturday, May 4 6th Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Allie Roering † Bernie Wesenberg † William "Billy" Supan
Sunday, May 5 6th Sunday of Easter	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Roger Schackmann † Linda Neu † Members of the Slivnik Family † For the Members of the Parish
*Livestreamed Mass			

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 14:5-18/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 15-16/Jn 14:21-26

Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21/Jn 14:27-31a

Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122: 1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Jn 15:1-8

Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10/Jn 15:9-11

Friday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Jn 14:6-14

Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

Next Sunday: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 (see 2b)/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)



May: The Month of Mary, Mother of the Eucharist

You have perhaps seen devotional artwork showing Mary contemplating the Eucharist as we might today in Eucharistic adoration, such as the work *Madonna of the Host*, by Jean-Auguste Ingres. This image is of course not

intended as a historical depiction of what Mary actually did in her own prayer life, but a theological statement about the kind of Presence we discover in the Eucharist.

To understand this, start with Easter. In *Jesus of Nazareth*, volume II, Pope Benedict wrote about the Resurrection in words that struggle to capture the infinite: *What actually happened? Clearly, for the witnesses who encountered the risen Lord, it was not easy to say. They were confronted with what for them was an entirely new reality, far beyond the limits of their experience ... utterly unlike anything they had previously known.... Jesus' Resurrection was about breaking out into an entirely new form of life that is no longer subject to the law of dying and becoming, but lies beyond it. [It is a resurrection] into definitive otherness in the midst of the same continuing world. ... [Yet] it is truly he. He is alive; he has spoken to us; he has allowed us to touch him, even if he no longer belongs to the tangible in the normal way.... While no longer belonging in a limited way to our physical world, he is truly present there, he himself. It was an utterly unique experience, which burst open the normal boundaries of experience and yet for the disciples was quite beyond doubt. (see pp. 242-246)*

Now read that again, but with the Eucharist in mind – for on the altar, in the tabernacle, and most of all, in ourselves through Communion, this is the risen and glorified Body and Blood of the same Jesus. Only because of the Resurrection does the Real Presence of the risen Jesus under the “old world” appearances of bread and wine make sense. This is Jesus as he makes himself present “utterly unlike anything previously known,” the “definitive otherness in the midst of the same continuing world” of the One who “no longer belongs to the tangible in the normal way.”

In this Eucharistic Revival year, we can ponder Mary among other ways as the Mother of the Eucharist. St. John Paul II wrote about this beautifully in 2003 in his encyclical *Ecclesia de Eucharistia* not long before he died: *Mary can guide us towards this most holy sacrament, because she herself has a profound relationship with it. At first glance, the Gospel is silent on this subject. The account of the institution of the Eucharist on the night of Holy Thursday makes no mention of Mary. Yet we know that she was present among the Apostles who prayed “with one accord” (cf. Acts 1:14) in the first community ... Mary must have been present at the Eucharistic celebrations of the first generation of Christians, who were devoted to “the breaking of bread” (Acts 2:42).*

In a certain sense Mary lived her Eucharistic faith even before the institution of the Eucharist, by the very fact that she offered her virginal womb for the Incarnation of God's Word. ... At the Annunciation Mary conceived the Son of God in the physical reality of his body and blood, thus anticipating within herself what to some degree happens sacramentally in every believer who receives, under the signs of bread and wine, the Lord's body and blood.

As a result, there is a profound analogy between the Fiat which Mary said in reply to the angel, and the Amen which every believer says when receiving the body of the Lord. Mary was asked to believe that the One whom she conceived “through the Holy Spirit” was “the Son of God” (Lk 1:30-35). In continuity with the Virgin's faith, in the Eucharistic mystery we are asked to believe that the same Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of Mary, becomes present in his full humanity and divinity under the signs of bread and wine.

... What must Mary have felt as she heard from the mouth of Peter, John, James and the other Apostles the words spoken at the Last Supper: “This is my body which is given for you” (Lk 22:19)? ... For Mary, receiving the Eucharist must have somehow meant welcoming once more into herself that heart which had beat in unison with hers.

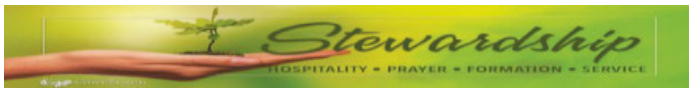
Some time this month, pray the Rosary with your family, a friend or two, or even alone in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament, remembering that “the fruit of your womb” is the same Person whom we receive at each Mass. And be mindful of your next “Amen” at Communion as an echo of Mary's own courageous words: “Let it be done according to your word.”

LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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“Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth.” -1 John 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you “walk the talk? “Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it’s not too late to start!



Have you attended a baptism, first Communion, confirmation, wedding, or ordination? All of these sacraments are supported through the ministries funded by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal. Help continue to support these vital milestones of our faith through a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Banquet of Love- As a gift to couples and a support for parishes and ACCs, Bishop Neary purchased the license for anyone in the diocese to use this series at **NO COST**. The license includes 18-month access to the entire course material, online video modules and printable PDFs for each session. It can be offered to couples to use on their own or as part of small faith sharing groups. Topics include how the Jewish understanding of sacrifice and time are critical to understanding the Eucharist, the positive and negative sides of predictability and possibility in marriage, building blocks to help forgive and heal, anger management and conflict resolution, the sacred order toward marital intimacy modeled for us in the Eucharist and why the Real Presence is so critical in marriage.

—To find out more information about the Banquet of Love, please visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>



BAPTISM

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

Tanner David Maciej, son of Adam & Sara

Rory Marie Nitz, daughter of Taylor & Jena

And Calvin Alexander Kroll, son of Peter & Catherine who were baptized at St. Stephen.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Sean Donahue & Mikayla Holroyd



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 under the Offices tab, or call the Cemetery Office at 320-251-5511.

Thank you for your cooperation.



YOUNG ADULTS

Mass and Meal

Join us at 4 PM Mass on Saturday, April 27th at St. Francis Xavier and catch a meal with some other young adults. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass, everyone is responsible for their own meal - contact Jason!

Praise Night

See you this afternoon, April 28th from 4-6 PM at our next Praise Night at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. Praise and Worship, Adoration, food and friends!

ALASKA MISSION TRIP

Donations 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. We are very grateful to Bishop Donald Kettler for providing the connections that have helped make this mission location possible. To help make this mission possible please send your prayer and financial support. Make your check payable to Sacred Heart, attention Alaskan Mission, Dcn Joe Kresky. This is a tax deductible contribution. Contact Dcn Joe for more information.



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.

PRC WALK FOR LIFE 2024



Pregnancy Resource Center & Medical Clinic is excited to announce their Walk for Life 2024. Join them Saturday, May 4th at Southside Park in Sauk Rapids. There will be music, food, and a chance to connect with PRC friends! Help Pregnancy Resource Center &

Medical Clinic to save lives one step at a time by fundraising, securing your pledges, and walking at the annual Walk for Life event, Saturday, May 4th! Register and fundraise on the event page found at <https://give.preghelpfriends.com/event/2024-walk-for-life/e548638> Or by scanning the QR code.

MANY volunteer opportunities are available!! Whatever you like or are able to do, we can find a perfect place for you to volunteer with the Walk for Life. Fundraiser. Please contact Elizabeth at 320-371-0533



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 20 & 21

Adult	\$ 1,641.00
Adult Online Giving Apr 13-19	1,028.00
Plate	392.02
Catholic Home Missions	20.00
Total	\$ 3,081.02
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$ 3,150.00

Ushers: May 4: Tom Larson, Sandy Paggen, Mitch Pangerl

Faith Formation class on May 1 is for ALL grades including Confirmation. This is the last class for the year. Mass will be at 6:30. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will NOT be a meal served tonight.

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, May 2, from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come spend quite time in prayer with Jesus.

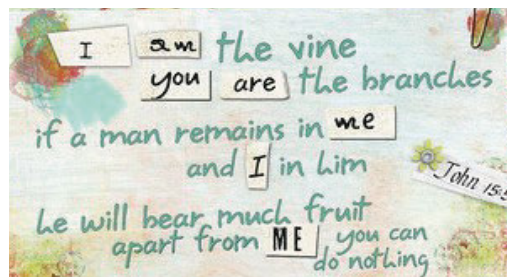
Ladies...Let's Gather will meet on Sunday, May 5, in the church annex from 6-7pm. Each month we will be discussing women of the Bible. The May meeting focuses on Hannah. This is open to all ladies - girls from middle school and up are welcomed to join us. Treats will be provided. Come, connect and learn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

KC Breakfast—St. Joseph Parish, St. Joseph May 5. Breakfast served from 8:30 am to Noon in Heritage Hall. Menu includes scrambled eggs, hash browns, sausage, fruit, pancakes, caramel and cinnamon rolls.

Upcoming Events for May:

May 5: First Communion
May 14: Vibrancy Committee meeting
May 19: Breakfast Fundraiser for Alaska Mission Trip, Baccalaureate Mass and Motorcycle Blessing.
May 21: Parish Council meeting

Prayer Line: If you know of someone who needs our prayers, please contact the parish office to have them added to the Prayer Line.



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** 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 14, 2024

Adult Collection. \$11,573.88
Automatic Giving. \$5,593.62
Children. \$41.00
Improvements. \$50.00
Easter. \$100.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Crowning of Mary Throughout history, Catholics have long honored the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, during the month of May. On the weekend of May 4th and 5th we will celebrate the Crowning of Mary (or May Crowning) at Sacred Heart. Right before Mass, there will be a procession of flowers to the statue of Mary in church where the crown will be placed and a prayer said. Saint Monica's Society will be providing the flowers for this celebration. If you would like to be a part of the procession on either day, please check in with Jill Kiffmeyer before Mass to receive a flower and instructions. All ages are welcome to participate.



Lawn Mowing We are looking for a few more people who are willing to mow the lawn at church over the summer. Looking specifically for someone to mow (typically) Thursday mornings to push mow around the edges. If you are interested, please email Vicki by May 1st at VSanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org.

Homebound Communion Ministers and Visitation Ministers Needed Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Beside sharing the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. We are in need of support after the 2pm Monday Mass at Good Shepherd. Contact Dan Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

MCCL MOTHER'S DAY FLOWERS



MCCL will be selling flowers after each Mass the weekend of May 11 & 12. Proceeds will be going to pro-life causes.

THANK YOU

If you are ever at church at night you may have noticed the 20 year old lights were looking pretty bad. They were yellow and did not give off much light. Thank you to Erickson Electric for helping us pick the best option for our parking lot and making it illuminate now! A REALLY BIG THANK YOU to Earl, Tyler and Morgan Schreifels for donating their time and talent to this project which saved the parish a lot of money!

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry

April Theme: Grounded in the Resurrection

Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, May 1st (gr. 5-8): 7:00 - 8:30 PM
Wednesday, May 8th (Gr. 5-12): 7:00 - 8:30 PM @
NEWMAN CENTER - St. Cloud State

Breakfast and Bible Study Breakfast and Bible Study is back this coming Friday, May 3rd at 7 AM. Bring friends for food and conversation!

Butter Braids Thank you to all who ordered Butter Braids this year. Pick-up will be next weekend (May 4th & 5th) following both Masses.

Metro Night Save the date for the next Metro Night at Husky Stadium on Friday, May 10th! Time is TBD but 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

FAITH FORMATION

Can you believe the end of the Faith Formation year is right around the corner. All Faith Formation Families are invited to an end of the year picnic and bingo event on Wednesday, May 1st from 5:30-7pm. Come enjoy food, fellowship and fun. The meal will include hotdogs, chips, baked beans, and dessert. Fr. Tom will be the special guest bingo caller for the night. If the weather cooperates, there also will be outdoor activities. Please come celebrate a wonderful year.



UPCOMING EVENTS

May 1 ; 1 pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
5:30 FF Year End Picnic/Bingo
7pm—Grounded (5-8)
May 2; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
May 3; 7am—Breakfast & Bible Study
8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
11 am—Rosary & Benediction
May 4; 1 pm—Honoring Marriage Day Mass
3:30pm—Reconciliation
May 5; 5:30pm Catechists Family Appreciation Celebration
4pm—Young Adult Praise Night (SFX)

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Patricia Jones, 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

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, April 21st, 2024

Adult Sunday \$2,951.23
Visitor \$94.00
Youth \$7.00
Votive Candles \$26.60
Catholic Home Mission \$5.00
Total Income \$3,083.83

Mass Schedule

Sun. May 5th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: John Koenig and Karla Koenig
Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau (H), Lora Knafla(C), Jean Bemboom(C)
Servers: Mariah Simmons and Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: Scott Brown and Tammy Eveslage
Ushers: Tom, Barb, and Jeremy Brand, and David Lentner



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Henry Dinnebier, Nick Kaeter, Julie Warzecha, Clarence Kiffmeyer, Carson Voss, Bonnie Popp, Brenda Roetteger, Brent Ackerman, Tyler Nelson, Trista Thell, Alexis Britz, Mason Kaeter, Kole 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.

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.



Also:
A new yard shed will be set in the Cemetery in the next week or so. There will be garbage cans and yard tools available for use in and around the cemetery stored in the shed.

We want to thank Jim & Peggy Janson who built and donated the shed to the parish.

And
 Thank You to the Benton County Soil & Water and their sponsors for the gift of seedlings last weekend.

SPRING BREAKFAST St. John's Area Schools breakfast Sun. April 28th at Jack & Jims, Duelm from 9am—1pm.

TRACTOR, SOIL AND SEED BLESSING after Mass on Sunday, May 5th in the South parking lot (by the Hall)

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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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 4/21/2024.....\$18,804.34
Excess (Deficit)\$(1,868.74)
YTD Collection Budget\$890,761.31
YTD Collected\$925,295.48
Excess (Deficit).....\$34,534.17

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.

SPRING BLING SALE

Gathering In the Arts

Spring Bling Sale

Friday, May 3 from 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Final day to donate jewelry, scarves & handbags is Sunday, April 28. Drop off items in designed areas outside the parish office. If you cannot attend the Bling Sale on Friday, May 3rd stop by the Gathering Place after Masses on Saturday and Sunday, May 4 & 5.

Join us for an afternoon of shopping, a huge selection of items for yourself or a gift for a special someone. Don't forget Mother's Day, May 12. Invite your girl friends and family to an awesome shopping experience. Enjoy a glass of wine or non-alcoholic beverages, meat, cheese and snacks.

Thank you for your support! Gathering in the Arts Board



CANCER/MAJOR HEALTH ISSUES SUPPORT GROUP

The hope for this group is to provide a supportive setting for those with cancer/major medical conditions (and/or their loved ones) that will include prayer and opportunities to share personal experiences of God's grace and blessings when such illnesses are a part of life. There will be an introductory meeting on Friday, May 3rd at 9:30am in Xavier Hall. Please join us if you can. If this date is NOT good, but you are interested in future participation, please call the parish office 320-252-1363 to speak with Sandee or Tom or email skremers@stfrancissartell.org, tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org, or Jim Negen at jrnegan@gmail.com. The plan is to hear input from others in designing the structure and to hold monthly meetings.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS RAFFLE

The Knights of Columbus are holding their annual Gun Raffle. The tickets are \$20 and only 20 remain. There are 6 hunting guns shown (3 shotguns and 3 rifles.) and six \$50 Scheel's gift cards. If you don't hunt or don't need a gun, you can get a gift card with the value of the gun to be used for anything you like at Scheel's. The gun raffle takes place on Monday, May 6, 2024 at Trobec's Bar in St. Stephen at 7:00pm. See a KC member about buying a ticket or the parish office also has a number of tickets available. Thanks for your support!

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 years 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

Youth Group Nights

April 28 Easter Egg Hunt 6:00-8:30pm. Grades 6-8 Welcome.

Aftershock

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

Save the Date

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.

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

COMMUNITY PRAYER FOR PEACE

Sunday, April 28th, 4 pm at the Sartell Community Center (850 19th St. S Sartell) Wondering what to do in this time of great violence, uncertainty and heartbreak over what's happening in Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan and our own communities? Join with others in praying for peace. We will gather and then walk around Lake Frances. Sponsored by the following churches: First United Methodist, Celebration Lutheran, St. Francis Xavier Catholic. For more information contact Molly Weyrens 320-828-4465.

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