

September 8, 2024
23rd Sunday Ordinary Time



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphthal"—that is, "Be opened!" - Mk 7:32-34

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Annunciation
Sacred Heart
St. Francis Xavier
St. Stephen

AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
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Annunciation

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320-252-1729 • oneinchristacc.org

Sacred Heart

2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377
320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

MASS TIMES

Monday, Sept 9	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† In Remembrance/Honor of All Aborted Babies
Tuesday, Sept 10	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Betty Jean Backes
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Lillian Dullinger
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Larry & Verdell Rudolph
Wednesday, Sept 11	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Delores Hamlet
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Bernice Wesenberg
Thursday, Sept 12	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- NO MASS/NO W&C
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† William Supan
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Audrey & Clarence Posch
Friday, Sept 13	9:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Donna & Arnold Scholz
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Ralph Dehler
Saturday, Sept 14 24th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Donald & Donna Pallansch
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Leonard Hansen
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Linda Engebretson Vouk
Sunday, Sept. 15 24th Sunday Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Jeff Rajkowski
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Sue Oldakowski
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Clarence & Sophie Scepiani

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: 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11

Tuesday: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19

Wednesday: 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/
Lk 6:20-26

Thursday: 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab,
23-24/Lk 6:27-38

Friday: 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42

Saturday: Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/
Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Next Sunday: Is 50:4c-9a/Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/
Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From safari....

Sticks and stones may break my bones but names will never hurt me, a well-known children's rhyme proclaims. The truth is the words we speak and how we speak them

are serious business. Our words can crush or inspire, deflate or affirm, they can make someone's day or do irreparable harm.

Throughout this month our weekend liturgies include selections from the Letter of James. The writer of James reminds us that a person's behavior and actions determine their character. One commentator writes, "James informs us that such behavior includes our speech. Our wisdom becomes evident in our knowing what and what not to say, especially things better left unsaid." James compares the damage the tongue can do to the destructive forces of a fire. The enemy of the soul uses uncontrolled speech to divide and destroy. Our speech is often contradictory. One minute we praise God; the next minute the same tongue utters violent and destructive words.

James reminds us that no human being can, on their own, tame the tongue. The only remedy to train the tongue is to submit totally to God's will. In a world deluged daily with words beyond number ---dumb talk, phony speech, angry words, pointless yakking---God takes an amazing risk. God entrusts the gospel word to our lips to speak the truth in love, to upbuild one another in faith, to speak the good news where there is none.

During these days leading up to the election, attention to our speech will be more important than ever. Arguments will get heated as issues are discussed, sometimes resulting in demeaning words to the other. In this social media age, untruths can quickly be spoken as truth. It is best to check three or four sources to verify the truth of a statement. Engage in civil, reasoned, compassionate, and loving dialogue with others. We will not all agree on the issues and choices facing us as a nation. Just because someone disagrees with us, doesn't mean they are not our brother or sister in Christ.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Each day will bring the opportunity to be good listeners and to speak words of affirmation and hope. And this will not always be easy. It will require us to allow the Holy Spirit to guide our tongue. This is our most important work, we never know the difference that it might make in someone's life.

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

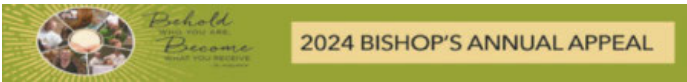


Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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Deacon	Steve Pareja 320-761-2503
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Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough, and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions, we truly realize it is better to give than receive.



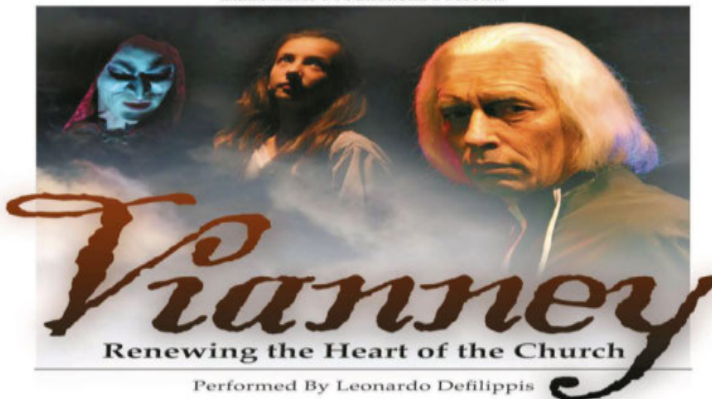
Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of August 26, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,257,003 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (89.79%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 6,929 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

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.



Saint Luke Productions Presents



Sunday, September 8 at 7:00pm

Sacred Heart Church

2875 10th Avenue Northeast, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379

Admission:
Free-Will Offering

Information:
Sacred Heart Church
(320) 251-8115
sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Suitable for Ages 9 & Up

-Saint Luke-

www.VianneyDrama.com

BAPTISM

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

Dani Marie Manning, daughter of Casey & Samantha, from St. Francis Xavier,

Louie Lee Hille, Son of Jeff & Carina,
And Alice Marie Laudenschach, daughter of Michael & Liza, from Sacred Heart.



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Darlene Engebretson, who passed away on August 31st, from St. Francis Xavier and

Winifred "Winnie" Doroff, who passed away on August 27th, from Sacred Heart.

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



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Ill Thomas Smith & Taylor Rick



MARRIAGE BLESSINGS



Congratulations and many blessings to Christopher & Alexis Budde, who were married on August 31st at Sacred Heart.

ST. STEPHEN BIBLE STUDY

Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible: Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline Chart* that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan. We will begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study on Sunday, September 29 at 7 pm in the St. Stephen church hall. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Cost is \$35 for workbook and online access. Couples may share a book. Call the St Stephen church office to register 320-251-1520 or email ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com Please register by September 11. Questions? Call Julie at 320-248-6823



YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Draft

The first Theology on Draft of the academic year begins this coming Thursday, September 12th at Beaver Island Brewing from 6-8 pm. Feature speaker is Kelli Kleinschnitz on the topic of: Breaking the Performance Mentality. Apps provided, all are welcome!

YOUNGLIFE

YoungLife Update

Thank you for your patience, we are **still** awaiting a confirmation number or area number as YoungLife continues to navigate software challenges. Once this is resolved, more information will be available to all of you - we still need you to pray!! Join us on Wednesdays at Noon!

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. Scan for Zoom Link:



HATS OFF TO HOPE

Hats Off to Hope - Relay For Life of Central MN

Saturday, September 14 from 1pm-10pm at the Sartell Community Center. Raffle Drawing September 21, 2024

5K run at 10 am - registration 8:30-10

All are invited to Celebrate all Survivors and Cancer Fighters: Remember those we have lost. Fight back in raising awareness and funds for research and 24/7 support.

RelayForLife.org/centralmn | 1-800-227-2345 Scan the QR code for more information.



BREAKFAST-SS

Free will offering breakfast on Sunday, September 29th in the St. Stephen Parish Hall serving from 8 am 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 for PNRM in the remote areas of the jungle. They would love to meet you!

DCCW- FALL CONFERENCE

Don't miss Frederick Blonigen, Keynote Speaker at this year's St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Fall Conference on Saturday, September 21, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, 2405 1st Street N., St. Cloud, MN. Registration and refreshments kick off the day at 9 a.m. Talks by Mr. Blonigen bookend Mass with Bishop Neary, C.S.C.

Registration is \$20 by 9/10; \$25 after 9/10 or at the door. Make check payable to St. Cloud DCCW and send to Lora Knafla, Treasurer, at 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367; or contact Lora at (320) 393-2701.

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 August 31-Sept 1

Adult	\$ 2,176.00
Adult Online Aug 24-30	\$ 373.00
Plate	\$ 202.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00
Children	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2,773.00

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

Ushers: :

Sept 14: Schefers family

Sept 15: Tim Rudser, Jim Schumer, Jake Rothstein

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet Sunday, September 8, in the annex from 6-7pm. This month we will discuss Jezebel.

The Vibrancy Committee will be meeting on Tuesday, September 10, at 6:15 PM in the church annex. Planning is underway for the September 29 breakfast. Everyone welcome to attend the meeting and join the committee.

Festival Committee wrap up meeting will be Tuesday, September 10, in the church annex at 7:00 PM.

Ministry Schedule for October 5-Jan 3, 2025: It's time to start planning for the next schedule. If there are dates that you know of that you are unavailable, please email or call the parish office by September 24. This schedule will include: All Saint's Day (Oct. 31 at 6:30 pm), Thanksgiving (Nov. 28 at 8:00 am), Christmas Eve/Day, possibly Feast of St. Stephen (Dec. 26), and New Year's Eve/Day.

Parish Council: The next meeting will be Tuesday, Sept 17.

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.

Faith Formation is looking for teachers for grades 4 and 8. Please consider sharing your gifts with our students.

Confirmation Information Night: Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for Confirmation students (grade 10) and a parent.

Registration Night for ALL Faith Formation families is Wednesday, September 25. Stop by the church annex ANYTIME between 4-8:00 PM. Pick up important information about the year, register your children and locate your child's classroom.

Cemetery Flowers: All flowers/plants on gravestones are to be removed from the cemetery by October 1 per Cemetery Rules and Regulations. This includes any flowers/memorials placed in the cemetery from recent funerals where there is no gravestone yet.

Prayer Line: If you or someone you now needs our prayers, please contact the parish office to add the prayer request 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 **Trobec's** (July-September) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.

SACRED HEART PARISH

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

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

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for the Week of September 1, 2024

Adult Collection..... \$5,768.54
Automatic Giving.....\$5,430.50
Improvements..... \$150.00
Friends In Need \$60.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Day of Service We are looking for volunteers to help with our 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 Dcn Joe at jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org or parish office 320-251- 8115. There will also be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Are you in need of some fall yard clean-up, window cleaning or manageable house projects? Please contact Dcn Joe or parish office 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 by participants from U.S. parishes, groups, and schools. Each gift represents Christ's love and may be the only Christmas gift children in developing countries are blessed to receive. Pick up your boxes and gifts ideas 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 but not required. Contact Dcn Joe or another member of the Social Concerns Committee for questions. For information, See www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy for information.

Kid's Choir If you are in 2nd grade or older and would like to sing and ring bells in the Kids Choir, contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office for details or to sign up. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:25 and generally sing once per month. Our first rehearsal is September 18th. This is a fun ministry and a great way to participate in Mass!

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

THIS WEEK-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 252-4689 or Marion Kuklock at 252-9560.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Harry Grammond, John Gruber, Patricia Jones, John Krebsbach, Michael Olesen 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.



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry Can you believe Grounded is almost starting?! Save the dates:

*Sun. September 15th (Grades 9-12) @ 5-7 PM

*Wed. September 25th (Grades 6-8) @ 6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday nights with Jason and Joe start next Sunday! Grades 9-12, are you ready?!

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 6th and 7th grade and two for 5th grade. Training and support provided, contact Jason Prigge.

FAITH FORMATION

With Faith Formation just around the corner, there are lots of updates!! Please look for your grade level.

***Confirmation** Prep session for current 11th graders are Sunday, September 15th and 22nd at Sacred Heart from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

* **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

* **9th Grade** Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 29th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart. 9th Graders are expected to participate in faith formation (at Sacred Heart or through Catholic School) as a prerequisite to joining Confirmation Preparation in 10th grade.

* **K-8** Faith Formation Open House is Wednesday, September 25th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space at Sacred Heart. Pick up your materials, meet your child's adult leaders, and find your child's meeting space.

* **First Reconciliation** Parent meetings at Sacred Heart are Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM and Sunday, September 22nd from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Families with a child in 2nd grade who desire First Sacrament for their child should attend one of the scheduled meetings. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept 9; 6:30pm—St. Arnold's Group
Sept 10; 1pm—Widow Widower Group
Sept 11; 1pm—Craft Group
6:30pm—Catechist Meeting
Sept 12; 4pm—Discipleship Meeting
6pm—SH Book Buffet
6pm—Theology on Draft
Sept 13; 9am—Mass with SKD-Time CHANGE
Sept 14; 9am—Confirmation Retreat
12pm—Young Adult Volleyball Tournament
3:30pm—Reconciliation
Sept 15; 10:15am—Child/Parent Gathering
5pm—Grounded (9-12)
7pm—Confirmation Prep Session 1

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, September 1st, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$1,990.00
Visitors	\$45.00
Youth	\$30.00
All Saints	\$30.00
Fall Festival	\$180.00
Votive Candle	\$0.30
Mission	\$30.00
Catholic Charities	\$30.00
Building Fund	\$70.00
Poverty Line	\$30.00
Rent (6 months)	\$7,200.00
Total Income	\$9,635.30

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

Mass Schedule

Sun. September 15th, 2024

Lector: Shirley Scapanski and Jenessa Strande
Eucharist: Lloyd Lyon(H), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C), Brenda Carriveau(C)
Servers: Mariah Simmons and Cole Lentner
Greeters: Don & Karol Weyer and Kendra Carlson
Ushers: Jeff Wollak, Renee & Tim Thell and Lawrence Thell

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Aubrey Novak, Logan Gerads, Benjamin Rothstein, Arnold Popp, Viola Miller, Beau Albright, LeRoy Jarnot, Auggie Thene.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL SCHEDULES:

Annunciation: Sunday, September 8th, **TODAY**
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.

COMMERCIAL STOVE/OVEN FOR SALE: Annunciation Church is selling our DCS (Dynamic Cooking Systems) 6—Burner, Dual Oven, with Hot Plate Stove. Stove is natural gas, and will be sold “AS-IS” Please Contact the Office if you are interested. We will remove the Stove from the Basement, but it must be picked up by the purchaser. Asking \$1,500.00.



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

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

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

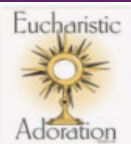
Parish Nurses Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

Prayer Line Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 9/1/2024	\$10,377.14
Excess (Deficit)	\$(10,969.01)
YTD Collection Budget	\$192,115.35
YTD Collected	\$180,404.72
Excess (Deficit)	\$(11,710.63)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration
September 10, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

SFX ADULT CHOIR

The new season for the SFX Adult Choir is about to get underway. We are always excited to have new members join us as well as reuniting with our experienced singers. Please come and join us at our first rehearsal of the season: Thursday, September 19 at 6:30pm at the choir area in the church. Park in the north lot and use the door near the choir area. For answers to questions you may have, please call Karen Dembowski at 320-420-0820.

FAITH FORMATION

6-8th Grade Leader Meeting on Wednesday, September 11, SFX Gathering Place @ 6:30. We are still looking for Leaders and Co-Leaders. Please contact Sandee Kremers to volunteer or if you have questions @ 252-1363. 9th Grade Teacher Training will be held Wednesday, September 11th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Area. **Grades 1-5 Teacher Training** will be held Monday, September 16th at 6:00pm in the Gathering Area. Melissa Fox 320-761-2217

HEALTH & WELLNESS MEETING

Tuesday, September 10, SFX Gathering Place @ 5:30. All are welcome! Contact Sandee K. with questions 252-1363.

OCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you interested in being confirmed into the Catholic Faith? Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic Faith? Are you interested in becoming part of an OCIA team? If you answered “YES” to any of these questions, please contact Sandee Kremers for more information. Classes will start in October! skremers@stfrancissartell.org or 252-1363.

ATTENTION ALL BAKERS & FALL HARVESTERS!

The Fall Festival is fast approaching!! We are looking for donations of your yummy baked goods or fall canning harvest items for our festival's Bake Sale. Some suggested items: Cookies, cakes, bars, trail mixes, candy, soup mixes, homemade egg noodles etc. Canned goods such as salsa, spaghetti sauce, tomato juice, jams & jellies are also great sellers! All items should be covered with a clear plastic wrap for easy viewing! We will price the items for you so no need to worry about that! Items can be brought to the Gathering Place on Friday, September 14th between 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, September 15th from 9:00am – 4:00 p.m. Email with any questions:
Doris Lodermeier – lodermeyers1003@gmail.com
Marlyce Plante – marlylou0814@gmail.com

FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Let The Bidding Begin! The Silent Auction will go live on Tuesday, September 3rd. Check out the amazing variety of items that your fellow parishioners have donated. We have a huge variety of useful, unique and fun items. The Auction items will be on display in the gathering space on Thursday, September 5th, until the auction closes on 9-15-24 at 11:30. Here is our auction website with all the info: www.32auctions.com/FrannyFest2024. Thank you for your donations!
Candice Koopmeiners 320-654-1359
George & Marcy Reisdorf 320-493-7620
Scan the QR code - Auction goes live 9/4!



FESTIVAL NEWS

Thanks to those who have signed up for helping with the breakfast. The sign-up sheet in the gathering place will remain for a few more days. The more helpers - the better! Thanks to those leading things as well! The Silent Auction is live at <https://www.32auctions.com/FrannyFest2024> to view items and make bids. You do not need to enter any credit card or banking info. If you win the bid, payment will take place at time of pick-up. Cash or checks are accepted, but we also take credit card payments through our secure website and have also set up a VENMO account. If you have not already done so, return your sold (and unsold) tickets and any payments or donations to the parish office by Sunday morning the 15th. The Silent Auction closes at 11:30 and the raffle drawing is at Noon that day. Thanks for the donations for the silent auction and to the many parishioners who have returned donations and money for raffle tickets. If you have a neighbor or friend who has not been around to pick up their chances, consider grabbing their packet & making a visit. Call or email me with any questions or your offer to help - Tom 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Stephen at 8:00 am on the dates listed below. Fr. Tim will be gone on vacation or on special assignment.

September 5
September 12
September 19
September 26



How wonderful to celebrate the Eucharist with other parishes in our One in Christ Catholic Community! We will not have a Word & Communion at St. Francis Xavier on the above dates.

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