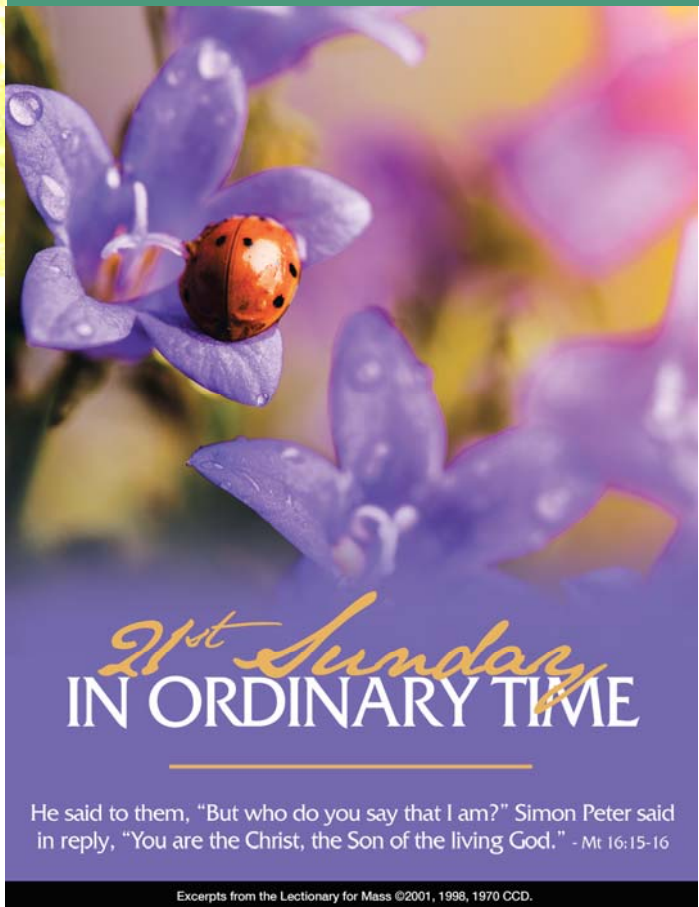




August 23, 2020

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time



Annunciation

9965 Mayhew Lake Road NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
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	Aug. 24	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Virginia Brand
<i>St. Bartholomew</i>				
Tuesday	Aug. 25	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	<i>Special Intentions of Doug Moris</i>
<i>St. Louis</i>				
		5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Kurt Dullinger
Wednesday	Aug. 26	8 am	Sacred Heart	<i>Special intentions of Cynthia Schauland</i>
<i>Weekday</i>				
		8 am	St. Francis Xavier	<i>Int. Roger & Elizabeth Lortz</i>
Thursday	Aug. 27	8 am	St. Stephen	† Mary Hlebain
<i>St. Monica</i>				
		8:30 am	Annunciation	† Dorothy Montag
Friday	Aug. 28	8 am	Sacred Heart	†† Ed & Glenyce Bretz
<i>St. Augustine</i>				
		8 am	St. Francis Xavier	†† Jerome & Pat Langer
Saturday	Aug. 29	5 pm	Sacred Heart	<i>For the People</i>
<i>The Passion of St. John the Baptist</i>				
		5 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Marilyn "Lynn" Borgert
		7 pm	St. Stephen	† Mark Weller
Sunday	Aug. 30	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Eugene (Bob) Brown
<i>21st Sunday in Ordinary Time</i>				
		9 am	Sacred Heart	† Dean Gill
		9:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	<i>For the People</i>
		10:30 am	St. Stephen	† Clarence Justin

Pastoral Services

Reconciliation
Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
 4 pm St. Francis Xavier
 8 pm St. Stephen
Sunday 7:50 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.

Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11 am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.

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



Hello All,

Being new to the community, I would like to take this time to introduce myself a little more. I grew up in Long Prairie as the 2nd of 9 kids (5 boys and 4 girls). I have two siblings that are married, two living the young adult single life, a couple are

in college and two in high school. Growing up, life was fun and crazy. At the parish in Long Prairie we had Fr. Mark Stang as our pastor. His witness opened my eyes up to the goodness of the priesthood and of the Catholic faith. In high school I put a lot of effort into sports, particularly cross country, basketball and track.

My freshman year I went to NDSU. GO BISON! That same year, during the fall, I had a powerful encounter in the confessional. I just knew that I was going to be a priest, and the strange thing was that I had no fear, at least in that moment. I knew it was something outside of me, from God, that I had to respond to. The following year I found myself at the seminary down at St. Thomas (GO TOMMIES!!).

Even though I had that powerful experience in the confessional, I still had a lot of fears of loneliness, public speaking, and just being a counter-cultural figure in general. Gradually (as God seems to work) these fears lessened and a steady desire in me grew to give myself to God in celibacy and to serve Him and His people as a priest.

I have been ordained four years. The first two years I was at St. Mary's Cathedral and St. Augustine. The past two years and currently, I am a chaplain at Cathedral High School and assistant vocations director for the St. Cloud Diocese.

I am very grateful to be a priest. When I am aware of God, and the gift of life, it seems like I am in heaven. So many things I could never have anticipated. They are simply God's way of reaching out to me.

I love fishing and hunting! Oddly enough, when people ask me what I like most about fishing and hunting, I tell them that it is coming home after the outing. Cleaning fish with my parents and siblings and sharing a meal together after the time away is one of the things that I am most grateful for.

Prayers for each of you, please keep me in your prayers as well.

Fr. Doug

DAILY READINGS

- Monday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18 [12]/Jn 1:45-51
- Tuesday:** 2 Thes 2:1-3a, 14-17/Ps 96:10, 11-12, 13 [13b]/Mt 23:23-26
- Wednesday:** 2 Thes 3:6-10, 16-18/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5 [1]/Mt 23:27-32
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 1:1-9/Ps 145:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [1] /Mt 24:42-51
- Friday:** 1 Cor 1:17-25/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 10-11 [5]/Mt 25:1-13
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 1:26-31/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15ab and 17 [cf. 15ab]/Mk 6:17-29
- Sunday:** Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/ Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

- Pastor** **Fr. Tom Knoblach**
320-251-8115, Ext. 112
pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
- Pastor** **Fr. Ron Weyrens**
320-252-1363, Ext.1101 (days)
Ext. 1102 (night/weekends)
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- Sacramental Minister** **Fr. Doug Liebsch**
dougliebsch@gmail.com
- Deacon** **Joe Kresky**
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- Deacon** **Steve Pareja**
320-761-2503
- Pastoral Associate** **Deb Rudolph**
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drudolph@stfrancissartell.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Looking Ahead

Volunteer day for on site work for Habitat for Humanity **September 3.**
Call Carol Hart 320-282-5976 to volunteer or if you have questions.



After School Care Assistant Needed

The after school care assistant will supervise students in grades PreK-6 during our after school time. These activities will include, but not limited to, study time, snack, outdoor activities, games, and arts and crafts. The worker needs to be supportive and creative with students while they interact with each other, as well as providing direction and assistance when needed.

Job Qualifications:

- Enjoy working with children grades PreK-6
- Willing to supervise both quiet activities, and large muscle activities
- Able to positively interact and communicate with children, parents, and staff members
- Possesses an understanding of child development (physical, emotional, and academic)
- Demonstrate the ability and willingness to follow and enforce all required safety procedures

St. Francis Xavier School
 Sartell, MN Contact: Bonnie Van Heel, Principal
bvanheel@sfx61.org
 320-252-9940

Deadline: August 28, 2020

How to Apply

To apply for this position please contact Bonnie Van Heel, principal, at 320-252-9940, or bvanheel@sfx61.org.

BAPTISMS



Let us welcome the newly baptized Whitney Kate Koch, daughter of Mark & Brittanie; Lincoln John Mracek-Stadther, son of Jonathan & Crystal; Aiden Andrew Gross, son of Chad & Michelle; Lauren Louise Fairchild, daughter of Michael & Emily. Welcome to God's family.

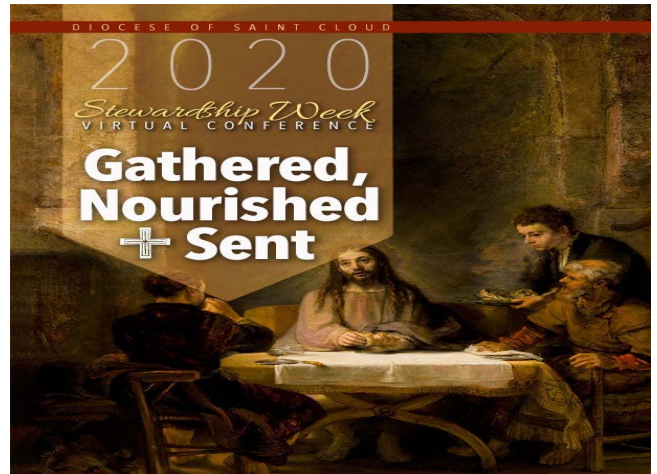


Please remember to continue to pray for all those affected by illness, their caregivers and public officials working to keep us safe. **Please pray** • for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious • for legal protection for unborn children • for an end to COVID-19 • for the leaders of our country and the world • for respect for all human life • for all pregnant women • for all those with long term illness • for those mourning the loss of a loved one • for an end to violence • for all Parish Prayer Line requests and those who have recently received prayer blankets.

Please visit your Parish website for those in your Parish needing prayers.

Stewardship Week—August 25-27

The Diocese of St. Cloud is hosting a free virtual conference about fostering stewardship in our parishes and Area Catholic Communities. Our own Fr. Tom will be presenting on Tuesday, August 25. The conference begins at 9:30am each morning and runs for three days— August 25-27. There is no fee. You can find more information and can register at this link: http://stcldio.org/th_event/2020-stewardship-week-gathered-nourished-and-sent/



FOOD ASSISTANCE

CARE Free Food Distribution

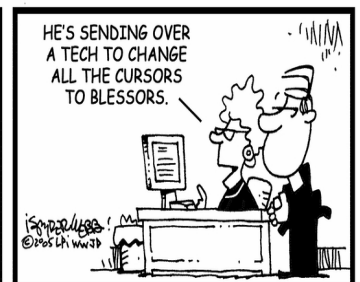
The COVID Food Assistance Program through Second Harvest Heartland is open to all households that are in need! Each household will receive 1 box of produce, 1 box of mixed dairy, 1 box of meat (chicken and pork). August 24 from 11 am-1pm in the CARE parking lot, 321 6th Ave, Foley, MN. You will stay in your vehicle.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- II Del Ryan & Elizabeth Brunn
- II Rachel Kirby & Brandon Jaskela
- I Zachary Schreiner & Kalley Otremba



21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans
320-252-1729
annunciation@cloudnet.com
Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski
320-259-4941 • thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for	August 16, 2020
Adult Sunday	\$16,184.97
Visitor	\$7.00
Youth	\$13.25
Fall Festival	\$220.00
Assumption	\$120.00
Total Income	\$16,545.22

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

SUNDAY 8:30 AM MASS

Lectors: Judy Kiffmeyer & Shirley Scapanski
Eucharist: Anita Montag
Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom & Volunteer



Happy Birthday: Raelee Lyon, Molly Martinson, Andrea Mescall, Remmington Gravelle, Hurlley Hommerding, Emma Melby, Tom Nordlund, Lenore Popp, Anthony Scapanski, Laurel Voigt.

Veteran Information: It has been brought to my attention that there are a few Veterans in our cemetery who have not been given a bronze star to hold their flag on Memorial Day and their name has not been mentioned in the roll call. Please call the parish office if one of your loved ones has been missed in the past. Thank you and my apologies, Cindy.



“I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” Then he strictly ordered his disciples to tell no one that he was the Christ.

— Mt 16:19-20

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ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Contact: Carol Hellmann
320-251-1520
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com
Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin
320-251-5066
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for August 15 & 16, 2020

Contributions \$1,624.00

WELCOME TO THE TABLE OF THE LORD

The following 1st Communicant who will receive her first Holy Communion on Tuesday, August 25th

Tristalyn Smith

LABOR DAY RAFFLE

The Festival Committee asks that you sell as many tickets as possible. There are more tickets available if you sell all of yours. Contact the office to pick more up.

Quilt Sales—pictures of the quilts are on the website and Facebook.

Please go to our Facebook page (St. Stephen Church) and share the Quilts photo album and Grand Raffle flyer with your friends and family.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER NEEDED

We are looking for a teacher, or co-teachers, to teach our 2nd graders this coming year. Please contact Danna at 320-251-5066.

If you have not yet returned your Ministry Schedule update survey, please call the office or e-mail me your availability. I will be working on the schedule for September this week.

If you are interested in adding your name to the ministry schedule, please call the office at 320-251-1520. New people are always welcome.

Visit churchofststephen.org for more information.

Contact: JoAnn Mo
320-251-8115, ext. 114
jmo@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
Faith Formation: Jen Haman
320-251-8115, ext. 117
jhaman@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

ALL Masses at Sacred Heart will be livestreamed. Go to www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org and click on **LIVESTREAM**

Temporary Office Hours

Monday – Closed
Tuesday – 12-5:30pm
Wednesday through Friday – 8:30am to noon

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending	August 16, 2020
Adult Collection	\$16,676.26
Children’s Offering	\$14.00
Improvements	\$10.00
Holy Days	\$798.00

Prayer Requests

*If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please contact 320-251-8115.
Kim Braaten, Gary Chaika, Nolan Matthes, Michael Reinert, Pam Smoley, Karen Thelen.*

Are You Registered?

If you are a regular worshiper at Sacred Heart, but have not yet officially joined the parish, we invite you to consider doing so. For more information or to register, please contact Vicki in the Parish Office.

Young Adults

Please contact Philip at 320-281-9518 or pshfveland@sacredheartsaukrapids.org for more information.

Young Adult Bible Study

Join us either online or socially distanced in Room D to support, pray and open up the Scriptures together. Sundays from 6:30-7:30pm.

Tuesday Fellowship

Looking for a supportive Christian community? Join our Tuesday evening fellowship group as we share our lives, learn about our faith, and have some fun.

LIVESTREAMING MASSES

Livestreaming Masses – The Next Phase

On behalf of so many – parishioners and participants from a variety of states, in fact – I offer a most hearty *Thank You* to the Sacred Heart staff who rose so generously and competently to the occasion to make livestreamed Masses available since March when COVID restrictions did not permit in-person Mass attendance. In the intervening months, they have continually labored to improve the experience and support one another. You can be truly and justly inspired by their service to the Gospel in this unexpected outreach.

As school begins soon, we have discussed how to accommodate even more demands on time and energy among the staff with getting kids off to school – and hopefully not having to help their children with distance learning again! – and attend to the adapted ordinary ministries of the parishes. At the same time, we hear clearly how much people value the livestreamed Mass opportunities. We also know that many of our volunteers are understandably not yet ready to resume their roles out of legitimate concern for their health and the health of family members.

Thus, for weekdays, we have decided to continue to offer a livestreamed Mass each Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, although with some simplified presentation to allow only one staff person to run the technology. The screens will not be used, so the Responsorial Psalm and Mass parts will be done from memory or from your own missal or worship resources. The camera will simply be a steady wide focus, and the audio will be the ambient sound of the church space. Please be patient as we learn how to do this most effectively.

For weekends, we will continue to livestream the 5pm Saturday evening Mass from Sacred Heart, and St. Francis Xavier will livestream their 9:30am Sunday Mass. As the celebrants and deacons will continue to rotate through our ACC parishes, we believe this will continue to offer choices for you while relieving some of the time commitment by staff. Sacred Heart’s Mass will be available to view on Sunday or later as well if you prefer.

I remind you that the obligation to attend Mass remains suspended. We do ask your cooperation with Bishop Kettler’s directive that all observe social distancing and wear masks while in the building (unless a medical condition does not allow this for an individual). This is an act of charity out of concern for the common good, a simple but effective work of mercy that each of us can offer.

Finally, you will no longer see the yellow cards to mark where you are seated for cleaning purposes on the weekends. This is because we will simply sanitize the entire seating area after the weekend Masses; our numbers make that a more reasonable approach for our cleaners. Thank you!

RAFFLE DRAWING

Our raffle drawing will be held at 5pm on August 23. You can watch it live at www.youtube.com/sacredheartsaukrapids

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Social Justice Concerns Committee	stfrancisjcc@gmail.com
Prayer Line Requests	Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427
Liturgy of Word for Children	Julie Jacobs 320-291-2901
Parish Nurses	Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158 Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135 Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Parish Trustee	Jeff Eickmeier 320-253-0703
Parish Trustee	Kathryn Kelly 320-333-6002
Pastoral Council Chair	Bob Detloff 320-252-8185

SFX SCHOOL

Principal	Bonnie Van Heel 320-252-8761, Ext. 1302 bvanheel@sfx61.org
School Secretary	Deb Bearson 320-252-8761 dbearson@sfx61.org

VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

It's hard to believe September & the Frantober Fest is right around the corner. In just 24 days bidding will begin on September, 12th at 5PM & end on Sunday, September 20th at 12 noon. We are still in need of items for the auction: large items to stand alone, create your own theme basket, or shop for new items & we will assemble the basket for you. With your past efforts & generosity the SA has been a huge financial success, & this years success is more important than ever, & with YOUR help we can make that happen again. Thanks in advance for your generosity.

Candice Koopmeiners 654-1350
Bonnie Nies 252-7838

PS Items may be dropped off at the parish office,
M-T 8-4:30, Friday 8-noon

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Budget	\$19,230.77
Collected 8/16/2020.....	\$12,053.00
Excess (Deficit)	\$(7,177.77)
YTD Collection Budget	\$134,615.38
YTD Collected	\$131,601.62
Excess (Deficit)	\$(3,013.76)

Faith Formation 2020-2021

We are currently awaiting the arrival of guidelines from the Diocese of St. Cloud for Faith Formation in parishes during the pandemic. We hope to have a plan in place soon for grades 1-10. Registration materials will be sent to you as soon as the plan is set. Thank you for your patience!

Shelby Vaske, Coordinator of Grades 1-5
Melissa Fox, Coordinator of Grades 6-10

PRAYER CHANGES THINGS:

It is my goal that EVERY student in grades 6-12 is prayed for, by name, everyday for this year. I look forward to telling each of our students that they are being prayed for by name by someone in our parish. What better way to support the youth in our parish as they continue to grow in their faith and also as they start to ask questions about their faith. Each of the envelopes in the gathering area will contain the names and a little information about three students in our parish. One of the greatest hesitations people experience when thinking about becoming a prayer partner is, "I don't know what to pray for or how to pray." Enclosed in your envelope will be six months worth of calendars. Each day there will be a short specific prayer to say, if you choose to use it. We ask that you fill out the bottom of the letter, to register as a prayer partner. Then we can mail you your second set of prayer calendars in February, but more importantly, we can hold you in prayer also.

Please prayerfully consider taking an envelope after mass, to become a prayer partner for the youth of our parish. If you would prefer an envelope be mailed to you, you can contact Melissa Fox (320-761-2217) or call the main office, and we will get one in the mail to you!

AFTERSHOCK MISSION MINISTRY: We are implementing a new aspect to Aftershock this year called Mission Ministry. We will provide students who sign up with specific supplies to complete that month's Mission. Supplies can be picked up at Church, during aftershock or even dropped at your door step. We are excited about this and will share our first Mission Ministry activity in August with our young people.



"For who has known the mind of the Lord"

Romans 11.34

For as long as I can remember, I was told that God knows everything, that there is nothing that anyone in the world could think of that God did not already know. As a child that was hard to understand and I distinctly recall thinking about that often after I said my evening prayers. I would lay in bed and wonder how God could know all things, do all things and even more puzzling, that God always was and always will be. I could not imagine that there was no beginning to God, all things had to begin at some point in time. I would fall asleep only after I convinced myself that I would come to understand all of this when I grew up.

I am still with great awe and reverence pondering those same thoughts about God. What I have learned as I have "grown up" is that God is more than any human can imagine. He is beyond our imagination for we are not divine. We live our lives, encouraged by Scripture, the very Word of God, to accept what we hear by faith. We will never be able to comprehend the fullness of God, but we can rest in mind, body and soul, assured of his promise to be with us.



In today's Reading from Romans, St. Paul is reminding us of the immensity and power of God that no one has ever fully understood or conquered. His point: that God is to be revered, that all honor and glory belongs to Him. Not only in our lifetime, but forever.

I invite all to take time this week to ponder the wonder of God. Take a look at the beauty of nature around you; the clouds, the lakes and rivers, the landscape and contemplate the love of God, for he has provided all of this for his people. Then let us look further into the eyes and the heart of every person we meet this week and appreciate the wonder God has created in them as well, each and every person created in God's image and worthy of respect and love. How might that change our hearts? How might doing so draw us ever closer to God?

With hope and trusting in the Lord,
Deb Rudolph

Much of our fall festival event will not take place this year. We are unable to gather, socialize and enjoy our outdoor festivities given the current pandemic. However, the Parish Festival generates significant income for the parish budget, so we still plan to have the big ticket raffle, a quilt raffle, an online auction, and a virtual Franny Flyer run this year on the weekend of September 19-20.



Last year FrantoberFest generated net income of \$63K, with the raffle accounting for nearly half of that. There are great prizes to win — a cash grand prize of \$3,000 as well as gift certificates, products and additional cash prizes. Chances are \$5 each and will be distributed in the Gathering Place starting August 22.

You will also be able to buy quilt raffle tickets for the chance to buy a beautiful handmade quilt. We will keep you posted on plans for the raffle drawing on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at noon.

Without all of the other events of our traditional festival, we will have a financial shortfall. Therefore, we ask all households to prayerfully consider making a \$100 donation to the parish festival this year. This will help with the parish budget that relies on the income from the Parish Festival. Any additional donation you can make beyond buying raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated and help our budget stay healthy.

SFX SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings SFX Faith Community, I hope you are enjoying our beautiful summer days! The Diocesan Catholic Schools have been tirelessly working on preparations to re-open our schools in September. I would ask that you pray for us during this planning time. St. Francis Xavier School has much to offer the families of our community.

1. Our Catholic school partners with parents to form children in the virtues of faith, hope and charity, and our world needs renewal of these virtues now. Children are proof that God is good and with us.
2. Our Catholic school is small and is able to customize the education for each student. We work with our families to adjust to changing economic situations.
3. Our Catholic school teachers and staff model to our students how to rely on their faith to persevere through challenges that may emerge.
4. Our Catholic school is purposefully planning for possibilities to improve our instruction and strengthen our communities.

In these uncertain times, I find strength in the words of Paul's letter to the Philippians he says, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*

I am looking forward to reuniting with our students and welcoming new families to our school community. Thank you for your prayers and support of St. Francis Xavier School.

Bonnie Van Heel, Principal