

September 22, 2024  
25th Sunday Ordinary Time



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Whoever receives one child such as this  
in my name, receives me." - Mk 9:37

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MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, Sept 23</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- A Return to the Sacraments
<b>Tuesday, Sept 24</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Lillian Dullinger
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† For a Good Harvest
<b>Wednesday, Sept 25</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Malvina McLaird
<b>Thursday, Sept 26</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† No Mass, No W&C
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Leonard & Alma Yamry
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Loren Weick
<b>Friday, Sept 27</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Maxine Popp & Henry Duane Popp
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Loretta Buley
<b>Saturday, Sept 28</b> 26th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Ralph & Mary Ann Brauri
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Lucille Skiba
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Everett & Cheryl Nathe
<b>Sunday, Sept 29</b> 26th Sunday Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† For the People of the Parish
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Sue Oldakowski & Robert Oldakowski
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† BriAnna Krusel
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Stephen Slivnik

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:** Prv 3:27-34/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Lk 8:16-18 **Friday:** Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4/Lk 9:18-22

**Tuesday:** Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44/Lk 8:19-21 **Saturday:** Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17/Lk 9:43b-45

**Wednesday:** Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163/Lk 9:1-6 **Next Sunday:** Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 (9a)/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

**Thursday:** Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From safari.....

Who is the greatest? What does it mean to be better than another? A footrace can determine the better runner. Grades are given in school to determine the better student. A most valuable player

award is given to determine the best player in a sport. An Oscar is given to the best actor. But does being better in something make one better than another person?

Jesus answers the question saying, "If anyone is wishing to be first, they shall be last of all. Greatness comes in self emptying, self giving. This greatness comes by Jesus' means, not worldly means. And to stress the point further he places a child in their midst. This scene in the gospel is not as shocking to us as it would have been for the disciples. In Jesus' time the child was a non person. Children were on the absolute lowest rung of the social ladder. This doesn't mean they were mistreated or unloved, but that they were totally dependent on others. To be great is to fully depend on God and God's direction.

Greatness is the person who sees work to be done in Africa and goes there as a medical missionary. Greatness is the person who sees the face of God in the poor and sick in the streets and spends time working in food kitchens, massages their feet, and listens to their stories. Greatness is the person despite being put down by others, discriminated against is able to believe that people are really good at heart. Greatness is to be a voice for the powerless --- the immigrant, the minority. To work for justice and bring an end to prejudice. Greatness is the person who can set aside bitterness and thoughts of revenge and reach out in forgiveness. Greatness is the teacher who shares the joy of learning, loves students unconditionally, and who's only expectation is that each student show kindness to others.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

But greatness can be elusive. James points out that disorder and conflicts come when we give into jealousy, envy, and selfish ambition. The problem is that we see the world through our eyes and not God's eyes. We ask God to do things our way rather than asking God to show us his way.

Jesus is our model of greatness. He emptied himself becoming one like us. His prayer in Gethsemane was not that God do things his way, but that the Father might give him the strength to do things God's way. May our prayer be the same ---- Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done ---- and our greatness be seen as we extend the love, forgiveness and compassion of God to one another.

Fr. Ron



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all." MARK 9:35

Jesus teaches us that we are called to love one another. Love involves sacrifice. Sacrifice is a word that many of us don't like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, when we sacrifice, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

### PET BLESSING

The Blessing of the Pets will be Sunday, October 6, at 1 PM on the Sacred Heart Parish 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



### THE CHOSEN

Please join us 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.

### CUF PLANNING MEETING

Catholic United Financial (CUF) will be meeting Tuesday, September 24th at 6:30pm. We will be meeting to plan for several upcoming events. Please join us.

## THANK YOU

A Huge Thank You to everyone who volunteered and helped in any way with the St. Stephen Church Labor Day Festival. Without the help of our parishioners, the parishioners from St. Francis Xavier, Sacred Heart and Annunciation and other members of the community, we would not have had such a successful day. From the early morning set-up to the final item being packed away for next year, we couldn't have done it without all of your help.  
The St. Stephen Festival Committee

### BAPTISM

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

Raelynn Rose Popp, daughter of Justin & Mary, Bernie Jeanne Mayhew, daughter of Nick & Carlin and Jiah & Leah Kim daughters of Juhyun & Carrie from Sacred Heart.



### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Imelda Stang, who passed away on September 8,

And Linda Prescott, who passed away on September 14, from Sacred Heart.

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



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Il Jordan Schmitz & Kirstin Gerads



### MARRIAGE BLESSINGS



Congratulations and many blessings to Logan & Kelly Berg, who were married on September 14th 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](mailto:workshops@catholicunited.org).



### PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 18+



Join us on September 22nd **TONIGHT** from 6 pm-7:30 pm for the Painting the Word event at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 16+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be provided. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover supplies. Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up or scan the code.



## YOUNG ADULTS

### Praise Night

Praise Nights have a new day and a new look! All young adults and their families are invited to Newman Center on Thursday, September 26th from 6-7 PM for Praise and Worship, Adoration and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Super kid friendly, activities provided, come out and pray!

### Mass & Meal

Join us and make new friends (and hang with old ones) on Saturday, September 28th starting with 5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Following Mass, meet in the Gathering Space and we'll go out to dinner from there. Everyone is responsible for their own meal - no RSVP required!

## YOUNGLIFE

### YoungLife Update

It's been a long wait and process because of software challenges with YoungLife. We still do not have an area number BUT we have been granted access to begin training! The first part of training will be going through video modules followed by a debriefing session with Jason. If you have committed to doing contact work (entering the world of kids), please look at your email for an invitation to join, **if you are interested in being trained for external evangelization, contact Jason so he can get you the link for training. The Gospel is for everyone, we are all called to share it, so lets do it!**

### 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.



## 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!!



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is an order of Catholic adult males that is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. If you have ever had questions about the Knights of Columbus or better yet, have been looking for an opportunity to join, September 22nd is your lucky day. The Bishop Trobec Council will be hosting a Degree following the 9:30 am Mass at St Francis Xavier in Sartell. A Degree is a short ceremony, about 45 minutes, which you would participate in to join the Knights. We will be meeting in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Xavier at approximately 10:40 to answer any question and get everyone ready for the ceremony which will begin at 11:00. Your family members are more than welcome to join us for the ceremony.

## 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 14 & 15

Adult	\$ 1,566.00
Adult Online Sep 7-13	\$ 383.00
Plate	\$ 297.00
Assumption	\$ 100.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$ 90.00
Children	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 2,437.00

### Ushers:

Sept 28: Sandy Paggen, Dave Pogatchnik, Mitch Pangerl

Sept 29: Steve Vouk, Nancy & Tom Vouk

**Ministry Schedule for October 5-Jan 3, 2025** will be put together Wednesday. Notify the office by Tuesday if there are dates that you know you are unavailable.

### Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin:

**Faith Formation** is looking for teachers for grades 4 and 8. **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 and around headstones 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 headstone yet.

**Mass Intentions:** A reminder that every effort will be made to schedule Mass Intentions on the dates requested. If a specific date is not available, the next available closest date will be scheduled. Since there are only so many Saturday's & Sunday's in a year, request's to schedule every intention on a weekend will not be possible.

### Upcoming Events:

**Sept. 28:** St. Stephen Fire & Rescue 75th Anniversary at Smoley Park/Lions Park from 1:00-5:00 PM. Fun activities for all ages, live music by BLT Band. Funds raised will go toward the purchase of the Jaws of Life tool.

**Sept. 29:** Free Will offering Breakfast fundraiser for Parish Neighborhood Renewal Ministry in the Parish Hall. Serving 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.

**Oct. 5:** MVPA Military Convoy will be stopping at the St. Stephen Church parking lot from approximately 9:00-10:30 AM. Over 40 vintage military vehicles and more.

**Oct. 17:** Helping Hands Outreach Annual Health Fair in the Parish Hall from 10-12 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 **Trobec's** (July-September) 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 15, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . . \$17,113.00  
Automatic Giving. . . . . \$5,616.17  
Improvements. . . . . \$5.00  
Friends In Need . . . . . \$103.00  
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev. . . . . \$120.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Parish Potluck** Join us Saturday, September 28th following 5pm Mass for a parishioner potluck. We took the summer off so it will be so nice to catch up with other parishioners. Just bring something in to share when you come for Mass and we'll take care of the rest.

**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** 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 the office at 320-251-8115 or Dcn. Joe@ [jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)

**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 for questions.

**AV HELP NEEDED** Do you like technology? Are you available about once a month to help at Mass for an hour and a half? The Audio-Visual ministry may be just the thing for you!

There are three parts to our system: the projection screens, the sound, and the livestream video. The screens are very easy to operate. If you have any computer experience, you can easily learn to advance the slides during Mass. Basic sound operation includes unmuting microphones and adjusting the volume. Sacred Heart has two cameras that are used for livestream video and a cool camera switching system. Contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office 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!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** Grounded has started! Save the date:

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

**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.

## 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.

\* **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.

## 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.



## SOCIAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

Do you want to learn more about the Social Concerns Team at Sacred Heart and projects we are working on? You are invited on September 26th from 6:30pm-8:00pm to visit our gathering and check things out. Contact Dcn Joe at [jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org) or Karen at [kphandeland@gmail.com](mailto:kphandeland@gmail.com).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 24; 6:30pm—Catholic United Financial Fall Meeting
- Sept 25; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study  
5pm—Faith Formation Kick Off  
5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm—Grounded (6-8)
- Sept 26; 6pm—Young Adult Praise Night  
6:30pm—Social Concerns
- Sept 28; 9am—Confirmation Fall Retreat #2  
3:30pm—Reconciliation  
5pm—Young Adult Mass & a Meal  
6pm—Parish Potluck
- Sept 29; 7pm—9th Grade Session 1

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add John Gruber, Patricia Jones, 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.



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**Contact:** Cindy Gans 320-252-1729  
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**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
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### FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

#### Income for Sunday, September 8th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,568.00
Visitors	\$95.00
Youth	\$214.00
Assumption	\$25.00
Fall Festival	\$800.00
Votive Candle	\$3.30
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00
Building Fund	\$50.00
Total Income	\$3,765.30
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

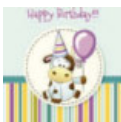
#### Income for Parish Picnic, Sunday, Sept. 8th, 2024

Silent Auction	\$3,029.00
Bag Raffle	\$507.00
Pot Luck Lunch	\$1,087.75
Beer	\$161.00
Cake Walk	\$403.00
Hot Cocoa/Coffee	\$140.00
Total Income	\$5,367.75
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

### Mass Schedule

#### Sun. September 29th, 2024

**Lector:** John Koenig and Karla Koenig  
**Eucharist:** Lora Knafla(H), Katie Lentner(C), Anita Montag(C)  
**Servers:** Mariah Simmons and Kelsey Lentner  
**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom and Land Piotrowski  
**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski and Dan Brenny



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Isaac Schreder, Owen Kaeter, Monica Lentner, Kathleen Petron, Mark Petron, Rod Bemboom, Kay Jarnot, Abrielle Lyon, Cory Dahler, Reid Kiffmeyer, Peter Ackerman, Jim Gans, Nathan Popp, Janet Popp, Richard Carriveau, Bruce Knafla.

**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.

**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. *Bring the talent God gave you and together we will raise the Gospel through song.*



**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](http://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 9/15/2024	\$17,964.42
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(3,381.73)</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$234,807.65
YTD Collected	\$219,752.40
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(15,055.25)</b>

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration  
September 24, 4-7 pm.  
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

### 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](mailto: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.

### 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](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org) or 252-1363.

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.

## SARTELL AREA CHURCH CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Apparently those lazy, crazy, hot days of summer are coming to an end & we welcome Fall & the changing beauty & color of the trees & landscape & grab that favorite sweatshirt or jacket as we head out the door!

Along with Fall, St Monica Christian Women begin to prepare for our Annual Craft & Bake Sale!

Along with 4 other Sartell Churches we will welcome you to join us, October 26th, from 10:00-1:00 in our school Gym for a morning of shopping, & fun! Lunch will be available too!

As you do some Fall Cleaning please consider donating your NEW or gently used items to the event for the Silent Auction. Items can be dropped off at the Church Office during office hour's. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Watch the bulletin for more information! Call Bonnie Nies at: 320-267-9237

## SILENT AUCTION THANK YOU

We want to extend a big thank you to all of the parishioners who so generously donated and bid on items at our silent auction. It was a big success and we made \$9150. We couldn't do it without your generosity and support!

Thank you, Candice, George & Marcy

## FRANTOBERFEST NEWS

Thank you to those who participated in and helped in any way this past weekend with our festival activities. We had lots of fun and the support for St. Francis Xavier was wonderful. The bake sale had the most items donated in many years. Thank you to the talented and generous bakers and canners that shared such great treats! Thanks again to the silent auction donors and to those who made and won bids for items.

The breakfast was a lot of fun, too! Thanks again to the Udermann family for the great breakfast sausage. Thanks to Dave Vos, Chad Braegelmann, and Jeff Eikmeier for leading the way with Bloody Mary's and Mimosas and to the men and women who filled in with making smoothies. A list of winners for the raffle ticket is being sent out online in the Xavier Connection and limited copies of winners will be in the gathering place entrances. A full financial report of the festival will be available in a couple of weeks after bills are paid.



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