

May 26, 2024
The Most Holy Trinity



THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

"Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations." - Mt 28:19

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02/01, 1985, 1979 CIC3, 04/19

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday, May 27 Offices Closed	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Office closed-No Mass
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Dennis Gapinski
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Living & Deceased Veterans
	11:00 am	Annunciation	† Ray & Clara Knettel
Tuesday, May 28	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Harvey Weyer
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Norb & Nancy Motzko
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† BJ Legatt
Wednesday, May 29	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Evelyn Johnson
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Patricia Ihli
Thursday, May 30	8:00 am	St. Stephen	- Word & Communion
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Stephen James Wilson
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Isabelle Schilling
Friday, May 31	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Fred Casey
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Donald & Donna Pallansch
Saturday, June 1 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Bob & Pat Koenig
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Sylvester Raymond
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† For the People of the Parish
Sunday, June 2 The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Don Kainz
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Jeff Voit
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Dale Bidinger
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Ben & Alice Supan

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 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27

Tuesday: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31

Wednesday: 1 Pt 1:18-25/Ps 147 :12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Mk 10:32-45

Thursday: 1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12/Ps 100:2, 3, 4, 5/Mk 10:46-52

Friday: Zep 3:14-18a or Rom 12:9-16/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6/Lk 1:39-56

Saturday: Jude 17, 20b-25/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 11:27-33

Next Sunday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16, 17-18 (13)/Heb 9:11-15/Mk 14:12-16, 22-26

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



“In the name of the Father, + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.” Each time we make the Sign of the Cross, we are using the earliest known Christian creed. This first brief “Profession of Faith” is the proclamation of the Trinity: that when we say “God” we mean a Communion of three co-equal, co-eternal Persons. There is only one God; but God is not alone.

Like many others, St. Augustine tried to probe the depths of this unfathomable mystery, the inner life of the infinite God. He found “traces of the Trinity,” as he put it, in things like fire: flame, warmth, light can be distinguished, but are inseparable from one and the same fire; or a flower, with color, scent, and life; or best, the human person with our mind’s ability to remember, to understand, and to will.

All that gets complicated for our limited human understanding. But because we are made in the image of this God, three and one, love is our true key to the Trinity, for God is Love (I John 4:8). We are most like God, and most fully ourselves, when we give and receive love. This human love is a reflection of God’s: as St. Paul says, true love is patient; kind; not jealous or pompous or inflated or rude or self-seeking. It is love that is forgiving and enduring and filled with hope; love that never fails (I Corinthians 13:4-8).

So as we ponder the Trinity this weekend, perhaps couples might look again at their wedding rings; parents and children spend a few minutes with their baptismal pictures; those who have a religious vocation remember that day when Christ claimed us for His service; single persons reflect on their own baptismal calling as signs of Christ’s freedom in the world. For each of us, in our own vocation, is called to mirror the love of Father, Son, and Spirit to the world.

Another essential lesson from the Trinity is unity: though the Persons are distinct, they are one and the same God. As we consider all that divides us – war, political viewpoints, convictions of faith, social differences, even our favorite sports teams and pastimes – we remember that unity is a gift but also an ongoing task. Unity does not erase our individuality, but it brings it into a harmony, a oneness that enhances rather than reduces the uniqueness of each.

What simple gesture can you make today to further peace with the people who share life with you? It might be an overdue apology; or letting go of a resentment; or a sincere prayer for someone who irks you; or a cutting remark that you dismiss from your

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mind and do not utter. It might be a donation, or returning a borrowed item; or just a friendly smile to a passerby.

Make the Sign of the Cross deliberately today. May it remind us whose we are, and how great is our dignity, made in the image of God Who is strong, loving, and wise (see II Timothy 1:7).

Memorial Day

Monday, May 27 is a national holiday, and for many, the “beginning of summer.” Lots of people will be on the roads for a long weekend, enjoying our freedom. But as always, it is essential that we also take some moments that day in particular to remember those who served, lived, and died in the Armed Forces to preserve that freedom across many generations, through many conflicts. As we think of our own loved ones who are deployed around the world, we recognize the great sacrifices that liberty requires. Let us remember with sincere gratitude those who left behind family, career, comfort ... and even life itself ... in the effort to defend justice in a troubled world. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God rest in peace.

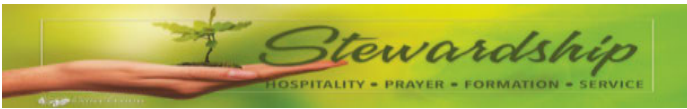


LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

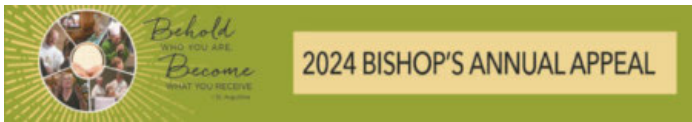


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“The Spirit itself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ...” - Romans 8:16-17

If we are heirs to the kingdom of God, shouldn't we work to build up His kingdom? Shouldn't we be good stewards of our inheritance, using our time in prayer, our talent in charitable works and our treasure to care for the Church that God has left to us? Our Church is a treasured heirloom from God. Do we treat it that way?



We honor God by learning about our faith and passing it to the next generations, teaching them the power of love, mercy, hope and forgiveness. Strong faith formation opportunities provide meaningful experiences to people of all ages, enriching our families, parishes, and communities. See how your generosity makes a difference at: <https://youtu.be/Y4uT9k4VBVo>.

ALASKA MISSION TRIP UPDATE/THANK YOU

Thank you so much for the many parishioners that supported our recent Alaska Mission fundraisers. We had a great response from our One In Christ ACC for our Breakfast Fundraiser at St. Stephen Church on Sunday, May 19th and the Pizza Ranch fundraiser on Monday, May 21st. We anticipate a wonderful response for the Brat sale at Sauk Rapids Coborn's on May 25/26. We continue to be in need of funds to help support our mission to the Yupik communities of Toksook Bay and Tunanuk on the western edge of Alaska. Contact Dcn Joe if you would like to support us.

Alaska Mission Send-off Gathering - All are invited to our mission trip send-off gathering at Sacred Heart Church on Sunday, July 14th at 6pm. There will be hors d'oeuvres, snacks and refreshments. Meet the missionaries and learn more about our goals and where we are serving. Thanks to Catholic United for sponsoring our send-off! David Stang dstang@catholicunited.org



St. Cloud DCCW “Lord of the Dance” is the theme for Fun, Food & Fund Day June 20, 2024

Looking to get out and have some fun? Love Silent Auctions? Gather your friends and head to St. Paul's Catholic Church in Sauk Centre for the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women's Annual Fun, Food & Fund Day on Thursday, June 20. Registration and refreshments start at 8:15 a.m.; silent auction opens at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy entertainment throughout the day while you “shop”.

Mass and lunch included. Silent auction closes at 12:45 pm. Registration is \$20 by 6/10; \$25 after 6/10 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.

BAPTISM

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



Tanner David Maciej, son of Adam & Sara, who was baptized at St. Stephen and

Landyn Paul Mracek-Stadther, son of Jonathan & Crystal and Lillianna Rose Harris, daughter of Travis & Alexander, who were baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Zachary Abfalter & Olivia Miller
III Duane Miller & Kari Meyer



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.

PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 18+

Join us on June 2nd from 6 pm-7:30 pm for the Painting the Word event at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 18+ 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. This event is free, thanks to the Building Bridges Thriving Mission Grant! Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up or scan the code.



YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Draft Survey

Thank you to all who attended Theology on Draft this year. We look forward to starting up again on Thursday, September 12th! In the meantime, help us plan for the upcoming TOD season by taking this short survey:



Young Adult Bible Study

We hope you join us on Thursday, June 6th starting at 7:00 pm at St. Stephen. Bring a friend or two!

Young Adult Volleyball Tournament

Kick-Off your summer with other young adults and their families! We hope to see you on Saturday, June 15th for the first ever Young Adult Volleyball tournament and grill out at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. Join us for 4:00 pm Mass, and join for volleyball games, grill out, playground/yard games for kids and an opportunity to network and enjoy a night out with other young adults! Register your team here:



SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Where kids will dive into a friendship with God!

June 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 or
June 24-June 28 from 9:00-12:00

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.

SOFTBALL-MAYHEW LAKE

SUMMER SOFTBALL SIGN UP: Softball sign up for pre-K -16 year olds for Mayhew Lake Softball will be this Sun., May 26th & Sun. June 2nd after Mass. Call Teresa if any questions 320-248-1712.

RED CROSS & BLOODMOBILE THANK YOU

On behalf of the Red Cross and the Rice Area Bloodmobile I would like to thank all the people who took the time out of their busy life to donate blood on Monday, April 22, at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. It is great to see all the people who are willing to give of themselves so more than 47 other people can live by what was collected that day. Also, thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the day run smoothly. Lora Knafka, volunteer coordinator



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

A *Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend* is a private weekend away from the distractions of daily life for couples in good marriages. Give your marriage this gift! The next available Weekends are Oct 12-13, 2024 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and Aug 17-18, 2024 in Oakdale, MN. Early registration is highly recommended. For more information visit our website at: northmnwwme.org or contact Miki at applications@northmnwwme.org or 507-227-8229.

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 May 18 & 19

Adult	\$ 1,213.00
Adult Online Giving May 11-17	1,033.00
Ascension	75.00
Peter's Pence	150.00
Plate	190.00
Total	\$ 2,661.00
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$ 3,150.00

Ushers:

Jun 1: Tom Larson, Will Hellmann, Amanda DeYaeger
Jun 2: Tim Rudser, Matt Nienaber, Art Lyon

Memorial Day Events

8:00 AM Mass in St. Stephen

St. Stephen American Legion will go to the St. Stephen cemetery after Mass. Coffee & donuts served in the Parish Hall following ceremony.

Brockway Cemetery at 10:30 AM

St. Wendel Cemetery at Noon

Corpus Christi Chapel: We are looking for someone to take over decorating one of the chapels for the annual Corpus Christi procession. Please contact the parish office with questions or to take this over.

Ladies...Let's Gather will meet on Sunday, June 2, in the annex from 6-7 PM. This is open to all ladies - girls from middle school and up are welcome to attend. We will be discussing Abigail at the June meeting.

Prayer Line: Please pray for: Jim Bieniek. If you have someone to add to the Prayer Line, contact the parish office.

Cemetery Flowers and Decorations: With Memorial Day and the summer months approaching, here are a couple reminders about flowers & decorations in the cemetery.

Artificial and live flowers are allowed to be placed on the ground for Memorial Day with the understanding that they must be removed by June 15. All decorations, whether stuck in the ground (solar lights, shepherd hooks, floral bouquets, etc.) or set on the headstone (statues, coins, toys, etc.) must be removed by June 15. Any items left in the cemetery that are not attached to the headstone will be removed and disposed of.

No flowers or other items are to be attached to the mausoleum, except the Veterans Memorial Star. Any items attached to the mausoleum will be removed and disposed of.

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** (April-June) 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 May 19, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$6,733.00
Automatic Giving.	\$6,248.12
Children.	\$15.00
Ascension.	\$320.00
Peter's Pence	\$758.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Corpus Christi We will again celebrate The Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) on June 2nd with a procession with the Blessed Sacrament near the church after the 9:00 am Mass. Incense will be used during the procession. We are in need of a cantor to lead songs and altar servers or people to carry candles during the procession. If you are able to help, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office.

Raffle tickets Raffle tickets are in the gathering space. Please pick up your envelope and try to sell (or purchase) those tickets. If you do not see an envelope with your name on it, please find a staff person and they can get you an envelope.

Baptism Bib Sewing Do you have the time and talent to share with our newest of members? If so, we are looking for more people to sew baptismal gowns. There are two sewing needs for each bib...trim and a handstitched cross. If you would like to see a bib up close before you can decide if there is a part that you are called to do, please contact Jill L in the office.

THANK YOU



A huge thank you to Performance Film for helping us with the tinting of some of the parish hall windows. It will be wonderful to not have the sun blinding people during faith formation dinners or meetings. We received a donation to cover the cost of this, so thank you to the donor as well!

INK JET RECYCLING

Help the Environment and the Youth Group Recycle those old ink jet cartridges, cell phones, laptops, or small electronics. Useable ones are repurposed, the rest are recycled for components. Drop off in the gathering space Kiosk or in the office. Contact Gerry Kittok for more information (320) 420-9050

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Hank Terhaar, 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry Our work for 2024 - 2025 begins now and we will continue looking for help so stay tuned in ways you can be apart of Grounded!

Butter Braids If you didn't pick up your Butter Braids, please stop by the Parish Office and pick them up. We do have some additional Butter Braids for sale (limited flavors) available for \$15 each. Contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions.

Breakfast and Bible Study Join us for our summer series of Breakfast and Bible Study. We will meet Wednesday, June 5th in the Parish Hall starting at 9:00 AM!

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 Prigge for more information or questions!

SACRED HEART SOFTBALL

Come out and cheer on your Sacred Heart softball team on Monday nights at Whitney Park in St. Cloud (just behind the YMCA).



- June 3rd @ 6:05 PM - Field #C-3
- June 10th @ 7:10 PM - Field #4
- June 17th @ 6:05 PM - Field #4
- June 24th @ 6:05 PM - Field #C-1

*Dates, time and locations vary if there is a rain-out. Watch Social Media for any updates.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Memorial Day Mass at the Sacred Heart Cemetery on Monday May 27th will be at 8am. If it is raining, the Mass will be at Sacred Heart.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 27; OFFICE CLOSED
8am—Mass @ Cemetery (SH if raining)
- May 30; 4pm—Discipleship Committee Meeting
- May 31; 6pm—Choir Picnic
- June 1; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- June 2; 6pm—Painting the Word

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

Income for Sunday, May 19th, 2024


Adult Sunday	\$3,120.00
Visitor	\$153.00
Youth	\$9.00
Building Fund	\$820.24
Funeral Lunch.....	\$300.00
Votive Candle	\$2.10
Peter's Pence	\$175.00
Total Income	\$4,579.34

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. June 2nd, 2024 8:15am Corpus Christi

Lector: Jenessa Strande and Shirley Scapanski
Eucharist: Anita Montag (H), Amy Krajsa(C), Jean Bemboom(C)
Servers: Mariah Simmons and Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: John and Karla Koenig
Ushers: Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell and Jeff Wollak

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Tony Brenny, Amy Krajsa, Bill Lindner, Michelle Kuehn, Tracy Wollak, Bradley Melby, Andy Janson, Krista Janson, Stephen Montag, Jack Peck, Dylan Popp, Judy Kiffmeyer.

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

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE AND MASS the Sauk Rapids VFW Honor & Color Guard will be in the cemetery at 10:30am on Mon., May 27th with the reading of names of Veterans buried in our cemetery, followed by Mass at 11 am (weather permitting).

PASTORAL COUNCIL OPENINGS: We are in need of two new members for the Annunciation Parish Pastoral Council. These openings are to succeed Jenny Zwilling and Gene Poser. Their dedicated and collaborative service have been a blessing to us all. Thank you, Jenny and Gene!

As you may recall, each of our One in Christ ACC parishes retains its own Pastoral Council, with at least one member of each parish council also serving on the joint ACC Pastoral Council. The ACC Council discerns common goals for the whole ACC, and the individual Pastoral Councils determine how to implement those common goals in their own parish communities and collaborate with the other parishes, along with attending to their own specific parish needs and programs.

As many parishes do, we will follow a discernment process modeled on that described in the Acts of the Apostles. On the weekends of June 1-2 and June 8-9, slips of paper and pencils will be in the pews for parishioners to nominate any confirmed member of Annunciation for consideration to serve on it's Pastoral Council. You may certainly nominate yourself, or anyone else you believe would have the vision, interest, and broad parish and Area Catholic Community perspectives to serve in this way.

Those nominated will be contacted to determine if they are willing to serve a three-year term on the Council, which meets quarterly. Those willing to serve will be invited to a discernment evening on June 19, when the work of the Council is more fully described and any questions can be addressed. The names of the potential Council members are placed in a basket and drawn at random at that gathering in the context of prayer to the Holy Spirit. Those whose names are drawn will begin their service on the Council on July 1.

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	\$20,673.08
Collected 5/21/2024.....	\$23,759.14
Excess (Deficit)	\$3,086.06
YTD Collection Budget	\$973,453.63
YTD Collected	\$1,000,287.46
Excess (Deficit).....	\$26,833.83

MEMORIAL DAY

The office will be closed on Memorial Day Monday, May 27. There will not be a Word and Communion service that morning. The church will not be open.

SUMMER HOURS

Starting May 31—August 30, the office will close at 12:00 on Fridays.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE



The Sartell American Legion Post 277 invites you to attend the 2024 Memorial Day Service being held at the Sartell Community Center at 9:00am on Monday, May 27. This is a rain or shine event. Light refreshments will be served at the conclusion of the service. Seating is limited, so plan to bring a lawn chair.

2024 PARISH FESTIVAL

Letters inviting donations for the parish raffle ticket will be going out in the next week or two. The letters go out to past supporters, but we are always looking for new donors. It costs close to \$2,000 to print the tickets. If you'd like to sponsor the printing, that would be welcomed too. We will soon be seeking donations for our Silent Auction—we seek new prizes - for children, youth, adults, and families. Think of things you would like to win. Is anybody up for donating an Apple Watch or a fitness tracker or their week at a time share? Is there a new hot item that youth and families are seeking to do? Do you like bowling or Glow bowling? Black Light Adventures? Mini Golf or Top Golf? Husky Hockey Tickets? St. John's Football tickets? Your gift turns into a nice donation to support SFX. We have many crafters and wood workers and artisans in our parish. Do you have some special piece or 2 or 3 that you have made or will make to donate. Dish towels, afghans, quilts, and wood furniture are some examples of items that go well on the auction. Questions - contact Tom in the parish office. Thank you to those who generously give to St. Francis. Our parish is so blessed!

SFX SCHOOL NEWS

The Fruit of the Spirit which SFX School focuses on in May is GOODNESS. When we act out of true goodness, we place the needs of others before our own. This month we recognize those who are examples of GOODNESS: Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all mothers, teachers, and volunteers.

St. Francis Xavier School is now enrolling new students for Fall of 2024! We are offering personal tours of our exceptional school. If you or someone you know is interested in faith-based education with academic excellence, please contact the school office at (schooloffice@sfx61.org) or call 320-252-9940.

TEACHERS...Looking for a change? St. Francis Xavier School is currently hiring a third grade classroom teacher for the 2024-2025 school year. We are a fun, family-oriented staff with a strong love for teaching. Please consider joining our dynamic family. Send a cover letter, resume, and 3 letters of recommendation to hschloe@sfx61.org or call 320-252-9940 for more information.

CANCER/CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

Monday, June 10 from 6:30-7:30—Gathering Space

A supportive setting for those with cancer and/or their loved ones—that will include prayer and opportunities to share person experiences with God’s grace and blessings when battling illness. Contact Jim Negen, Tom Offerdahl or Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363.

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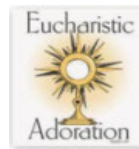
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