

September 1, 2024
22nd Sunday Ordinary Time



22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile." - Mk 7:14-15

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Annunciation

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

Monday, Sept 2	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- NO MASS/NO W&C † Clara Knettel
Tuesday, Sept 3	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Ed Wacha † Nicolas Roering † Roger Trobec
Wednesday, Sept 4	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	† Martha & Pat Koenig † Cy & Grace Ann Wolter
Thursday, Sept 5	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	-NO MASS/NO W&C † Bernard Ferche † Les, Kevin Cave & Isabella Schilling
Friday, Sept 6	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	- For the Sick † Steven Schmitt
Saturday, Sept 7 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	- Del & Vi Phillippi 65th Anniv. † Ron Schmitz † Peter & Frances Legatt
Sunday, Sept. 8 23rd Sunday Ordinary Time <i>*Livestreamed Mass</i>	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Geno Brown † For the People of the Parish † Deceased members of the Lee & Teresa Schulte families † Alex & Anna Mae Smoley

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 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102/Lk 4:16-30	Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40/Lk 5:33-39
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 4:31-37	Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21/Lk 6:1-5
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21/Lk 4:38-44	Next Sunday: Is 35:4-7a/Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/Lk 5: 1-11	

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Building the Church at Home

In the coming *Central Minnesota Catholic* magazine, you'll see a picture of me with Legos. You can read the story – about being curious and lifelong learning – but the picture is a Lego set of Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, about to reopen after the 2019 fire.

I spent a few minutes a day this summer with the 4,383 pieces, following the instruction book, slowly assembling this model. But you, in your families, spend 24 hours a day, with so many moving pieces and no illustrated guide for how to build strong, healthy, faith-filled domestic churches – the real thing, growing in our midst.

This might feel a bit like plagiarizing, but a recent “Friday Feed” from the magazine’s weekly online update highlighted the work of Greg and Lisa Popcak, with their “Future Faithful Families Project.” I direct you to the story ([/thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/how-to-raise-your-kids-to-be-faithful-adults/](http://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/how-to-raise-your-kids-to-be-faithful-adults/)) but share a few key points here.

One of the most common concerns those in ministry hear is about children and grandchildren who do not belong to a church or no longer practice their faith. If you have this struggle, know that you are not alone. The article notes that “a recent study found that only 15% of children raised in Catholic homes will grow up to be faithful Catholic adults.” Rather than lament the 85% - striking as that is – we can ask what happens in 15% of families where faith takes root.

“We found that while things like regular Mass attendance, Catholic education, youth ministry and parish involvement were important, they were seen by these families as secondary and supportive of the way they lived their faith at home.

... While families who successfully raised all of their children to a faithful adulthood did have regular family prayer times, that doesn't appear to be the main factor responsible for their success. What mattered most was a family dynamic in which the family (especially the children) experienced their faith as the source of the warmth in their homes. [They] experienced their family's faith as something that drew them together in good times and bad. ... these families faced the same stressors and conflicts that all families encounter. Still, they felt their family prayed about these problems in a way that led to better conversations and stronger relationships.”

The Popcaks points to three main habits these families develop: **relationship, rituals and reaching out.**

To paraphrase their advice:

Be intentional about scheduling regular family time and not letting extracurricular activities squeeze out time for things like family meals, a family day or other important family rituals throughout the week. Allow children to participate in activities in ways that support their family life rather than competing with it.

Be affectionate in visible, supportive ways. Children grow best with affirmation, demonstrations they are loved, and healthy boundaries.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Practice gentle guidance approaches to discipline. Create structures to encourage good behavior but do not shame children for failures or use heavy-handed punishments. Instead, treat misbehavior as an opportunity to teach better approaches to handling emotions or challenging situations. The adult children interviewed reported feeling “listened to” not “lectured.”

Develop strong family rituals. Regularly work, play, talk, and pray together. Play games and do activities together as well.

Make time to talk about meaningful things like how God is present in your lives and events.

Find ways to a blessing to others: good manners at home and with strangers, acts of service, a family project to save money for use as charitable giving.

The Popcaks call this “the Liturgy of Domestic Church Life.”

Maybe it sounds simple or even simplistic. Certainly there are many daily challenges to all of these suggestions. But it's like building the cathedral – one stone, one pillar, one paving stone, one brace at a time. The result will not be visible in the near term.

Notre Dame took 97 years to build in the 12th-13th centuries, and has been renovated repeatedly over the years. It has stood for over 750 years as a place where God's love flows into the world.

Your families, though, are meant to endure eternally – relationships in every place, where God's love flows into the world.

Add a piece to that building today.

LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership



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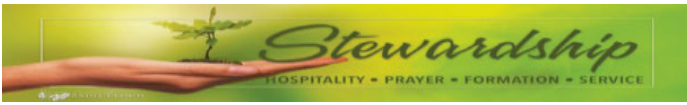
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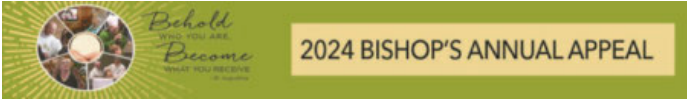
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“Be doers of the word and not hearers only...” James 1:22

It’s easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God’s word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?



The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Other diocesan ministries continue their work in support of faith formation, family life, Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

MASS FOR SUICIDE HEALING & REMEMBRANCE

The mental health ministry team of the diocese is offering a Mass for Suicide Healing and Remembrance on September 28th at St. Mary’s Cathedral in St. Cloud. This 5:00 p.m. parish liturgy is open to everyone with a special invitation to



those who have lost loved ones or community members to suicide. Please come and pray with us! For more information, visit the Mental Health Ministry page of the diocesan website: <https://stcdio.org/event/2024-mass-for-suicide-healing-and-remembrance/>

ST. MARY’S CATHEDRAL BLOCK PARTY

All are invited to St. Mary’s Cathedral Block Party in downtown St. Cloud on September 7. We will celebrate the Feast of St. Cloud with Bishop Patrick Neary presiding at the 4:00 pm Mass in the Cathedral. Food, music, and fun follow until 10:00 pm. Harper’s Chord takes the stage at 6:00 pm, followed by Janelle Kendall’s Perfect Storm at 8:00 pm. Enjoy a silent auction, wine wall, bingo, 50/50 raffle, kid’s games, inflatables, beer garden, burgers and more.

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 Knafle, Treasurer, at 11719 16th Ave. NW, Rice, MN 56367; or contact Lora at (320) 393-2701.



BAPTISM

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



Crew Michael Sandstrom, son of Jordan & Cassie, Brody Dawson Schmitt, son of Dylan & Emily, Scarlett Ann Schmitt, daughter of Dylan & Emily, and Henry Nicholas Bennett Sobieck, son of Tyler & Kaytlyn, from St. Francis Xavier

And Luke Allen Johnson, son of Cody & Dalles, from Sacred Heart.

FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Patricia Grelson, who passed away on August 20th, from St. Francis Xavier.



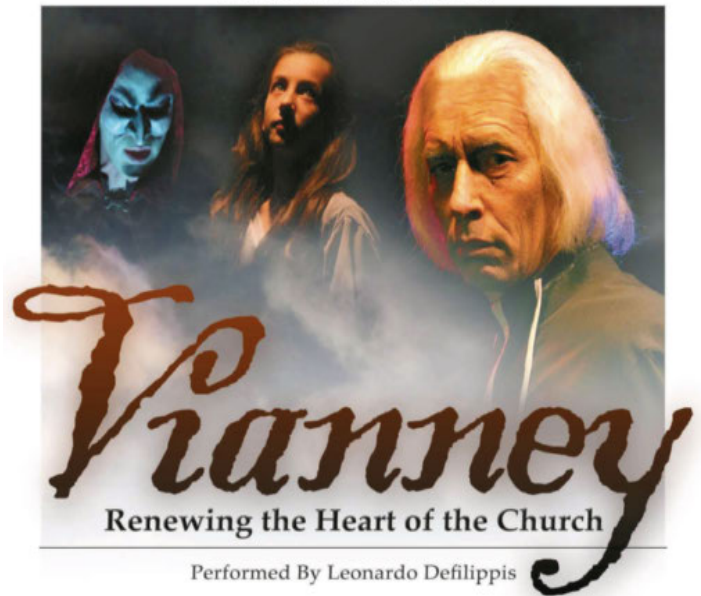
Eternal Rest grant unto her Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon her.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Thomas Smith & Taylor Rick
III Logan Berg & Kelly Molitor



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



www.VianneyDrama.com

YOUNG ADULTS

Theology on Draft

Save the date for Thursday, September 12th from 6-8 PM! Check our website / social media for location / presentation topic or contact Jason Prigge.

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:



PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 18+



Join us on September 22nd 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.



The Book of Revelation Bible Study with Jeff Cavins

Revelation: God's Plan in a Chaotic World



Jeff Cavins teaches that the Book of Revelation is more than an "end time" apocalyptic vision and answers questions.

Are we living in the end times?
What is the mark of the beast?
Will the rapture happen before the great tribulation?
Why is the Lamb mentioned twenty-eight times?

JOIN US AT ST. ANDREW'S IN ELK RIVER

SCAN TO REGISTER



7 CLASSES: Oct 1 - Nov 26
Tuesdays, 7-8:30pm
St. Andrew, Elk River
COST: \$100 per person
\$45 religious or consecrated

For Adult Catholics. Materials Provided.

651-962-5072 or saintpaulseminary.org/CI



CATECHETICAL INSTITUTE

The Saint Paul Seminary

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 Aug 24-25

Adult	\$ 1,620.00
Adult Online Aug 17-23	\$ 593.00
Plate	\$ 144.00
Assumption	\$ 35.00
Children	\$ 6.00
Total	\$ 2,398.00

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

Ushers:

Sept 7: Tom Larson, Amanda DeYaeger, Mitch Pangerl
Sept 8: Matt Nienaber, Tom & Nancy Vouk

St. Stephen PARISH FESTIVAL

FATHER RON WEYRENS, PASTOR

St. Stephen, Minnesota

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2ND, 10 AM - 6 PM

· LABOR DAY ·
RAIN OR SHINE

HOMEMADE CHICKEN & HAM DINNER
WITH ALL THE TRIMMINGS
WITH HOMEMADE PIE

SERVING AT 11:00 AM
INSIDE OR OUTSIDE

ADULTS \$ 15.00
CHILDREN 6-12 \$ 10.00
CHILDREN 5 & UNDER FREE

INSIDE HEATED / AIR CONDITIONED
BINGO / DICE GAME
COUNTRY STORE / BAKE SALE

GRANDMA'S ATTIC - FREEWILL OFFERING

COUNTRY AUCTION STARTS AT 1:00 PM
QUILTS AUCTIONED AT 3:00 PM
PRE SALE OF QUILTS AVAILABLE
UNTIL 1:30 PM

VIEW QUILTS AT
GREATRIVERCATHOLIC.WEBSITE.COM/CHURCHOFFICE/STSTEPHEN/HOME
COUNTRY AUCTION CONTINUES
AFTER QUILTS

GOAT RAFFLE

CAKE WALK

FARMERS MARKET

QUILT STAND / QUILT RAFFLE

SILENT AUCTION

PEDAL TRACTOR PULL
CHILDREN'S BINGO
CHILDREN'S GAMES
TRAIN RIDES
11:00 AM - 5:00 PM

HOG ROAST SANDWICHES
HAMBURGER - HOTDOG - FRENCH FRIES
TACO IN A BAG
ICE CREAM & SLUSHIES

BEER GARDEN / PULL TABS

LIVE MUSIC

MUSIC BY: JJ'S BAND
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

THE JOLLY HUNTSMEN
POLKA BAND
2:00 PM - 6:00 PM



Everybody Welcome. Bring the Family!

FREE SHUTTLE PICKUP AND DROP OFF COUNTY ROADS 2 & 5 FROM 10 AM - 6 PM

GRAND RAFFLE • 5:30 PM

GRAND PRIZE - \$1500 CASH
OVER \$15,000 IN CASH AND PRIZES

PAGGEN AUCTION - FOR RATES OR DATES CALL 320-293-7329

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, September 5, from 8:30am - 4:00pm.

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

Love to Sing? The choir will resume singing for Sunday masses after Labor Day. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7pm. We are flexible with attendance, as we know lives are busy. Please call Joel at 320-237-6273 for info and to join.

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.

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 August 25, 2024

Adult Collection. \$15,201.51
Automatic Giving. \$5,732.87
Children. \$15.00
Holy Days. \$100.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Audio-Visual Ministers 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!

THANK YOU

The best day of the summer went by so fast. We want to say thank you to everyone who helped make it happen! Whether you brought in donations, sorted donations, helped set up, created baskets, helped clean up, helped at a stand, bought tickets, sold tickets or came to enjoy the day YOU made the 2024 festival a success! A special thank you to the chair people who put in time before, during and after the event! We may be the chairs of the festival, but we could not do it without each and everyone of you! Stay tuned to see what will be new for next year! -Jason and Vicki

THE CHOSEN—DISCUSSION GROUP

We will be offering an 8 week session of The Chosen, Season 1. Our first session will be Friday, October 4th from 6pm-8pm in room D. We will begin with a meal, watch an episode and then end with discussion. There is no fee to attend, we do ask for a free will offering to cover the meal.



If you would like to attend please call the office to sign up.

PRAYER REQUESTS

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

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 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

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

Faith Formation at Sacred Heart relies on amazing volunteers to serve the young Church and help is needed for the 2024 - 25 program. Catechists and assistant catechists have the opportunity to share their love of Jesus and the Catholic faith with children in the parish. Volunteers will receive materials along and lesson plans to support your efforts in the classroom. If you have questions of would like more information about being a catechist, contact Scott Frieler by emailing sfrieler@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

If you are interested in meeting new friends-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 (320) 252-4689 or Marion Kuklock at (320) 252-9560.



RECYCLING FOR THE YOUTH GROUP

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 2; OFFICE CLOSED
- September 4; 1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
6pm—Young Adult Fantasy Football Draft
- September 5; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- September 6; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
11am—Rosary & Benediction
- September 7; 3:30pm—Reconciliation



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, August 25th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$2,949.03
Visitors	\$95.00
Youth	\$9.00
Assumption	\$50.00
Fall Festival	\$445.00
Votive Candle	\$3.30
Mission	\$120.00
Building Fund	\$20.00
Religious Education	\$30.00
Bonnie Wruck Funeral	\$100.00
Total Income	\$3,821.33
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. September 8th, 2024 10:00 am, PARISH PICNIC @ BALL FIELD

Lector: Gene Poser and JoAnn Marshall
Eucharist: Amy Krajsa and Lori Popp
Servers: Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa
Greeters: Dustin, Zoey and Lucas Heck
Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin & Teresa Heck

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Ethen Hibbens, Colten Rothstein, Joshua Kuehn, Jane Thell, Brady Montag, Keith Rothstein, Lucy Skroch, Tami Spiczka, Ed Miller, Matthew Scheel, Keith Krueger.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL SCHEDULES:

St. Stephen: Monday, September 2nd, **TOMORROW**
Annunciation: Sunday, September 8th
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.



ANNUNCIATION PARISH PICNIC

Sunday, September 8th, starting with **Mass at 10:00am** outside at the ballpark (please bring lawn chairs) **Parade** starts at 11:30am, beginning at Midas trucking and going West on Little Rock Lake Rd to the ballpark. (everyone welcome) **Potluck** (bring a dish to share) starts at 12 noon. (freewill offering) **Silent Auction** (bring a basket), **Dessert Walk** (bring a desert), **Free Kids Games**.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor
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 8/25/2024	\$10,503.99
Excess (Deficit)	\$(10,842.16)
YTD Collection Budget	\$170,769.20
YTD Collected	\$170,027.58
Excess (Deficit)	\$(741.62)

OFFICE CLOSED

The Parish office will be closed
September 2 in observance of Labor Day.



COFFEE & COMMUNITY



Please join us for 1st
Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on
Wednesday, September 4, after
the 8 am Mass.

ST. MONICA CHRISTIAN WOMEN

St. Monica Christian Women will meet again after summer break this coming Tuesday, September 3 at 6:30 pm in Xavier Hall. All current members and anyone interested in finding out what we are all about are more than welcome. Please mark your calendar and make plans to join us.

FAITH FORMATION

We are currently in need of the following for teachers/co-teachers for the upcoming faith formation year for Grades 1-5. The curriculum is fun and easy to use. All materials are prepared for you in advance. All you need to do is read through the materials and show up for class.

4:45-5:45 Session

Grade 1- 2 Assistant Teachers

Grade 2- 2 Assistant Teachers

Grade 3- 1 Teacher and 1 Assistant Teacher

Grade 4- 1 Teachers and 1 Assistant Teachers

Contact Melissa Fox at 320-761-2217 or

mfox@stfrancissartell.org

The Middle School Faith Formation Program is in need of 4 Leaders & 9 Co-Leaders.

1 – 6th Grade Leader & 2 – 6th Grade Co-Leaders

1 – 7th Grade Leader & 4 – 7th Grade Co-Leaders

2 – 8th Grade Leaders & 3 – 8th Grade Co-Leaders

Contact Sandee Kremers if you are willing to invest time in our young people's faith journey. They need you and so do I.

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 – Lodermeiers1003@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

Our breakfast menu has been set. We're serving pancakes, scrambled eggs, sausage, hash browns, cinnamon rolls, fruit, juice & coffee. We ask for a free -will offering for the breakfast. New this year - a Bloody Mary Bar (\$12 and it includes a commemorative glass), Mimosas (\$6 with commemorative glass) and fruit smoothies for \$4. Christian Women and KC members are leading the charge for help with kitchen and serving. Call Marti Bunde (320-237-2095) or Carol Braun (320-774-7843) to help in the dining room. Mary Lou Westra will be welcoming you. Dave Vos, Chad Braegelman and Jeff Eikmeier are the contacts for the adult beverages. We're serving from 8:30am to Noon - with the raffle drawing to be done at that time. Thanks for the donations to the silent auction and to the many parishioners who have returned donations and raffle tickets. If you have a neighbor or friend who has not been around to pick up their chances, consider grabbing their packet and making a visit. Thank you! Please call or email me with questions or your offer to help - Tom Offerdahl 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
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