

August 18, 2024  
20th Sunday Ordinary Time



**20<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him. Just as the living Father sent me and I have life because of the Father, so also the one who feeds on me will have life because of me." - Jn 6:56-57

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**Annunciation**

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320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

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

**St. Stephen**

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320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

**MASS TIMES**

<b>Monday, Aug 19</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Marion Berger
<b>Tuesday, Aug 20</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerome Gorghuber
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Chris Stock & Johnathan Sanchez
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	- NO MASS
<b>Wednesday, Aug 21</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Grace Ann Wolter
<b>Thursday, Aug 22</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	- NO MASS
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Clara Knettel
<b>Friday, Aug 23</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	- Vocations
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
<b>Saturday, Aug 24</b> 21st Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Leander Weyer
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Lucille Skiba
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Romie, Del & Ken Palmersheim
<b>Sunday, Aug 25</b> 21st Sunday Ordinary Time <i>*Livestreamed Mass</i>	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Geno Brown
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Elaine Krueger
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† David & Sharon Heim
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† For the People of the Parish

**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:** Ez 24:15-23/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Ez 36:23-28/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Rv 21:9b-14/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13, 17-18/Jn 1:45-51

**Next Sunday:** Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b/Ps 34:2-3, 16-17, 18-19, 20-21, 22-23 (9a)/Eph 5:21-32 or 5:2a, 25-32/Jn 6:60-69

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



How do we know what is the right thing to do? How can we think through complex choices where the answer is not obvious, where each option has some pros and some cons, some expected goods and some anticipated weaknesses?

This is the area of discernment. To discern well, we need a goal we are trying to achieve, and a set of rules or principles to follow as a guide or template to assure we don't miss important elements. Bear with me in what will be a little abstract.

Our goals can vary and often overlap, so a self-honest assessment is necessary. We can make noble-sounding claims, but what really motivates me? Is it charity, concern for the good of others, health, spiritual growth? Or might it be comfort, personal advantage, envy, selfishness, my own preferences and opinions regardless of their impact on others?

From the perspective of faith, as St. Ignatius of Loyola taught, what we are seeking to discover is the will of God. Sometimes, when it is a choice between evident right and wrong, God's will is clear. But more often, as persons given the gift of freedom, we have to weigh a range of considerations.

The topic of discernment is on my mind of late as we prepare for a tense and controversial election cycle this November; as we enter into our diocesan planning process; as we work on strengthening Catholic education locally through Catholic Community Schools; as people are choosing colleges, looking for jobs, considering a move.

For 30 years or so, I have served on a variety of ethics committees in the health care world. The doctors and nurses, social workers and therapists, chaplains and administrators have taught me so much. Especially around medical decisions at the beginning and end of life, discernment is an essential skill. The process does not always yield a simple and clear single answer, but it guides decisions so that it is not simply the loudest voices, deepest pockets, or strongest emotions that carry the day.

In health care, we use a set of considerations that I summarize in the acronym PREHAB. This stands for Patient Preferences, Risks, Expense, Hope, Availability, and Benefit vs. Burden.

Patient preferences recognize that we are given stewardship over our own lives and are responsible for our choices in freedom.

Risks are those possible negative outcomes from our various options, or from doing nothing at all. They are weighed against one another and against the good outcome we are seeking.

Expense is the financial cost of our options; this is not to put a monetary value on life or health, but a recognition that our resources are limited and there are other goods we are also responsible to achieve with those resources.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Hope is the reasonable and grounded expectation of a good outcome from the option we would choose.

Availability is the objective possibility of selecting a given option. A person's frail health, the costs, the lack of technology needed in time or place, or a variety of reasons can make something effectively unavailable.

Benefit vs. burden is perhaps the most significant factor. We know that life usually includes a mix of these factors even in normal times. We make a moral calculus that weighs the goods we hope for against the sufferings we anticipate. When the benefits outweigh inevitable burdens, it is an ordinary means of care; when the burdens outweigh the benefits, the means becomes extraordinary and can be forgone.

That is all a very general and simplified version of what are often complicated dialogues and discernment. But as you prepare to vote; as we think about the future of our parishes and diocese; as you consider choices in your life and family, give some thought to a walk through the steps of PREHAB adapted to the questions before you. It will help slow down the mind, calm the emotions, and organize scattered thoughts in difficult choices.

Discernment may not give you a single, simple answer, but the result you arrive at will be considered, balanced, and well-reasoned. It can be difficult, but it is part of what we mean when we pray sincerely as Jesus teaches us: "Thy will be done."

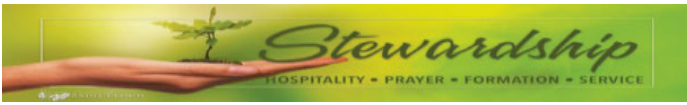


## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.



The Bishop's Annual Appeal proudly supports respect-for-life efforts in the diocese. Your generosity helps make this possible. To donate, visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal) or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, PO Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

### WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY



Sacred Heart will once again be hosting a 9 AM Wed Morning Bible Study. We invite all of our One in Christ parishioners to join us in exploring our faith. This year we are exploring The Holy Spirit, Angels, James, and Peter. If interested, please contact Gerry Kittok at 320 420 9050 or the Sacred Heart

Office by Sept 13<sup>th</sup> so we can secure enough materials. Study materials will be handed out and introductions will be on Wed, Sept 25. I hope to see you there!!

### ST. STEPHEN BIBLE STUDY

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible:** Many Catholics want to read the Bible but get bogged down by the long stretches that seem not to make sense or get lost among the sea of Old Testament names and places. *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible*, an eight-part Bible study, helps you uncover the story woven throughout Scripture, so you can get the "big picture" of the Bible and understand what it's all about. Aided by a unique color-coded *Bible Timeline* Chart that arranges the key people, places, and events of the Bible in chronological order, *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* will help you pick up the Bible with confidence and understand how you fit into God's plan. We will begin the *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* study on Sunday, September 29 at 7 pm in the St. Stephen church hall. Participants will meet every week to view an engaging video presentation followed by a time of lively group discussion and fellowship. Cost is \$35 for workbook and online access. Couples may share a book. Call the St Stephen church office to register 320-251-1520 or email [ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com) **Please register by September 2.** Questions? Call Julie at 320-248-6823

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

St. Luke Productions presents **Vianney** performed by Leonard DeFilippis. The gripping story of the remarkable priest who battled the devil. Join us Sunday, September 8 at 7pm at the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. Production is suitable for ages 9 and up. A free will offering will be collected. To learn more about the production and the history of St. John Vianney, go to [www.vianneydrama.com](http://www.vianneydrama.com). Please call the sacred Heart office at 320-251-8115 for any information or questions.

### BAPTISM

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



Walker Jerome Hahn, son of Stephen & Crystal, and Noah Richard Tollefson, Son of Mitchell & Rebecca, from Sacred Heart,

Hannah Rose Edholm, daughter of Luke and Katrin, from St. Francis Xavier.

and Graycee Rose Heinen, daughter of Jesse & Kylie, from St. Stephen.

### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Judith Heinen, who passed away on August 10th, from Sacred Heart



and Carol Rengel, who passed away on August 8th, from St. Francis Xavier.

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

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I Logan Berg & Kelly Molitor
- II Spencer Atkinson & Jessica Milstroh
- III Christopher Budde & Alexis Kluk
- III Brandon Kresky & Phuong Thuy Le Pham



### ALASKA MISSION RETURN GATHERING

All are invited to our mission trip return gathering at Sacred Heart Church, Parish Hall on Wednesday, August 21st at 6:30pm. There will be snacks and refreshments. The missionaries will share the wonderful experiences and relationships that were built during children's ministry, home visits, prayer, music and construction projects (windows, cross, bell installation, etc.). We are excited to share the gifts we are bringing home and how we can continue to develop our relationship with Toksook Bay and Tununak parish communities. Thanks to Catholic United for sponsoring our return gathering!

David Stang [dstang@catholicunited.org](mailto:dstang@catholicunited.org)

### ADORATION

In Matthew Kelly's book, *33 Days to Eucharistic Glory*, he shares Mother Teresa's advice, "If I can give any advice, I beg you to get closer to the Eucharist and to Jesus. We must pray to Jesus to give us that tenderness of the Eucharist." Matthew Kelly states, "You need the habit of Adoration. How often, I don't know. For how long? I don't know. That is between you and God, but it was central to the lives of the saints, and I encourage you to make it central to your life even if it's only for one hour each month". "Spending time in the presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will transform you and your life in ways you cannot begin to imagine".

Adoration inquiries, please text or call Barb Johnson: 320-493-0302 or Peggy Weber: 320-259-7841

The Perpetual Adoration Chapel is at The Church of St. Anthony in St. Cloud and is available to all. Enter through the East door. The chapel is normally open 6am to 6pm. Evening and night hours are available with a fob.



## YOUNG ADULTS

### Mass & Meal

Next Young Adult Mass and Meal is slated for Saturday, August 24th with 4 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier - Sartell. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass and we'll go out from there. We had 22 people join us last month, even 3 families! Hope to see you there. **Everyone is responsible for their own meal**

## YOUNGLIFE

### 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 chapter, 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:



## ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION-ADULTS

**Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? The One in Christ ACC invites you to the O.C.I.A. Faith Journey**

*The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.)* formally called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), is a process of faith formation that recognizes the uniqueness of each Individual's faith journey. **For adults who have not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian tradition and desire to explore becoming Catholic.** In addition, there is a process for families and children. The date/time of the sessions are adjusted based on needs of those involved. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person: learning about the Church community (doctrinal formation), living with the Church community (practical formation), praying with the Church (liturgical formation), and serving with the Church community (apostolic formation). If you are interested in learning more you may call or meet in person with any one of our Pastors, Deacons, Pastoral Associate or a parish contact listed below.

**Adults Baptized in the Catholic faith and seeking to be Confirmed?** We also invited you to inquire into the process of helping you to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the tremendous blessings that all the sacraments of initiation provide. Interested or Have Questions? Contact one of the following: Fr. Ron Weyrens, Fr. Tom Knoblach, Deacon Joe Kresky, Deacon Terry Jancik or Sandee

## TRUTH, GOODNESS & BEAUTY-CATHOLIC FAITH

Please join us at St. Anthony's Parish for- The Truth, Goodness and Beauty of the Catholic Faith. Classes will be Tuesdays between September 3 and November 12. Classes will be led by Fred Blonigan. Some class titles involved are Prayer: The Way of Perfection, The Incredible Gift of Holy Mass and Behold Your Mother: The Person of Mary in Catholic doctrine. For a complete list of dates and class titles, please see poster hanging on the kiosk in the Gathering Space.

## 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 3 & 4 and 10 & 11

Adult	\$ 4,205.00
Adult Online July 27-Aug 9	\$ 1,266.00
Plate	\$ 508.00
Children	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 5,980.00
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$ 3,150.00

### Ushers:

Aug 24: Will Hellmann, Mitch Pangerl, Dan Warzecha  
Aug 25: Matt Nienaber, Tim Rudser, Steve Vouk

### Festival Meeting: Tuesday, August 20, 7pm in the annex.

**Grand Raffle tickets:** Tickets can be returned in the collection basket each weekend or dropped off at the parish house. All tickets, sold and unsold, need to be returned by Labor Day.

**Silent Auction stand** is looking for homemade, handcrafted items to be donated to this stand. Contact Barb Omann at 320-250-8856 with any questions about donations.

**Help is needed** in various stands, including: Quilt stand, Dice game, Children's games, Grand Raffle stand, Dining room for dinner and the Auction. Please sign up on the sheets at the back of church or call the parish office.

### Stands looking for donations:

**Dice Game:** New items valued at \$12 or more.

**Country Store:** Canned goods, kitchen wares, paper products, snacks, small playthings, children's school items.

**Grandma's Attic:** Clean, gently used, working items you no longer need. NO clothing or shoes!

**The Festival Newsletter** will be available next weekend with all the details for each stand along with the reminders of each family providing 2 pies and 2 cakes.

**Hey Singers**, the choir will resume singing for Sunday masses after Labor Day. Last year we were blest with many new singers, and this year we would love to welcome more! Singing in the choir is good for the parish, pleasing to the Lord, and good for your body and soul! Come join our choir family and see what we mean. Rehearsals are on Thursdays at 7pm. We are very 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. To raise awareness for homelessness, they will sleep in boxes outside overnight.

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

**Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible** is the next upcoming Bible Study here at St. Stephen. See page 3 for more info. The first night is Sunday, September 29, at 7:00 pm. You must register by September 2 so books can be ordered.

**Well n Fit exercise class:** Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, **9:00-10:00am**. The Wednesday class will be followed by half-hour line dance.

### Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach:

**Senior Dining -** Wednesday's at **Trobec's** (July-September) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

**Monthly Lunch & Learn - will return in October.**

## SACRED HEART PARISH

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

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

### Income for the Week of August 11, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . . \$17,038.00  
Automatic Giving. . . . . \$5,666.87  
Children. . . . . \$23.00  
Improvements. . . . . \$145.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Festival Sign Up** Can you believe our festival is only one week away? We have many volunteer spots available. If you have not signed up, please check out the sign up genius and see where you can help. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAC2CA7F5C52-49140208-parish>



**Festival HAPPY HOUR** This year we will be offering HAPPY HOUR from 3:15-4:15. You can enjoy \$1 off your adult beverage at the beer stand and a \$1 off food baskets in the parish hall. Please take a look at the sign up genius to see where we need help for the festival. We still need help in a lot of areas. <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAC2CA7F5C52-49140208-parish>

**Festival Donations** August means you can bring in donations for the festival. If you bring them in during the week you can come in the office door and bring them to the appropriate room. If you bring them in before Masses, you can either bring them to the appropriate room or place them on the table in the gathering space. In addition to the list that was mailed out in July, kids' games would like to ask for 2 liters of pop to give away as prizes too. Thank you all for your support and donations to the festival.

**Festival Country Store:** If you are bringing in donations for the Country Store and would like your items priced, please do so **prior** to bringing your items in. If items are not priced they will be sold as a freewill offering.



### 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!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**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](mailto:sfrieler@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)

## CEMETERY UPDATE

This is a reminder that all one-legged pot stands, related flower pots, flowers, and any other temporary grave decorations must be removed from these cemeteries by August 25, 2024. This is necessary to allow a more complete Fall grounds cleaning to keep the cemeteries attractive and worthy places to honor our loved ones who have died. For a complete set of rules, please go to the website of the Diocese of St. Cloud ([www.stcloud.org/diocesan\\_cemeteries\\_office/](http://www.stcloud.org/diocesan_cemeteries_office/)). For specific questions not covered in these rules, please call the main cemetery office at 320-251-5511. For other parish cemeteries in the area, please contact their parish offices. Thank you for your cooperation – all those who remember their loved ones will benefit from your help.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

August 19; 5pm—Men's Group  
August 21; 6:30pm—Return Gathering for Alaska Mission  
August 22; 6:30pm—Young Adult Team Meeting  
August 23; 6pm—Outdoor Festival Set up  
August 24; 8am—Cake Drop Off-Ticket Collection  
3:30pm—Reconciliation  
August 25; 10am—Festival  
5pm—Festival Clean 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,



**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.

## 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 11th, 2024

Adult Sunday .....	\$2,494.08
Visitor .....	\$62.00
Youth .....	\$0.00
Building Fund .....	\$70.00
Fall Festival .....	\$50.00
Votive Candle .....	\$4.60
Total Income .....	\$2,680.68

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

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sun. August 25th, 2024 8:15 am

**Lector:** Karla Koenig and John Koenig  
**Eucharist:** Brenda Carriveau (H), Katie Lentner(C), Lora Knafle (C)  
**Servers:** Mariah Simmons and Kelsey Lentner  
**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski, Rylan Robinson  
**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom and Lane Piotrowski

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Adelyn Britz, Gretchen Czech, Marissa Schlichting, Michael Notsch, Jennifer Novak, Jacquelyn Popp, Todd Puhalla, Jacob Schlichting, Brittney Thell, Chuck Ackerman, Raelee Lyon, Molly Martinson, Andrea Mescall, Tyler Thene, Remington Gravelle, Emma Melby, Tom Nordlund.



### UPCOMING FESTIVAL SCHEDULES:

Sacred Heart: Sunday, August 25th  
St. Stephen: Monday, September 2nd  
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.**

**NOTE FROM GRAHAM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH:** We want to introduce your congregation to our newly appointed Pastor for Graham United Methodist Church. **Cassandra Ann Betker.** She will be starting her official pastoral duties on Sunday, September 1st, 2024.



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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

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

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

**Prayer Line** Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$21,346.15
Collected 8/11/2024 .....	\$16,168.61
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(5,177.54)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$128,076.90
YTD Collected .....	\$136,632.92
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$13,733.56</b>



Mass will be held at St. Stephen at 8:00 am and **NOT** at St. Francis Xavier the following dates due to Fr. Tim being gone.

Thursday, August 1	Thursday, September 19
Thursday, August 8	Thursday, September 26
Thursday, August 29	

Mark your calendars! WE will see you there!

## FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Items for the auction are starting to come in, thank you folks, for the great donations!

This week we are looking for items for kids 8 to 12 years old. Things like Laser Tag, Airmaxx, Escape Room and bowling gift cards would be wonderful. Another idea would be arts and crafts project kits: things like string art, garden stones, build a bird house and pot holder or bracelet weaving loom kits. There are also sun catchers, STEM kits, origami and felt flowers and mini animals to be made.

We are hoping to have something that appeals to everyone.

**Thank you for supporting your parish,**  
**Candice Koopmeiners 320-654-1350**  
**George and Marcy Reisdorf 320-493-7620**



Scan the QR code & save for later. Auction goes live 9/4!

## GRANITE CITY MOM CO

Hey, Mama! Looking for the village everyone says it takes? Here we are!

Join us for encouraging distraction-free fellowship, relevant discussions, mentorship, playdates, mom's night out and childcare. For all stages of motherhood. Questions, contact them at [granitecitymomco@gmail.com](mailto:granitecitymomco@gmail.com).



## 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- 1 Teacher and 2 Assistant Teachers  
 Grade 3- 1 Teacher and 1 Assistant Teachers  
 Grade 4- 2 Teachers and 3 Assistant Teachers  
 Grade 5- 2 Assistants

### 6:30-7:30 Session:

Grade 1-Co Teacher  
 Grade 5-1 Teacher and 1 Assistant Teacher

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**Middle School SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED!** 4 – 6th Grade Small Group Leaders, 3- 7th Grade Small Group Leaders, 5- 8th Grade Small Group Leaders. Contact Sandee Kremers at [skremers@stfrancisxavier.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancisxavier.org) or 320-252-1363 for information.

## FESTIVAL NEWS

Wow! We are a month away from our festival and things are happening. Thank you to the many parishioners who have returned their sold raffle chances and money and to the those who have made silent auction donations. We are getting many things for the auction and a good variety - including - dish towels, a hand-crafted plant stand, a chair combination step stool, an electric smoker, lots of home appliances, children's games, and baskets and more. Thank you! Thanks to those who are making cash donations and donations for future Teen Nights. The generosity shown is greatly appreciated. We still need help with managing and filling positions for the breakfast, and it would be nice to get a crew for making the fruit smoothies for the breakfast. The Knights of Columbus and Christian Women are on board for helping, but we need some discussion about menu and other details. Please plan to join me on Sunday, August 25th following the 9:30am Mass. We will meet in the gathering place to review and plan. Donuts, coffee, and juice will be served. Please call or email me with any questions or your offer to help - Tom Offerdahl 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or [tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org).



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