

**October 6, 2024**  
**27th Sunday Ordinary Time**



**27<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

He said to them in reply, "What did Moses command you?" They replied, "Moses permitted a husband to write a bill of divorce and dismiss her." But Jesus told them, "Because of the hardness of your hearts he wrote you this commandment. But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female." - Mk 10:3-6

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**ONE**  
 IN  
**CHRIS**

Annunciation  
 Sacred Heart  
 St. Francis Xavier  
 St. Stephen

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**MASS TIMES**

<b>Monday, October 7</b> Our Lady of the Rosary	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Donna Poganski
<b>Tuesday, October 8</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	- No Mass-Clergy Conference
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	- Word & Communion
<b>Wednesday, October 9</b> St. Dennis/St. John Leonardi	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	- No Mass-Clergy Conference
<b>Thursday, October 10</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Jerry Mehr
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Gene & Millie Gruber
<b>Friday, October 11</b> St. John XXIII	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Joe Brenny
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Hayden Dingmann
<b>Saturday, October 12</b> 28th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Jean Cihlar
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	- Catholic United Financial Members
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Pat & Mary Kroll
<b>Sunday, October 13</b> 28th Sunday Ordinary Time  *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Weston Lentner
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Irene Laudenbach
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Donald Vouk

**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:** Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c/Lk 10:25-37

**Tuesday:** Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15/Lk 10:38-42

**Wednesday:** Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4

**Thursday:** Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75/Lk 11:5-13

**Friday:** Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 11:15-26

**Saturday:** Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 11:27-28

**Next Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 (14)/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### From Safari....

A story is told of an anthropologist who lived for a time among the natives of northern Siberia. He was frequently accosted by giggling young maidens who showed up at his door and pelted him with freshly killed lice. The anthropologist eventually learned that among northern Siberians, lice-throwing was a customary manner for a woman to declare her interest in a man and indicate that she was available for marriage. Quite the mating ritual.

When Jesus speaks about a man and woman becoming one flesh, he is speaking of a marriage where friendship is present. A lasting marriage is based on more than passion and feelings. It is based on the two sharing at the deepest level their faith, values, and spirituality. A shared faith in God creates a love which endures when beauty fades, when finances fail, when physical or mental health deteriorates, when troubles come, or when death visits. Shared faith deepens a love which sustains when friends or relatives disappoint, when jobs are lost, when trust is tested. A shared faith in God makes for the deepest degree of compatibility that can exist between a man and a woman. With a friendship built on faith, the married love of a husband and wife will endure the changes and challenges life brings, and only death can put them apart.

Yet we know that not all marriages find such strength. Divorce does happen. Sometimes the couple involved do not make the sacrifices necessary to have a lasting marriage. There are times when divorce is the best for all involved. As a Christian community we need to hold up the ideal of a lasting marriage and to provide the helps for a couple to work out their differences and create a lasting friendship. We also need to be there to support those who have divorced. It is not our right to know all the details or to pass judgment. Our responsibility is to be welcoming. It is hard for a divorced person to join us because they feel all eyes are on them, they feel isolated, like a fifth wheel.

Those who are divorced can still receive the sacraments and participate in parish life. When a divorced person remarries without an annulment, they are not to receive the sacraments. Annulments do not say a marriage did not happen or that there was never any love in the relationship. An annulment explores whether the couple were fully able to give of themselves to each other in marriage. Some grounds for annulments: immaturity, infidelity, additions, unwillingness to have children.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Bottom line: the ideals of a lifelong marriage and a stable family that are held up to us in the readings today are still valid. But we humans struggle to reach those ideals. We are limited and frail. We rely on God's understanding and mercy. We also need to offer each other support. We are all in this together.



## LEADERSHIP

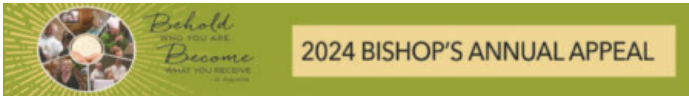
### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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**Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call** is October 17 from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at St. Louis Catholic Church in Paynesville (Spanish translation provided) and being livestreamed to Christ Our Light Parish in Princeton. The day will feature Bernie Evans, professor emeritus, Saint John's University. His presentation will draw from his book *Stewardship: Living a Biblical Call*. **All are welcome.** Morning refreshments and lunch are provided. There is no fee and freewill offerings are gratefully accepted. To register, visit: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/FKTYHKB>



Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of September 23, the Bishop's Annual Appeal for 2024 has raised total cash and pledges of \$1,310,063 toward our goal of \$1,450,000 (90.35%). This was made possible through the generous donations of 7,261 people throughout the 16 counties of our diocese. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

### PET BLESSING

The Blessing of the Pets will be Sunday, October 6, (TODAY) at 1 PM on the Sacred Heart grounds. Bring your furry friends (or not so furry friends)



### SACRED HEART BOOK BUFFET

Our October book is Hello Beautiful by Ann Napolitano. We will be meeting on Thurs, Oct 10th at 6 pm. If anyone has questions they can contact me (Anita) at 320.380.1120.

### CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network. The Network is an initiative of the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC). When you sign up, you will receive a bi-weekly email of resources that will provide formation in the Catholic faith and information on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. MCC also sends occasional action alerts that equip you to take action to transform Minnesota by contacting your elected officials on key issues. To join, go to [mncatholic.org/join](http://mncatholic.org/join). You can also text CAN to 651-998-7322.

Mass for all First Responders  
October 20, 2024 at 10:00 AM  
St. Stephen Church



Fellowship following Mass in the annex.  
Rolls, coffee and water  
A time to thank all first responders and show our appreciation for their dedication to serving our community.

### BAPTISM

We welcome the following child, baptized into our parish family and the Christian community:  
Camden John Schueller, son of Alex & Sarah, from Sacred Heart.



Colter James Ackerman, son of Cody & Kayla,  
Hollis Cathleen Henry, daughter of Daniel & Erin  
And Jacen Steven Gessel, son of Adam & Rebecca from St. Francis Xavier.

### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Patricia Jones, who passed away on September 22, Rita Bartl, who passed away on September 26 both from Sacred Heart,

Lawrence "Larry" Traut, who passed away on September 26,

And Jan Bettenberg, who passed away on September 28 both from St. Francis Xavier.

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



### WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER

"The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;" Listen with your spouse for God's message of love by exploring a **Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME)** weekend. The next weekends are: Oct 12-13, 2024 in ALEXANDRIA, MN and Apr 5-6, 2025 in BRAINERD, MN. Early sign up is recommended. For more information visit our website at: [northmnwwme.org](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact us at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto:applications@northmnwwme.org) or 507-227-8229.

### KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

**"Do This in Memory of Me"** presented by King's House Retreat Staff Begin or continue the tradition of an annual retreat by attending a silent retreat at Christ the King Retreat Center. Take this opportunity to grow in your relationship with God, the Father through the experience of this year's theme "Do This in Memory of Me". Jesus, present at The Last Supper shared with His disciples the gift of His presence as He becomes the Bread of Life and the Cup of Salvation. The disciples remembered many things from that night. It is these memories that will guide our retreat. Includes Mass, personal prayer time, Reconciliation, Scriptural Rosary and a healing service. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and Suggested Donation of \$195; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals; Register online at [www.kingshouse.com](http://www.kingshouse.com) or call 763-682-1394.

**A Midweek Day Away: Wednesday, October 16; 8:30 am to 3:30 pm** We have restructured our day retreat to include more time for personal prayer and quiet reflection. There will be one conference on the holiness of the saints, a guided holy hour and guided meditation, and the opportunity for confession. This is YOUR time with the Lord. The meditations and liturgies are offered as optional events should you choose to attend. Mass will be celebrated to conclude our day. Lunch is included. Suggested donation: \$60 per person. Register online at [Kingshouse.com/events/](http://Kingshouse.com/events/)

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Theology on Draft

Have you been a victim of Doom Scrolling? Are the end times near? Curious? Join Fr. Tom and other young adults at Theology on Draft at Ultimate Sports Bar in Waite Park this Thursday at 6 PM. Apps provided, drinks are your responsibility.

### Oktoberfest

Save the date for Oktoberfest - fun for all young families and all young adults on Friday, October 18th at 6 PM. More details next week and online.

## YOUNGLIFE

### Introducing MN62 - YoungLife | Granite City

We are pleased to announce our YoungLife area has officially been OPENED. Please continue to offer your prayers and offer your time / talent. If you'd like to make a financial contribution to our ministry, please contact Jason Prigge or Dana Howard.

### YoungLife Training

The next step is here...it's time to begin training.

If you have discerned that you are ready to be a part of bringing YoungLife WyldLife to our ACC by entering into the world of young people, it is time to get started. Online training is beginning. Please contact Jason Prigge to get access to the training.

Jason Prigge: [jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org) 320-281-9486

### 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:



## AN INVITATION TO ANYONE WHO SEWS

A group of interested women are involved in making health care kits for young women living in Bambia, South Africa. Nurses from the School of Nursing at the College of St. Benedict will be going to Bambia early in Nov. The nurses will be teaching health care classes to young women. They would like to take as many health care kits as are ready. (400 or more is the goal). If you or someone you know would like to help with this sewing project please call Liz Brannan (member of St. Francis) at 320-251-3310 for details. Materials will be provided.

## NOW HIRING—ST. CLOUD DIOCESE-OMF

Now Hiring! The Diocese of St. Cloud is seeking a Program Coordinator to work with their **Office of Marriage and Family**. Job duties include coordinating marriage preparation courses, assisting with offsite event logistics and accounts receivable/payable items associated with events. Hours are Monday – Friday 8:30AM – 4:30PM; some evening and weekend hours as needed. To Apply visit [www.stcdio.org](http://www.stcdio.org) or contact Jessica Goebel at 320-258-7602.

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm  
[ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com)  
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066  
[ststephenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### Financial Offering for Sept 28-29

Adult	\$ 1,941.00
Adult Online Sep 21-27	\$ 558.00
Plate	\$ 240.00
Children	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 2,741.00

### Ushers:

Oct 12: Peter Schumer, Amanda DeYaeger, Mitch Pangerl  
Oct 13: Ralph Barhorst, Merlin Berndt, Steve Vouk

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

Grades 5-9 and Confirmation meal for October 9: Pizza, beverage and dessert. **Teachers** are needed for grades 4 & 8.

**Ladies...Let's Gather** October 6 in the annex at 6:00 PM. We will discuss Judith. Video and discussion-no homework!

**Rosary Coast to Coast** October 6 at St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud at 3:00 PM. Everyone welcome to come and pray.

**Living Rosary on Memorial day of Our Lady of the Rosary** on October 7 at St. Michael's Church in St. Cloud at 6:00 PM. Everyone welcome to come and pray.

**Vibrancy Committee** will be meeting Tuesday, October 8, at 6:15 in the annex.

**Mass of Remembrance:** If you have lost a loved one in the past year, who was buried elsewhere, and would like their name included during our Mass of Remembrance on November 3, please contact the parish office by October 25.

**Homebound Communion Ministers:** We are looking for a few people who could take communion to some of our homebound parishioners - either on a regular basis or as a backup to our current Homebound Ministers. If you have questions, I can put you in contact with a current Homebound Ministers. Please contact the parish office.

**Boiler Maintenance:** We are looking for someone to help take care of the boiler in church during the winter months. You would need to get a boiler license. If you have experience with or would be interested in helping with the boiler, please contact the parish office.

**Cemetery Flowers:** The weather may feel like summer yet, but the Cemetery Committee is preparing for winter. ALL flowers/decorations, including those on headstones, remaining in the cemetery will be removed per Cemetery Regulations.

### Other Upcoming Events:

**Oct 13:** Holdingford KC's Chicken & ham dinner at Pelican Lake Ballroom from 3:30-6:30 PM. Take outs available.

**Oct. 17:** Helping Hands Outreach Annual Health Fair in the Parish Hall from 10 AM-12 PM. Meal to follow.

**Oct. 20:** First Responders Appreciation Mass at 10:00 AM. Refreshments will be served in the annex following Mass.

**Oct. 22:** Senior Traffic Safety Ed class in the Parish Hall from 5:30-9:30 PM, sponsored by Helping Hands Outreach.

**Oct 26 & 27:** Poor Clares collection weekend.

**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** (October-December) 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 29, 2024

Adult Collection.....	\$6,666.00
Automatic Giving.....	\$5,307.62
Friends In Need .....	\$304.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev.....	\$10.00
All Saints Day.....	\$5.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** CLOW is for Pre-K (with an adult) through grade 3 takes place at the 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!

**Box of Joy** A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoe box, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items. Each gift represents Christ’s love and may be the only Christmas gift children in developing countries receive. Pick up your boxes 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, not required. Contact Dcn Joe for questions.

## WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP

THIS WEEK-you are invited to join a group of widows and widowers at Sacred Heart. The first meeting last month was a huge SUCCESS with about 20 people, both men and Women gathering!!! The meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the Month from 1-3pm. 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 252-4689 or Marion Kuklock at 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

## COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION

### 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.



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** October  
Theme: Grounded in Unity Save the dates:

\*Wed. October 9th (Grades 6-8 & PARENTS) @ 7:30-9 PM

•Wear RED

\*Sun. October 13th (Grades 9-12) @ 5-7 PM

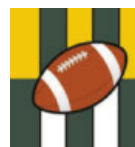
•Dinner: Homemade Pizza

\*Wed. October 23rd (Grades 6-12)

### 7th Grade Grounded Small Group Leader Wanted

Consider joining the Grounded family and walking with our middle schoolers in their faith journey. Training and support provided, contact Jason Prigge.

**Sr. High Youth Day** Grades 9-12, lets fill a bus and go see PJ Anderson in concert (and much more)! Sunday, October 27th all day at Lake Geneva in Alexandria. Cost is \$40, contact Jason Prigge or use our LinkTree to register!



**MEA Tailgate** All young people and families are welcome to join us at Sacred Heart on Wed. Oct. 16th for hotdogs, games and football. We’ll stream the Storm game - doors open at 6:30 PM. Bring something to share!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 7; 5pm—Men’s Group
- October 8; 1pm—Widow/Widowers Group  
7pm—ACC Council
- October 9; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study  
1pm—Craft Group  
5:30pm—Kid’s Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm—Faith Formation K-8  
7:30pm—Grounded (6-8)
- October 10; 6pm—SH Book Buffet  
6pm—Theology on Draft
- October 11; 6pm—Chosen Event
- October 12; 7:30am—Diocesan Confirmation Retreat  
9am—ACC Confirmation Fall Retreat 3—at SS  
3:30pm—Reconciliation
- October 13; 5pm—Grounded (9-12)  
7pm—9th Grade Session 3

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Annie Bandemer, Lori Kelzenberg, Rosanna Leither, Michael Olesen, Patricia Olson, Sue Souba 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.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**Contact:** Cindy Gans 320-252-1729  
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**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Income for Sunday, September 29th, 2024

Adult Sunday .....	\$2,105.00
Visitors .....	\$109.00
Youth .....	\$5.00
Religious Education payment .....	\$30.00
Fall Festival .....	\$80.00
Votive Candle .....	\$4.60
Building Fund .....	\$30.00
Total Income .....	\$2,363.60

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

## Mass Schedule

### Sun. October 13th, 2024

**Lector:** David Zimmer and Jill Brenny  
**Eucharist:** Lori Popp(H), Lloyd Lyon(C), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C)  
**Servers:** Noah Lentner and Kelsey Lentner  
**Greeters:** Dustin, Zoey & Lucas Heck, Kendra Carlson  
**Ushers:** John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin & Teresa Heck.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Karleen Gerads, Carson Zwilling, Sandra Molitor, Brandon Popp, Fr. Thomas Skaja, Lynn Solt, Kevin Brand, Paul Loidolt, Sue Rajkowski, Ron Thielen, Ken Bemboom, John Walker.

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

**CHOIR PRACTICE** On Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the choir loft.

**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)



**PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE** Please join the Public Square Rosary Crusade. Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in prayer for our nation at 12:00 noon on Saturday, Oct. 12th outside at Silver Corners Store. Call Mary Brenny for more information: 320-250-0754.

**JOIN THE CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK** The Catholic Advocacy Network is an initiative of the MN Catholic Conference (MCC) which provides information on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. To join, go to [mncatholic.org/join](http://mncatholic.org/join), or text 651-998-7322.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363  
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Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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

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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 9/29/2024 .....	\$16,198.84
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(5,147.31)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$277,499.95
YTD Collected .....	\$259,996.84
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(17,503.11)</b>

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration  
October 8, 4-7 pm.  
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

## THE CHOSEN - SEASON 4

Viewing and discussion group **begins October 7** at 8:45 am in Xavier Hall, St. Francis room. Join us!

## BIBLE STUDY

### What We Believe: The Beauty of Catholic Faith

This Bible Study Group is now being formed. If you are interested contact Sandee Kremers at [skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org). We will be determining dates and time based upon those who are interested to try to accommodate as many as we can. I am looking to start up in late November, early December or before based on interest.

## MONTH OF THE ROSARY

October is the month of the Rosary in the Catholic Church because it commemorates the feast of "Our Lady of the Holy Rosary" on October 7th. Gathering in the Arts Committee has a rosary display in the Gathering Place. You are invited to take: rosaries, pamphlets or prayer cards from our table. During the month of October, please pray the Rosary with your family, asking our Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for our country and for the protection of all life from the moment of conception to natural death. St. John Paul II called the rosary his favorite prayer, "in which we meditate with Mary upon the mysteries which she as a Mother meditated on in her heart (Lk. 2:19)."

## SARTELL AREA CHURCH CRAFT & BAKE SALE

As we welcome the cool breezes & falling leaves & maybe doing some fall cleaning, please remember that we are in need of your gently used Fall & Christmas items that you can no longer use! We are already receiving some great items, & even Baskets that have already been filled & ready for the Auction! Please deliver your items to the Parish Office M-F from 7-4:30 or before Mass on the weekends! We are in need of Baskets as well! Call with any questions, 267-9237

## O.C.I.A.

O.C.I.A. Order of Christian Initiation of Adults Formerly known as R.C.I.A. Classes Begin Wednesday, October 2 from 4:15-5:30pm at St. Francis Xavier. We will meet in the conference room by Sandee Kremers office. Questions, contact Sandee at skremers@stfrancissartell.org or 320-252-1363.

## AA GROUP MEETINGS

AA Group Meetings at St. Francis Xavier

If you or someone you know is struggling with alcohol abuse, St. Francis Xavier hosts a local AA group which meets every Thursday at 6:30pm in Xavier Hall. Attendees should go to the east side of the Xavier Hall - Door X3 and down to the basement. If you have questions, please contact Denny K. at 320-224-7785.

## CEMETERY NEWS

It is that time of the year that we start thinking of Fall clean-up. Please pull all pots from the plant stands and other decoration you may have on gravesites. The plant stands can remain, but all other items should be pulled by November 1. We do have winter burials. Items left behind can be covered with snow and that can be a hazard when sites are being cleared for burials. Items not cleared by November 1 will be pulled shortly thereafter by cemetery committee members and maintenance and will be discarded. Thank you for taking care of things.

## 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 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.



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