

July 28, 2024
17th Sunday Ordinary Time



17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?" Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and distributed them to those who were reclining, and also as much of the fish as they wanted. - Jn 6:9, 11

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Annunciation
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MASS TIMES

Monday, July 29	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- Thanksgiving
Tuesday, July 30	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Ints of St. Monica's Christian Women
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Rick & Regina Schutz
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Steve Dullinger
Wednesday, July 31	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Ints of Everett Sylvester
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Tim Kedrowski
Thursday, Aug 1	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- No Mass
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Elmer Schumer
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Gene & Millie Gruber
Friday, Aug 2	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Delores Robak
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Don & Pat Feneis 55 Year Ann.
Saturday, Aug 3 18th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Ron & Rose Pearson
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Dave Jacobson
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Frances "Frannie" Trobec
Sunday, Aug 4 18th Sunday Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	- For the People of the Parish
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Jerome Mehrwerth
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Pat Eisenreich
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Gerald Trobec

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: Jer 13:1-11/Ps 32:18-19, 20, 21/Jn 11:19-27
or Lk 10:38-42

Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mt
13:36-43

Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 59:2-3, 4, 10-11,
17, 18/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab/Mt 13:47-
53

Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34/
Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Ex 16:2-4, 12-15/Ps 78:3-4, 23-24, 25,
54 (24b)/Eph 4:17, 20-24/Jn 6:24-35

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

I am sure it is more than coincidence that today's scriptures follow The National Eucharistic Congress held in Indianapolis last week. From all accounts it was a moving five day event. Picture 50,000 pilgrims praying in silence for the Blessed Sacrament. A variety of presenters emphasizing the importance of the Eucharist in our lives and how to be Christ in the world. How to carry forth the energy of the Congress in the coming days?

Today we begin a five-week intermission from the Gospel of Mark with the sixth chapter of the Gospel of John. If we had continued in our reading from Mark, our next story is the feeding of the 5000. Those who put together the lectionary bring us to a similar event recorded in John's Gospel. Jesus interprets this meal of barley loaves and two fish as the sharing of his body and blood. The feeding of the multitude begins the sixth chapter of John which is known as the Bread of Life discourse.

Recall that unlike the other Gospels, John's Last Supper scene focuses on Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. John highlights in the Last Supper the humility and servant leadership of Jesus. Here in chapter six, Jesus does the same actions often associated with the Last Supper, he takes the bread and fish, gives thanks and blesses them. From precious little, five barley loaves and two fish, not only are over 5,000 fed but there twelve baskets of leftovers.

Jesus doesn't even flinch when faced with the odds of feeding thousands with a few loaves of bread and a couple of fish. He acts decisively, scarcity becomes abundance. It is yet another reminder that in God we will find all the resources we need in life,

At every Mass we unite our personal gifts to the bread and wine that is brought forward. Through Jesus' words the bread and wine become his body and blood. Nourished by this sacred meal, we in turn are blessed so that through us God's grace will impact the lives of those we meet this week.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Remember, the focus of the Eucharist for Jesus was always on his Father. Listen carefully to the Eucharistic prayer, we give praise and thanks to the Father for all he has done for us, especially for sending Jesus with the good news of the Father's love and compassion for us. We remember Jesus' life, death and resurrection. During the eucharistic prayer we ask for the Spirit to transform us into the body of Christ so that we can continue his mission of bringing justice, peace and love to the world.

The command of Jesus at every Eucharist, "Do this in memory of me" How will you imitate the selfless love of Jesus this week?

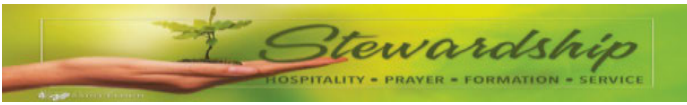


LEADERSHIP

ACC Pastoral Leadership

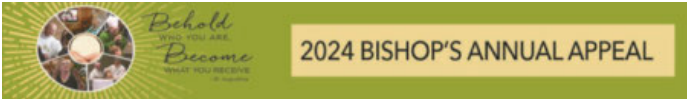


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“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?” John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All of our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or insignificant!



Help us foster vocations and strong families. Discerning a life of service to the Church requires time, prayer and soul searching. The ministries supported by the Bishop’s Annual Appeal create opportunities to discern vocations through retreats, visits and one-on-one engagement. Those pursuing priesthood and the diaconate are supported spiritually, emotionally and financially in their journeys toward ordination.

Individuals, couples and families are supported in creating loving households through programs and initiatives that encourage healthy family life including men’s and women’s conferences, retreats, natural family planning, healing ministries to the divorced and grieving, and spiritual and educational opportunities. See how your donations support vocations by viewing our video at: https://youtu.be/qqW_qlyYS3Q

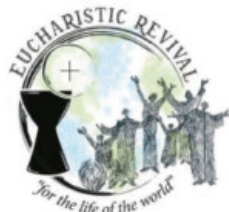
TUNE MY HEART WORKSHOP

“Tune My Heart” is a two-part diocesan workshop at St. Francis Xavier Church for musicians in the diocese on August 9th and 10th, presented by director and composer Steven Warner. On Friday evening, he will lead a presentation for liturgy and music directors from 5:30 to 9 p.m. featuring a light dinner, instruction and vespers. Saturday’s workshop is open to all singers and musicians and includes a presentation and break-out sessions. It ends with singing for the 4 p.m. Mass at the church, with Bishop Neary presiding. This event includes light morning refreshments and lunch. Fee is \$15 for either event or \$30 for both. Registration due by Monday, Aug. 1, at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/STCDIOTuneMyHeart>

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

To see pictures of the Pilgrims from the Diocese at the National Eucharistic Congress, please go to the Central Minnesota Catholic Web page at:

<https://thecentralminnesotacatholic.org/>



MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Congratulations and many blessings to Brady and Kaitlin Loll, who were married on July 20th at Sacred Heart.



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Il Sam Gerdts & Maran Wagner



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Mark Becker, who passed away on July 11 from St. Francis Xavier
And Bernard Ferche, who passed away on July 14 from St. Stephen.



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

KING’S HOUSE RETREAT CENTER

“A Weekend Away” for Men and Women August 9-11, 2024

Do you need some “ME” time to be in solitude with the Lord away from the business of life? Join us at the HOLY GROUND which is Christ the King Retreat Center, overlooking Buffalo Lake, for a **weekend** in a peaceful setting to “walk humbly with your God”. Adoration on Friday evening, Mass on Saturday and Sunday. Optional guided meditation and Holy hour, confession and spiritual direction included. As this is a new retreat, we will need 12 people registered by Monday, July 29, to have this retreat. Includes 2 nights private accommodations and 5 meals. \$50 deposit to reserve a room; Suggested Value \$200 per person. Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394 for more information.

“Unwrapped Presents” Silent Weekend for Men & Women August 23-25, 2024

presented by Fr. Charlie Lachowitz. Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord. We studied them in our youth and received them as the gifts of the Holy Spirit at Confirmation. Chances are that one or more of these gifts are still unwrapped. This is an inspiring weekend to unwrap, open and receive anew the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit and the Church of Pentecost. Includes conferences, time for prayer and contemplation, healing service, confessions and Mass on Saturday and Sunday Mass. Per person: \$50 deposit at registration and Suggested Donation of \$250; includes 2 overnights, private accommodations and 5 meals; Register online at www.kingshouse.com or call 763-682-1394.

YOUNG ADULTS

Bible Study

Join us as we wrap up our discussion on Laura Kelly Fanucci's book, 'Mercy' on Thursday, August 1st from 7-8:30 PM at Sacred Heart. No need to have attended prior, we hope to see you there!

YOUNGLIFE MINISTRY

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:



YoungLife Discernment Nights

Come pray and discern with us about YOUR role in participating in YoungLife! The next discernment session is Sunday, July 28th at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids at 6:30 PM. Session will be no more than an hour. No RSVP needed, contact Jason Prigge if you have any questions or want to learn more.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

Make plans for a fall get-away with the one you love before your calendar fills up!!

A Marriage Encounter Weekend is a private weekend away from life's distractions that allows a husband and wife to focus on each other. 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.

CENTRAL MN KOINONIA

Is God calling you to experience life in a Christian Community?

Central Minnesota Koinonia is a Catholic retreat experience for adults, aged 20 and older, joining together to get to know Jesus, God, each other and ourselves. Retreats are held at the TEC Center, Belle Prairie, 3 miles north of Little Falls. The next retreat will be held September 20-22, 2024 beginning at 5:30 PM Friday and ending Sunday afternoon. Cost of the weekend is \$70.00, includes meals and lodging, scholarships are available for those in need.

Registrations may be made at centralmnkoinonia.org or by emailing cmkoinonia@gmail.com for a paper copy.

ST. STEPHEN

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for July 20-21

Adult	\$ 1,196.00
Adult Online July 13-19	\$ 973.00
Plate	\$ 311.00
Children	\$ 1.00
Total	\$ 2,481.00

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

Ushers:

Aug 3: Schefers family

Aug 4: Jim Schumer, Nancy & Tom Vouk

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, August 1, from 8:30 am-4:00 pm.

Office Hours will vary this week. Please call to check the answering machine message for hours.

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.

Festival meeting is July 30 at 7:00 pm in the annex.

Labor Day Festival: Help needed in the following stands.

Contact Carol in the Parish Office to sign up.

Quilt stand: help with quilt auction, sell quilt raffle tickets, or with sales in the Fancywork Stand.

Auction: 3-4 people needed to help clerk.

Inside Dining: looking for someone to oversee the dining room to make sure tables are cleaned, help visitors find place to sit, help with cleanup.

Dice Game: workers needed to count dice rolled and record the results. This game is in the Parish Hall. **Also looking for new prizes** \$12 or higher. Kitchen items, small tools, blankets. **Children Games:** help needed to keep the games going as long as we can.

Grand Raffle: a new chairperson is needed for this stand.

Area festivals from Central MN Catholic calendar:

Aug 3: St. James Parish, Jacobs Prairie. All the Corn on the Cob you can eat. Pulled pork sandwiches and hamburgers from 4-8 pm. Quilt auction at 5:30 pm.

Aug 3-4: Breenwald Barley Days. Polka Mass Saturday at 7:30 pm on St. Andrew Parish grounds, followed by burgers, beer & music. Sunday: parade at 11:00 am. Food, beer garden and music noon to 4 pm. Raffle at 4:30 pm.

Aug 4: St. Joseph Parish in Pierz. Mass 10 am. Food, refreshments, and games. Raffle drawing at 4 pm.

Aug 4: St. Lawrence Parish, Rush Lake. Polka Mass 10:30.

Free-will picnic lunch 11:30-1:30. Raffle drawing at 2 pm.

Aug 4: St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Isanti. Mass 8:30 am. Breakfast after Mass. Music, games, raffle. 10:30-1:30 pm.

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 July 21, 2024

Adult Collection.	\$8,388.00
Automatic Giving.	\$5,562.42
Children.	\$5.00
Friends in Need.	\$360.00
Improvements.	\$20.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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.

Festival Help Needed Vicki used to be the chairperson of the parish hall for the festival, when she moved to be the co-chair of the festival we did not replace this spot. After a couple of years we have decided we **DO** need this chairperson. There is no prep work for this person, all the volunteering would take place the day of the festival. If you are interested in being a chairperson of the parish hall please contact Vicki for more details.

Homebound Communion Ministers and Visitation Ministers Needed Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Besides receiving the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. We are in need of support after the 2pm Monday Mass at Good Shepherd and Sunday Homebound Ministers. Contact Dcn Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS PICNIC

Knights of Columbus Picnic will be held on Sunday, **August 11th** at Autumn Ridge Park, 2270 Parkview Lane NE. Picnic starts around 11:00 and lunch will be served starting at 11:30. The picnic is for members and their family. Spouses of deceased members and their family are also invited to attend. Any men interested in the Knights of Columbus are welcome to bring their family and learn more about what our council does. Contact Brad Cruser (310-9081) or John Keiser (420-7194) if you plan on attending by **August 4th**.

SACRED HEART SOFTBALL

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

August 5th @ 7:10 PM - Field #4

Play-offs start soon!! Don't miss us!

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



YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry Just a couple weeks until our last summer Grounded! Join us Sunday, August 11th for WATER NIGHT! Slip and Slide Kickball and water games from 6-8 pm for grades 6-12. See you there!

Mystery Tour / Lock-In Registration materials are available online and in the office for our annual Mystery Tour - Wed. Aug. 14th - Thurs. Aug. 15th! Cost of the event is \$40 and is for grades 6-12. Register quickly so activities can be planned. Contact Jason Prigge for more info!

Bible Study Last student Bible Study of the Summer - Friday, August 2nd from 9-10 am. Come for free breakfast, fellowship and diving into God's Word. All are welcome!

FAITH FORMATION

Save the Date 2024-25 Confirmation Orientation Meetings are August 12th, 13th, and 15th. Letters are being sent out to all registered Sacred Heart families with youth entering 10th grade the first week of July with information on how to sign up for an orientation meeting. To participate in the Confirmation preparation at Sacred Heart, the candidate and a parent need to attend one of the orientation meetings. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler.

Faith Formation Volunteers Help children at Sacred Heart grow in their relationship with Jesus by volunteering in the faith formation program. The program is always looking for adults willing to help with faith formation as a catechists or catechist assistant. Materials and support will be provided. If you would like to learn more about this role, contact Scott Frieler in the Faith Formation office.

Faith Formation schedules are ready!! There also are two exciting new initiatives in faith formation that One in Christ ACC will be starting next program year. I think these efforts have potential to strengthen faith formation in the ACC and allow the parishes to better support you as parents in sharing faith. I will send you updates when they are ready. If you have any questions about the registration or faith formation in general, please feel free to contact me.

Faith Formation Registration Link: https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfupiXBF-XZ-YBC0y61tLmlJvc-zKXfrjyn9vLTYDWcbfHdqA/viewform?usp=sf_link

UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 29; 7:10pm—Softball
- July 31; 5:30pm—Grounded Adult Leader Retreat
- August 1; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- August 2; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
9am—Breakfast and Bible Study
11am—Rosary & Benediction
- August 3; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Nikki Bukowski, Patricia Jones and Patricia Olson 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

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Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, July 21st, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$1,721.00
Visitor	\$85.00
Youth	\$18.00
Catholic Foundation Grant—Adult	\$450.00
Catholic Foundation Grant—Youth	\$600.00
Votive Candle	\$4.30
Total Income	\$2,878.30

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

Mass Schedule

Sun. August 4th, 2024 8:15am

Lector: Gene Poser and JoAnn Marshall
Eucharist: Jean Bemboom (H), Amy Krajsa(C), Anita Montag(C)
Servers: Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa
Greeters: Dustin, Zoey and Lucas Heck
Ushers: John & Barb Bemboom, Dustin & Teresa Heck



HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Bernie Thole, Bernie Janson, Timothy Krueger, Michael Rajkowski, Evan Brenny, Tom Fussy, Gordon Novak, Rebecca Lass, Cadence Carlson, Andrea Fitch, Steve Steffes, Emma Brenny, Gracelynn Brenny, Katie Dietman, Randy Leabch, Anna Scapanski.

UPCOMING FESTIVAL SCHEDULES:

Sacred Heart: Sunday, August 25th
St. Stephen: Monday, September 2nd
Annunciation: Sunday, September 8th
St. Francis Xavier, Sunday, September 15th

Sunday, July 28

Hillman • St. Rita Parish Bazaar starts with Mass at 10:30 a.m. Event includes chicken and ham dinner, food and refreshment stands, games for all ages and grand raffle.

Little Falls • Our Lady of Lourdes Parish Bazaar starts with indoor Mass celebrated at 10:30 a.m. with polka and gospel music by LaVerne & The Starlites. Event includes entertainment by LaVerne & The Starlites, food and beer stands, arts and crafts, games for all ages, live auction, silent auction, bingo, "Gone Bizarre" raffle and all-cash grand raffle drawing.

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.

THANK YOU from Lester and Fran Adelman to all the people who came to their 65th Wedding Anniversary Open house and made the day so successful and meaningful. A special thanks to their family, Father Tom Knoblach and Barb Wocken.



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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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 7/21/2024.....	\$22,427.74
Excess (Deficit)	\$1,081.59
YTD Collection Budget	\$64,038.45
YTD Collected	\$86,185.85
Excess (Deficit).....	\$22,147.40



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 29

Thursday, September 19

Thursday, September 26

Mark your calendars! WE will see you there!

MCCL BOOTH HELP NEEDED

A Prolife booth, sponsored by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for LIFE, will once again be at the Benton County Fair. For the past 30+ years our parish has helped by providing volunteers to sit in the booth and answer questions regarding the protection of LIFE from conception to natural death. We need your help again. On Friday, August 2 from 9 AM to 9 PM, if you can help with a 1 to 2 hour stretch of time on that day, please contact Aggie Schulte at 252-1417. Thanks you for supporting LIFE.

FAITH FORMATION

Volunteers Needed for 9th grade! We are in need of 1 set of small group leaders and 5 co-leaders. There will be structured class time 2 times a month and then Aftershock once a month. Our year will be focused on Catholic Social Teaching. Contact Melissa Fox at mfox@stfrancisxaviersartell.org if you are interested or would like more info.

Middle School Faith Formation SMALL GROUP LEADERS NEEDED BADLY!! 4 – 6th Grade Small Group Leaders, 3-7th Grade Small Group Leaders, 5- 8th Grade Small Group Leaders This program cannot run without small group teacher volunteers. You are your child's number one catechist! Take one hour and fifteen minutes and spend time with your child and his/her friends. It's not an easy job but your kids and I need you! Or are you retired, an empty nester or just someone who would like to make a real difference in a child's life? You too can be a small group leader! Please contact Sandee Kremers at skremers@stfrancisxavier.org or 320-252-1363 to volunteer or if you have any questions!

FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Dear parishioners, thank you for keeping the upcoming silent auction in mind, things are starting to come in. If you are looking for ideas to donate to the silent auction, here are a few suggestions: something for the Taylor Swift fans, tickets or items from MN sports teams, Vikings, Twins, Wild and local teams. How about a Dutch oven, air fryer or instant pot? Disney theme baskets and yard games are always popular.

Thank you,
Candice Koopmeiners 320-654-1350
George & Marcy Reisdorf 320-333-599

YOUTH MINISTRY

Now collecting new or gently used backpacks for our September Service Sunday event. You can bring in your donation beginning the weekend of August 3-4 and we will continue to collect through August 17-18. We are accepting backpacks for children & youth that will benefit from Pockets of Hope. These bags will be filled with items from the needs list that Pockets of Hope has as well as a fleece blanket.

BUTTER BRAIDS

Delivery scheduled for Wednesday, July 31. If you purchased from our Youth, they will be in touch with you for delivery / pickup. If you purchased from Jennifer after Masses, she will be in touch with you to set pick-up.

FESTIVAL PACKET STUFFING HELP NEEDED

Please join me on **Tuesday, July 30th at 9:00am** for stuffing our **2024 Frantober Fest** packets. The packets include information about upcoming events, on opportunities to give, invitations to volunteer, and the parish raffle books. This year there is more than \$12,500 in cash and prizes.

The packets will be stuffed in our gathering place and if help shows up as usual, the project should be completed by 11:00am. This is a project that works best in groups of 2 or 3, so bring your spouse or friend or older children or a neighbor. This is a fun project and you get a great sense of accomplishment when you see all the work done to make it happen.

Our festival is **Saturday, September 14th & Sunday, September 15th**. It is changing to work for our parish. We'll have the Silent Auction, Bake Sale, Parish Breakfast and Raffle. There are still ways to plug in by making donations - of money, baked, canned or other homemade goods, silent auction prizes and more. Please watch for more details in the festival packet. Our breakfast will feature Mimosas and Ultimate Bloody Mary's with "bar" full of choices to add to the drink. The auction closes at 11:30am and the raffle drawing takes place at 12:00 Noon on Sunday, the 15th.

With stuffing on Tuesday, the packets should be available to **pick up** later that afternoon and for sure on **Wednesday, July 31st**. Thank you for supporting the festival and St. Francis Xavier Parish. If you have any questions, contact Tom Offerdahl at 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

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