

June 2, 2024  
Corpus Christi



## THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, and they all drank from it. He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which will be shed for many. Amen, I say to you, I shall not drink again the fruit of the vine until the day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God." - Mk 14:23-25

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Sacred Heart  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Stephen

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### St. Stephen

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### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, June 3</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word & Communion † Weston Lentner
<b>Tuesday, June 4</b>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Jerry Peckskamp † Syl Raymond † Sid & Rita Lyon
<b>Wednesday, June 5</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	† Dave Dusha † Elaine Krueger
<b>Thursday, June 6</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† Jacqueline Conrad Beumer † Dec'd Members of Rutz Family - Conversions
<b>Friday, June 7</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Christopher Stock † Terry Barrett
<b>Saturday, June 8</b> 10th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Theresa Larson † Rosemary & Donald Pflipsen † Pat & Mary Kroll
<b>Sunday, June 9</b> 10th Sunday Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Robert & Patricia Koenig † For the Members of the Parish † Margaret Henning † Dec'd Members of Francis & Genevieve Hess family

### 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

<b>Monday: 2 Pt 1:2-7/Ps 91:1-2, 14-15b, 15c-16/Mk 12:1-12</b>	<b>Friday: Hos 11:1, 3-4, 8c-9/Ps 12:2-3, 4, 5-6 (3)/Eph 3:8-12, 14-19/Jn 19:31-37</b>
<b>Tuesday: 2 Pt 3:12-15a, 17-18/Ps 90:2, 3-4, 10, 14 and 16/Mk 12:13-17</b>	<b>Saturday: 2 Tm 4:1-8/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Lk 2:41-51</b>
<b>Wednesday: 2 Tm 1:1-3, 6-12/Ps 123:1b-2ab, 2cdef/ Mk 12:18-27</b>	<b>Next Sunday: Gn 3:9-15/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 (7bc)/2 Cor 4:13—5:1/Mk 3:20-35</b>
<b>Thursday: 2 Tm 2:8-15/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14/ Mk 12:28-34</b>	

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



As I write there are four Eucharistic Pilgrimages crossing the country, heading to Indianapolis for the Eucharistic Congress in mid-July. Impressive numbers have been part of the Marian route which began here in Minnesota. The Eucharistic Congress is the concluding event to our three-year Eucharistic Revival. Today both at Sacred Heart and St. Stephen there will be Eucharistic processions. The pilgrimages across the country and our local processions are visible reminders that Christ is in the world.

The revival and our annual feast of the Body and Blood of Christ, invites us to reflect upon the spiritual food and drink we receive here at every Mass. Our sharing in the body and blood of Christ expresses our unity. The very word communion implies that we are one. Yes, we become one with God, but equally important we become one with one another. Despite our diversity we unite for a single purpose, to make Kingdom of God more visible in the world.

Our sharing of the body and blood of Christ challenges us to reach out beyond ourselves. At the Last Supper Jesus revealed he was going to sacrifice his life for us. Through his death on a cross he freed us from sin and death. Like Jesus we are invited to sacrifice our lives. To sacrifice our time to be with another. To sacrifice our agenda in order to do the Father's will.

Our sharing of the Body and Blood of Christ needs to make a difference in our lives. Over the centuries much discussion has taken place on what happens to the bread and wine at mass. Eventually the word transubstantiation was adopted to explain what is happening. The Bread and wine truly become Jesus' body and blood. However, what good is it if the bread and wine are changed and we are not?



## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Do you accept your own participation in God's divinity? Are you ready to become the food you receive?" Every time we gather we are sent – Go in peace, Go in peace, glorifying the Lord by your life, Go and announce the Gospel of the Lord, or Go forth, the Mass is ended. We are sent forth to those who hunger for consolation midst their grief, hunger for reassurance midst doubt and despair, hunger companionship midst loneliness, or hunger for food and shelter midst poverty.

Thomas Aquinas insisted that while we believe that the bread and wine are truly transformed into the body and blood of the Lord, the more important goal is the transformation of the communicants into the body of Christ for the world.

Are you ready to become what you eat and drink?

Fr. Ron

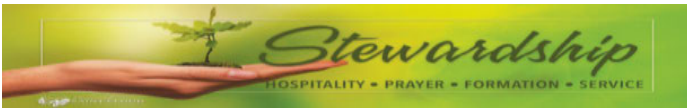


## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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"Then he took a cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them and they all drank from it." - Mark 14:23  
 Jesus, the perfect steward, gave thanks, just before He gave Himself up for us, completely for our salvation. He offers us the same chance to drink from His cup. In the bread and wine, we meet Christ personally. If we follow Him, drinking from His cup means we offer our own self-sacrifice, using all of our gifts for the benefit of others and to do His work on earth.



"...as a matter of equality your abundance at the present time should supply their want, so that their abundance may supply your want, that there may be equality." - 2 Corinthians 8:14

One of the tenants of living a grateful and generous lifestyle is giving without expecting anything in return. It is important that we not only grow, nurture, and share our gifts; but that we also teach our children and encourage others to do the same. This is the communal aspect of our Catholic faith. We are the "Body of Christ." "We are called to be dependent on each other and not live in isolation.

### ALASKA MISSION TRIP SEND OFF

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



### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**Eucharistic Pilgrimage Day 1** To kick off the events in our diocese, the perpetual pilgrims traveling the whole Marian Route gathered with Catholics from all over the diocese and beyond at the JC Baseball Fields in Mora for a procession to St. Mary Church. They then traveled by van to Gilman for a short procession and overnight Adoration and Confessions at Sts. Peter and Paul Church.

**Day 2** of the Pilgrimage saw the pilgrims visiting Our Lady of Lourdes and St. Mary's in Little Falls, St. Mary of Mount Carmel in Long Prairie, Our Lady of Angels and St. Paul's in Sauk Centre and finally St. Mary's Cathedral in St. Cloud.

**Day 3** On the pilgrims' last day in the diocese, a walking procession left mid-morning from St. Mary's Cathedral and processed to St. Marcus in Clear Lake. The 13-mile procession occurred over a 10-hour period of time on a route with water stations, porta-potties and designated bus stops for participants to return back to St. Cloud.

—Dianne Towalski-Central MN Catholic



For photos of the Eucharistic Pilgrimage, please go to [www.thecentralminnesotacatholic.org](http://www.thecentralminnesotacatholic.org) or visit Instagram...@centralmncatholic

### BAPTISM

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



Nora Elizabeth Theisen, daughter of Tyler & Katelyn, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Il Zachary Abfalter & Olivia Miller



### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of David Friedrich, who passed away on May 24 from St. Stephen and



Roger VanHeel, who passed away on May 24 from Sacred Heart.

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

### 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 Presentations

Next weekend in our ACC each Mass will have a brief presentation about YoungLife, why we are piloting this new initiative, and how you can get involved ministering with middle schoolers.

### SCUBA-VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024

Where kids will dive into a friendship with God!  
 June 23-27 from 6:00-8:00 or  
 June 24-June 28 from 9:00-12:00



Registration materials are available at all 4 parishes for students and volunteers. VBS is open to kids ages 4 through entering 5th grade. Students in 6th grade and older can volunteer to help in various ways throughout the week. Lots of volunteers are needed both the week of VBS and leading up to VBS-See the volunteer form for more information on how to get involved.

### YOUTH MINISTRY

#### Feed My Starving Children / Valleyfair

Save the date for FMSC & Valleyfair - Wednesday, July 10th all day. Registration is online and available in your parish office. Cost of the event is \$45 which includes transportation and ticket to Valleyfair. Participants are responsible for their own meals. Contact your Youth Minister if you have more questions or want to register.

\*If you'd like to donate or contribute to our bus cost, please contact Jason Prigge.



## YOUNG ADULTS

### Theology on Draft Survey

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



### Young Adult Bible Study

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

### Young Adult Volleyball Tournament

Kick-Off your summer with other young adults and their families!

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



## BISHOP NEARY'S PASTORAL LETTER



Join a group discussion of Bishop Neary's first Pastoral Letter, "As the Father has sent me, so I send you." The 4 week study will happen on Thursdays from July 11th - August 1st. The morning session is 10:30 AM Noon and the Evening session is 6:30 - 8:00 PM. Registration forms can be found at the parish or register by calling the parish office. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler at the Sacred Heart parish office at 320-251-8115.

## ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY PILGRIMAGE

**\*LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!**

**JOIN FR. STEVE BINSFELD & FOLLOW ST. PAUL'S MISSIONARY JOURNEY SEPTEMBER 15-29, 2024**

Walk the stones where Saint Paul walked through Athens and Corinth. Then set sail on a 9-night Celebrity Cruise through the Greek Isles continuing the journey as we visit six ports of call: Santorini, Ephesus, Mykonos, Volos, Thessaloniki, and Kavala. Enjoy both private group tours and free time in Athens and on the cruise. Learn of the spiritual, historical, and cultural significance of Greece and Paul's missionary journey. Mass is celebrated every day, especially in Corinth, Thessaloniki and Ephesus. This quality, customized tour is done through Magi Travel. Space is limited on this pilgrimage so sign up today! Call **Magi Travel** 952-949-0065 or visit the web at [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com) and click on Greece, then Fr. Steve Binsfeld

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8:30-2:00  
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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

### Financial Offering for May 25 & 26

Adult	\$ 1,781.00
Adult Online Giving May 18-24	418.00
Plate	161.00
Children	1.00
Ascension & Peter's Pence	15.00
Total	\$ 2,376.00
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$ 3,150.00

### Ushers:

Jun 8: Schefers family

Jun 9: Jake Rothstein, Jim Schumer, Steve Vouk

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

**Adoration:** The church will be open on Thursday, June 6, from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm for Adoration. Everyone is invited to come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

**Thank You** for stopping by to gift us with all of the food, office supplies and candles. May God reward you for thinking of us and for the effort to deliver it right to our door. Please be assured of our prayers as we ask the Lord to grant you all every needed grace and blessing.

Saint Clare's Monastery

**Ministry Schedule for July 6-September 29:** If there are dates you know you will not be available please call or email the parish office by June 19. Included in this schedule: Assumption on Wednesday, August 14, at 6:30pm.

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

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

### Cemetery Flowers and Decorations:

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

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

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

### Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach:

**Senior Dining -** Wednesday's at **The Rusty Nail** (April-June) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

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

## SACRED HEART PARISH

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

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

### Income for the Week of May 26, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . .	\$6,134.00
Automatic Giving. . . . .	\$5,522.62
Children. . . . .	\$10.00
Friends in Need. . . . .	\$320.00
Peter's Pence . . . . .	\$60.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

## PASTORAL COUNCIL OPENINGS

**Pastoral Council Openings** We are in need of two new members for the Sacred Heart Pastoral Council. These openings are to succeed Shelly Pursley, who has completed her second term, and Becky Kulzer, who completed her first and has chosen to allow another parishioner to succeed her in this role. Their dedicated and collaborative service have been a blessing to us all. Thank you, Shelly and Becky!

As you may recall, each of our One in Christ ACC parishes retains its own Pastoral Council, with at least one member of each parish council also serving on the joint ACC Pastoral Council. The ACC Council discerns common goals for the whole ACC, and the individual Pastoral Councils determine how to implement those common goals in their own parish communities, along with attending to their own specific parish needs and programs. As many parishes do, we will follow a discernment process modeled on that described in the Acts of the Apostles. On the weekends of June 1-2 and June 8-9, slips of paper and pencils will be in the pews for parishioners to nominate any confirmed member of Sacred Heart for consideration to serve on its Pastoral Council. You may certainly nominate yourself, or anyone else you believe would have the vision, interest, and broad parish and Area Catholic Community perspectives to serve in this way. Those nominated will be contacted to determine if they are willing to serve a three-year term on the Council, which meets quarterly. Those willing to serve will be invited to a discernment evening on June 12, when the work of the Council is more fully described and any questions can be addressed. The names of the potential Council members are placed in a basket and drawn at random at that gathering in the context of prayer to the Holy Spirit. Those whose names are drawn will begin their service on the Council on July 1.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

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

**Breakfast and Bible Study** Join us for our summer series of Breakfast and Bible Study. We will meet Friday, June 7th in the Parish Hall starting at 9:00 AM!

## FAITH FORMATION

With summer ahead, planning has already started for the 2024-25 faith formation year at Sacred Heart and you can greatly help by registering your children as soon as you are able using the link below. If you currently have a child going into 11th grade who is in Confirmation preparation, you do not need to register them again. *I am placing a registration deadline of Monday, August 12th to help with ordering of materials and ensuring an adequate number of volunteers.* Registrations received after August 12th may receive a late fee to purchase additional materials.

Faith Formation Registration Link:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfupiXBF-XZ-YBC0y61tLmlJvc-zKXfrjyn9vLTYDWcbfHdqA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfupiXBF-XZ-YBC0y61tLmlJvc-zKXfrjyn9vLTYDWcbfHdqA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Faith Formation schedules are still being finalized and should be ready and on the website in early July. 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.

## SACRED HEART SOFTBALL

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

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



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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- June 3; 5pm—Men's Group  
7:10pm—Softball
- June 4; 6:30pm—Baptism Class SS
- June 5; 9am—Breakfast & Bible Study  
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
- June 6; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- June 7; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration  
11am—Rosary & Benediction
- June 8; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Hank Terhaar, Larry Thompson and Jayne Wruck to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the prayer list, please call 320-251-8115.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Due to the Memorial Day weekend the Stewardship information will be in the next weeks bulletin.

## MASS SCHEDULE

**Sun. June 9th, 2024 8:15am**

**Lector:** Lora Knafla and Lori Schaefer  
**Eucharist:** Gene Poser(H), Rita Knott(C), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C)  
**Servers:** Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa  
**Greeters:** Don & Karol Weyer and Kendra Carlson  
**Ushers:** Tom, Barb & Jeremy Brand and David Lentner



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** James Montag, LeRoy Prsybilla, Maggie Jo Stamm, Bradley Thell, Lucus Heck, Vicky Molitor, Dianne Brenny, MacKenzie Carlson, Theresa Ireland, Noah Lentner, Renee Petron, Ronald Puhalla, Katie Lentner, Justin Thell.

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

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**CHURCH KITCHEN UPDATE:** Our breakfasts in the fall and through the winter months have been a big hit! Thanks to all of you for joining in this time of food and fellowship. As we know from funerals and other events, our stove and oven have been a bit of a struggle for some time. Primarily for safety reasons the Finance Council has approved the purchase a new stove and oven for our parish kitchen. If your family is looking for an idea to make a donation for our parish, this would be a great project to consider. After research and comparisons, we chose to work with SCR in Sauk Rapids for the best deal. The total cost is \$12,086.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363  
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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 .....	\$20,673.08
Collected 5/26/2024.....	\$12,127.77
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(8,545.31)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$994,126.23
YTD Collected .....	\$1,012,415.23
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$18,288.52</b>

## SUMMER HOURS

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

## VOTIVE CANDLES

Starting June 1, votive candles will be \$4 each. This is due to the rising cost of the candles to SFX.

## CEMETERY NEWS

Please remember . . . items placed on the ground at gravesites (or sticking in the ground) for Memorial Day need to be removed by Sunday, June 2nd. Cemetery Committee members and maintenance staff will be clearing any non-compliant items from graves later in the week. The cemetery is closed from dusk to dawn. Solar lights are not approved for decorating at the cemetery. Flowers cannot be planted at sites. Landscaping with rocks and other ornaments on the ground is not allowed. Please follow cemetery guidelines to be respectful of all who make St. Francis Xavier Cemetery their final resting place and for the survivors who visit as well as the safety of those who mow and trim and maintain the cemetery. Thank you for keeping our cemetery a safe and reverent place.

## CANCER/CHRONIC ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

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

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

## YOUNG ADULT

There are many opportunities this summer to be part of the Young Adult ministry! Check out the calendar in Flocknote and join us!



## VBS

We are in need of the following used items, if you are cleaning out and wish to get rid of any of these items, please drop them off in the main parish office or on the bench by the office- label them VBS. We will also have tags out in the Gathering area for other things that are needed. Please grab a tag if you are able to help! Beach towels, large bath towels, pool noodles, egg cartons, ribbon, carboard tubes, artificial flowers, mesh loofas, fake fruit, cupcake liners, pillow cases, colored straws, large sheets of foam, foam balls and purple fabric.

**All are welcome to join us to make VBS decorations!**

Monday, June 3 6:00-8:00pm Xavier Hall

Wednesday, June 12 4:00-7:30pm Gathering Place (come and go as it works for you. Pizza will be served at 5:15pm)

## 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.



## 2024 PARISH FESTIVAL

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

## PARISH LEADERSHIP

Congratulations to Jan Morissette, Chuck Haselkamp and Kelly Roering as they are the new members of the St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council. We also have 2 new members who will serve on the One in Christ Area Catholic Community Committee. Thank you to Doris Lodermeier, Shelly Teff and Joe Gill for serving the past 3 years on our Pastoral Council. Parish volunteer leadership is a blessing to our parish. Thank you!

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