

September 15, 2024  
24th Sunday Ordinary Time



24<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

He summoned the crowd with his disciples and said to them, "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake and that of the gospel will save it." - Mk 8:34-35

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Annunciation

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MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, Sept 16</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Donna Poganski
<b>Tuesday, Sept 17</b>	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	- Word and Communion † Judy Whalen † Scott Monson
<b>Wednesday, Sept 18</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	† Terry Barrett † Dennis Gapinski
<b>Thursday, Sept 19</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† No Mass/No W&C † Clarence Justin - Those Suffering from Loneliness & Despair
<b>Friday, Sept 20</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am	Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† Judy Whalen † Tom Bearson
<b>Saturday, Sept 21</b> 25th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Darrell Lewellyn † Gail Kiekow † Ivan Fiedler
<b>Sunday, Sept 22</b> 25th 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	† Bert & Betty Janson † Norb & Nancy Motzko † Margaret Henning † 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:** 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17/  
Lk 7:1-10

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/  
Lk 7:11-17

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 12 and  
22/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Ps 118:1b-2, 16ab-17, 28/Lk  
7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Ps 49:6-7, 8-10, 17-18, 19-20/Lk  
8:1-3

**Saturday:** Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Mt 9:9-13

**Next Sunday:** Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 (6b)/Jas  
3:16—4:3/Mk 9:30-37

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



I shared some of this in a recent FlockNote, but I hope it reaches others through our bulletins.

“Catechetical Sunday” is an annual observance in September to honor, pray for, and support those who hand on the Faith in our Catholic schools and faith

formation programs at all levels of education. The theme for the 2024 observance may be a bit surprising, though it fits perfectly with the Eucharistic Revival now entering its third year, the Year of Mission:

**“Lord, when did we see you hungry?”** (Matthew 25:37)

As the U.S. Bishops’ website says:

*This year’s theme reflects our call to missionary discipleship. As St John Paul II reminded us: The universal call to holiness is closely linked to the universal call to mission. Every member of the faithful is called to holiness and to mission. We are called to live out the meaning of the Eucharist by word and action to our brothers and sisters in Christ. Our times cry out for this kind of holiness, one inflamed by the ardent determination to bring as many of our brothers and sisters as possible to Christ.*

This theme reinforces the point that “teaching the Faith” is not only a matter of catechesis, or instruction for the mind in the truths of Catholic belief and doctrine. While that is naturally a necessary part of our mission, it is not sufficient simply to know intellectually our beliefs, and it is usually not the way faith first takes root for people. We must also live those beliefs to be credible witnesses.

Anyone who models prayer, service, kindness, forgiveness, understanding, compassion – this person is also a teacher of the Faith. It naturally is our goal in our schools and parishes. But it is also meant to happen in our workplaces, in the store, during our commutes and errands, with our friends. And above all, in our homes, the first school in faith, hope, and charity for all of us.

We influence one another by words and actions; the reality that we are “social beings” is part of being human. But more than just a natural fact, it is part of God’s design: we are made in the image of God, who is a communion of Persons. So we find our truest selves in relationships of love like God’s own inner life.

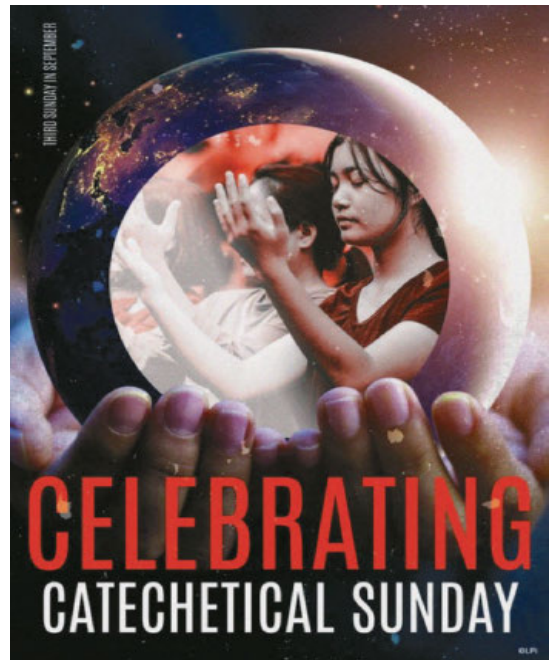


## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Thus, as humans who live in the body, authentic love naturally takes visible form in our interactions. To be “right” about matters of faith will not convert another unless it is the truth shared in love.

This is the foundation of Jesus’ teaching about the Last Judgement, from which the theme is taken. “Whatever you do for the least, you do for Me.” Every act of faith, hope, and love is catechesis in the truths of our Catholic faith and mission.

What will you teach someone today about Jesus?



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership

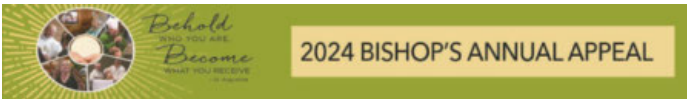


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“Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.” MARK 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. “Taking up my cross” means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it’s convenient for me.



“Behold who you are. Become what you receive.” Vocations: 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. See how your generosity supports vocations by using your smart phones or visiting [https://youtu.be/aqW\\_qlyYS3Q](https://youtu.be/aqW_qlyYS3Q) Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.

### ACC ADULT EVENT

Faith on Tap, an ACC Adult Event, is Saturday, October 5th at Blackberry Ridge Golf Club in Sartell from 6:30 - 9:00 PM. The night will include trivia, light snacks, Cash Bar, social time, and a presentation by Meisha Johnson on God calling her to leave her successful journalism career to join the Catholic Church and begin working in parish ministry and faith coaching. While there is no cost to attend and registration is not required, participants can sign up to be part of the Early Bird drawing to win cash prizes at the event. Use this QR code to sign up or call your parish office by Friday, September 27th and participants must be present at Faith on Tap to win. If you have questions about Faith on Tap, contact any of the ACC parish offices.



### THE CHOSEN

Please join us to watch and discuss the Chosen (first season). This will begin October 4th and run for 8 weeks. Join us at 6pm for a meal (free will offering) and conversation. We will watch The Chosen starting at 6:30 and then discuss the episode. No need to attend all sessions, come when you can. This is for ages 16 and older. For food reasons, please call the church office at 320.251.8115 to RSVP or if you have any questions.

### BREAKFAST-SS

Free will offering breakfast on Sunday, September 29th in the St. Stephen Parish Hall serving from 8am until noon. Eggs, pancakes, rolls, meats and hash browns will be served. Proceeds from the fundraiser will be donated to the Parish Neighborhood Renewal Ministry currently located in Ecuador. Meet Iris Prieto and Glahecer Baque, a husband and wife team that lead the mission efforts for PNRM in the remote areas of the jungle. They would love to meet you!

### BAPTISM

We welcome the following child, baptized into our parish family and the Christian community: Emmersyn Rose Sylvester, daughter of Jacob and Tiara, from Sacred Heart.



### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of James Honer, who passed away on September 1st, from St. Stephen.



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

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Jordan Schmitz & Kristin Gerads



### MARRIAGE BLESSINGS



Congratulations and many blessings to Spencer & Jessica Atkinson, who were married on September 6th at Sacred Heart.

### CATHOLIC PERSPECTIVES-END OF LIFE

Attend a compassionate and timely Adult Education workshop about End-of-Life Decisions from a Catholic Perspective. Typical questions about end of life: Must medical treatment always be continued? Are Catholics allowed to have Living Wills? What is Church teaching about “Death with Dignity”? How do I make my Catholic health care directive? Fr. Tom Knoblach will address these questions and others during this workshop on October 1 at St. Francis Xavier Church in Sartell at 8:45 a.m. and later at Sacred Heart Church in Sauk Rapids at 6:15 pm Greg Gall, Regional Sales Director of Catholic United Financial, will also be on hand to speak about the financial aspects of end-of-life decisions, including final expenses, estate plans, charitable giving, power of attorney and more. This workshop is sponsored by Catholic United Financial and Member Advisor Ryan Voeller. To save your seat call 1-800-441-9949 or email [workshops@catholicunited.org](mailto:workshops@catholicunited.org).



### PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 18+



Join us on September 22nd from 6 pm-7:30 pm for the Painting the Word event at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Women 16+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be provided. We are asking for a suggested donation of \$5 to help cover supplies. Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to sign up or scan the code.



## YOUNG ADULTS

### Praise Night

Praise Nights have a new day and a new look! All young adults and their families are invited to Newman Center on Thursday, September 26th from 6-7 PM for Praise and Worship, Adoration and an opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Super kid friendly, activities provided, come out and pray!

### Mass & Meal

Join us and make new friends (and hang with old ones) on Saturday, September 28th starting with 5 PM Mass at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. Following Mass, meet in the Gathering Space and we'll go out to dinner from there. Everyone is responsible for their own meal - no RSVP required!

## YOUNGLIFE

### YoungLife Update

It's been a long wait and process because of software challenges with YoungLife. We still do not have an area number BUT we have been granted access to begin training! The first part of training will be going through video modules followed by a debriefing session with Jason. If you have committed to doing contact work (entering the world of kids), please look at your email for an invitation to join, **if you are interested in being trained for external evangelization, contact Jason so he can get you the link for training. The Gospel is for everyone, we are all called to share it, so lets do it!**

### 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.



## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus is an order of Catholic adult males that is dedicated to the principles of charity, unity, fraternity, and patriotism. If you have ever had questions about the Knights of Columbus or better yet, have been looking for an opportunity to join, September 22nd is your lucky day. The Bishop Trobec Council will be hosting a Degree following the 9:30 am Mass at St Francis Xavier in Sartell. A Degree is a short ceremony, about 45 minutes, which you would participate in to join the Knights. We will be meeting in the Gathering Space at St. Francis Xavier at approximately 10:40 to answer any question and get everyone ready for the ceremony which will begin at 11:00. Your family members are more than welcome to join us for the ceremony.



## 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 Sept 7 & 8

Adult	\$ 1,756.00
Adult Online Aug 31-Sep 6	\$ 688.00
Plate	\$ 390.00
Children	\$ 11.50
Total	\$ 2,845.50

### Ushers:

Sept 21: Will Hellmann, Dan Warzecha, Dave Fiedler  
Sept 22: Ralph Barhorst, Merlin Berndt, Matt Nienaber

**Parish Council** meeting will be Tuesday, September 17.

**Ministry Schedule for October 5-Jan 3, 2025:** If there are dates that you know of that you are unavailable, please email or call the parish office by **September 24**. This schedule will include: All Saint's Day (Oct. 31 at 6:30 pm), Thanksgiving (Nov. 28 at 8:00 am), Christmas Eve/Day, possibly Feast of St. Stephen (Dec. 26), and New Year's Eve/Day.

**Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin:** The Youth Group is looking for large appliance boxes to use for their annual "Box City" in September.

Faith Formation is looking for teachers for grades 4 and 8. **Confirmation Information Night:** Wednesday, September 18, at 6:30 PM in the Parish Hall. This meeting is for Confirmation students (grade 10) and a parent.

**Registration Night for ALL Faith Formation families** is Wednesday, September 25. Stop by the church annex ANYTIME between 4-8:00 PM. Pick up important information about the year, register your children and locate your child's classroom.

**Cemetery Flowers:** All flowers/plants on gravestones are to be removed from the cemetery by October 1 per Cemetery Rules and Regulations. This includes any flowers/memorials placed in the cemetery from recent funerals where there is no gravestone yet.

**Mass Intentions:** A reminder that every effort will be made to schedule Mass Intentions on the dates requested. If a specific date is not available, the next available closest date will be scheduled. Since there are only so many Saturdays & Sundays in a year, requests to schedule every intention on a weekend will not be possible.

### Upcoming Events:

**Sept. 28:** St. Stephen Fire & Rescue 75th Anniversary at Smoley Park/Lions Park from 1:00-5:00 PM. Fun activities for all ages, live music by BLT Band.

**Sept. 29:** Free Will offering Breakfast fundraiser for Parish Neighborhood Renewal Ministry in the Parish Hall. Serving 8:00 AM-12:00 PM.

**Oct. 5:** MVPA Military Convoy will be stopping in St. Stephen Church parking lot from approximately 9:00-10:30 AM. Over 40 vintage military vehicles and more.

**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.

### Holdford 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 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 8, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . .	\$10,886.80
Automatic Giving. . . . .	\$5,337.62
Improvements. . . . .	\$10.00
Friends In Need . . . . .	\$120.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Dev. . . . .	\$435.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Parish Potluck** Join us Saturday, September 28th following 5pm Mass for a parishioner potluck. We took the summer off so it will be so nice to catch up with other parishioners. Just bring something in to share when you come for Mass and we'll take care of the rest.

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** CLOW is for Pre-K (with an adult) through grade 3 and begins this month at 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!

 **Day of Service** We are looking for volunteers to help with our Fall Day of Service Saturday, October 5, 9am-12noon. Volunteers will enjoy a light meal and then will be sent as a community to clean yards, windows or other manageable projects. There still may be an opportunity to help even if this day does not work for you to volunteer. Please contact the office at 320-251-8115 or Dcn. Joe@ [jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)

**Box of Joy** A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoe box, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items by participants from U.S. parishes, groups, and schools. Each gift represents Christ's love and may be the only Christmas gift children in developing countries are blessed to receive. Pick up your boxes and gifts ideas 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 but not required. Contact Dcn Joe for questions.

**Kid's Choir** If you are in 2nd grade or older and would like to sing and ring bells in the Kids Choir, contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office for details or to sign up. We rehearse on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:25 and generally sing once per month. Our first rehearsal is September 18th. This is a fun ministry and a great way to participate in Mass!

### 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.



## BLOOD PRESSURE CHECKS

Blood pressure checks after Mass on September 21 & 22 in the Hospitality Suite.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** Can you believe Grounded is almost starting?! Save the dates:

\*Sun. September 15th (Grades 9-12) @ 5-7 PM

\*Wed. September 25th (Grades 6-8) @ 6:30-8:30 PM

Sunday nights with Jason and Joe start this Sunday! See you at 5 PM, Chicken burrito bowls being served - all are welcome!

**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 7th grade and two for 5th grade. Training and support provided, contact Jason Prigge.

## FAITH FORMATION

\***Confirmation** Prep session for current 11th graders are Sunday, September 15th and 22nd at Sacred Heart from 7:00 - 8:30 PM

\* **Faith Formation leaders** are needed in elementary and middle faith formation groups. Support the children of the parish as they journey to know Jesus and grow in their faith. Sessions meet on Wednesday from 6:30 - 7:30 PM usually 2 or 3 times a month between October and April. Materials and support are provided. If you have questions or would like to join the team, contact Scott.

\* **9th Grade** Faith Formation begins Sunday, September 29th at 7:00 PM at Sacred Heart. 9th Graders are expected to participate in faith formation (at Sacred Heart or through Catholic School) as a prerequisite to joining Confirmation Preparation in 10th grade.

\* **K-8** Faith Formation Open House is Wednesday, September 25th from 5:00 - 6:30 PM in the Gathering Space at Sacred Heart. Pick up your materials, meet your child's adult leaders, and find your child's meeting space.

\* **First Reconciliation** Parent meetings at Sacred Heart are Tuesday, September 17th from 6:00 - 7:00 PM and Sunday, September 22nd from 10:30 - 11:30 AM. Families with a child in 2nd grade who desire First Sacrament for their child should attend one of the scheduled meetings. If you have any questions, contact Scott Frieler

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Sept 16; 5pm—Men's Group  
7pm—KC Meeting
- Sept 17; 6pm—First Reconciliation Parent Meeting  
7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club
- Sept 18; 5:30pm—Kids' Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
- Sept 19; 1pm—Card Making  
6pm—Youth Ministry Team Meeting  
6pm—Theology on Draft
- Sept 21; 3:30pm—Reconciliation  
6pm—Blood Pressure Check
- Sept 22; 10:30am—First Reconciliation Parent Meeting  
6:30pm—Painting the Word  
7pm—Confirmation Prep Session 2

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add John Gruber, Patricia Jones, Michael Olesen 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.

## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**Contact:** Cindy Gans 320-252-1729  
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**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Income for Sunday, September 8th, 2024

Financials not available at the time of printing. They will be added in a future bulletin.

## Mass Schedule

### Sun. September 22nd, 2024

**Lector:** Lori Schaefer and Loren Popp  
**Eucharist:** Deacon, Rita Knott, Gene Poser  
**Servers:** Halle Krajsa and Cole Lentner  
**Greeters:** Scott Brown and Tammy Eveslage  
**Ushers:** Tom & Barb Brand, Jeremy Brand and David Lentner



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Hazel Keeville, Amy Roettger, Mason Zwilling, Matthew Dietman, Riggs Erdmann-Wittowski, Ellery Nellis, Sienna Spiczka, Renee Zeleny, Joyce Burski, Paul Nies, Rory Thompson, Sue Poser.

**FESTIVAL SCHEDULES:** St. Francis Xavier, Sun., Sept. 15th  
**TODAY**

**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.

**LOVE TO SING?** Join the Choir. Try it out if you aren't sure. Most importantly, just join us as you can and when you can. Join us at 7:45 am in the basement of church to warm up prior to 8:15 am Mass. Starting Sept. 30th, join us Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the choir loft. *Bring the talent God gave you and together we will raise the Gospel through song.*



**HELP WITH CLEANING UP CEMETERY:** Everyone's help is needed on Wed. Sept. 18th at 5:30pm in the parish cemetery. Bring a rake, flat head shovel and gloves. Many hands make light work.

**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. For more information go to [www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy)

## 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 9/8/2024.....	\$21,383.18
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$37.03</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$213,461.50
YTD Collected .....	\$201,787.98
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$(11,673.52)</b>

## SFX ADULT CHOIR

The new season for the SFX Adult Choir is about to get underway. We are always excited to have new members join us as well as reuniting with our experienced singers. Please come and join us at our first rehearsal of the season: Thursday, September 19 at 6:30pm at the choir area in the church. Park in the north lot and use the door near the choir area. For answers to questions you may have, please call Karen Dembowski at 320-420-0820.

## 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](mailto: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.

## OCIA

Are you interested in becoming Catholic? Are you interested in being confirmed into the Catholic Faith? Are you interested in learning more about your Catholic Faith? Are you interested in becoming part of an OCIA team? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, please contact Sandee Kremers for more information. Classes will start in October! [skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org) or 252-1363.

Mass will be celebrated at St. Stephen at 8:00 am on the dates listed below. Fr. Tim will be gone on vacation or on special assignment.

September 5  
September 12  
September 19  
September 26



How wonderful to celebrate the Eucharist with other parishes in our One in Christ Catholic Community! We will not have a Word & Communion at St. Francis Xavier on the above dates.

## 40 DAYS FOR LIFE

**Fall Campaign September 25-November 3**

**Join us for prayer, fasting and peaceful witness.**

40 Days for Life 2024 Lenten Campaign saved the lives of 505 babies (that we know of). Since 2007 when 40 Days for Life began, 24,768 lives have been saved, 154 abortion centers have closed and 260 abortion workers quit around the world. This campaign is effective without being a protest. In 2022, over 12,000 abortions took place in Minnesota alone and in 2023 the abortion laws were liberalized to include abortion up to birth. We need to come together at Planned Parenthood (451 E St. Germain, St. Cloud) to pray for the safety of all unborn babies, their mothers and fathers and all who participate in the abortion industry. Consider spending an hour in prayer from Two Rivers Catholic Parishes on Thursday, Sept 26 from 1-7pm. To sign up or get information, call Marilou Sommers at 247-9838. We need your participation! We need at least 2 Vigilers every hour!

## FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

Let The Bidding Begin! The Silent Auction went live on Tuesday, September 3rd. The Auction items will be on display in the gathering space now thru September 5th, until the auction closes on 9-15-24 at 11:30. Here is our auction website with all the info: [www.32auctions.com/FrannyFest2024](https://www.32auctions.com/FrannyFest2024). Thank you for your donations! Candice Koopmeiners 320-654-1350 George & Marcy Reisdorf 320-493-7620



## FRANTOBERFEST NEWS

Thank you to the generous donors throughout the festival process. We have people and businesses that have donated for years to the raffle and silent auction, and we some who made donations for the first time this year. All of the donations are welcome and appreciated. The value of the prizes on the raffle was greater than it has been in several years. Thanks for buying and/or selling your raffle tickets. We also have had great donations for the silent auction. Go to <https://www.32auctions.com/FrannyFest2024> to make your bids. The auctions closes at 11:30am on 9/15. The wood workers and embroiderers and craft people and creative givers - Wow - There is something for everybody! The auction closes at 11:30am on 9/15. We have received wonderful support from so many by way of the festival donations and gift cards (for youth events). Thank you. The bakers and candy makers and picklers and salsa makers and jelly people are coming through again with great items for the bake sale. We are so blessed! Come to the breakfast on Sunday. It will be great food and fellowship. Thanks to Meadowbrook Farm and the Udermann family for their donation of the breakfast sausage. That's local, that's fresh, and it's from a parish family. Thank you! The breakfast ends at Noon and the raffle drawing will take place then. Come and see if your name is drawn!



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