

July 21, 2024  
16th Sunday Ordinary Time



16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

When he disembarked and saw the vast crowd, his heart was moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd. - Mk 6:34

Excerpts from the Lectionary for Mass 02001, 1988, 1970 CCD, B&EP

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Annunciation  
Sacred Heart  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Stephen

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Annunciation

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St. Stephen

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MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, July 22</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Joe Knott
<b>Tuesday, July 23</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Lillian Dullinger
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Dennis, MaryJane & Sam Schuneman
<b>Wednesday, July 24</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jacqueline Conrad Beumer
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Peter Skudlarek Jr.
<b>Thursday, July 25</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word & Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Donna Peternell
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Patricia Koenig
<b>Friday, July 26</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Bernie Wesenberg
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Anthony & Veronica Robotcek
<b>Saturday, July 27</b> 17th Sunday Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	- For the Members of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Pat Ihli
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Louis A. Counter
<b>Sunday, July 28</b> 17th Sunday Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Don Kainz
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Pat Smith
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Donald & Donna Pallansch
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Bill Mulcahy & Danny Doyea

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:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

**Tuesday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 85:2-4, 5-6, 7-8/Mt 12:46-50

**Wednesday:** Jer 1:1, 4-10/Ps 71:1-2, 3-4a, 5-6ab, 15 and 17/Mt 13:1-9

**Thursday:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20:20-28

**Friday:** Jer 3:14-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 13:18-23

**Saturday:** Jer 7:1-11/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a, and 8a, 11/Mt 13:24-30

**Next Sunday:** 2 Kgs 4:42-44/Ps 145:10-11, 15-16, 17-18 (see 16)/Eph 4:1-6/Jn 6:1-15

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### Humanae Vitae and the Stewardship of Life

The last few years have been tumultuous in many ways – COVID, war, shortages of people and supplies in many fields, political upheaval, and more.

1968 was tumultuous in many ways, too. The war was then in Vietnam. Riots took place in Washington DC and at the Democratic National Convention. The Civil Rights Act was signed but racial tensions grew. Martin Luther King Jr. and Robert Kennedy are assassinated. Apollo 8 orbits the moon and the astronauts read from the Book of Genesis to the world from space.

And in the middle of that year, the following words were written:

*“The most remarkable development of all is to be seen in humanity’s stupendous progress in the domination and rational organization of the forces of nature to the point that we are endeavoring to extend this control over every aspect of our own lives —over the body, over the mind and emotions, over social life, and even over the laws that regulate the transmission of life.”*

These words appear near the beginning of Saint Pope Paul VI’s encyclical, *Humanae Vitae* (“Of Human Life”), published on July 25. It is perhaps most remembered for its promotion of Natural Family Planning and openness to life, but that is just one consequence of its ennobling vision of humans as co-creators with God, entrusted by the Maker of all with this stewardship of the very sources of human life, and the profoundly holy vocation to parenthood.

Thanks to all who are parents for accepting this witness to generosity in love and life. You inspire me, over and over.

Over the years, Pope Paul’s teaching has often been described as “prophetic.” This is true in two ways. First, in Scriptural terms, “prophetic” simply means that the speaker is conveying not merely human words, but the Word of God. In this sense, Pope Paul’s encyclical is prophetic: he is teaching from his responsibility to hand on God’s creative goodness in the transmission of human life. He knew it would not be welcomed by some: *“It is to be anticipated that perhaps not everyone will easily accept this particular teaching. There is much clamorous outcry against the voice of the Church, and this is intensified by modern means of communication. But it comes as no surprise ...like [Jesus] to be a ‘sign of contradiction.’”* (HV, 18).

Second, the more common use of “prophetic” implies looking into the future, predicting accurately what is to come. In this sense, too, Pope Paul’s words have proved prophetic. Re-read the opening quote and consider CRISPR. This is a gene-editing technique discovered about a decade ago. It mimics, but is now able to some degree to control, the same process bacteria have always used naturally to combat viruses that invade the cell.

“CRISPR” stands for “clustered regularly-interspaced short palindromic repeats” – a phenomenon at the level of cellular DNA discovered by accident and once considered meaningless. In fact, these “repeats” are sections of DNA that has been damaged by a virus and where the cell “cuts out” the foreign DNA and repairs itself. This process has happened for millennia in our cells, unknown to us.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Now, the technology exists to alter DNA relatively simply at will. While there is great positive potential for therapies, the ethical implications of this capability are also sobering, and governments worldwide are wrestling with what boundaries to draw.

In 1968, Pope Paul foresaw the consequences of the loss of perspective that would occur when the gift of life – co-created by spouses cooperating with the Creator in accord with the natural means God established – was reduced to a merely biological problem to be solved by technology. Rather, as he taught, our capabilities to impact human nature must always be at the service of the human person’s authentic good, even beyond this earthly life.

In our time, Pope Francis has applied this same principle to the growing field of AI or artificial intelligence. Technology can be our servant, or our master – it depends on how we choose to use the capabilities entrusted to us as stewards.

In a world still marked by so much indifference to human dignity, violence, and political and social turmoil, it is helpful to turn back the page to an earlier time when these issues were also shaping culture, and hear again the voice of the Holy Spirit guiding the Church to navigate these difficult times – as those created in love, in the very image of God.

For many more resources, see [www.usccb.org/](http://www.usccb.org/) and click on the highlight for NPF Week: “Love Beyond Measure.”

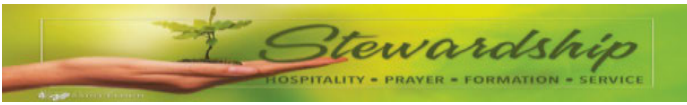


## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership

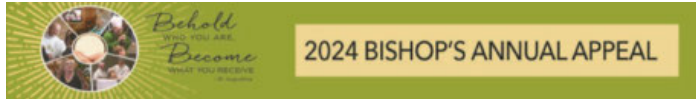


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*"He said to them, "Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest a while." Mark 6:31*

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.



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

### ALASKAN MISSIONS

#### One In Christ Alaska Mission Trip Journal

During our mission trip, a trip journal will be available and you can follow along with us during the week as we arrive in Toksook Bay and Tununak and are involved in various ministries! You can find this link at [ppm.org/19657](http://ppm.org/19657) Thank you so much for your continued support and prayers.

#### Support the Alaska Mission by "Praying for the Conversion of Youth"

Our One In Christ Alaska Mission Team is encouraging everyone to pray the novena for the "Conversion of the Youth" starting July 18. This prayer can be done alone or you can ask others to pray with you. This can help provide spiritual support for our mission to Toksook and Tununak as we reach out to the Yupik community. We will be leaving early Saturday, July 20. (A novena is a spiritual practice of praying for a specific intention or grace for nine consecutive days.) You can find this novena at <https://www.praymorenovenas.com/conversion-of-the-youth-novena> Contact Deacon Joe with questions.

### EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

**Banquet of Love-** As a gift to couples and a support for parishes and ACCs, Bishop Neary purchased the license for anyone in the diocese to use this series at **NO COST**. The license includes 18-month access to the entire course material, online video modules and printable PDFs for each session. It can be offered to couples to use on their own or as part of small faith sharing groups. Topics include how the Jewish understanding of sacrifice and time are critical to understanding the Eucharist, the positive and negative sides of predictability and possibility in marriage, building blocks to help forgive and heal, anger management and conflict resolution, the sacred order toward marital intimacy modeled for us in the Eucharist and why the Real Presence is so critical in marriage.

—To find out more information about the Banquet of Love, please visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>



### BAPTISM

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



Everly Jean Josephs, daughter of Brandon & Chelsea, from Sacred Heart.

Rhett William Courier, son of Hayden & Kristi and Amelia Josephine Loften, daughter of Michael & Rachel, St. Francis Xavier.

### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I Sam Gerdts & Maran Wagner
- III Grant Thielbar & Allison Zimmer
- III JD Bates & Staci Meyer



### 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](http://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](http://www.kingshouse.com) or call 763-682-1394.

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Mass & Meal

Join us and make new friends (and hang with old ones) on Saturday, July 27th 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 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.

## LOAVES FOR LEARNING/CAMPBELL SOUP LABELS

UPC codes and soup labels used to be collected for the school to raise money. The companies have stopped these programs so we will no longer be collecting those things. There are ways you can designate funds to go to the school of your choice at Target and Coborn's. You can go to their websites or look within their app to find more details.

## 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](http://northmnwwme.org) or contact Miki at [applications@northmnwwme.org](mailto: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](http://centralmnkoinonia.org) or by emailing [cmkoinonia@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### Financial Offering for July 13 & 14

Adult	\$1,621.00
Adult Online July 6-12	\$ 393.00
Plate	\$ 176.57
Children	\$6.00
Total	\$2,196.57
Weekly Adult income to meet budget:	\$ 3,150.00

### Ushers:

Jul 27: Will Hellmann, Mitch Pangerl, Dan Warzecha  
Jul 28: Matt Nienaber Tim Rudser, Merlin Berndt

**Parish Office Hours will vary - please call to check the hours before stopping in.**

**Blood Pressure checks** will be available next Sunday, August 28, after the 10:00 am Mass in the annex.

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

The Youth Group is looking for large appliance boxes to use for their annual "Box City". The Youth Group, to raise awareness for homelessness, will be sleeping in these outside, for one night in September.

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

A Huge Thank You to those that have supported the 5 youth/adults from St. Stephen's Church who will be traveling to Alaska this weekend. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.

### Labor Day Festival: Help needed in the following stands.

Contact Carol in Parish Office to sign up to help in any of these stands or to get more information.

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.

Children Games: help needed to keep the games going as long as we can.

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

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

### Area festivals from Central MN Catholic calendar:

July 28: St. Rita Parish in Hillman. Mass at 10:30, chicken & ham dinner, Grand Raffle drawing at 5:00 pm.

July 28: Our Lady of Lourdes in Little Falls. Polka Mass at 10:30 by LaVerne & the Starlights. Grand Raffle at 4:00pm.

July 28: St. Wendelin Parish in Luxemburg. Mass at 10:00 am. Chicken and ham dinner. Grand Raffle at 4:30 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 14, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . .	\$5,865.06
Automatic Giving. . . . .	\$6,034.87
Children. . . . .	\$5.00
Friends in Need. . . . .	\$75.00

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**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.

## THANK YOU

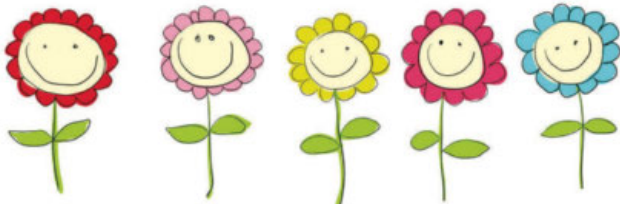
Thank you to everyone who helped plan and coordinate my going away and for all the well wishes, cards and gifts. Your generosity is overwhelming. I continue to hold the people of Sacred Heart in my prayers. May God bless you until we meet again. Sarah



## 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).

July 22nd - BYE WEEK  
July 29th @ 6:05 PM - Field #4



## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** Come join us July 21(TONIGHT) outside for a bunch of yard games and to play soccer with a ball 6 ft in size! Grades 6-12 are welcome from 6-8 PM at Sacred Heart, all are invited so bring your friends!

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

## BISHOP'S ANNUAL APPEAL

Sacred Heart has received \$1,870 through the Bishop's Annual Appeal to support Catholic Education in our parish by helping to abate parish costs for Catholic school subsidies. Funds are allocated each year based on the number of students Sacred Heart has enrolled in Catholic schools in grades 1 – 8.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 22; 6:05pm—Softball
- July 23; 6:30pm—Finance Council
- July 24; 5pm—AED/First Aid Training
- July 25; 10am—Pastoral Letter Study
- July 27; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- July 28; 6:30pm—Young Life Discernment

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Nikki Bukowski, Patricia Jones, Patricia Olson, 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  
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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Income for Sunday, July 14th, 2024


Adult Sunday .....	\$2,119.00
Visitor .....	\$97.00
Youth .....	\$16.00
Building Fund. ....	\$250.00
Votive Candles. ....	\$19.20
Total Income .....	\$2,501.20

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

## Mass Schedule

### Sun. July 28th, 2024 8:15am

**Lector:** Jill Brenny and David Zimmer  
**Eucharist:** Karla Koenig (H), John Koenig(C), Jason Zwilling(C)  
**Servers:** Mariah Simmons and Kelsey Lentner  
**Greeters:** Chuck Wocken, Carson Zwilling, Mason Zwilling, Spencer Ackerman  
**Ushers:** Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Spencer Ackerman, Chuck Wocken

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Rachel Kaeter, Paul Bemboom, Kari Schyma, Grayson Herbst, Zander Ackerman, Mary Ann Belgarde, Michael Kahl, David Stamm.

**CONGRATULATIONS** To Lester and Fran Adelman who are celebrating their 65th Wedding Anniversary today during Mass. May God bless you both and fill your life with more love, compassion and happiness.

*Happy Anniversary*

### UPCOMING FESTIVAL SCHEDULES:

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

 **PARISH PICNIC PLANNING MEETING** on Monday, July 22nd at 6:30pm at Annunciation Hall. **All are Welcome & needed.** Please bring any and all ideas. The Parish Picnic will be Sun. Sept. 8th.

**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.

**MAYHEW LAKE SOFTBALL: Last game—** Wednesday, July 24th. Games at 6:00pm and 7:15pm at Mayhew Lake.



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor  
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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

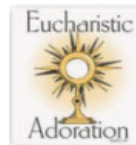
**Parish Nurses** Julie Kouba 701-721-5083  
Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135  
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$21,346.15
Collected 7/14/2024.....	\$15,902.96
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(5,443.19)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$42,692.30
YTD Collected .....	\$63,758.11
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$21,065.81</b>

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION



Eucharistic Adoration  
July 23, 4-7 pm.  
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.

## 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.

## SFX BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, July 25, 2024 1:00pm—7:00pm  
SFX Gathering Space. You can register now to give blood by contacting Greg 320-250-9137 or schlossergregory@gmail.com



## TEC RETREAT

The last TEC retreat before school is August 2nd to the 4th. TEC is a 3 day retreat based on the death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus Christ and is under the auspices of the St. Cloud Diocese. For more information please go online to [www.cmtec.org](http://www.cmtec.org).

## TUNE MY HEART - A MUSIC RETREAT

A music workshop with Steven Warner at SFX Music Directors | August 9 | 5:30 -9:00pm  
Musicians | August 10 | 8:30am - 5:00pm  
For more information, visit [stcdio.org/](http://stcdio.org/)



SCAN TO REGISTER

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Please join us for our annual work day for Habitat for Humanity on Thursday, August 1. You may sign up to work from 8:00 am to 12:00 pm, 12:30 pm—4:30 pm or all day. No special tools or training is required. Call Carol at 320-282-5976 with questions or to volunteer.

## THANK YOU

The family of Linda Dingmann would like to thank Fr. Ron, the musicians, the Funeral lunch ladies and the staff that assisted in a meaningful farewell celebration for Linda. God Bless you all.

## FAITH FORMATION

Plans are underway for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation year. If you haven't registered yet, please do so soon so we can plan accordingly. Registration forms are available online or in the gathering place. Questions, contact Melissa Fox at mfox@stfrancissartell.org.

## FALL FESTIVAL SILENT AUCTION

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## CANCER & CRITICAL ILLNESS SUPPORT GROUP

The support group will meet again on Monday, August 12th at 6:30pm in the Gathering Place. The plan is to meet in the GP in the summer because it is air conditioned and more comfortable. The support group has been formed to offer a place to gather to recognize the grace found in the journey of major health challenges. This is a place where stories and other information is shared and an opportunity to connect with others who are dealing with serious health issues. Spouses and friends are welcome to join us and it is open to anyone - regardless of parish or faith affiliations. All are welcome - please join us!

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