

April 16, 2023
2nd Sunday of Easter, Divine Mercy Sunday

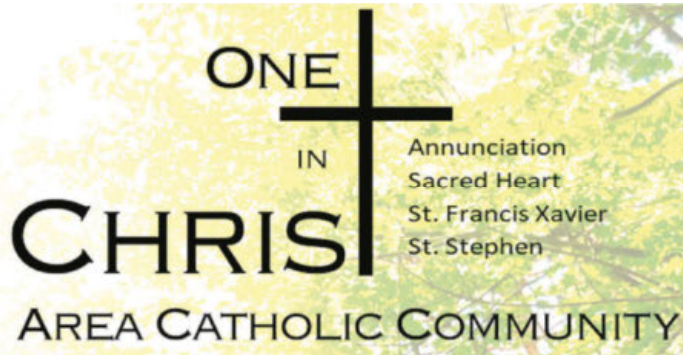


2nd SUNDAY OF EASTER

Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." - Jn 20:29

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Annunciation

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 320-252-1729 • oneinchristacc.org

Sacred Heart

2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
 320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377
 320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
 320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

MASS TIMES

Monday April 17 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Steve & Delores Kelash
Tuesday April 18 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Joan Weyer
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Kathleen Vouk
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	Peter Mitchell Family
Wednesday April 19 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Rich Kuklock
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Allen Jarnot
Thursday April 20 <i>Easter Weekday</i>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Marcella Piasecki
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Dolores Friedrich
	8:30 am	Annunciation	Roger & Maureen Athman (Anniv)
Friday April 21 <i>St. Anselm</i>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Bernice Goulet
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Don & Marcella Piasecki
Saturday April 22 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	For the People of the Parishes
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Tom Bukowski
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parishes
Sunday April 23 <i>3rd Sunday of Easter</i>	8:15 am	Annunciation	† Dan Slimmer
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† LeRoy Czech
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Ron Justin

*Livestreamed Mass

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
 3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier
 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: Acts 4:23-31/Ps 2:1-3, 4-7a, 7b-9/Jn 3:1-8
Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Ps 93:1ab, 1cd-2, 5/Jn 3:7b-15
Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9
 /Jn 3:16-21
Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Ps 34:2 and 9, 17-18, 19-20
 /Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Jn 6:1-15
Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19/Jn 6:16-21
Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11
 (11a)/1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Divine Mercy Sunday

In 2001, St. John Paul II designated the Second Sunday of Easter each year as Divine Mercy Sunday. This celebration takes on new meaning in the Eucharistic Revival, for the Eucharist is the enduring Presence of the Merciful Jesus in our lives and our world.

Devotion to the Divine Mercy is simply a focus on an essential part of the perennial Gospel truth: we who have been saved by the mercy of God are to live lives that reflect his mercy to others. Sometimes this is done in asking and receiving forgiveness; sometimes in the corporal and spiritual works of mercy; sometimes in our perseverance in the face of difficulties.

The need for God's mercy is so abundant and clear in our troubled world. We think of the people of Ukraine, where war continues to ravage the land. Victims of violence, natural disaster, oppression and persecution fill the news so often we may become numb to the human suffering so widespread. The destruction of innocent human life, at any point on the spectrum from conception to great age, remains a cry for mercy that must not go silent from the "people of life and for life," as John Paul called the Church.

For those unfamiliar with the devotion, I include above one familiar rendering of the vision of Jesus in his 1931 appearance to the Polish nun, Saint Faustina Kowalska (of the Congregation of Our Lady of Mercy): his right hand raised in blessing, his left hand pointing to his Sacred Heart, from which flow two rays of light. The red rays symbolize his Precious Blood poured out for our salvation from the depths of his divine Mercy, and the white symbolize the purifying waters of Baptism. Jesus asked her to display this image in her convent chapel, above the words: "Jesus, I trust in You."

The Chaplet of Divine Mercy is a prayer able to be offered in a short time but beautiful in its simplicity. It is prayed on ordinary Rosary beads as follows:

- Begin with one Our Father, one Hail Mary, and the Apostles' Creed.
- On each of the large (the "Our Father") beads, pray: *"Eternal Father, I offer You the Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity of Your dearly beloved Son, our Lord*

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Jesus Christ, in atonement for our sins and those of the whole world."

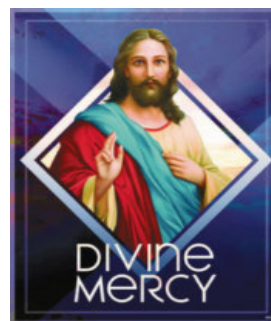
- On each of the small ("Hail Mary") beads, pray: *"For the sake of his sorrowful Passion, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*
- At the end of the five decades of these prayers, pray three times: *"Holy God, Holy mighty One, Holy immortal One, have mercy on us and on the whole world."*

All are invited to the observance of Divine Mercy Sunday at St. Mary's Cathedral, from 1:00 to 4:00 p.m. Come to share prayer, talks, the opportunity for confession, and adoration of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

Paul, the Apostle of Christ

A reminder that our cluster will host a screening of the recent movie *Paul, the Apostle of Christ* this Sunday at 4:30 p.m. at Marcus Cinema. It will be followed by refreshments and a discussion on the movie at the St. Anthony's Parish Center. Even if you cannot join us for the movie – perhaps you have already seen it, or will see it soon – feel free to come to the conversation.

Fr. Tom



LEADERSHIP

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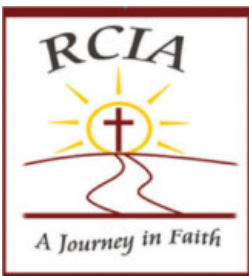
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“Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbor, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, our Father, sees us.

RCIA



Are you thinking about joining the Catholic Church?
Is there someone you know who might be interested in learning more about the Catholic faith?
Do you have questions about the RCIA process?
Have you received some of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist & Confirmation) but not all of them?

RCIA classes are starting on Saturday, April 22 from 3:45-4:45 pm at Sacred Heart with meetings every other Saturday for the Inquiry Period. If you or the person you know are interested but don't belong to Sacred Heart but to another parish in our Catholic Community, we can move the classes around, so we have meetings at your home parish too. If you have any questions about RCIA or becoming Catholic, please reach out to Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 x403 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org.

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

Parish Neighborhood Renewal Ministry (PNRM) supports teams of missionaries that work to form Base Church Communities in very poor areas of Ecuador. Founded in 1975 by Franciscan Sister Joan Gerads and Maryknoll Father Tom Maney, the mission is to help people grow stronger in their faith and develop a deeper relationship with God and others in their community. The PNRM board is holding a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser Saturday, April 22, 4-7 p.m. (Silent Auction and Meat Raffle start at 3:30 p.m.) Sauk Rapids VFW, 901 Benton Drive, Sauk Rapids. Adults: \$10; children 6-12: \$5; 5 and under: free. The joy of the Lord is our strength! All are welcome! If you have questions or wish to purchase a ticket, contact Kathy Pantzke at 333-0159.

CLARIFICATION OF THOUGHT

The Catholic Worker, founded by Dorothy Day and Peter Maurin, was established to offer intentional communities of support and challenge toward living in right relationship with our neighbors, community and the world. It is founded on the 3 pillars of hospitality, liturgy and Clarification of Thought. The Central MN Catholic Worker community is beginning to offer a monthly "Clarification of Thought" gathering -- and Christ Church Newman Center parish will host the first one, on Thursday, April 20th, from 7-8 pm. with a simple meal at 6:15 pm (There's a Zoom option, as well.) These Clarification of Thought gatherings are opportunities for participants to engage in dialogue about various social justice issues, drawing upon our faith tradition, scripture, lived experiences and related resources. This month's theme is "hope" -- about its meaning and its sources. Those interested in participating can do so in person (a simple meal of soup-and-bread, beginning at 6:15 pm, will be available) -- or via Zoom. To indicate if you plan to join in-person, or to request a Zoom link, contact Kevin LaNave at klanave@scsucatholic.org, or (320) 640-7627. While there is no cost for the meal, please notify Kevin so that we can have an accurate tally. Newman's address: 396 1st Ave S; St Cloud.

DIVINE MERCY Sunday April 16, 2023

Confession and Eucharistic Adoration



ST. MARY'S CATHEDRAL
 25 Eighth Ave. S., St. Cloud 320-251-1840



Nikki Silbernick



Fr. Mitchell Bechtold



Fr. Matthew Kuhn

Divine Mercy Sunday Schedule
1:00 pm
 Opening Liturgy
 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 Presentation by Nikki Silbernick
1:45 pm
 Presentation by Fr. Mitchell Bechtold
2:30 pm
 Presentation by Matthew Kuhn
3:00 pm
 Chant of Divine Mercy in Song
 Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament
All are welcome!

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Colin Everson & Kendra Rathes Sacred Heart.



YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Theology on Draft

Save the date for our final Theology on Draft for the season - Thursday, May 11th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM!

Young Adult Mass & Meal

Mass and a Meal will be taking place on Saturday, April 29th beginning with 4 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier. Come ready to meet old and new friends, worship and have a meal together. See you in the Gathering Space!

*Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

FISH FRY THANK YOU

St. Katharine Drexel would like to thank all families, parishioners, alumni, and guests who either helped or came to support the school for our annual Fish Fry! Approximately 1,350 guests dined-in to enjoy the meal and 850-900 meals were prepared for drive-through. Once we have all expenses in, we will have a final number on the profit and will share that in a later news update. Thanks again for everyone's support! A great success!



"Do This in Memory of Me." The Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.**

ST. KATHARINE DREXEL SCHOOL

* Preschool registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open to any families in the St. Cloud area! Currently, SKD has openings in our T/Th 3-4 year old session, our M/W/F 4-year old session, and in our M-F pre-kindergarten 4-5-year old class. *We also offer before and after school childcare for our 4-year old preschoolers who attend our program.

*We have comfortable K-5 class sizes for this coming year and will continue to accept registrations for 2023-2024! Please check out our registration on our website: www.ourcatholicschool.org

* Please call St. Katharine Drexel's office (320-251-2376) or email

(mhbecker@ourcatholicschool.org) if you would like to schedule a visit to our campus (Preschool-Gr.5 school system) and/or receive school information. SKD offers tuition grants to those who could benefit from assistance.

Registration is available for children of all ages!

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Hours: Mon-Fri 2:00 -6:00 PM

ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

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

Financial Offerings - April 2 & 9 totals

Adults	\$ 3,385.00
Plate	270.00
Children	2.00
Easter	5,202.00
Easter plate	350.00
Easter online giving	10.00
Online Giving: Mar. 31-Apr 7	490.00
TOTAL	\$ 9,709.00
Rice Bowl to date	577.04
Holy Land (envelope & plate) to date	1,009.00

Faith Formation: April 19 - grades 1-4 and Confirmation. Meal will be Ham & Turkey sandwiches.

Share your "Wow God" stories Our "Wow God" wall will be up in the annex for a couple of weeks yet, please share your story.

What is a "Wow God" moment?

Something in nature that touches you * an answer to a prayer * a verse from the bible that really spoke to you * where you see God working * a good word, note or acknowledgement from another person.

The possibilities are endless. Write your "Wow God" moment on paper, or draw a picture and pin it to the "Wow God" wall in the annex. You can either sign your name or leave it anonymous.



Upcoming Events:

April 23: Tractor & seed blessing after 10:00 am Mass

April 29: St. Stephen Legion 10th Annual Steak Fry at Rusty Nail in St. Stephen. 4:30-8:00 pm. \$20.00

April 29 & 30: Poor Clares collection weekend

April 30: First Communion Mass 10:00 am

Prayer Line: If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please call the office to have your prayer request added to the Prayer Line.

Well n Fit exercise classes Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30 in the Parish Hall. Wednesday class followed by half hour Line Dancing.

Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Wednesday's at **The Rusty Nail** at noon followed by cards. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - Will be April 20. Social starts at 11:30, meal at 12:00, speaker at 12:30, entertainment to follow. St. Stephen Parish Hall.

Feet First Clinic - Call Helping Hands to set up an appointment. 320-746-9960.

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 April 2, 2023

Adult Collection.....	\$17,792.91
Children's Collection.....	\$34.00
Friends In Need.....	\$43.00
Easter.....	\$1,350.00
Easter Flowers.....	\$100.00

Income for the Week of April 9, 2023

Adult Collection.....	\$10,297.63
Children's Collection.....	\$2,396.15
Central MN Catholic.....	\$100.00
Friends In Need.....	\$105.00
Easter	\$20,585.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Festival: Last year we had ice cream by the kids' games at the festival. We heard your pleas and know people want ice cream by the building as well. With that we are looking for a deep freezer. If you have a working deep freezer and are looking to get rid of it we would take it. Or if you would like to donate funds toward a new deep freezer for us that would be great too! Please contact Vicki or Jason in the office for more details!

Day of Service: Do you love to serve others? All are welcome to join the Sacred Heart Day of Service on Sunday, May 21st from 10am-2pm. We will be raking, washing windows, and doing other various projects for those in need. The signup sheet is located in the gathering space. There will be a light breakfast after the 9am mass, and from there we will move to our service locations. If you or someone you know could use help with light yard work please reach out. Contact Karen Handeland if you have questions or to sign up at 320-761-5155

Card Making Ministry Do you have a crafty side? Do you enjoy getting cards in the mail? This may be just the group for you. The Card Making Ministry meets on the third Thursday of the month (April 20) at 1pm. Never made cards before??? That's ok too. Come and learn as you go.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 17; 5pm—Men's Group
6pm—First Communion Retreat, make-up session
7pm—Virtual Retreat for EMHC's
- April 18; 7pm—Sacred Heart Men's Club
- April 19; Butter Braid Sale Deadline
Peer Ministry Applications Due
9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
6:30pm—WNL
- April 20; 1pm—Card Making
6:30pm—Young Adult Team Meeting
- April 22; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
6pm—Blood Pressure Checks
- April 23; 10am—Blood Pressure Checks
1pm—CUF Fun & Fellowship

YOUTH MINISTRY

WNL Episode 12

Who loves back to back youth group?! We do! Join us again this Wednesday from **6:30-8:00 PM**. Floor hockey, prayer and speaker. Bring your friends!

Re-Branding Youth Ministry

We have been hard at work re-branding the name of our youth group and we can hardly wait to announce it. If you are an adult or former student (young adult), please join us as we celebrate and honor Wednesday Night Live one last time on Wednesday, May 3rd. More details to follow closer to the event.

Peer Ministry Applications

All Peer Ministry Applications and re-commitment forms are due this Wednesday, April 19th.

Summer Festival, ACTS, NCYC

Forms for upcoming events are available online and by the Youth Ministry Board. Reminder that initial forms and deposits are due this Wednesday, April 19th. If you have questions about any of the upcoming events or costs, please contact Jason or Scott.

Butter Braid Sales

Final chance to get those delicious Butter Braids for Mothers Day! All sales and forms must be turned in by Wednesday, April 19th. Help us meet our goal of 200! All proceeds go to support young people going on youth trips.

FAITH FORMATION

11th grade Confirmation Preparation Session are on Sunday, April 30th and Sunday, May 7th.

April 30th session is from 7 - 8:30 pm at Sacred Heart for just the Candidates and Small Group Leaders.

May 7th session is from 7 - 9:00 pm. From 7 - 7:50 pm, only the candidates need to be present as they will be receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At 7:50, Candidates sponsors (or a parent) will join their Candidates for Confirmation Ceremony practice.

Confirmation Candidate Dialogues will be Monday, April 24th - Thursday April 27th. Please watch your email for a Signup Genius to sign up your candidate for a dialogue.

BACCALAUREATE



Mark your calendars...Baccalaureate Mass for our Sacred Heart Graduates will be held on Sunday, May 21st during the 9:00 am Mass. Postcards have been mailed to graduates; additional information will be sent in an email.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Gloria, Troy, Janice Brownie and Kathy Kath 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
annunciation@cloudnet.com
Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
thekids@cloudnet.com

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for Sunday, April 2nd, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$3,956.25
Visitor	\$92.00
Youth	\$12.00
Easter Flowers	\$65.00
Easter	\$200.00
Votive Candles	\$3.80
Building Fund	\$40.00
D&L Loan Pool with drawl.	\$5,142.00
Am Door Works reimb. Tax	\$8.26
Total Income	\$9,519.31

Income for Sunday, April 2nd, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$1,540.00
Visitor	\$614.25
Youth	\$14.00
Easter Flowers	\$215.00
Easter	\$5,105.00
Votive Candles	\$5.10
Building Fund	\$60.00
Catholic Relief Services	\$65.00
Church in Europe	\$15.00
Holy Thursday(Catholic Relief Services,Loose)	\$80.16
Good Friday (Holy Land)	\$245.00
Confirmation Retreat	\$42.50
Total Income	\$8,001.01

Mass Schedule

Sun. April 23rd, 2023, 8:15am Mass:

Lector: Gene Poser & Loren Popp

Eucharist: Lloyd Lyon

Servers: Cole Lenter & Mariah Simmons

Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Mason & Carson Zwilling

Ushers: Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, Lora Knafla

Happy Birthday: Jonathon Bemboom, Halle Krajsa,

Frank Legatt, Gerald Petron, Cooper Reich,
Braylee Scapanski, John Bemboom, Diane Brand, Leon Lehr,
Kade Haus, Bob Popp, DJ Spiczka, Beverly Bernard,
Greg Ireland, Katie Ackerman, Dawn Belgarde,
John Koenig, Robert Rajkowski.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: Classes Wednesday at 6:30pm: April 19th will be the last class.

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY: Please join us for Divine Mercy Sunday, April 16th from 1 to 4 p.m. at St. Michael's Church in Buckman, 9251 Hwy 25, Pierz, MN 56364. We will be talking on Divine Mercy, praying the rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, and having adoration from 1 to 4 p.m. You may come and go at any time

VISITATION MINISTRY If you or someone you know, is unable to attend Mass and misses the opportunity to receive the Eucharist; or would appreciate a phone call or a visit to keep connected to the parish, we have ministers who are able to do so. Call Cindy at the parish office 320-252-1729.

Taking Bids for 2023 Lawn Care:

Bid forms and written requirements are available in the Parish Office. Call 320-252-1729 or stop by for a form. All signed bids are due Thurs., April 13th at 4:00pm in the parish office.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

Contact: Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363
bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

Office Hours 8 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Friday

Parish Nurses Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135
Julie Kouba 701-721-5083

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,192.31
Collected 04/09/2023	\$20,943.85
Excess (Deficit)	\$ 751.54

YTD Collection Budget	\$827,884.71
YTD Collected	\$867,878.41

Excess (Deficit).....\$ **39,993.70**

Our Easter collection budget is \$37,000.00 and collected to date is \$21,228.76. Thank you for your commitment and generosity is supporting St. Francis Xavier Parish.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
REGISTRATION NOW AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING AREA!
VBS WILL BE HELD
JUNE 18-22 6:00-8:30PM
JUNE 19-23 9AM-NOON

75TH ANNIVERSARY UPDATE

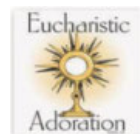
Plans continue to move forward. Look for an invitation to give and support the raffle, silent auction and more. You will see in letter arriving in the mail soon. The festival date is **Saturday, September 16th** – it will be a great day! *The Killer Veas – Killer Country Show* will headline the event – get ready for some awesome entertainment and a great evening of fun.

We had a little scare when we found out that our supplier of tents for the past 20 years discontinued doing event rentals. Thankfully, another vendor has been found. Please keep our parish and planning for the festival in your prayers. It's a big event for our parish and community. It will take many helpers, generous donors and good weather for a successful day.

Eucharistic Adoration

April 25, 4-7 pm.

Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.





Spring Bling Sale

BAUBLES, BANGLES & BEADS

Friday, April 28, 2023
4:00 — 7:00 pm

New, Vintage & Repurposed Jewelry, Scarves & Handbags
 Enjoy light Refreshments while you Shop



Proceeds go towards Seasonal Decorations for St. Francis Xavier Church and Gathering Place

Please bring jewelry, scarves and handbags to the church Gathering Place. Place items outside the parish office in the designated area.

Thank you for your donations.

BELIEVING

Due to the constant unchecked flow of data and information through the Internet, it can be hard to know when a story is real news or rubbish. It never ceases to amaze me when someone I know has bought into some crazy fake news story. Sometimes the story is just so unbelievable: celebrities who gained two hundred pounds in a month, women having babies who were never pregnant, or people actually being seen who are dead! Like Elvis!

The apostle Thomas found the news that Jesus was alive just too far-fetched to believe. But he didn't first hear the news on the Internet or read it standing in the grocery store checkout line. His friends told him. His fellow apostles told him they had actually seen the Lord with their own eyes. Their testimony was not enough. He needed proof.

The resurrection of Jesus gives us not only hope, but also a reason to be his disciples. We have not seen with our own eyes but, like Thomas, we have a community, the Church, that has relayed the truth to us. This same Jesus now calls us to go forth to spread the Gospel. More unbelievable than that, we have, through the gifts we have been given, a chance to change and even save lives. The day may come that you, moved by this news of the risen Lord, will be an agent of his love to the point where someone will tell the tale that you, a follower of Jesus, actually helped to change his or her life. Pretty unbelievable, right?

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