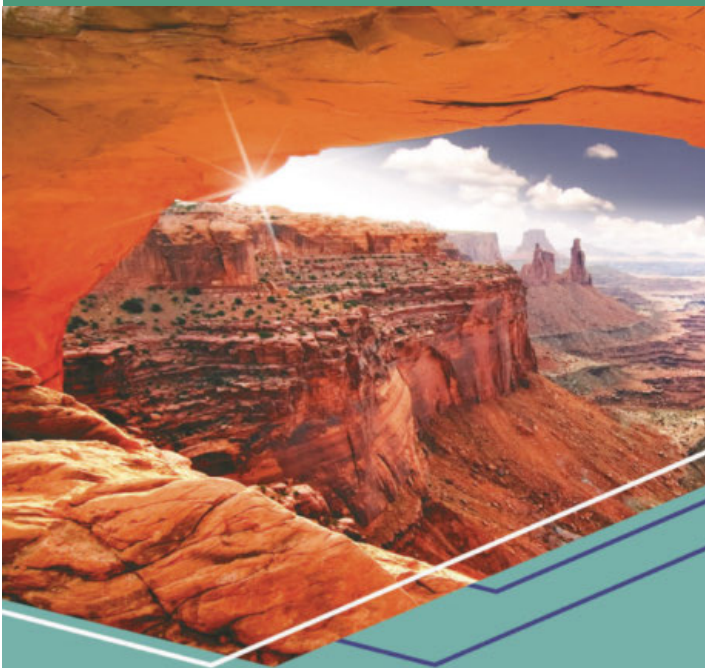


October 1, 2023
26th Sunday in Ordinary Time



26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"When John came to you in the way of righteousness, you did not believe him; but tax collectors and prostitutes did. Yet even when you saw that, you did not later change your minds and believe him." - Mt 21:32

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Annunciation

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MASS TIMES

Monday, October 2	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- No Mass-Clergy Conference
Tuesday, October 3	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	- No Mass-Clergy Conference
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	- No Mass-Clergy Conference
Wednesday, October 4	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	- No Mass-Clergy Conference
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
Thursday, October 5	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Allen Jarnot
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† LeRoy Supan
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Jim & Joyce Loidolt
Friday, October 6	9:00 am	Sacred Heart-SKD	† Sue Oldakowski
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† For the Members of the Parish
Saturday, October 7 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Theresa Larson
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Robert Oldakowski
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	- For the Members of the Parish
Sunday, October 8 27 th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	- For the Members of the Parish
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Todd Mastey
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† David & Marlene Robertson
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† In Thanksgiving-Edwin & Kelly Oldakowski 35 th Anniversary

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

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: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23/
Mt 18:1-5, 10

Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

Wednesday: Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/
Lk 10:1-12

Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk
10:17-24

Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20
(Isaiah 5:7a)/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Prayer for the Synod of Bishops, October 2023 Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of

years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As Pope Francis convenes the Synod this month, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace and truly listen with reverence, trust, and gratitude to God’s voice. This simplified version of the *Adsumus* is from the USCCB website:

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

October: Respect Life Month C.S. Lewis was an influential Christian writer whose works from the mid-20th century still inspire many today. Living through and writing during the Second World War and the decades following, he is well-worth reading in our own challenging and confusing times. In his *The Weight of Glory* (1942), he wrote this about the dignity of human life:

There are no ordinary people. You have never talked to a mere mortal. Nations, cultures, arts, civilization—these are mortal, and their life is to ours as the life of a gnat.

But it is immortals whom we joke with, work with, marry, snub, and exploit.

This does not mean that we are to be perpetually solemn. We must play.

But our merriment must be of that kind (and it is, in fact, the merriest kind) which exists between people who have, from the outset, taken each other seriously—no flippancy, no superiority, no presumption.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

And our charity must be real and costly love—no mere tolerance or indulgence which parodies love as flippancy parodies merriment.

Next to the Blessed Sacrament itself, your neighbor is the holiest object presented to your senses.

Though Lewis was not Catholic, his imagination is very “sacramental” in line with long Catholic tradition: that everything in creation is some reflection of the Creator.

That last line from Lewis’ quote connects the Church’s constant proclamation of the Gospel of Life with the Eucharistic Revival: we are members of one Body in Christ, the only Redeemer of the human family. Lewis’ words are another way to say that each person is made in the image of God, and called to eternal joy in communion with God and one another in glory. Already we anticipate and begin to share that mystery through Eucharistic communion.

Look in the mirror; look at the next person you see, friend or stranger, and remember: there are no ordinary people; you have never talked to a mere mortal. The one you see is an icon of God’s creative love.



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STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION
LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



“But what think you? A certain man had two sons; and coming to the first, he said: Son, go work today in my vineyard. And he answering, said: I will not. But afterwards, being moved with repentance, he went.” Matthew 21:28-29

The parable of two sons illustrates that genuine commitment to God involves deeds, not just words. We're entrusted with time and abilities—using them faithfully reflects our role as responsible stewards in God's kingdom.



Through your generosity, diocesan programs continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota and support the dedicated service of our pastors, parish and diocesan staff, and volunteers who continue to do the work of Christ. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

As we get ready to start another busy year of activities, we know space in the bulletin will start to get tight. With that in mind, we have a few requests for bulletin submissions. 1) Have your submissions for the community pages written out and to Jill Lieser in the office (by Monday at 8am for the bulletin being published that coming weekend. For example, for the October 7th/8th bulletin, community page submissions should be in by October 2nd. 2) Be brief. Paragraphs of details makes it hard to fit all submissions in. If your submission is lengthy, it may be edited for length. Please make sure there is a contact for additional information. 3) Let us know how long you would like the submission to run for. If it is in the bulletin for multiple weeks, we may need to pull it out for a week or two to allow room for new submissions. We will always try to run it again as the end date approaches.

EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL

Catholic Charities Food Shelf-

Drop off for cash or food items will be the 2nd weekend of the month throughout the year at Sacred Heart and Annunciation.

Poor Clares- Drive will be collected at St. Stephen Parish October 28-29.

Mass of Anointing of the Sick-

October 17- Sacred Heart
October 19- Annunciation

Mass of Remembrance-

November 2- Sacred Heart
November 5- Annunciation

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion- workshops by the Office of Worship are available through the Diocesan website. Many dates still available.

Day of Retreat and Renewal- Spend the day with musician Steve Angrisano on October 30th at Mary Help of Christians in St. Augusta
—To find area listings of events involved in the Eucharistic Revival, please visit the Diocese of St. Cloud Website at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>



BAPTISM

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



Sutton Jane Janson, daughter of Ryan and Sarah, who was baptized at Sacred Heart.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Ill Michael Pesta & Julia Slivnik



CATHEDRAL FOOTBALL FUNDRAISER

Cathedral Football Boosters are selling softener salt and Ice melt. Softener salt ranging from \$7.95-\$9.95 for 40 pound bags. Ice melt from \$18.75 (50# bag) \$27 (40# pail) Contact Kerby Plante at 320-250-6067 if you would like to order.



FAITH COMMUNITY NURSING

Have you ever wondered how you could connect your experience/ability as a nurse and your faith?

Our One in Christ Area Catholic Community is looking for that special person who is interested in this opportunity. If this is something that you have thought about and prayed about, now is the time. Please call Bethany Tollefson for all the details and any questions that you may have.

Faith Community Nursing (FCN) is a specialty of nursing that focuses on the intentional care of the spirit and whole-person health. FCNs help prevent illness. Some examples of how FCNs may serve (depending on their availability and the need) are

- Home and hospital visits and calls,
- Educational offerings
- Connection to community resources,
- Care group facilitation,
- Baby blankets and prayer shawl ministry,
- Mental health education and resources
- Much much more!

The next Foundations of Faith Community Nursing Course is offered virtually on November 5, 6, 12, and 13. Scholarships are available.

Contact bethany.tollefson@centracare.com or visit Foundations of Faith | CentraCare for more information.

SARTELL AREA CHURCH CRAFT & BAKE SALE

With Fall in full swing, we are preparing for our area Churches Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, October 28th from 10:00-1:00 in the SFX School Gym. A delicious lunch will be available to purchase in the School Cafeteria. In the past NEW & GENTLY used Christmas/Fall Items have been a huge hit for the Silent Auction, also baskets of all sizes are needed & can be dropped off at the Parish Office M-F from 7-4:30! Continue to watch the bulletin for updates, & call 320-267-9237 with any questions! Thanks in advance for your generosity. Bonnie Nies

YOUNG ADULT ACTIVITIES

Young Adult Needs Assessment The Young Adult Team for the One in Christ Catholic Community needs your voice. This Assessment serves as a continuation to the Synod called by Pope Francis in 2021. Your voice plays a vital role in ensuring we are listening and meeting your needs along with the needs of others when we consider ministry with Young Adults. If you are a young adult aged 18-39, please take the time to complete this 10-15 minute assessment. If you feel inclined, we also encourage you to share this assessment with your family and friends. Your submission will remain anonymous unless you leave your contact information for a follow-up.



If you are having difficulty completing the form, have any questions, or would prefer an in-person conversation, please contact Jason Prigge, Young Adult Minister for One in Christ, for any assistance.

Young Adult Bible Study Join us for Bible Study at St. Stephen this Thursday, October 5th from 7:00 - 8:30 pm! Bring a Bible and a friend as we continue discussing the Acts of the Apostles.

Theology on Draft We hope to see you at the next Theology on Draft on Thursday, October 12th at Mexican Village in St. Cloud. Join us for a Taco Bar and conversation from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. Stay tuned for more information!

Diocesan Young Adult Day This event, Vessels of Hope, is designed to bring young adults together to pray, learn, network, share faith and celebrate their God-given giftedness. Join us on Saturday, October 28th starting at 10:30 am at the Newman Center in St. Cloud. Features of the day include keynote and workshop sessions including one with our speaker and musician Steve Angrisano, celebrating Mass together, VBS programming for children of participants ages 4-10, lunch, interactive fun, small group discussions, great music and more. Register online using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/VesselsofHope2023>

Trunk or Treat Save the date for Tuesday, October 31st from 5:30 - 7:00 PM for Trunk or Treat at Sacred Heart. More information will be available next week!

HELP WANTED-SFX-CUSTODIAL/MAINTENANCE

Responsibilities include general cleaning and maintenance of buildings and grounds for St. Francis Xavier Parish. In addition to custodial work, other tasks include set-up and take down of tables and chairs for special events, snow clearing as needed, and completion of other tasks to ensure a safe, clean, comfortable and healthy environment.

Qualifications include necessary janitorial skills and knowledge, familiarity with cleaning/janitorial equipment and supplies and their safe use/storage. Basic plumbing, electrical and carpentry skills are beneficial to help maintain the general operation of the facilities.

Candidates should be a high school graduate with three years of relevant work experience and have good communication skills. A favorable background check is a condition of employment. Submit a letter of interest, resume and references to the parish office. Please contact Tom Offerdahl for more information at 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or email tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org.

ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com
HOURS: Mon-Fri 8:30 AM - 2:00 PM
Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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

Financial Offerings - Sep 23 & 24

Adults -	\$ 2,027.00
Adult Online Giving Sep 16-22	730.00
Plate	235.00
Children	1.00
<u>Campaign for Human Development</u>	<u>40.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 3,033.00
Weekly <u>Adult</u> income needed to meet budget:	\$3,150

Vibrancy Committee will meet on Tuesday, October 3, at 6:15pm in the annex.

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, October 5, from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

Cemetery flowers/decorations on headstones (or on the ground) are to be removed for the year per Cemetery Rules & Regulations. If you have not already done so, **please remove them by October 15.**

Candidates needed - St. Stephen Parish Council: The terms of three members will expire in December. The Council meets the third Tuesday, every two months. Please contact the parish office to add your name or the name of someone you feel would make a great candidate to the list. Candidates will be contacted before adding their name to the drawing in December.

Faith Formation/Youth Group News

Faith Formation Teacher(s) needed for grade 3.

Classes Oct. 4: 6:30-8pm for grades 1-4 & Confirmation. Grades 1-3 Pathways Program in the Hall. A meal will be offered before class in the Parish Hall basement. The meal for October 4 will be Hot Dogs and Mac and Cheese. Included with the meal each week: drink, fruit and dessert.

Upcoming Events: Oct 15 - Fundraising breakfast for KC Bishop Trobec Council 5276, Parish Hall 8am-12pm.
Oct 28-29 - Poor Clare Drive

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 class Fall Hours Wednesday & Friday mornings from **9:30-10:30 am** in the Parish Hall.

Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach

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

Monthly Lunch & Learn - October 19 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social starts at 11:30 followed by meal, speaker and entertainment.

Feet First Clinic - Call Helping Hands to for more info or 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 September 24, 2023

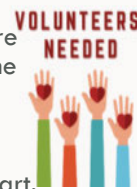
Adult Collection.....\$15,501.00
Automatic Giving.....\$5,804.54
Children's Collection.....\$45.00
Friends In Need.....\$607.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$20.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Box of Joy A Box of Joy Christmas Boxes are to be returned by October 22. There is a \$9 shipping fee for each box. Donations for the shipping fee are appreciated but not required. Contact Dan Joe or another member of the Social Concerns Committee for questions. For information, see www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) We are still in need of leaders for Children's Liturgy of the Word. If you are interested in this ministry or know of someone who has the gifts to do so, Please contact Jason Prigge ASAP. The sooner we get leaders established, the sooner we can start.



COATS FOR KIDS



The Knights of Columbus will be accepting donations for new and gently used coats in good condition. Coats can be for youth or adults. The box for donations will be in the Gathering Space from October 1–Dec 31.

****Coat distribution is for ALL ages. If you**

are without a coat for winter, PLEASE consider going to one of the following pick-up dates:

Saturday, October 21 and Saturday October 28 from 10-12 noon. Distribution is located at Atonement Lutheran Church, 1144 29th Ave N St. Cloud, MN 56303

CLERGY APPRECIATION DINNER

The Knights of Columbus will be hosting the Annual Clergy Appreciation Dinner on October 17th at Sacred Heart. Social time starts at 5pm. Meal will be a baked chicken dinner with homemade mashed potatoes and gravy. Cost is \$20 per person. All are welcome. Please call the office to sign up.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Tom Offerdahl, JoAnn Roles, DuWayne Simmons and Dan 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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry Oct. Theme: Grounded in Good
Upcoming Dates

Wednesday, October 4th (grades 6-8): 7:30-9 PM

Sunday, October 8th (grades 9-12): 5:30-7 PM

Sr. High Youth Day Join other High Schoolers at Lake Geneva in Alexandria on Sunday, October 29th. The day features Catholic renowned speaker & musician Steve Angrisano, games, food, and more! Cost is \$40, registration available online or by the Youth Ministry board. Ask your small group leader or Jason Prigge for more information!

Turkey Bowl 2023 Save the date for Wednesday, November 22nd for the third annual Turkey Bowl at the SCSU Dome! This Thanksgiving tradition features the Youth Group taking on the back to back champs Young Adults in a flag football game. Dan McClure will be coaching the youth group this year - to join the team, contact Jason Prigge or fill out the form on our website!

OPENING FOUNDATION FAMILY NIGHT

Opening Foundation Family Night is Wednesday, October 4th for grades K-8 and their families. Family Foundation nights will begin in the Worship Space at 6:30 pm for parents and children. After a short prayer service, K-8 participants will go to their Faith Formation space with their catechist and parents are invited to stay for a presentation. The topic for October 4th is Finding Balance with presenter Bethany Tollfeson, who works with Health Care Ministries for the Diocese and is open to all adults in the parish. The presentation will conclude at 7:30 pm.

MAGNIFICAT SUBSCRIPTIONS

A monthly subscription to Magnificat periodical is available at a reduced yearly rate. Sacred Heart Magnificat magazines are picked up and left on the table by the sacristy for pick up by subscribers. New subscriptions and renewals are due by November 30 and are \$35. Stop by the office or call Jill L in the office to order. The subscription year is February 2024-January 2025.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 2; 4pm—St. Monica's Society
6pm—Men's Group
6:15pm—Bell's of the Heart
- October 3; 6:1pm—Choir Rehearsal
- October 4; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
4:30pm—Sacred Heart Café (Parish Hall)
5:30pm—Kid's Choir Rehearsal
6pm—Faith Formation
7:30pm—Grounded
- October 5; 6:30pm—Social Concerns
7pm—Young Adult Bible Study (SS)
- October 6; 7am—Breakfast and Bible Study
9am—Mass with SKD
10am—Eucharistic Adoration
11am—Rosary & Benediction
- October 7; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- October 8; 5:30pm—Grounded
7pm—9th Grade Session 3 –Room B

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com
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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, September 24th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$1,680.00
Visitor	\$181.00
Youth	\$20.00
Votive Candles	\$2.00
Fall Festival	\$50.00
Confirmation Retreat	\$150.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$10.00
Auction	\$15.00
Total Income	\$2,108.00
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

Mass Schedule

Sun. October 8th, 2023

Lector: Loren Popp & Lora Knafla
Eucharist: Gene Poser (H), Lloyd Lyon (C), Anita Montag (C)
Servers: Noah & Kelsey Lentner
Greeters: Dan Bemboom
Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom and Dan Brenny

Happy Birthday: Lori Schaefer, Kathy Fussy, Tara Carlson, Shannon Nelson, Tyson Haus, Kelsey Lentner, Caroline Czeck, Susan Villanueva, Karleen Gerads, Carson Zwilling.

CEMETERY RATES:

As of January 1, 2024, the following rates will apply:
- \$350 for a parishioner gravesite (an increase of \$50)
- \$1500 plus a one-time perpetual care fee of \$250 for a non-parishioner gravesite (no change)
- \$200 for a parishioner urn (increase of \$50)
- \$600 for a non-parishioner urn (increase of \$100)
Note that fees for opening and closing graves, monuments, and related costs are not part of these rates, and remain the responsibility of the family. Those who wish to make arrangements for burial rights at the current rates are encouraged to contact Cindy in the parish office before January 1. Thank you.



THANK YOU to the people who took time out of their busy lives to clean parts of the church like the church windows inside and out, the church proper, library and the bathrooms really good. Being we

didn't have a big turnout, not everything was cleaned like the dining hall, kitchen and Annunciation Hall. If you are able to clean for an hour or two so everything looks sparkly clean, please call the office to arrange a time. Thank you.



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 Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 09/17/2023	\$23,274.75
Excess (Deficit)	\$2061.67
YTD Collection Budget	\$268,750.04
YTD Collected	\$271,203.83
Excess (Deficit)	\$2453.79

WELCOME SUNDAY

Sunday, October 8! Please plan to join us for Mass to welcome our new members! There will be Jesus during Mass and donuts after!



FRANNY FLYER THANK YOU

Many thanks to our race sponsors and the 60 some volunteers as well as the parish office and custodians it takes to conduct the 5K 10K race. This wonderful event does not happen without these very supportive people. This race has raised over \$40,000 in the last 12 years for Saint Francis church and school. Thanks Nick Novak, race Director.

SFX ADULT (4-PART) CHOIR REHEARSAL

The weather tells us that change is in the air, and this is also true for the SFX Adult Choir. We are ready to kick off a new choir season with some new and some old music, and with a new, yet old director! I am returning as choir director, and I am inviting YOU to join us as we lead the sung prayer during our liturgies. The first rehearsal is: Wednesday, October 3 at 6:30pm in the choir area in the church.

COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, October 4, after the 8 am Mass.



MONTH OF THE ROSARY



October is the month of the Rosary in the Catholic Church, because it commemorates the feast of "Our Lady of the Holy Rosary" on October 7th.

Gathering in the Arts Committee has a rosary display in the Gathering Place. You are invited to take: rosaries, pamphlets or prayer cards from our table. During the month of October, please pray the Rosary with your family, asking our Blessed Virgin Mary to intercede for our country and for the protection of all life from the moment of conception to natural death.

FAITH FORMATION

6-8th Faith Formation Starts on Wednesday, October 4. Classes will be from 6:45-8 pm. Please come to the Gathering Place to find out who your Small Group Leader will be. We are looking forward to a wonderful year of Scripture and Eucharistic Revival. Please pray for our leaders and students this Faith Formation year!

FRIENDS IN FAITH & HOMEBOUND

Friends In Faith and Home Bound Communion Ministers will meet on Wednesday, October 10 at 5:30 pm in Xavier Hall. Bring a friend! See you all there.

SILENT AUCTION UPDATE

We are pleased to report that our Online Silent Auction was a huge success, exceeding our goal and raising \$10,150! Our Silent Auction is a major fundraiser for our Fall Festival, and we would like to thank everyone who helped us make it a success, starting with our Parish office personnel, Tom Offerdahl and Becky Dingmann. They are the backbone of all Parish activities and we are very grateful for ALL their efforts. We would also like to thank the maintenance crew of SFX for the set up and take down as well as the multiple trips to and from Xavier Hall with donations. We appreciate you! Last but not least, we want to thank all our wonderful Donors and anyone who bid on items in our auction. St. Francis Xavier is truly a parish of Gospel generosity! God bless, Candice Koopmeiners, Pam & Boris Banjac

CEMETERY NEWS

It is coming to that time of the year when items in the cemetery need to be removed. Over the winter months decorations can blow all over and if covered in snow can be a hazard if a winter burial is needed. Gravesites are cleared with a snowblower and hidden debris/items can cause issues or damage machines. The plant stands can remain, but please pull all pots and other decorations from the gravesites by November 1st. Items remaining after that date will be removed and discarded.

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