

22nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"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 will find it." - Mt 16:24b-25

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MASS TIMES

Monday, September 4	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- NO Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Donna Poganski
Tuesday, September 5	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Loran Hall
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Elaine Krueger
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Stephen & Alice Hlebain
Wednesday, September 6	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Lisa Novak
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry & Theresa Gorghuber
Thursday, September 7	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Brenda Spoden
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† JoAnn Smoley
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† All Aborted Babies
Friday, September 8	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Gary Forner
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Don Moran
Saturday, September 9 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Terry Sufka
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	-Living & Deceased Members of Catholic United Financial
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	- For the Members of the Parish
Sunday, September 10 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Dick Brand
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Phil & Dorothy Orth
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	- For the People of the Parish
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Harvey Legatt

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:	1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/ Lk 4:16-30	Friday:	Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30/Ps 13:6ab, 6c/Mt 1:1-16, 18-23 or 1:18-23
Tuesday:	1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37	Saturday:	Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5
Wednesday:	Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44	Next Sunday:	Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/Rom 13:8-10/ Mt 18:15-20
Thursday:	Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11		

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



Eucharistic Congress Postponed

As you may already know, the Eucharistic Congress event originally scheduled for this coming week has been postponed until some time later in the year. The keynote speaker is now not available and Bishop Neary and the team organizing the event decided it was best to put this on hold. So the

retreat day on September 8 and the family events on September 9 will not be held. The St. Mary's Cathedral Block Party will continue as scheduled, however.

Catholic Etiquette

As it shares life together, every group of people develops certain customs and practices that reflect "good manners" or the proper etiquette for the behavior that is accepted in the group. The life of the Church is the same in this regard.

In a previous setting, I presented a brief series on "Catholic Etiquette" – some norms and customs of common courtesy and appropriate conduct related to the Church. As we observe the Eucharistic Revival, it is a good opportunity to revisit this topic as a reminder for us all.

Dress: part of our conscious preparation for Mass involves our dress. Dressing in one's "Sunday best" still has an important part in our approach to the Eucharist. This is part of the reason for the priest's vestments: to remind us that we are stepping outside of the ordinary routines of our lives for the sacred encounter that gives our life as believers its meaning. As a congregation, our dress, while being comfortable, should reflect reverence and the importance of the event. Just as one might feel out of place wearing a suit or formal dress at the beach or sitting in the bleachers, so clothes suitable for those settings are out of place in church.

Good taste, modesty, and simple dignity should prevail; how we dress for Mass ought not be a distraction to others. This is even more important for those who take a special and visible role in the celebration (lectors, ushers, cantors, musicians, extraordinary ministers, servers). The phrase "our Sunday best" ought to indicate not only our best clothes, but our best efforts at prayer and attention to the Lord as well.

Genuflection and the Sign of the Cross: when one enters or leaves the church, it is proper to genuflect fully on one knee towards the Lord present in the tabernacle. Those whose physical condition does not allow genuflection make a bow instead. These are signs of reverence to Christ and a gesture of faith in the Real Presence. Some make a Sign of the Cross in addition to this, or when receiving Communion, which is appropriate though not necessary. The genuflection, bow, Sign of the Cross, and any other such gesture of reverence should never be done mechanically, but rather thoughtfully and carefully, conscious of their meaning as signs of humility before the Lord, greeting to and love for Christ.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

The Sign of the Cross is done by touching forehead, then abdomen, then left shoulder, then right shoulder. It is a reminder of the sacrifice of Jesus on the cross for us, and a dedication of our attentive worship, body and spirit, to the Lord. The Sign of the Cross also links us to our Baptism, where we were first signed with that Cross that gives us our place in the Body of Christ.

Bows: in addition to the bow before receiving Communion and bows made by the priest and deacon in their role, the GIRM (General Instruction of the Roman Missal) instructs the assembly to bow at various times during Mass. This too is a gesture of reverence and honor to persons (God and the saints) or the signs that represent them. A slight bow of the head is made when the three divine Persons are named together, and at the names of Jesus, of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of the saint in whose honor the Mass is being celebrated. A bow of the body from the waist ("profound bow") is primarily reserved to priests and deacons in their roles; the lay faithful however are to make a profound bow during the Profession of Faith at the words: "by the power of the Holy Spirit ... and became man."

Whatever gestures we make in accord with the liturgical norms are part of our worship as persons who are body and soul. They are to be done sincerely but without exaggerated motions or repetitions that draw attention to us and distract others from focus on God.



LEADERSHIP

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ACC Pastoral Leadership

Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION
LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else. "We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.



Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the Appeal. As of August 21, the diocese has raised \$1,177,106 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000, with gifts from 6,442 households. Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose. Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The Grief Group will meet on Wednesday, September 6 from 9-10:30 am in the Gathering Place at St. Francis Xavier. All

are welcome! If you can please contact Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 x403 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org to let me know if you plan to attend.

BIBLE STUDY

How Do I Live as a Christian in the Midst of a Pagan Culture?

Join us for a Bible study on First Corinthians

at the St. Stephen Church Hall at 7:00 pm on the following Sundays: November 5, 12, 19; December 3; January

14, 21, 28; February 18, 25 and March 3, 10. Please call the St. Stephen parish office (320-251-1520) to register by September 30 so materials can be ordered.

Cost: \$30. Questions call Julie Gillen at 320-248-6823.



If you page through Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, you will see that he addresses many of the same topics that appear in the news headlines today: scandals, promiscuity, debates and controversies, and issues related to prosperity versus poverty. Clearly, the struggles faced by the early Christians are in many ways similar to our own. Paul's messages to the Corinthians about divisions, immorality, persecution, and other trials offer much-needed wisdom for our own times.

First Corinthians: The Church and the Christian Community explores the key elements of the gospel message that Paul introduced to a new and growing Church. Presenter Tim Gray examines Paul's advice for living an authentic Christian life in a pagan culture as well as his teachings about the nature of grace, the Church as the body of Christ, and the most powerful gift of all—the Eucharist.

BAPTISM

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



Adelaide Berlynn Burgraff, daughter of Brandon & Mychaela and Miles James Anderson, son of Jacob & Audrey who were baptized at St. Francis Xavier.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

III Blake Weber & Elizabeth Day
III Matthew Dymus & Courtney Staudinger



JOB OPPORTUNITY



Are you 16 years of age or older who likes children? We need help at St. Katharine Drexel School after care program. Work Monday through Friday 2:30pm-6pm supervising our preschool through 5th graders. You do not need to work every day, flexible scheduling is possible. We are willing to work around seasonal sports or activities. If you are interested please email Amy Kleinschmidt at akleinschmidt@ourcatholicschool.org.

PLACE OF HOPE

St. Francis Xavier is scheduled the 4th Tuesday of the month starting in October to prepare, serve and clean up for a meal at Place of Hope. The dates for the year are as follows – 10/24, 11/28, 12/26, 1/23, 2/27, 3/26, 4/23, 5/28. We will start to prepare the meal at SFX and will finish the preparations at Place of Hope. We will need some adults to leave SFX at 3 pm and then we will need to pick up youth at 3:45 pm to help us finish preparing, serve and clean up. We will return to SFX at approximately 6:45 pm. We will need 10 people per date, and we will always need 3 adults per meal for chaperoning. We will take 6-12th graders with us or any age if accompanied by an adult. Contact Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 x403 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org with any questions or to sign up. We will still bring a meal in September but will not prepare, serve, and clean up. Look for more details next week on our September meal. Cash donations are always welcome to help us with the costs. All One in Christ Catholic Community are invited to help. Please don't hesitate to contact me if interested.

DCCW FALL CONFERENCE

All Catholic Women are invited to attend the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women Fall Conference, September 16, at St. Ann's Parish, 514 1st St SE, Wadena. Theme is "The Fruits of the Holy Spirit" with Kathy Janku as presenter. Bishop Patrick Neary will be there for Mass and installation of officers. Registration fee is \$20 by 9/6. Make checks out to St. Cloud DCCW and mail to Lora Knafle, 11719 16th AVE NW, Rice, MN 56367. To carpool from Rice or if you have questions, call Lora 393-2701.

ST. MONICA'S ESTATE SALE

The Sacred Heart St. Monica's Society will be having an Estate Sale September 14, 15 & 16 from 9am-5pm. The sale will be at 923 Oakcrest Ct, Sauk Rapids.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS WORKSHOP

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion Workshop

As part of the Eucharistic Revival's Year in the Parish, all present Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion as well as those considering this ministry are invited to a free workshop offered by the diocesan Office of Worship. This 90-minute workshop will include formation and training essential to serving as an Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. There are 10 opportunities across the diocese during September and October, with one hosted here at Sacred Heart on September 13th from 7:00-8:30 pm. You can find more information at <https://stcdio.org/eucharistic-revival/>.

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 We had an amazing turn out at Bible Study last month at Sacred Heart - we hope that energy and conversation continues this Thursday, September 7th from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. So if you're 18-39, please join us in Xavier Hall!

Pray & Play The last Pray & Play of the school year is next Tuesday, September 12th starting with 5:30 PM Mass at Sacred Heart. Young adults with kids, please plan on joining us!

Young Adult Volunteer Opportunities Looking for ways to serve our local parish communities? Check out the young adult page: oneinchristacc.org/youngadults as this feature will be rolling out soon!

Theology on Draft

Mark your calendars for a brand new season of Theology on Draft! Thursday, September 14th at a location TBD.

BELLS OF THE HEART

Bells of Heart handbell choir could use a few more ringers. This choir is based out of Sacred Heart and will play for Masses at SH but it is open to members of all 4 ACC parishes. The ability to read music is necessary. Rehearsals start on Sept 11th. Contact sarahwoeste@sacredheartsaukrapids.org for more information.



ST. STEPHEN

Contact: Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 AM – 1:30 PM

ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

ststephfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offerings - Aug 26-27

Adults -	\$ 1,730.00
Adult Online Giving Aug 19-25	380.00
Plate	<u>135.00</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,245.00
Weekly <u>Adult</u> income needed to meet budget:	\$3,150

Thank You to everyone for the support we received with the passing of JoAnn Smoley. A special Thank You to Fr. Ron, the choir, and the funeral lunch group. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated. JoAnn Smoley family

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, September 7, from 8:30am - 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

St. Stephen American Legion Auxiliary will be meeting at the Rusty Nail on Sept. 5 at 7:30 PM.



Do you love to sing? The choir season will start soon. We have practice on Thursday evenings at 7pm and sing at 10am mass on Sunday's. Lots of voices make for wonderful music! Please call Joel at 320-237-6273 with questions or if you would like to join. We would love to welcome you!

Faith Formation News

Large Appliance Boxes needed! We have a few boxes but still need a lot more. The boxes are used by youth to sleep in Sept. 16-17 to raise awareness for homelessness.

Faith Formation Teachers needed for grades 2 & 3.

Please call Danna at 251-5066 for more information or to offer your assistance with Faith Formation items.

Ministry Schedule for Sept 30-Jan 1: If there are dates you know you will be unavailable please call or email the office by **Sept 17**. Included with this schedule: All Saint's, Thanksgiving, Immaculate Conception, Christmas & New Year's. New servers, lectors, eucharistic ministers & ushers always welcomed.

Upcoming Dates: Sept 12-Vibrancy Committee meeting; Festival Wrap-up meeting; Finance Committee meeting. Sept 13-Confirmation Information night

Well n Fit exercise class - Summer Hours Wednesday & Friday mornings from **9:00-10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Wednesday class followed by half hour Line Dancing.

Helping Hands Outreach

Senior Dining - Wednesday's at **Trobec's Bar** at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

Monthly Lunch & Learn - September 21 in St. Stephen Parish Hall. Social starts at 11:30 followed by meal, speaker and entertainment.

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 August 27, 2023

Adult Collection.....\$8,139.00
Automatic Giving.....\$5,739.54
Holy Days.....\$50.00
Friends In Need.....\$20.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Kids Choir All youth in 2nd grade and older are welcome to join Kids Choir at Sacred Heart! Rehearsals are on Wednesdays from 5:30-6:25 (with a meal served at 5:00 on Faith Formation nights) and we sing at least one Sunday per month. We will begin rehearsing again on Wednesday, September 13th. If your child would like to join, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer in the office. jkiffmeyer@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Teen Choir We have a fun new music opportunity for the teens in our parish! A Teen Choir will be starting this fall and is open to any teenager who would like to sing for Mass. Because we know teens are busy, the schedule will be easy with just 4 Masses scheduled for the year as well as one rehearsal before we sing each time. We will sing in October, December, February, and April. If you are interested in singing, or even playing an instrument with this group, please contact Jill Kiffmeyer at jkiffmeyer@sacredheartsaukrapids.org or at 320-251-8115

Lectors It's time to order Lector Workbooks again for upcoming Year B. Please call or email Jill Kiffmeyer in the office by August 31st if you would like a copy ordered for you.

FESTIVAL THANK YOU

WOW! If you were at the festival you know it was a busy and successful day! We had cars and people everywhere! It was a GREAT DAY! Thank you to everyone who came out to support the parish. Thank you to everyone who made purchases, bid on baskets, ate food, drank beer, danced, played bags, kids games or bingo! All of those things made the event successful! Thank you to everyone who volunteered for the day! A REALLY BIG thank you to the chairs of the stands! There is a lot of work that goes into planning the festival! So thank you; Jolene and Richard Theis, Rich Wolter, Tom Salazer, Earl Schreifels, Bob Hengel, Neil Bueckers, Jason and Shannon Adamski, Aaron Plafcan, Sandy Jacobson, Deb and Steve Walter, Diane Bares, Karen Hengel, Joe Kresky, Karen Handeland, Joyce Kirchner, Donna Larson, Joyce Fink, Bob Stoltman, Barb Jancik, Tom Dammann, and Marge Nierengarten. We look forward to #SHFestival24 😊

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Jane Holzem, Char Kipka, Irene Laudenbach and Troy 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 Small Group Leaders We are now seeking young adults, adults and seniors to join our Grounded team as small group leaders (especially for Jr. High)! The commitment of a small group leader is simple; twice a month (sometimes once), leading / facilitating small group discussions, checking in with young people and supporting them in their faith. Training is provided! Contact Jason Prigge ASAP.

Upcoming Grounded Dates & Times Have you 'registered' for Grounded yet?! You can 'sign-up' for Grounded by completing Faith Formation registration or by contacting Jason.

Sunday, September 10th: Grades 9-12 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM
Wednesday, September 20th: Grades 6-12 *SPECIAL PREMIERE* from 6:00 - 8:00 PM

*Sign-up is helpful as we begin placing young people in small faith communities (small groups) and to ensure we have enough leaders. All young people are encouraged and ALWAYS welcome at Grounded - if you didn't register or are not ready yet, we will find a community for you!

Youth Ministry Tab on Website The youth ministry page on our website will be getting a makeover, please excuse our mess as we find the best possible way to connect with our young people, families and of course our community. If you are lost and can't find what you are looking for, please contact Jason Prigge for assistance!

Breakfast and Bible Study

Young people in grades 6-12, join us for the first Breakfast and Bible Study of the school year this Friday, September 8th starting at 7 AM. All are welcome, bring your friends!

FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

Faith Formation Registrations have been coming in and it is shaping up for a wonderful year. If you have a child in K - 10th Grade and have not registered yet, there is still time. Go to the Sacred Heart website and click on the faith formation tab or use the following qr code.



All 9th grade families registered in the parish should have received a letter explaining changes to the 9th grade program and a schedule for the year. The first in person session is Sunday, September 24th from 7pm-8:30pm

TEACHERS NEEDED Consider sharing your faith with the next generation as a catechist or assistant. It is a wonderful opportunity to meet the amazing children and young people at Sacred Heart and to invite them into a relationship with Jesus. All materials and support will be provided so come join the team. If you have any questions, contact Scott.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 4; OFFICE CLOSED
5pm—Men's Group
- September 5; 6:15pm—Choir Rehearsal
- September 6; 1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry
7pm—Catechist Gathering
- September 7; 4pm—Discipleship Committee
6:30pm—Social Concerns
7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
- September 8; 7am—Breakfast & Bible Study
9pm—Dodgeball Night
- September 9; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- September 10; 5:30pm—Grounded (9-12)
7pm—11th Gr. DTS Session 11 (Parish Hall)

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, August 27th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$ 1,545.50
Visitor	\$ 231.00
Youth	\$ 7.00
Central MN Catholic	\$ 25.00
Votive Candles	\$ 5.30
Fall Festival.....	\$ 315.00
Total Income	\$ 2,128.80

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

Mass Schedule

Sun. September 10th, 2023

Lector: David Zimmer and Jill Brenny
Eucharist: Jason Zwilling (H), Gene Poser (C), Lori Popp (C)
Servers: Reid Kiffmeyer and Cole Lentner
Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Mason & Carson Zwilling
Ushers: Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, and Lora Knafla

Happy Birthday: Keith Rothstein, Lucy Skroch, Tami Spiczka, Ed Miller, Matthew Scheel, Keith Krueger, Dale Zimmer, Aubrey Novak.



PARISH PICNIC: Our Parish Picnic is Next Sunday, September 10th. With Mass at 10:30am, with a potluck picnic afterwards. Music, Bake Sale, fresh Doughnuts, Silent Auction and Bingo round out the day. Your help is needed for this special event. Please sign up on the volunteer sheets in the entrance of the church.



2023/2024 RELIGIOUS EDUCATION SCHOOL YEAR: Our Faith Formation Classes will begin on Wednesday, September 13th starting at 5:45pm with supper and social in the church basement. We will all then meet at 6:30pm in the Church proper to start this Faith Formation year.

BOXES OF JOY: Our parish will once again participate in the Box of Joy project or anyone in the One in Christ ACC may contribute in the annual Christmas gift ministry which is facilitated by Cross Catholic Outreach. By packing Boxes of Joy with toys and other gifts, participants bless children suffering from extreme poverty by sharing the joy of Christmas and planting seeds of hope. Being back to school sales are taking place, pick up some items to put in a box(es) for children in other countries. Please no crayons, liquid items or anything that might melt. Deadline will be November 1. If you would like a box/boxes early, please contact Lora 393-2701. Thanks for thinking of these children. Learn more at www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER of Holy Communion. Free workshops (10 different times available) are being offered at nine different sites to those interested. Contact Sr. Jeanne Wiest, OP Director of Worship. 320-255-9068.

CHURCH & GROUNDS CLEANUP Mark your calendars for Saturday, September 23rd from 9-noon. Everyone needed to get our facilities in shape.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor
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

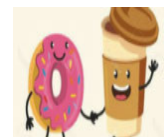
Weekly Collection Budget	\$20,673.08
Collected 08/27/2023.....	\$12,958.75
Excess (Deficit)	(\$7,714.33)
YTD Collection Budget	\$186,057.72
YTD Collected	\$198,313.89
Excess (Deficit).....	\$12,256.17

LITURGY OF THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

Liturgy of the Word for Children will be starting soon. We are needing help with leaders and assistants for this program. If interested or would like more information of what this would involve please contact Julie Jacobs at julie.cmc7@yahoo.com or 320-291-2901. Thanks for considering this for this great program for the children of our parish.

COFFEE & COMMUNITY

Please join us for 1st
Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on
Wednesday, September 6, after
the 8 am Mass.



PLACE OF HOPE

In the month of September our menu will be hamburger rice hotdish, green beans, pears, brownies, and milk. We will be delivering this meal on Monday, September 18. All donations should be to St Francis Xavier by Wednesday, September 13 so we can put together our order for Sams. We are looking for Minute White Rice, cream of mushroom soup, soy sauce, chow mein noodles, green beans, canned pears and brownie mix, and oil or cash donations for the milk, eggs and hamburger.

AFTERSHOCK

It's a Carnival! September 20 6:30-8:30. Grilled burgers and hotdogs from 6:30-7:00, programming from 7-8:30. Cost \$10 by 9/18, \$15 at the door. Registration forms were mailed, but also available in the Flocknote newsletter. Our goal is to give away over \$1000.00 in prizes We are looking for gift card donations for local places or stores. Please drop donations off in the main parish office labeled for the Youth Night. All 6-12th graders are invited to join us for this fun night!

FALL FESTIVAL

I have 4 takers so far for placing our 4'x8' banners in good places to advertise. I have 6 banners remaining & would be happy to find some takers. Please call or email Tom – 320-252-1363, ext. 405 or tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org. Geri Blais is taking on the “Green Room” duties & will make a hospitable place for the festival entertainers to prepare & “break” when they come for the festival. Thank you, Geri! Help will be needed Friday afternoon (September 15th) from 3:00 to 5:00pm for some table & chair **set-up**. On Sunday morning (September 17th), those same tables & chairs will need to be put away. Maintenance guys will be coming around 8:00am. Very likely it will take less than 2 hours if we have enough helpers. Please keep these days & times in mind. Keep praying for good weather & a safe & successful festival!



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