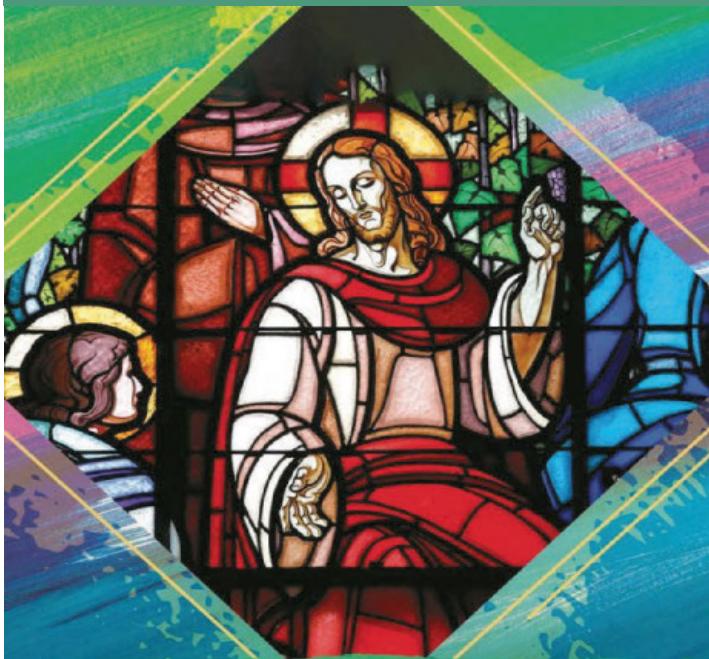


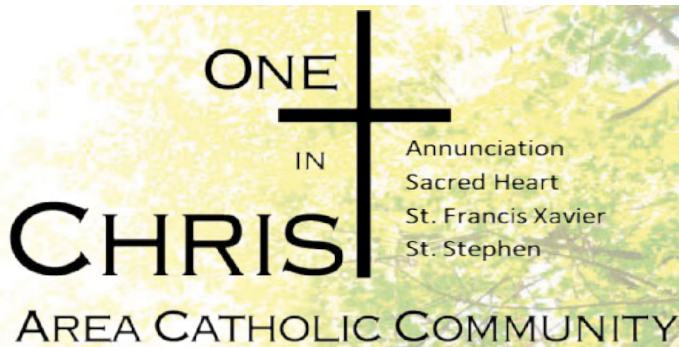
September 24, 2023
25th Sunday in Ordinary Time



25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

“Summon the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and ending with the first.” - Mt 20:1, 8

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Annunciation

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320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

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St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
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MASS TIMES

Monday, September 25	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Clarence & Audrey Posch
Tuesday, September 26	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Loretta Buley
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	- The Intentions of Donna Scholz
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Larry & Verdell Rudolph
Wednesday, September 27	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Henry Duane & Maxine Popp
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jim Schmitz
Thursday, September 28	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Julie Klein
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Martin & Rose Iten Family
	8:30 am	Annunciation	- Bernard Family Living & Deceased
Friday, September 29	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	- Matt Harambasic Family
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Eric Wochnick
Saturday, September 30 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† BriAnna Kruzel
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Ronald Schmitz
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† William “Billy” Supan
Sunday, October 1 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time *Livestreamed Mass	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Jerry Molitor
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	- For the Members of the Parish
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Jerry Schwieters
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Donald Vouk

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: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13/Lk 9:43b-45

Next Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Ps 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9, (6a)/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari.....

Stephanie couldn't help commenting as she watched her father pay the bill after dinner, "Give the server a bigger tip, Dad." "Why? I usually tip 15 percent, but she wasn't such a great waitress."

I've waited tables, remember, dad?

Tipping isn't about how well servers take care of you; it's about letting them know you appreciate them and giving them what they need to survive. Besides, the bill would have been much larger if we had ordered drinks and desserts. I'd give her 25 percent!"

I confess I seldom take Stephanie's position on tipping. In fact, a number of people base their tip on the quality of the service received. We live in a culture which says no free rides; everyone needs to pull their own weight; you get what you deserve. Perhaps that is why today's parable strikes a dissident cord in us. I would venture to say, most of us, here would side with the laborers hired at dawn. It certainly is not fair that those who worked 12 hours in the scorching heat should receive the same pay as those who worked for an hour or two.

A closer look at the parable reveals this is not about labor unions. The key line in this parable is toward the end. Are you envious because I am generous? This parable is about generosity. Or in the words of Stephanie from our story—it is about God letting us know we are loved and will give us what is needed.

The parable stresses that God wants to make sure each person has everything they need to be saved, no matter how late they come to accept God's invitation to the kingdom. Throughout the parable, it is the landowner himself who goes out several times and hires workers. Some people are slow in responding to God's invite. They seek answers in other places. Turn to the things of this world---prestige, power, money. Finally, after all else has failed, they seek God.

The parable turns the world upside down. We are asked to put aside our human notions and criteria, and place our trust in God's ways, even when we do not understand God's ways. When we approach things with our human hearts, envy gets in the way. Envy shifts our attention from our own behavior to that of others. How can so and so possible get the same treatment? Look at their lives!

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

How different the world would be if we acted with the same generosity. In fact, this is at the heart of stewardship. Stewardship acknowledges that all we have is a gift from God. Gifts given to us by God, not for our own use, but for the building up of the kingdom. Our response to this generosity is to give without the fear of being in want. Constantly in the scriptures we are reminded God will provide for us. Trusting in God, our generosity could bring an end to hunger, homelessness, poverty. Trusting in God, our generosity of time, talent, and treasure would enable our parish ministries to cause a change in the lives of others.

Through prayer, we open ourselves to a glimpse of God's way of being and acting. Opening ourselves to God is not a one-time event but a process we continue each time we come to the table of the word and the body and blood of Christ. Opening ourselves to God melts away our fears and enables us to imitate the generosity of God.

Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

ONE
CHRIS
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY



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Pastoral Associate	Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363, Ext. 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org

STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION

LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



"Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last". - Matthew 20:16

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." "This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our sincere gratitude and cheerful generosity will help us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.



Your generosity makes it possible for diocesan ministries to provide essential education, pastoral care and other assistance to thousands of people across our 16-county diocese. These ministries couldn't happen without you. Learn more 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 (jlieser@sacredheartsaukrapids.org) 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.

SARTELL AREA CHURCH CRAFT & BAKE SALE

Apparently those lazy, hazy, crazy, HOT days of summer are over & we welcome Fall & the changing beauty & color of the trees & landscape, & grab that favorite sweatshirt or jacket as we head out the door! Along with Fall we begin to prepare for our Annual Craft & Bake Sale on Saturday, October 28th in the school Gym from 10 AM to 1:00 PM. If you find yourself cleaning out boxes & shelves & have New or GENTLY used Fall or Christmas items that you are ready to have someone else enjoy, please consider dropping them off on the Church Bench by the Parish Office during business hours or on weekends when you attend Mass. Tag them with your name so we can include that on the bid sheet! As always, we are in need of baskets of all sizes too. Continue to watch the bulletin for more information, & call with any questions! Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Bonnie Nies 320-267-9237

BAPTISM

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



Addilyn Bernice Ackerman, daughter of Josh & Brittney and Caden James Neeser, son of Nathaniel & Jessica who were baptized at Sacred Heart.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Il Michael Pesta & Julia Slivnik



FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Judy Whalen, who passed away on September 16th from Sacred Heart.

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



HOMELESS HELPING HOMELESS

Homeless Helping Homeless provides lunch and snacks to over 60 people every day of the week at Lake George and 20 at Lincoln Center (outside). We need food that is individually packaged such as granola bars, fruit cups, ramen noodles, tuna packets, canned pasta with pull tabs, bananas, nuts, oranges, mac and cheese cups, beef sticks, individual cereal cups and peanut butter, water, juice boxes, nuts. You can help by bringing any of the above food items to the Lake George fountain, 401 10th Ave S. any day from 11 am to 1 PM OR to the Lincoln Center 630 Lincoln Ave. SE St Cloud. If you prefer, you may send a monetary donation to Homeless Helping Homeless PO Box 475, St Cloud, MN 56302. If you would like to volunteer, call 612-868-0465 or stop by. These are children of God living in our community who are currently suffering. As Christians we express our concern by sharing some of what God has blessed us with. Prayerfully consider what role God is calling you to be or do. Thank you!

PET BLESSING

The Blessing of the Pets will be Sunday, October 1 (NEXT SUNDAY) at 1pm on the Sacred Heart Parish grounds. Bring your furry friends (or not so furry friends) for a time of prayer and a blessing followed by fellowship. Leashes & carriers are appreciated.



40 DAYS FOR LIFE OPENING RALLY

The opening rally for 40 Days For Life will be Wednesday, September 28th at St. Augustine's Catholic Church from 6pm-8pm. Featured Speaker is Dr. Haywood Robinson who was a former abortionist, but now is Medical Director & Educator for 40 Days For Life. He will tell the story of his journey from abortionist to LIFE ACTIVIST, including his powerful conversion to which he marvels at the amazing MERCY of Almighty God!!! Refreshments will be served after the presentation. There will also be sign up sheets if you would like to sign up to walk.



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.



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!

Young Adult Praise Nights Young Adult Praise Nights are debuting this month! All young adults (18-39), especially those with kids, come join us in Praise & Worship on the 4th Sunday of every month starting at 4:00 PM. Each month will feature Praise & Worship, Sacrament of Reconciliation and other prayer opportunities for everyone. The first one of the year is: Sunday, September 24th @ Sacred Heart.

This event is in collaboration with All Called to Christ ACC.

Young Adult Mass & Meal Join other 18-39 year olds for prayer and fellowship after on Saturday, September 30th starting with 4:00 PM Mass at St. Francis Xavier. Meet in the Gathering Space after Mass and we'll go to dinner from there. *Everyone is responsible for their own meal.

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>

HELP WANTED

St. Francis Xavier Parish and School is accepting applicants for a full-time custodial/maintenance person.

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 16 & 17

Adults -	\$1,925.00
Adult Online Giving Sep 9-15	\$580.00
Plate	\$137.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$160.00
TOTAL	\$2,802.00
Weekly <u>Adult</u> income needed to meet budget:	\$3,150

Faith Formation/Youth Group News

Faith Formation Teacher(s) needed for grade 3.

Classes Begin: for grades 5-11, Sept. 27; 6:30-8pm. A meal will be offered before class in the Parish Hall basement. The meal for Sept. 27 is Taco's with the fixings. Included with the meal each week is: drink, fruit and a dessert.

Youth Group for grades 6-12 begins Sept. 27; 8-9:30 pm. Come and enjoy fun games, good conversation and great food. Make it more fun and bring a friend.

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

Are you still considering the Bible Study on First Corinthians? You need to register by September 30 so materials can be ordered. Bible Study starts November 5 at the St. Stephen Parish Hall. Call the office to register.

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 - Summer Hours

Wednesday & Friday mornings from **9:00-10:00 am** in the Parish Hall. Wed. 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 - 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.

PSA TEST & EXAM

Free PSA Test and Exam on Thursday, September 28th from 4-6pm for men 45-70 years old with no history of Prostrate Cancer. Please call 320-229-5100

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

The One in Christ Bible Study will begin meeting Oct 4th at Sacred Heart. Our first study is 'Mary Magdalene, Apostle to the Apostles' We meet Wednesdays at 9am. All are welcome to join our group. Contact Gerry Kittok (320 420 9050) or Kay Brown (763 333 4695) to join.

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 17, 2023

Adult Collection.....\$9,471.00
Automatic Giving.....\$6,791.83
Children's Collection.....\$29.00
Friends In Need.....\$75.00
Campaign for Human Development.....\$15.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

TEEN CHOIR CHANGE Our first teen choir rehearsal is on Sunday, September 24th from 6:00-7:00 pm. All teens are welcome to come and join! We will sing for the 9:00 am Mass on Sunday, October 1st. Hope to see you there!

Day of Service Volunteers are needed to help with our Fall Day of Service-Sat., Sept., 30th, 9-12. Volunteers will enjoy a light meal and then be sent as a community to clean yards, windows or other projects. There still may be an opportunity to help even if this day does not work for you. There will be a sign-up sheet in the Gathering Space. Are you in need of some fall yard clean-up, window cleaning or other projects? Contact Dcn Joe at jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Box of Joy A Box of Joy is a Christmas shoe box, donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies, and hygiene items by participants from U.S. parishes, groups, and schools. Each gift represents Christ's love and may be the only Christmas gift children in developing countries are blessed to receive. Pick up your boxes and gift ideas after Mass the weekend of September 30 and October 1. 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 Dcn Joe or another member of the Social



Rosary To help lead us into October (which the Catholic Church has set aside as a month to honor the Blessed Virgin Mary) we will be praying the Rosary before the 5:00pm Mass at Sacred Heart on Saturday, September 30th and you are invited to join in prayer.

We will begin the Rosary at 4:30 P.M. Please come and join us in our prayers to our Holy Mother!!

Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) We are still in need of leaders for CLOW. 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.

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.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded Youth Ministry October 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!

FIRST RECONCILIATION PARENT MEETING

First Reconciliation Parent Meetings are Tuesday, September 26th from 6:00 - 7:00pm and Sunday, October 1st from 10:45 - 11:45 AM for 2nd grade families in the parish. Families are expected to attend one of the meetings. 2nd graders are welcome but not required to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Scott Frieler

COATS FOR KIDS



The Knights of Columbus will once again 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,

UPCOMING EVENTS

September 25; 5:45pm—Child/Parent Group
6:15pm—Bells of the Heart
September 26; 6:30pm—Catholic United Financial
6:30pm—Mother's Book Study
September 27; 5:30pm—Faith Formation Kick Off
5:30pm—Kids' Choir Rehearsal
September 30; 9am—Day of Service
3:30pm—Reconciliation
4pm—YA Mass & a Meal (SFX)
4:40pm—Rosary
October 1; 1pm—Pet Blessing
9th Grade Session 2

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Jane Holzem, Char Kipka, Irene Laudensch, JoAnn Roles, DuWayne Simmons and 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
cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com
Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941
shirleys@annunciationmayhewlake.com

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for Sunday, September 17th, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$2,124.75
Visitor	\$52.00
Youth	\$2.00
Building Improvements	\$200.00
Votive Candles	\$5.00
Fall Festival	\$105.00
Church Cleaning	\$100.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$120.00
Religious Education Books	\$90.35
Use of Basement	\$50.00
Auction	\$40.00
Total Income	\$2,889.10

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

Mass Schedule

Sun. October 1st, 2023

Lector: John & Karla Koenig
Eucharist: Brenda Carriveau (H), Rita Knott (C), Lora Knafila (C)
Servers: Reid Kiffmeyer and Mariah Simmons
Greeters: Don & Karol Weyer
Ushers: Tom, Barb, Jeremy Brand and Dave Lentner



Happy Birthday: Rod Bemboom, Kay Jarnot, Abrielle Lyon, Cory Dahler, Reid Kiffmeyer, Peter Ackerman, James Gans, Nathan Popp, Janet Popp, Richard Carriveau, Bruce Knafila, Kevin Lentner, Eric Scapanski.

CEMETERY RATES: Last February, a letter was sent to all parish households with advance notice of an increase in rates for burial rights in the Annunciation Cemetery. The last increase was in 2015. Modest increases were determined by the Finance and Pastoral Councils of the parish with rising costs and stewardship for the future of the cemetery in mind.

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.



"If you're ever headed the wrong way in life, remember the road to Heaven allows U-turns."

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	\$20,650.10
Excess (Deficit)	\$(22.98)
YTD Collection Budget	\$248,076.96
YTD Collected	\$247,929.08
Excess (Deficit)	(\$147.88)

KYES EVENT HELP NEEDED

St. Francis Xavier is serving as the host for a KYES Fundraiser on Friday, September 29th. We are looking for 12 helpers to act as greeters and to check-in people for the event. It takes place from 5:30pm until about 8:30pm. Matt Birk is the keynote speaker. You will be able to hear his talk for FREE! Please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office with your offer to help – 252-1363, ext. 405 or email tofferdahl@gmail.com.

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!



A PLACE OF HOPE

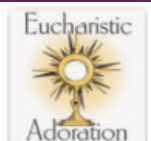
Thank you for your September donations! We are looking for volunteers for serving our October meal on Tuesday, October 24! More details to come.

BAKE SALE THANK YOU

Bake sale wants to thank all the wonderful bakers & canners that filled our tables for the festival. We want to thank our wonderful worker bees that helped us mark and sell the wares. We couldn't have done it without your help. We truly were blest. Marlyce & Doris

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration
September 26, 4-7 pm.
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



FESTIVAL THANKSGIVINGS

Our parish was blessed with a safe and successful parish festival weekend. It was the largest turn-out in years (even the last couple before Covid). And this year was different because we were also celebrating 75 years as a parish. Thanks again to the generous donors of prizes for the raffle and silent auction and BINGO prizes and baked goods and cakes and cash donations and all other things large and small. We did well in all of those areas and that happens because you shared so many gifts. Thanks to the sponsors that came through for our entertainment – Dale Gruber Construction, Heim Milling and Strack Construction. Thanks also for donations from Marco and the KC's. We had great music with the *Killer Country Show*. The Franny Flyer event was well run and everybody who ran or walked made it out and back safely. Thank you to the leaders of the Silent Auction, Franny Flyer, Cake Paddle, Beer Stand, Food Stand, Taco in a Bag, Root Beer Float/Popcorn Stand, Pop Stand, Sports Challenge/Mouse Game, Bake Sale, BINGO and Finance Room. You kept things going and made things happen! Thanks to all of the people who plugged in and worked Saturday night and Sunday morning – the “worker bees” took care of business.

Thanks to the handful of parishioners who shared time in meetings and planning. Your input was needed and welcomed! Thanks to those helped with behind the scenes things duties – stuffing packets, marketing, receiving donations and putting up banners. Thanks to the staff who “stepped it up” by taking on extra duties, running events, enhancing liturgy, hauling festival parts and pieces from Xavier Hall and the shed to wherever needed and for cleaning up. We also had a good number of people who helped with set-up and clean-up. Many hands make the work lighter. God is good! And so are the people of St. Francis!

THE 75TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK IS HERE!

If you didn't get a chance to purchase the cookbook at the festival, they will be for sale in the parish office and for sale after both masses this weekend. Books are \$15 each. You may also contact the committee members listed and arrange to purchase one! They will make a wonderful birthday, anniversary, bridal shower gift or if your shopping early; a Christmas gift!!

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