

May 11th, 2025  
4th Sunday of Easter



# ONE IN CHRIST

Annunciation  
Sacred Heart  
St. Francis Xavier  
St. Stephen

## AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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### Annunciation

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### St. Stephen

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### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, May 12</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier Annunciation	- Word and Communion † Donna Poganski
<b>Tuesday, May 13</b> Our Lady of Fatima	8:00 am 5:30 pm 5:30 pm	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Sue Scipioni † Jeanne Hassing † Bob Ferche
<b>Wednesday, May 14</b> St. Mathias	8:00 am 8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier Sacred Heart	† Mary Ann Henry † Fr. Sylvester Gall and Joseph & Agnes Gall
<b>Thursday, May 15</b>	8:00 am 8:00 am 8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen Annunciation	† Jerry Schwieters † Hugo Weyrens - Couples trying to Conceive
<b>Friday, May 16</b>	8:00 am 8:30 am	*Sacred Heart St. Francis Xavier	† David Neron † Deceased Members of the John Kroll Family
<b>Saturday, May 17</b> 5th Sunday of Easter	4:00 pm 5:00 pm 7:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier *Sacred Heart St. Stephen	† Ken Derr † Gina Bukowski † Steven Dullinger
<b>Sunday, May 18</b> 5th Sunday of Easter *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am 9:00 am 9:30 am 10:00 am	*Annunciation *Sacred Heart *St. Francis Xavier St. Stephen	† Don & Barb Gravelle 40th Wedding Anniversary † For the People of the Parish † Linda Dingmann † Holly Justin

### PASTORAL SERVICES

#### Reconciliation Saturdays

3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
6:15 pm St. Stephen

#### Sunday

7:40 am Annunciation

**Anointing of the Sick**  
**Home Bound Communion**  
**Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests,**  
**Marriage and Baptism Preparation**  
If you have any of the above  
pastoral needs, please contact your  
Parish Office.

Bulletin announcements are  
due in the parish office by  
8:00 am on Mondays.  
Thank you! Please contact  
your Parish Office for  
more information.

### DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Ps 113:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8/Jn 15:9-17

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

**Next Sunday:** Acts 14:21-27/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13  
(see 1)/Rv 21:1-5a/Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### Blessed Mother's Day!

For many years, when we asked what she wanted for Mother's Day, our mom always asked for flowers to plant around our house – petunias, pansies, daisies. It made for easy shopping! But in later years, I came to understand more deeply what those flowers said about her.

In choosing flowers, she chose a gift that was not something meant only for herself. She found joy in her flowers, but she wanted to present a gift of beauty and life that could be enjoyed by all of us and by whomever passed by the house.

Lots of people had flowers; but these were her flowers, something alive and delightful, something she invested time and effort into growing for no other purpose than to attract the eye and lighten the heart. For, as I quoted that 16th century monk here recently: "God has left us from Paradise three things: the stars, the flowers, and the eyes of a child."

I find in my mom's flowers a beautiful tribute to the meaning of motherhood: accepting a gift of life in love, welcoming a child who is nurtured and cared for, formed and cherished, so that this life can enrich others.

We can plant and water and weed and tend the flowers, but we cannot make them grow faster or change colors or survive an early frost. Caring for another deeply can readily bring some pain and disappointment along with the delights.

Mary, the Mother of Jesus, shows us this joyful welcome of her Child, the daily love of a mother for her Son, the surrender of her loved One to suffering and death, her heart pierced with a sword. What profound courage to say: "Let it be done to according to your word" – and mean it in joy, light, sorrow, and the persevering hope of glory.

Words fail to give adequate tribute to you; but thank you, every mother, for your witness to God's love in the world. May Mary, the Mother of Jesus and the Mother of God, pray for you today and every day. On Mother's Day, we remember that so highly does God value mothers that his only Son was born just as we are ... something like the beauty and fragrance of the flowers around our house, the Gift of God given through a mother's love.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

### World Day of Prayer for Vocations

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always "Good Shepherd Sunday," a day to pray especially for priestly vocations. In his annual Letter to Priests on Holy Thursday in the Jubilee Year 2000, St. John Paul wrote from the very Upper Room in Jerusalem where the Last Supper took place. He wrote:

In this holy room I naturally find myself imagining you in all the various parts of the world, with your myriad faces, some younger, some more advanced in years, in all the different emotional states which you are experiencing: for many, thank God, joy and enthusiasm, for others perhaps suffering or weariness or discouragement. In all of you I honor the image of Christ which you received at your consecration, the "character" which marks each of you indelibly. It is a sign of the special love which every priest has come to know and upon which he can always rely.

Today, think of priests you have known who have inspired you, ministered to you and those you love, and somehow reflected the Face of Christ's compassion and mercy. Recall those who have most given you hope, and pray for more of them for the Church today and tomorrow. And if you see someone who has qualities of humanity, service, faith, and goodness, ask them if Jesus may be calling them. This simple question has been the seed of countless vocations, including mine.

## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership



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<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Steve Pareja</b> 320-761-2503
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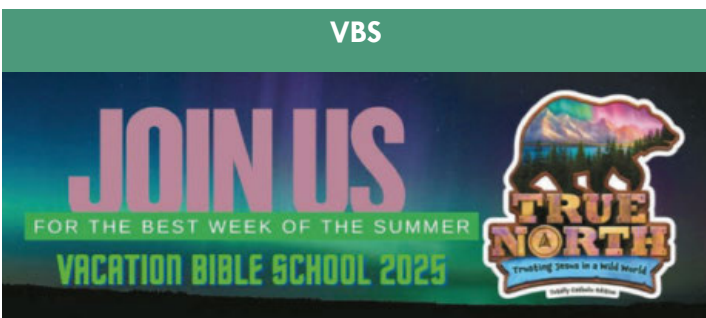


"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit."  
(Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!



If you have yet to see our 2025 Video, please take a moment to learn more about ministries that bring hope and help build the kingdom of God right here in Central Minnesota. You can use your smartphone or visit [Voices of Hope: Bishop's Annual Appeal 2025](https://www.stfrancisxavier.org/voices-of-hope-bishop-s-annual-appeal-2025)



Vacation Bible School is open to kids ages 4 through 5th grade and will be held June 23-27th from 9am-Noon.

Registration forms are still be excepted for Vacation Bible School Participants. Registration forms can be found in the gathering areas, on the parish websites or can be emailed to you.

**VOLUNTEERS:** Many Volunteers are still needed to make VBS a huge success! If you are interested in helping lead or assist at a station or lead a crew of 6-8 students around for the week please contact Melissa Fox (mfox@stfrancissartell.org or 320-761-2217 (cell)).

**DECORATION MAKING:** ALL are invited to join us to help make VBS Decorations. We will gather on Monday, May 12th, Wednesday, May 14th and Wednesday, May 21st from 6:00-8:00pm in Xavier Hall. If you plan to come help, please let Melissa know ahead of time.

**HELP NEEDED:** OWN A DIE CUTTING MACHINE? We are in need of approximately 1500 trees cut out for students and volunteers to write their God Sightings on each day of Vacation Bible School. Paper will be provided, but it would be great if we could get several people to help cut them out. Please contact Melissa if you are able to help.

**ARE YOU SPRING CLEANING?** We can take your junk and turn it into treasure at VBS. We are in need of used beach towels, bath towels, fake greenery, old but still useable Christmas Trees, bean bags, cleaned out gallon jugs with the covers, gallon ice cream containers cleaned out with covers, blue fabric or bed sheets, white crayons,. Donation can be placed by parish office.

## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Jamison Gray & Stacy Solberg  
I Jason Hoekstra & Megan Voit  
I Nicholas Krippner & McKenzie Lloyd

## FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of James R. Vouk, who passed away on April 21, Ben Peternell, who passed away on April 27 and Stanley Herrmann, who passed away on April 27, from St. Stephen.

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



## CARD GROUP @ SFX



St. Francis Xavier-Xavier Hall  
2nd & 4th Thursdays-May 22nd, 2025  
1-3 pm All are welcome! Cribbage and 500 tables.  
Contact Sandee Kremers with any questions.

## COMPASSIONATE HOPE FAMILY CENTER REMODEL



Social Concerns is recruiting volunteers to help prep and paint apartments at Compassionate Hope Family Center (Transitional housing for families). Days and times will vary. We have completed one apartment and are working on more. We are preparing rooms for transition housing for families. We can also use donations for supplies. Contact Dan Joe if you have an interest in supporting this effort.

## ASSUMPTION, CALVARY & SH CEMETERIES

Memorial Day will be observed on Monday, May 26, 2025. With gratitude and respect for those who have served in our nation's military to preserve peace and freedom, Memorial Day is a time to honor our deceased veterans.

One common and beautiful way to do so is with flowers on the burial places of those we remember. Cemeteries are glad to accommodate this act of remembrance and hope. To assure good order for all, cemeteries have rules for what is permitted and appropriate. Below you will find the rules for the three diocesan cemeteries of Assumption and Calvary in St. Cloud and Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids. (For other cemeteries, whether parish-based or civil, please contact the management of each cemetery through the parish or the county where it is located.)

### Memorial Day Rules:

\*Vases can be turned over for use on the Saturday before Memorial Day (that is, on May 24).

\*Additional flowers may be placed on graves two days prior to Memorial Day (on Saturday) but must be removed within three days after Memorial Day (by Thursday, May 29). All remaining flowers will be disposed of by the Cemetery.

\*Small United States flags welcomed two days before and through Memorial Day and must be reclaimed by those placing them.

For further questions, please see the full list of rules and regulations for the diocesan cemeteries found on the diocesan website, [www.stcloud.org](http://www.stcloud.org) under the Offices tab, or call the Cemetery Office at 320-251-5511. Thank you for your cooperation.

## YOUNG ADULTS

### Praise Night

Join us for our final praise night of the season on Thursday, May 22nd at St. Francis Xavier from 6-7 PM. The night will feature Adoration along with Praise and Worship. We will have our traditional grill out and fellowship following this evening outside by the playground. Bring your family and friends, we can't wait to pray with everyone!

### Young Adult Volleyball Tournament

Save the date for Saturday, June 14th for our first annual Young Adult Volleyball Tournament. The evening will start with 4 PM Mass followed by the tournament featuring Brats / Hotdogs, three courts, and of course fellowship. You can either register a team of six or if you need a team, you can sign-up scanning the QR code. If you have any questions, contact Jason.



### Young Adult Team

We are now seeking some new members to serve on our Young Adult Team. We particularly would love some representation from Annunciation and St. Francis Xavier. Contact Jason Prigge for the details!

## YOUNG LIFE

**Club Update** Don't miss any upcoming Clubs! 6:15-7:45 pm  
\*Wednesday, May 28th –YMCA This is a different date than originally published. SUMMER CLUB DATES COMING SOON!

### Donations

If you'd like to make a donation to our Wyldlife Area for either club supplies or for camp, please contact Jason via phone or email. We sincerely appreciate your contribution in our efforts making sure middle schoolers are known, loved and cared for.

## PAINTING THE WORD WITH WOMEN & WINE 16+



Join us on May 18th from 6-7:30 pm for Painting the Word at Sacred Heart in Sauk Rapids.

Women 16+ are invited to participate in a creative process of painting scripture. Come ready to meet new friends. No artistic ability is needed. Wine will be offered to those 21 and up; a nonalcoholic alternative will be provided. A small donation is appreciated to help cover supplies. Contact Karen Handeland at 320-761-5155 to Sign up or scan the code.



## ELEVATE ONLINE AUCTION

May 15th & 16th you can become part of something EXTRAORDINARY!! Bid on your favorite items & donate to us! Bidding starts May 15th at 8am and ends May 16th at 9pm. Some items up for auction are a 2 day cabin in the woods, Party in motion with pontoon ride and food, MN Twins tickets, Golf simulator and Darius Rucker tickets for the Ledge Amphitheatre. Scan QR Code to bid.



## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm  
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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

### Financial Offering for April 26 & 27

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,123.00
Adult Online Giving April 19-25	\$ 528.00
Plate	\$ 454.25
Children	\$ 1.25
Total	\$ 3,106.50
Easter collection	\$ 7,693.35
Rice Bowl collection	\$ 952.01
Holy Land collection	\$ 903.00
Home Missions collection	\$ 105.00

### Ushers:

May 17: Peter Schumer, Karen Skaj, Dave Pogatchnik  
May 18: Matt Nienaber, Jake Rothstein, Tim Rudser

**Carnation Fundraiser:** The youth traveling to the National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) in November are selling carnations after Masses this weekend, May 10 & 11. This will be a Free-Will offering. Thank you for your continued support of our youth.

**The Vibrancy Committee** will have a meeting on Tuesday, May 13, at 6:15 PM in the church annex. New members are always welcome to come and help plan future events.

**Baccalaureate Mass & Fellowship:** Next Sunday, May 18, you are invited to join us to celebrate our graduating seniors. Mass will be at 10:00 AM with fellowship to follow in the annex.

**Festival News:** The Children's Games will need a new chairperson this year. You can decide what games to have for the kids to play - do you have new games to try or continue with the games from previous years; order prizes for those games and find workers for the games. Contact the parish office with questions and if you would like to be the chairperson for the games.

The Grand Raffle is seeking new supporters to this years Grand Raffle ticket. If you would like to make a donation to the Grand Raffle, please contact the parish office by June 15. We ask that donations be \$50 or more in value. If you prefer to donate a smaller amount, we will combine smaller contributions to ensure each prize meets the \$50 value.

**South Funeral Lunch Group Contact:** We are still in need of someone to be the main contact person for the South End Funeral Lunch Group. Please contact the parish office with any questions or to be the main contact person.

**Prayer Line:** If you, or someone you know, needs our prayers and wants to be added to the Prayer Line, please contact the parish office.

### Well n Fit Exercise Class - All level of fitness welcome!

A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises.  
Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays.

**Spring & Summer hours** 9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

### Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach - Senior Dining:

Wednesday's at Rusty Nail, April-June, at noon followed by 500. Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.

### St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings: 305 Main St E.

Tuesdays 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)

Wednesdays 5:30pm-AA-Anon/AA Mixed meeting

Wednesdays 7pm-AA Big Book meeting

Saturdays 8pm-AA meeting

## 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 27, 2025

Adult Collection. ....	\$7,814.66
Automatic Giving. ....	\$5,850.87
Children. ....	\$3.00
Improvements. ....	\$20.00
Easter. ....	\$2290.00
Rice Bowls. ....	\$884.71

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

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### Festival Update: Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets will be available in the gathering space the weekend of May 17th/18th. Please look at the table and pick yours up when you are at Mass. If you do not see a envelope with your name on it and would like to sell tickets please ask a staff person and someone will get you an envelope. We apologize if your name was missed. We appreciate everyone who sells tickets. We have 14,000 tickets to sell and would **love** to sell all 14,000!

## MAY CROWNING OF MARY

Throughout history, Catholics have long honored the Blessed Virgin Mary, our Mother, during the month of May. On the weekend of May 10th and 11th we will celebrate the Crowning of Mary (or May Crowning) at Sacred Heart. Right before Mass, there will be a procession of flowers to the statue of Mary in church where the crown will be placed and a prayer said. Saint Monica's Society will be providing the flowers for this celebration.

## CONSTRUCTION



Construction on the ceiling has started!! We are going to do everything in our power for this to not disrupt things. Please be patient as we fix the leaks.

## VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION DINNER

Once again, the staff of Sacred Heart will be serving those who serve our parish community. If you volunteer in any capacity for the church, please join us on **May 13th** for our annual volunteer appreciation dinner. We will begin with Tuesday Mass at 5:30 followed by dinner in the parish hall.

**THANK YOU**

## WIDOWS/WIDOWERS GROUP



The meetings will be held on the 2nd Tuesday of the month from 1-3pm. (May 13) We will have coffee & goodies and will play cards, dominoes, cribbage or just visit & get to know people who are going through grief & understand what we are all feeling. For more

information, please call Linda Massman at 252-4689 or Marion Kuklock at 252-9560.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded** May Theme: Grounded in the Holy Spirit

Upcoming Dates & Times:

**\*Watch for updates regarding the final two Groundeds of the School Year in your email.**

**Baccalaureate Mass 2025** Seniors, you should have received a postcard in the mail as a 'Save the Date' for Baccalaureate on Sunday, May 18th at the 9 AM Mass. RSVP by the Wednesday before (May 14th) using the QR code or link in your email to help us plan your celebration!

## FAITH FORMATION

Another Faith Formation year has completed with the celebration of First Eucharist this past weekend. I would like to thank all of the families who participated in faith formation. I also would like to thank the following catechists who faithfully prepared and then shared the Good News of Jesus with the children and teens in the parish this past year.

**Kindergarten-** Katie Anderson & Rachel Wheece

**1st Grade** - Michelle Sininger & Tanner Wheece

**2nd Grade** - Kristy Frisbee, Jen Tieran, & Kathy Gruba

**3rd Grade** - Erin McClure & Cassie Peterson

**4th Grade** - Gabe Kapinos & Ken Cave

**5th Grade** - Lisa Neu & Eliza Kapinos

**Middle School** - Karen Handeland, Deacon Joe Kresky, Shaina Rosa, Ann Popp, Lindsey Jernberg, Jason Swanson, & Marish Delcastillo

**9th Grade-** Kirk Kedrowski & John Keiser

**Confirmation** - Deacon Terry Jancik, Dana Howard, & John Keiser

**Substitutes** - Brittany Prigge & Mindy Fast

**God Squad** - Brenda Hagenson & Joan Holroyd

Have a wonderful summer and watch for 2025-26 Faith Formation Registration in mid May.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

May 12; 6pm—ACC Women's Retreat Meeting

6:30—St. Arnold's Group

May 13; 1pm—Widow/Widower Group

6pm—Volunteer Appreciation Night

May 14; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study

1pm—Craft Group

5:30pm—Family Service Night (SH & Annun.)

6:30pm—Grounded (5-12) Senior Night

May 15; 1pm—Card Making

6:30pm—Alaska Mission Meeting

May 16; 6pm—Mayfest—SKD

May 17; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

6pm—Blood Pressure Checks

May 18; 9am—Baccalaureate Mass

10pm—Blood Pressure Checks

6pm—Painting the Word with Women & Wine

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Rosie Hennen, Linda Midas and Jayne Wruck to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the prayer list, please call 320-251-8115.

## 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, April 27th, 2025

Adult Sunday .....	\$4,149.80
Visitors .....	\$303.61
Youth .....	\$24.00
Votive Candle .....	\$0.30
Catholic Home Mission. ....	\$160.00
Easter .....	\$1,510.00
Building Improvement .....	\$130.00
Christmas Flowers .....	\$20.00
Christmas .....	\$150.00
Funeral Lunch .....	\$10.00
Fall Collection .....	\$50.00
Total Income .....	\$6,507.71

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sun. May 18th, 2025, Graduation Sunday

**Lector:** Bob Rajkowski and Loren Popp  
**Eucharist:** Deacon (H), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C), Gene Poser(C)  
**Servers:** Cole Lentner and Grayson Herbst  
**Greeters:** John & Karla Koenig, Wyatt Montag and Ben Larson  
**Ushers:** Jeff Wollak, Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Daniel Brenny, Clint Popp, Joe Legatt, Tim Thell, Inez Fitch, Barbara Brand, Blake Brenny, Mark Stellmach, David Lentner, Doris Ratka, Ron Brenny.

**CHURCH BELL REPORT:** In the church office is the charred remains of the bell from our first Annunciation church built in 1896-1897 And destroyed by fire in 1923. On the bulletin board in the church entry is an article regarding that church, that bell and our current bell including pictures. We have the pictures thanks to Carter and Lloyd Lyon. There are copies of these in the parish office and on the table in the entryway.

**THANK YOU** To all the donors and volunteers who donated and helped with the blood mobile on Monday, April 28th. 56 Units of blood were collected.

*Thank You. ❤️*

**ANNUNCIATION COMMUNITY SOCIAL** Thank you to all who have planned, prepared and enjoyed the Community Socials. Good food, community and fun was had by all who participated. There will be a break for the summer and the next Social will be on Thursday, September 4th.

**CEMETERY NEWS:** Just a reminder for Memorial Day. To keep our cemetery neat and orderly, we find it necessary to remove all plants and flowerpots one week after Memorial Day unless they are attached to the top of the monument or on the cement base of the monument and out of the way of lawn care. If items are in the way of lawn care they will be disposed of. If you want your items please remove them in the week after Memorial Day.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363  
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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor  
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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

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

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$21,346.15
Collected 4/27/2025.....	\$21,174.74
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(171.31)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$918,590.55
YTD Collected .....	\$924,440.06
<b>Excess (Deficit).....</b>	<b>\$5,849.51</b>

## ROSE SALES

Roses will be available to purchase after Masses  
Mother's Day Weekend by  
St. Monica's Christian Women. \$5 per Rose.  
Please support our Pro-Life causes.



## BACCALAUREATE

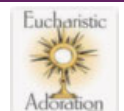


### Mark your calendars!

The Baccalaureate Mass for our SFX Graduates will be held on Sunday, May 18 during the 9:30am Mass. Letters have been mailed to graduates.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration May 13, 4-7 pm.  
Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



## ST. ROSE OF LIMA ROSARY GROUP

May is the month of Mary. The Saint Rose of Lima Rosary making group will meet May 22nd to make rosaries for Missions around the world. Meeting is in Xavier Hall from 9:00 to 11:00. Come join us. All are welcome... for questions. call Nita Davis 214-455-4301.

## 60TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to Ray & Karen Schindler as they celebrate 60 years of marriage on May 15. Today, and everyday, surrounded by your family and friends, may you rejoice in the gift of your blessings.

## FUNERAL PLANNING

It is a wonderful gift to give to your family. It ensures your wishes are honored and eases the burden on your loved ones during a difficult time. Contact Sandee Kremers to set up an appointment or if you have any questions.

## FAITH FORMATION

Faith formation registration early deadline is approaching!  
2025-2026 Registration forms are due May 15, 2025

Please get yours in as soon as possible. Registrations can be turned in after May 15, 2025 but the price for the program will increase. If you don't have the registration fee now it can be paid later, or a payment option is also available.

Registration forms can be found on our website, or by calling Jennifer in the Parish Office.

### Per Child Fees

\$110 per child grades 1-10 through May 15

\$210 per child grades 1-10 after May 15

Family cap of \$330 before May 15th \$660 after May 15

Children should be registered each year for Faith Formation. If a child is not registered each year between the Sacraments, they will need to register for O.C.I.A. when it comes time for them to be Fully Initiated into the Church (confirmation). Home formation is not an option this coming year. We believe that all families should be able to make the once a month commitment with our new program. If you have any questions, please contact Sandee or Melissa. We can't wait to see you next year!

NEW THIS YEAR: We will be offering Preschool/Kindergarten Faith Formation. Have a 3, 4 or 5 year old and want to enroll them in once a month faith formation. Please contact Melissa or Sandee for more info!

## 2025 PARISH FESTIVAL PLANNING

It's time to start planning for our annual parish festival. This year it will take place on **Sunday, September 21, 2025**. Our festival worked well last year, and there is potential for adding things if the spirit moves us. Right now the plan is for a raffle, silent auction, bake sale and a parish breakfast that will include a Bloody Mary Bar and Mimosas. Invitations to donate to our parish raffle will be going out soon. Help is needed in planning and preparation. I want to gather to look ahead and find ways to make our festival a great event. **Please join me on Monday, May 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm in Xavier Hall.** This is open to any and all who wish to share and learn more and should be completed in an hour. If you have any questions, please email toffer-dahl@stfrancissartell.org or call me (Tom) at the parish office - 320-252-1363. ext. 405. Thank you!

## CEMETERY PLANT STANDS

**Plant Stands:** One of the guidelines for decorating at our parish cemetery is to use single pole plant stands (NOT shepherds hooks or 3 prong stands or other configurations). This is to help keep the cemetery looking nice and making it safer and more efficient for those who mow at the cemetery. We have approved, single pole plant stands available at the parish office. They are made locally and we sell them for what we pay for them - \$65.00. They are made for approximately a 10" pot. They can hold larger or smaller pots by some "squeezing" or "stretching" the brackets on the stand. Questions, call the parish office at 320-252-1363.

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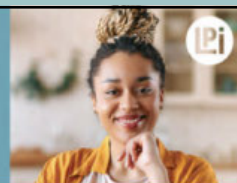
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