

September 6, 2020

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

ONE
IN
CHRIS
AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

Annunciation
Sacred Heart
St. Francis Xavier
St. Stephen

Annunciation

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Sacred Heart

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320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

St. Francis Xavier

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St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
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Prayer to Saint Cloud

Lord God, you alone are holy, and your holiness is seen in the lives of the saints. You called Saint Cloud to serve your people in the priesthood and he, in turn, humbled himself in the world for your sake. May his prayers and example encourage us to serve you as priestly people. Through his intercession, may we follow Jesus more faithfully and live as a people holy in your sight. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Most Reverend Donald J. Kettler Bishop of Saint Cloud

Mass Times

Monday	Sept. 7	8:30 am	Annunciation	† John Gapinski
Weekday/Labor Day				
Tuesday	Sept. 8	5:30 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Loretta Plafcan
Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary				
Wednesday	Sept. 9	8 am	*Sacred Heart	† Martin & Rose Iten Family
St. Peter Claver				
Thursday	Sept. 10	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Margaret Lochner
Weekday				
Friday	Sept. 11	8 am	St. Stephen	† Tony Smoley
Weekday				
Saturday	Sept. 12	8:30 am	Annunciation	Conversions
Weekday				
Sunday	Sept. 13	8:30 am	Sacred Heart	Special Intentions
24rd Sunday in Ordinary Time				
		2 pm	Sacred Heart	† Loren Hall
		5 pm	*Sacred Heart	Wedding Del Ryan & Elizabeth Brunn
		5 pm	*Sacred Heart	† Deceased Keehr Family Members
		5 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Dorothy Orth
		7 pm	St. Stephen	† Kim Anderson
		8:30 am	Annunciation	† Ed Rajkowski
		9 am	*Sacred Heart	For the People
		9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	For the People
		10:30 am	St. Stephen	† Deceased members of Carl & Angela Knettel Family

*Livestreamed Masses

PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE FOR FRIDAY SFX MASS

Pastoral Services

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
4 pm St. Francis Xavier
8 pm St. Stephen

Sunday 7:50 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.

Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11 am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.

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



A couple of weeks ago I was blessed to be able to be the Deacon of the Mass and preach at Annunciation and St. Stephen parishes. Parishioners in both communities welcomed me with open arms, kind words and big smiles.

Yes, I could tell they were smiling even with their masks on. I suddenly felt at home and left Mass telling myself that I was eager to return as soon as possible. My heart was touched by the tremendous hospitality I felt before, during and after Mass. Although I have not had the opportunity to preach as the Deacon at St. Francis, I can honestly say I have also felt very welcomed by the St. Francis faith community through previous visits and encounters with parishioners and staff.

In the book, Stewardship a Disciples Response (p.9), stewardship is defined as recognizing and receiving God's gifts gratefully, to tend to them faithfully, to share them generously, and to return them to the Lord with increase. This foundation of faith in God as the source of all supports the four pillars that help us work together to realize God's Kingdom of Love. These pillars are hospitality, prayer, formation, and service. It is this first pillar of hospitality, a generous welcoming spirit I readily experienced in our One in Christ Area Catholic Community sister parishes.

Hospitality demonstrates that in a world of growing divisions, conflicts and discord we understand what it means to be a community in Christ. Wherever we gather we are united by something bigger than what the world can offer. Our shared relationship through the Body of Christ.

As a parishioner and staff member of Sacred Heart for the last 10 years I am excited to see what God has in store for us as an Area Catholic Community. New and exciting relationships, opportunities for prayer, formation and service abound as we share our gifts, resources, and love with each other. We begin with hospitality as missionary disciples in our own family, parishes, and ACC. We are so blessed to have each other and thank you again for opening your arms and hearts.

Through the peace of Christ,
Deacon Joe

DAILY READINGS

- Monday:** 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]
/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12 [9]/Lk 6:6-11
- Tuesday:** Mi 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30
/Ps 13:6ab, 6c [Is 61:10]/Mt 1:1-16,
18-23 or 1:18-23
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12,
14-15, 16-17 [11]/Lk 6:20-26
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3,
13-14ab, 23-24 [24b]/Lk 6:27-38
- Friday:** 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4. 5-6,
12 [2]/Lk 6:39-42
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 10:14-22/Ps 116:12-13,
17-18 [17]/Lk 6:43-49
- Sunday:** Sir 27:30—28:7/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4,
9-10, 11-12 [8]/Rom 14:7-9/Mt 18:21-35

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

- Pastor** **Fr. Tom Knoblach**
320-251-8115, Ext. 112
pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
- Pastor** **Fr. Ron Weyrens**
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Ext. 1102 (night/weekends)
rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org
- Sacramental Minister** **Fr. Doug Liebsch**
dougliebsch@gmail.com
- Deacon** **Joe Kresky**
320-251-8115
jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
- Deacon** **Steve Pareja**
320-761-2503
- Pastoral Associate** **Deb Rudolph**
320-252-1363, Ext. 1103
drudolph@stfrancissartell.org

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Seeking help with a "Faith Build" house project on September 28th. No experience needed, Your gifts will be matched with project needs. Contact Deacon Joe at 320-200-4454.



Within our One in Christ ACC we have several ministries that we identify as Outreach. This includes everything from Communion/Visits to the Homebound, Food Shelf Collections, Hospital/Nursing Home Visitors, Grief Groups and Prayerlines to name a few. At a combined meeting last week, we discussed how our parishes might work together, especially regarding common training. As staff we will continue to work on that in the coming months. We know that many are blessed by the Outreach that happens within our parishes when members minister to one another; family, friends, and neighbors. We affirm you for being Christ to one another! It is often only by word of mouth that we at the parish office hear of a newly homebound person or a person in need of companionship. We would like to encourage and invite all members of our ACC to contact their parish staff if they or someone they know would like a visit from a priest, a staff member, or a fellow parishioner. This may include taking Communion to those who are homebound or may just be a visit to someone who is lonely and in need of conversation. Please contact these staff members who will then be sure a visit is made:

- St. Stephen - Carol Hellmann – 320-251-1520
- Annunciation – Shirley Scapanski– 320-259-4941
- Sacred Heart - Deacon Joe Kresky – 320-251-8115
- St. Francis Xavier – Deb Rudolph – 320-252-1363

Please know that in light of COVID 19 we are somewhat restricted in making in-person visits to those in the hospital and long-term care settings, and we recognize that some of you may not be ready for in-person visits to your homes at this time. We will respect those concerns and seek other ways we can connect with and support you. In the meantime, may we as a Catholic community continue our practice of being Christ to one another. It is a beautiful way to live our shared commitment as followers of Jesus Christ.



Please remember to continue to pray for all those affected by illness, their caregivers and public officials working to keep us safe. **Please pray** • for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious • for legal protection for unborn children • for an end to COVID-19 • for the leaders of our country and the world • for respect for all human life • for all pregnant women • for all those with long term illness • for those mourning the loss of a loved one • for an end to violence • for all Parish Prayer Line requests and those who have recently received prayer blankets.

Please visit your Parish website for those in your Parish needing prayers.

BAPTISMS



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

Liam Michael Hemmesch, son of Scott & Elena. Baptized at Sacred Heart.

Isaac Johnny Wiesbrich, son of Steve & Michelle

**Ike John Flenner, son of Isaac & Erin
Lucas Aren Lieser, son of Andrew & Rachael
All Baptised at St. Francis Xavier**

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- III Zachary Schreiner & Kalley Otremba
- II Nathaniel Neeser & Jessica Ackerman
- II Jonas Duncan & Katie Yurczyk
- I Juhyun Kim & Carrie Lenner



REST IN PEACE

Please keep in your prayers the family of Patricia Martinson, who passed away on August 23 from Sacred Heart. Eternal Rest grant unto her.

SECOND HARVEST HEARTLAND

Fresh vegetables and fruit will be available for pick up on the 2nd Monday around 1pm each month at Sacred Heart Church through our partnership with CARE (Community Action Respecting Elders). Requests for pick up must be made in advance. There is no fee or financial qualifications. If you are interested in receiving the produce that is available, please contact Deacon Joe at jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org or 320-200-4454. The next pick up date is September 14.

ANNUNCIATION PARISH

Contact: Cindy Gans
320-252-1729
annunciation@cloudnet.com

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

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for	August 30, 2020
Adult Sunday	\$1,705.00
Visitor	\$3.00
Youth	\$21.25
Fall Festival	\$60.00
Building Fund	\$100.00
Campaign for Human Develop....	\$5,000.00
World Mission.....	\$25.00
Total Income	\$1,939.25

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

SUNDAY 8:30 AM MASS

Lectors: Loren Popp & Maggie Stamm
Eucharist: Rita Knott
Ushers: Tom, Barb, Jeremy Grand and David Lentner.



Happy Birthday: Tami Spiczka, Ed Miller, Matthew Scheel, Joseph Gibbons, Keith Krueger, Dale Zimmer, Aubrey Novak, Logans Gerads, Benjamin Rothstein.

FUTURE EVENT

Thurs, Oct. 1, 8:30am Communal Anointing of the Sick



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ST. STEPHEN PARISH

Contact: Carol Hellmann
320-251-1520
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

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

Office hours beginning September 8th 2-6 pm

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for August 29 & 30, 2020

Contributions \$2,811.00

LABOR DAY RAFFLE

The drawing for the Grand Raffle and Quilt Raffle will be Live on Facebook (St. Stephen Church) at 5:30 pm on Labor Day.

150TH ANNIVERSARY

The next 150th meeting is September 22 at 6:15 Parish Hall. **Memory Book** Call Carol Hlebain 320-746-8755 if you have pictures or recipes to submit. Contact Anita Smoley 320-252-0473 if you have pictures on a disk. You may also drop items off at the parish office. Make sure you have your name on all items so they can be returned to you.

PARISH MISSION

The kickoff for our 150th Anniversary will start with a Parish Mission led by Bill Wegner from Good News International Ministries. The dates for the Mission are October 25-28. More details to come.

FINANCE & PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Finance meeting followed by the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday, September 15. The Parish Council agenda will be emailed out to your prior to the meeting. Finance meeting at 7 pm in the Hall.

MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Please turn in your Ministry Schedule Update if you have not already done so. The updated information is needed to make up the Ministry Schedule each month.

If you are interested in adding your name to the ministry schedule, please call the office at 320-251-1520. New people are always welcome.

Visit churchofststephen.org for more information.

Contact: JoAnn Mo
 320-251-8115, ext. 114
jmo@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
 Faith Formation: Jen Haman
 320-251-8115, ext. 117
jhaman@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

ALL Daily Masses at Sacred Heart are being livestreamed, as well as the Saturday evening Mass. Go to www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org and click on LIVESTREAM

Temporary Office Hours:

Monday – Closed
 Tuesday – 12-5:30pm
 Wednesday through Friday – 8:30am to noon

BAPTISM PREP

Parents expecting the birth of a child, please call and register for a baptismal prep session; the earlier the better! The next session will be held on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm in Room D. To register, please contact the Parish Office at 320-251-8115.



HANDBELL CHOIRS



Handbell choirs are forming now. Since we are not able to sing during Mass, now is the perfect time to learn to play handbells. Safety protocols will be in place for rehearsals and Masses. Sacred Heart will have different bell choirs based on your experience with reading music and playing the bells. Please contact Sarah (320-251-8115 x116) if you are interested in ringing bells this year. If you would like to try the bells before the first rehearsal, we can set up a time.

PARISH STAFF

- Father Tom Knoblach, Pastor (320-251-8115, Ext. 112)
pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
- Jen Haman, Director of Faith Formation (320-251-8115, Ext. 117)
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- Cynthia Hogenson, Bell Choir Director
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- Dana Howard, Dir of Commun/Finance (320-251-8115, Ext. 111)
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- Jill Kiffmeyer, Music/Liturgy Associate (320-251-8115, Ext. 122)
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- Deacon Joe Kresky, Pastoral Minister (320-200-4454)
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- JoAnn Mo, Parish Secretary (320-251-8115, Ext. 114)
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- Vicki Sanborn, Stewardship Director (320-251-8115, Ext. 129)
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- Philip Shefveland, Youth Minister (320-281-9518)
pshefveland@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
- David Walker, Custodian; (320-251-8115)
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- Sarah Woeste, Director of Music/Liturgy (320-251-8115, Ext. 116)
sarahwoeste@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending	August 30, 2020
Adult Collection	\$11,101.53
Loose Collection	\$ 40.00
Children's Offering	\$ 2.50
Friends in Need	\$ 4.00
Holy Days	\$ 5.00

FLUTE RECITAL

Save the Date! Jessica Backes will be at Sacred Heart for a Flute Recital on Sunday, September 13 at 5pm. Jessica is an amazing flautist who is currently a member of the Marine Forces Reserve Band.

2020 RAFFLE INCOME/EXPENSES

Income	
Cash Raffle Prizes	\$ 8,305.00
Raffle Ticket Sales	\$38,015.00
Cash Donations	\$19,922.00
Quilt Raffle Sales	\$ 2,977.00
Turkey Bingo	\$ 2,194.00
Sweet Corn Sale	\$ 185.55
Total Income	\$71,598.55
Expenses	
Postage	\$ 186.92
Gambling Permit	\$ 100.00
Raffle Prizes/Expenses	\$10,267.00
Turkey Bingo Expenses	\$ 433.26
Misc.	\$ 83.07
Quilt Raffle Ticket Printing -- donated	
Total Expenses	\$11,070.25
Net Profit	\$60,528.30

WOMEN'S BOOK CLUB

The Women's Book Club will be meeting in Room D on Tuesday, September 10 at 6pm. They will be discussing *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty. New members are always welcome. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Anita at 320-380-1120.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Please pray for, *Kim Braaten, Gary Chaika, Nolan Matthes, Michael Reinert, Pam Smoley, Karen Thelen, Steve Meemken.*
 If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please contact 320-251-8115.

PARISH STAFF

Business Manager	Adam Vonderahe 320-252-1363, Ext. 1105 avonderahe@stfrancissartell.org
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FAITH FORMATION & PARISH MINISTRIES

Faith Formation Gr. 1-5	Shelby Vaske 320-252-8761, Ext. 1420 svaske@stfrancissartell.org
Faith Formation Gr. 6-12, Confirmation & Youth Ministry	Melissa Fox 320-252-8761, Ext. 1411 youthmin@stfrancissartell.org
FF Secretary	Jane Rennie 320-252-8761, Ext. 1405 sfxreled@stfrancissartell.org
FF Board Chair	Karen Atkinson 320-251-6077
Liturgy Director	Mark Levandowski 320-251-1363, Ext 1110 mlevandowski@stfrancissartell.org
Choral Director	Beth Plumski 320-493-9551 bplumski08@gmail.com
Social Justice Concerns Committee	stfrancisjcc@gmail.com
Prayer Line Requests	Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427
Liturgy of Word for Children	Julie Jacobs 320-291-2901
Parish Nurses	Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158 Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135 Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
Parish Trustee	Jeff Eikmeier 320-250-0703
Parish Trustee	Kathryn Kelly 320-333-6002
Pastoral Council Chair	Bob Detloff 320-252-8185

SFX SCHOOL

Principal	Bonnie Van Heel 320-252-8761, Ext. 1302 bvanheel@sfx61.org
School Secretary	Deb Bearson 320-252-8761 dbearson@sfx61.org

VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

Thank you to all who have generously donated to this years Silent Auction. We have about 80+ items that are sure to peek your fancy! For those who still want to donate, please have your items to the Parish Office by, Tuesday, September 8th so we can include them in the silent auction. The auction begins on Friday, September 11 at 5:00 pm. Office Hours are Monday-Friday 8 am to 4:30 pm. God Bless you all.

Pam Banjac 309-4735
Candice Koopmeiners 654-1350
Bonnie Nies 252-7838

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Budget	\$19,230.77
Collected 8/30/2020.....	\$10,264.00
Excess (Deficit)	\$(8,966.77)
YTD Collection Budget	\$173,076.92
YTD Collected	\$159,984.12
Excess (Deficit)	\$(13,092.80)

PASTORAL MINISTRY



Been Sinned Against?

We all as Christians know the familiar verse from Scripture, *“Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”* Matthew 18.20 Often this is spoken when gathering for meetings or prayer services within our parish communities. Did

you know that this teaching from Jesus was about how to reconcile with someone who has sinned against you?

Often, recalling how another person sinned against you prompts unpleasant memories even if you have been able to reconcile. The memories might stem from the fact that you were caught off guard by a sinful act against you personally. Jesus is fully aware of the human condition of his people offending one another and he offers instruction in resolving such offenses.

First – go to the person who has offended you to discuss the matter.

Second – If the offender refuses to listen, take two or three as your witness and try again.

Third – If that too, fails, take it to the church, meaning the community.

Finally – If that does not move the person to reconciliation, *“treat them as you would a Gentile or a tax collector.”* Matthew 18.17

It seems Jesus might be telling us that some cases are just a lost cause. But not so. Jesus open our minds to the possibility that not all people know him and what he teaches, for instance, the Gentiles or the tax collectors who have yet to change their ways. But those are exactly the people Jesus came into this world to save: the sinners. If we have come to understand the ways and teaching of Jesus, it becomes our responsibility to pray for and do all we can to welcome those who have not had the opportunity to know him. In this way, Jesus is inviting us, calling us as his disciples to evangelization, welcoming new members into our communities.

So, the next time we hear *“Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am in their midst”*, let us remember our call to always welcome others and in the process, come to understand that there may be times we are “sinned against”, but even that experience can open the door to us and those we invite to draw closer to Jesus Christ.

In peace,
Deb Rudolph

For many years on Good Friday, a collection is gathered in Catholic churches around the world to support the work of the Franciscans serving in the Holy Land, preserving the holy places where the saving work of Christ took place in history and continuing to proclaim the Gospel in word and deed.

Due to COVID-19, that collection for 2020 has been rescheduled to the weekend of September 12-13. These dates are chosen as close to the Feast of the Triumph of the Holy Cross on September 14.

The pandemic, its impact on tourism, the persecution of Christians in that area, and the simple ongoing needs of parishes and programs among the poor there make your generosity in solidarity with our sisters and brothers in the Holy Land especially welcome. As we are still not able to take up collections in the usual manner, each parish will have a separate basket at the entrances the weekend Masses on September 12-13 for you to make a contribution. You may use an envelope marked "Holy Land" or simply drop in your cash or check. You may also mail your gift to your parish if you prefer. Thank you for your generous support to the work of the Gospel in the Holy Land.

Stewardship Week: Thank you to everyone who participated in "Stewardship Week: Gathered, Nourished and Sent." It was one of the diocese's first attempts at presenting on a virtual format and we are grateful for participants' goodwill as we learn new ways to stay connected. If you missed the presentations, or would like to view them again, please visit the diocesan website for a link to the video recordings at www.stcdio.org.

Faith Formation 2020-2021

We are currently awaiting the arrival of guidelines from the Diocese of St. Cloud for Faith Formation in parishes during the pandemic. We hope to have a plan in place soon for grades 1-10. Registration materials will be sent to you as soon as the plan is set. Thank you for your patience!

Shelby Vaske, Coordinator of Grades 1-5
 Melissa Fox, Coordinator of Grades 6-10

Much of our fall festival event will not take place this year. We are unable to gather, socialize and enjoy our outdoor festivities given the current pandemic. However, the Parish Festival generates significant income for the parish budget, so we still plan to have the big ticket raffle, a quilt raffle, an online auction, and a virtual Franny Flyer run this year on the weekend of September 19-20.



Last year FrantoberFest generated net income of \$63K, with the raffle accounting for nearly half of that. There are great prizes to win — a cash grand prize of \$3,000 as well as gift certificates, products and additional cash prizes. Chances are \$5 each and will be distributed in the Gathering Place starting August 22.

You will also be able to buy quilt raffle tickets for the chance to buy a beautiful handmade quilt. We will keep you posted on plans for the raffle drawing on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at noon.

Without all of the other events of our traditional festival, we will have a financial shortfall. Therefore, we ask all households to prayerfully consider making a \$100 donation to the parish festival this year. This will help with the parish budget that relies on the income from the Parish Festival. Any additional donation you can make beyond buying raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated and help our budget stay healthy.

ADORATION

The next Adoration at St. Francis Xavier will be Monday, Sept. 21 from 4-7 pm due to 1st Communion on Sept. 14. In October, we will resume the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 4-7 pm for Adoration.

