

**July 16, 2023**  
**15th Sunday in Ordinary Time**



**15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

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**MASS TIMES**

<b>Monday July 17</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Weekday	8:30 am	Annunciation	†Scott Pekarek, Micki & Gene Ann.
<b>Tuesday July 18</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Villeneuve Family
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Larry Hennessy
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Debbie Gebhardt & Jerry Trobec
<b>Wednesday July 19</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Sharon Waldorf
Weekday	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
<b>Thursday July 20</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Joe & Philomena Weigel
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† William 'Billy' Supan
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Joe Knott
<b>Friday July 21</b>	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Peter Skudlarek Jr.
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
<b>Saturday July 22</b>	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Don, Marcella & John Piasecki
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Ann & Harry Landwehr
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	For the People of the Parish
<b>Sunday July 23</b>	8:15 am	Annunciation	† Clarence & Audry Posch
16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Gary Forner
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Peter & Dorothy Skudlarek
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Donald & Rita Stangler

\*Livestreamed Mass

**PASTORAL SERVICES**

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays** 3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
 3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
 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:** Ex 1:8-14, 22/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8/Mt 10:34—11:1  
**Tuesday:** Ex 2:1-15a/Ps 69:3, 14, 30-31, 33-34/Mt 11:20-24  
**Wednesday:** Ex 3:1-6, 9-12/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 6-7/Mt 11:25-27  
**Thursday:** Ex 3:13-20/Ps 105:1 and 5, 8-9, 24-25, 26-27/Mt 11:28-30

**Friday:** Ex 11:10—12:14/Ps 116:12-13, 15 and 16bc, 17-18/Mt 12:1-8  
**Saturday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18  
**Sunday:** Wis 12:13, 16-19/Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16 (5a)/Rom 8:26

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari....

The old children's rhyme "sticks and stones may break my bones, but words will never hurt me" was used as early as 1862 to refrain people from engaging in verbal bullying.

Words do hurt. When someone says an offensive word that hurts you at a very deep level, it can feel like someone is stabbing you with a sword. Words also heal. When someone offers an affirming or empathetic word, it can bring healing at the deepest level of your being.

In the world today, we know the power of speech. Words can inform or misinform. They can speak truths or lies. Words bring about action, directly or indirectly. The universe was created with a word; Jesus healed and cast out demons with a word; rulers have risen and fallen by their words; Christians have worshiped through words of song, confession, and preaching. Even in our technological age, politics, education, business, and relationships center on words.

The power of word is on display in this weekend's reading from Isaiah. God says: my word comes down like the rain and snow and will not return to me void. Put another way, the word of God is sent with a mission. Every time we read and reflect on a Bible passage, we don't simply read about a healing or forgiveness, but we are invited to encounter healing, forgiveness, compassion, and unconditional love. The Bible is the real presence of the Living Word. Every time we read a biblical passage, a new insight surfaces.

The Gospel story of the sower this weekend reflects on our receptiveness of the Living Word. The seed sown among thorns reflects an unwillingness to accept God's Word as being meaningful today. Perhaps we fall out of the practice of reading scripture or are unwilling to give it authority over us.

The seed sown on rocky ground represents a tendency to only accept the Living Word that affirms/ confirms our viewpoint. Cherry-picking verses that back our

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position without looking at the meaning of the whole passage.

The seed sown on the path is our hearing the Living Word without allowing it to call us to action in the world. We might even walk away from a passage saying, that is what so and so needs to hear.

The seed sown on good soil speaks of those who allow God's Word to penetrate their very being. We trust that this Living Word comes with a particular mission: consolation, peace, strength, call to conversion, etc. Catholic Social teaching gives us the framework to engage the world with the Living Word of God.

During this time of Eucharistic Revival, we are challenged to respond generously to the breadth and depth of the Living Word God.

Do your words build up or bring down the Kingdom of God? How will you put flesh on God's love this week!

Have a peace filled week! Fr. Ron



## LEADERSHIP



### ACC Pastoral Leadership

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



*“The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word and it bears no fruit.” Matthew 13:22*

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthly activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every Sunday should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.

**Save the Date:** Diocesan Stewardship Day 2023 will be an online offering from 6 – 8p.m. on Wednesday, August 23. There is no cost for this bilingual event.

### YOUNG ADULT TEAM

#### Young Adult Team

We are now seeking additional members for the One in Christ young adult team! Those interested in visioning, planning, and executing events for young adult ministry will meet the following criteria:

- A Young Adult (18-39)
  - Commit to bi-monthly meetings on the third Thursdays
  - Associated with Annunciation (Mayhew Lake), St. Francis Xavier (Sartell), or St. Stephen
  - [Bonus] if engaged, married, or married with kids
- If interested in learning more about the team or young adult ministry, please contact Jason Prigge!



Did you know that in June the Bishop's Annual Appeal distributed \$184,870 directly to parishes and Catholic high schools to support Catholic school education and faith formation? To donate, visit [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal) or mail to: Bishop's Annual Appeal, P.O. Box 1538, St. Cloud, MN 56302.

### SAVE THE DATE

Our Area Catholic Community will be hosting Grammy-nominated composer and musician Sarah Hart for a night of music and storytelling outdoors at Sacred Heart. **Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30 pm** The event will begin with Mass at 5:30, followed by a meal.

[sarahwoeste@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:sarahwoeste@sacredheartsaukrapids.org). 320-251-87115 x116. Additional help will be needed on the day of the event with the meal, sales table, ushering, and setup/cleanup.

### BAPTISM

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

**Avery Marie Warnert**, daughter of Evan & Samantha, baptized at Sacred Heart.

**Aldous Ronald Scott**, son of Ryan & Rebecca, baptized at St. Francis Xavier.



### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

I Jordan Moscho & Krista Heim



### MARRIAGE BLESSINGS

Congratulations and many blessings to Anthony & Caitlyn Deurr who were married at Sacred Heart.



### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the family of Millie Butler who passed away July 9, from St. Francis Xavier.



### A Prayer for Rain

*Almighty God, we are in need of rain.*

*We realize, looking up into the clear, blue sky above, what a marvel even the least drop of rain is. To think that so much water can fall out of the sky, which now is empty and clear!*

*We place our trust in You. We are sure that You know our needs.*

*We ask You to offer Your comfort and peace to all our farmers and those who rely on the lands and life-giving rain for their livelihood and well-being. May we be grateful for their toil, and may their trust in You bear great fruit.*

*Look on our dry lands and fields, dear God, and bless them with the living blessing of soft rain.*

*Then the land will rejoice and the rivers will sing Your praises, and the hearts of all will be glad.*



## 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.

### \*NEW\* Pray & Play

Join us for an exciting new initiative for young adults and young families! On Tuesday, July 25th, young adults and their young children (toddler - Kindergartenish) are invited for Daily Mass at Sacred Heart (5:30 PM) and then to the playground to play. Bring a picnic lunch (if you wish) and if you have questions or are interested in learning more, text Jason Prigge (320.281.9486).

Upcoming dates:

\*Tuesday, July 25th

\*Tuesday, August 15th (Holy Day of Obligation - Mass @ 6:30 PM)

\*Tuesday, September 12th

### Young Adult Mass and Meal

Looking for a way to connect with other young adults? Come join us, old friends and new friends for Mass at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, July 22nd for 4:00 PM Mass. After Mass, we'll meet in the Gathering Space and go out to dinner from there. Everyone is responsible for their own meal. Contact Jason Prigge for additional details.



## 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  
ststephenfaith@gmail.com

### Financial Offerings - July 1-2 & 8-9

Adults—July 1-2	\$1,921.00
Adults—July 8-9	\$1,656.00
Plate—July 1-2	\$138.00
Plate—July 8-9	\$197.00
Children	\$1.00
Online Giving June 24-July 7	\$815.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$4,728.00</b>

**Parish Council meeting cancelled** - The July 18 Parish Council meeting has been cancelled due to the Sarah Hart concert in Sauk Rapids. The next meeting will be Sept. 19.

**Corpus Christi chapel** - we are looking for a family or two or a group of individuals who would like to take over getting one of the chapels ready for the Corpus Christi procession. Please call Mary Lee Vouk (251-4461) if you have questions or you want to take this over.

**Faith Formation Teachers needed** for grades 3, 7 and 10 (Confirmation). Anyone who is interested or would like more information, please call Danna at 251-5066.

**Festival news:** The Silent Auction stand is looking for handcrafted, homemade items to be donated to their stand. Please contact Barb Omann at 320-250-8856 with any questions about donations.

**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.

### Upcoming Events:

July 25: Festival meeting  
7:00 PM Annex

July 30: Blood Pressure  
checks in Annex after Mass

### 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** - August 17 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.

**55 Alive class** - will be held at St. Stephen Parish Hall on August 8 from 5:30 - 9:30 pm. Please call Helping Hands at 320-746-9960 for more info and to register. Cost is \$20 and the instructor is Joe Christensen.

## 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 July 2, 2023

Adult Collection.....\$13,301.10  
Children’s Collection.....\$5.00  
Peter’s Pence.....\$10.00

### Income for the Week of July 9, 2023

Adult Collection.....\$20,419.37  
Children’s Collection.....\$11.00  
Friends in Need.....\$260.00

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

## PARISH COUNCIL

Congratulations to Nate Goldade, who was selected by random drawing to serve on the Pastoral Council. Nate succeeds Ralph Worm, who has completed two terms of service to the parish on this Council. Thank you, Ralph, for your generous leadership. Nate is active in the young adult ministry and music in our parish and ACC and will bring that valuable perspective to the Council as we vision together the future Jesus desires of our parish .

## FAMILY FUN

Family fun is just around the corner!! Join us for a night of worship, food, community, family and music by Sarah Hart!! Join the night of fun starting with 5:30 pm Mass. Bring your blankets or lawn chairs. Hope to see you there!!



Sacred Heart Church  
2875 10th Ave NE; Sauk Rapids, MN

**JULY | 18th | 2023**

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Gloria, Troy, Gerry Feld and Imelda Stang 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.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** We are proud to launch our new name and brand for youth ministry at Sacred Heart - Grounded!! The name Grounded comes from 2 Corinthians 1:7, which helps us understand that we are **Grounded** in a variety of ways every single day. Together, as a community may we be grounded in faith, in God’s Word and in each other as we continue to minister to young people at Sacred Heart.

Want to get involved or learn more? Contact Jason Prigge - there will be several opportunities to get involved. The best way to help right now is to spread the word!! Share the new name and exciting changes with others as it might spark interest in them or someone they know who would benefit from participating!

**Mystery Tour / Lock-In 2023** For the first time ever at Sacred Heart there will be an opportunity to go on tour... a MYSTERY TOUR that is! What is a Mystery Tour? The Mystery Tour is for young people in grades 6 - 12 that have no idea where they are going for the night (parents, you will obviously know) but your young people will not! We will finish the tour by ending up at Sacred Heart for a lock-in! Intrigued? Excited? Better sign-up! Cost is \$30, forms are available online and by the youth ministry board. Please register by Sunday, August 6th! Contact Jason Prigge for questions and details.

**Metro Night** Save the date for Wednesday, August 23rd for our 3rd Metro Night! The event will be hosted at Sacred Heart and will feature games, Mass, water-games, and Slip & Slide Kickball!

## FAITH FORMATION REGISTRATION

2023-24 Faith Formation registration is open for youth in grade K- 10. Please register your family by Friday, August 18th to ensure materials are ready for your child by our opening night is October. To register, click on the faith formation tab on the Sacred Heart website and click the Registration button.

**Service Opportunity** "As I have Done for You" A Day of Service is Thursday, August 10th from 8:30 AM - 7:30 PM for High School and Middle School youth beginning and ending at Sacred Heart. The day will include service work around the metro area, 2 hours at Summerland, Mass, and a final supper. Cost is \$25.00 per participant and registrations are due by Wednesday, July 26th. Contact Scott if you have any questions.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- July 17; 5pm—Men’s Group  
7pm—KC Meeting
- July 18; 6pm—Dinner before Concert  
7pm—Sarah Hart Concert
- July 20; 6pm—Youth Ministry Team Meeting
- July 22; 3:30pm—Reconciliation  
4pm—Young Adult Mass & Meal (SFX)

## 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 Sunday, July 2nd, 2023

Adult Sunday .....	\$3,923.20
Visitor .....	\$276.00
Youth .....	\$12.00
Votive Candles .....	\$1.00
Building Fund .....	\$70.00
Funeral Lunch ..	\$10.00
Basement Rental .....	\$75.00
Donation (Maier).....	\$1,000.00
Total Income .....	\$5,367.20

#### Income for Sunday, July 9th, 2023

Adult Sunday .....	\$6,547.00
Visitor .....	\$80.00
Youth .....	\$4.00
Votive Candles .....	\$5.10
Building Fund .....	\$80.00
Funeral Lunch ..	\$40.00
Youth Formation Grant.....	\$600.00
Total Income .....	\$7,456
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget	\$3,037.00

## MASS SCHEDULE

### Sun. July 23rd, 2023

**Lector:** Gene Poser & Lora Knafla

**Eucharist:** Jean Bemboom(H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Rita Knott(C)

**Servers:** Noah & Kelsey Lentner

**Greeters:** Don & Karol Weyer

**Ushers:** Tom, Barb, Jeremy Brand and David Lentner



**Happy Birthday:** Bryce Leabsh, Matthew Montag, Sandra Brand, Howard Cariveau, Kendra Carlson, Karla Koenig, Blake Nelson, Leonard Popp, Kayle Wittowski.

**RURAL LIFE CELEBRATION** Sun. August 20th at 10:30am at the grounds of St. Nicholas Church of Belle River with Bishop Neary. Bring your own chair. Food & family entertainment will follow.

**C.R.O.S.S. CENTER OF BENTON COUNTY:** Kids KLUB is up and running again this year. The center is always looking for volunteers especially on Mondays and Thursdays. They are also in need of these items: Peanut Butter, Sugar, Flour, Canned soup: Chicken noodle, Cream of mushroom, Cream of chicken, Vegetables: Peas, Corn, Mixed, Sloppy Joe Mix, Rice, Egg Noodles, Bar Soap, Dish Soap, Shampoo. The Cross Center is located at 150 4th Avenue, Foley MN. 56329. 320-968-7012. Mailing address is PO Box 205, Foley, MN 56329 if you'd like to send a monetary donation.

**We are all called to be fishers of men.** Are you using the right bait? Central Minnesota Koinonia is a weekend Catholic retreat program sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and is designed for adults to help you on your faith journey. Retreats are held at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. The next English weekend will be held September 22-24, 2023, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.

**Parish Picnic CHANGE** Will be Sun. Sept. 10th. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to help out this year. Thank you.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann — 320-252-1363  
bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org  
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** Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget ..... \$20,673.08

Collected 06/18/2023..... \$11,066.42

**Excess (Deficit) .....** **\$(9,606.66)**

YTD Collection Budget .....\$41,346.16

YTD Actual .....\$32,156.62

**Excess (Deficit) to Date.....** **\$(9,189.54)**

Thank you for your stewardship and commitment to St. Francis Xavier Parish and the ministry we do. Remember— electronic giving is a great way to make your offering. Watch later this week as our new giving site is rolled out at [www.stfrancissartell.org](http://www.stfrancissartell.org)

## PLACE OF HOPE

St. Francis Xavier will be donating a dinner of Chicken Alfredo, Caesar Salad, Bread Sticks, Peaches, Cookies, and Milk on Monday, July 17. If you can provide a cash donation or bring to the Parish Office: fettuccine noodles, bottled alfredo sauce, croutons, parmesan cheese (not fresh) or canned peaches.

All food & cash donations for our July meal should be to the Parish Office by Monday, July 17 at 8:30 am. Thank you for your support and look for our August meal next week.

Please consider putting together a volunteer team to serve a meal or if you are interested in being a driver and helping serve the meal when we start bringing groups of youth to Place of Hope in the Fall or Winter - please contact Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 x403. Thank you for making a difference!

## SFX BLOOD DRIVE

Sign up and donate blood on Tuesday, July 25th from 1:00 pm – 7:00 pm in the Gathering Place at St. Francis Xavier Church. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control in accordance with CDC guidelines. Appt/Info: Contact Greg at 320-250-9137 or [schlossergregory@gmail.com](mailto:schlossergregory@gmail.com)



## ST. ROSE OF LIMA ROSARY GROUP

The St. Rose of Lima Rosary group will meet July 13 at 9 a.m. in Xavier Hall. We make rosaries for the missions all over the world. All are welcome. Supplies are included & we will teach you how to make them. For information call Nita at 214-455-4301





## Grief Support Group

The Grief Group will meet again starting in **August on the 1st & 3rd WEDNESDAY** of the month in Xavier Hall.

From 9-10:30 am. All are welcome! Any questions please contact Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 x403 or [skremers@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:skremers@stfrancissartell.org).

### FESTIVAL NEWS

Stuffing the festival packet with raffle chances and other information is soon here. That should happen in the next couple of weeks and many hands will make light work. Please watch for the invite to report for duty!

It is time for a recap meeting . . . and I'm calling for help to join me in leadership and planning. Please plan on attending Sunday evening, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm in the gathering place. There are many things that need input, and I'm reaching out to you for help. There are many on board already to take care of various areas/booth/attractions – thank you! But, more help is needed – Including some general leadership help. We're a little over 2 months out and there are tasks to do including marketing and some general planning/prep. Please join me. Question, comments, and offers to help – email [tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org) or call 320-252-1363, ext. 405. Thank you!

### 2023 FRANTOBER FEST SILENT AUCTION

Items are being accepted for the 2023 *Frantober Fest* Silent Auction. Hand-crafted items – wood projects (shelves, plant stands, benches, stools & more), afghans, embroidered towels, and quilts go very well.

We look for new products that people could use. Items in the past have included cookware, appliances (think insta-pots, crockpots, air fryers, etc.), cordless tools, stoneware, and other such items. Gift cards to local businesses are great for the silent auction – they are things people can use and it also supports the local businesses (restaurants, hair stylists, coffee shops, etc.) If you're good at putting together baskets – those work well too – examples include wine baskets, children's or baby baskets, and relaxation baskets.

If you have connections to hotels or get-aways – those could be a great draw for bidding. If you have questions or want more information, please contact Candice Koopmeiners at 320-654-1350 or Pam Banjac at 320-309-4735.

### 2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION

Please make sure your registrations are in for Faith Formation as soon as possible. We are super excited for the new year! Contact Melissa Fox Gr. 1-5, 9 & Confirmation or Sandee Kremers, Gr. 6-8.

Welcome to the Faith Formation Team Jennifer Kaweesa! Jennifer has joined the SFX Faith Formation Team as a Youth Ministry Lead and Faith Formation Asst. We are excited to have her as part of our team! Stop by or email at [jkaweesa@stfrancessartell.org](mailto:jkaweesa@stfrancessartell.org) to welcome her!

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