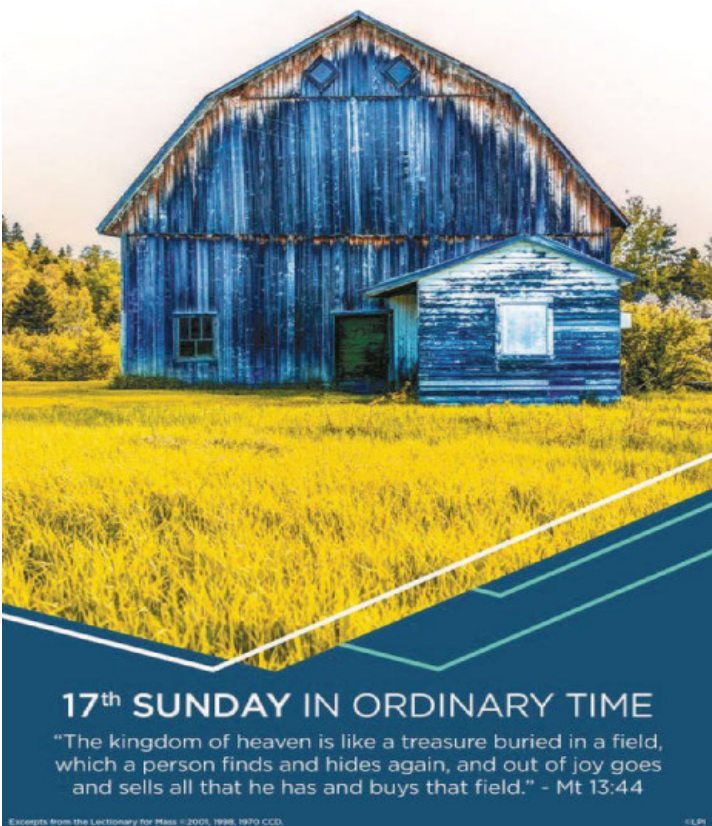


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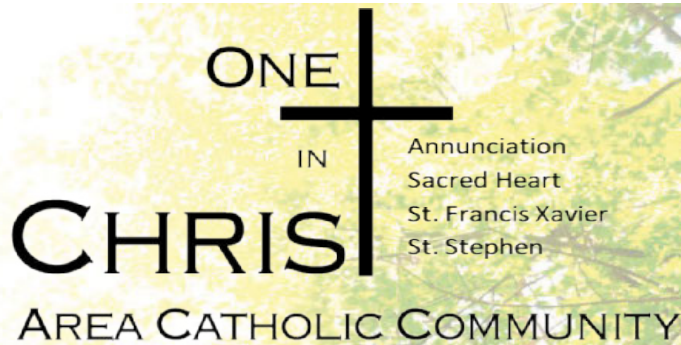


17th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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Annunciation

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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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MASS TIMES

Monday July 31	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
Weekday	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Jeff Rajkowski
Tuesday Aug 1	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Allen Jarnot
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Jonathan Sanchez
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Ron Justin
Wednesday Aug 2	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	Mike Notch
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jim Gonsior
Thursday Aug 3	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Word & Communion
	8:00 am	St. Stephen	† Frannie Trobec
SFX, SH & Annunciation Offices Closed	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Jim & Joyce Loidolt
Friday Aug 4	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Sam Browman
	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	Kari Abel
Saturday Aug 5	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Martha Koenig
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† Don Kuefler
The 18th Sun in Ordinary Time	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Peter & Agnes Schumer
Sunday Aug 6	8:15 am	Annunciation	† For the Members of the Parish
The Transfiguration	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Jerome Mehrwerth
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Shirley Chapman
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Gerald Trobec

*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 32:15-24, 30-34/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Mt 13:31-35

Tuesday: Ex 33:7-11; 34:5b-9, 28/Ps 103:6-7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13/Mt 13:36-43

Wednesday: Ex 34:29-35/Ps 99:5, 6, 7, 9/Mt 13:44-46

Thursday: Ex 40:16-21, 34-38/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6a and 8a, 11/Mt 13:47-53

Friday: Lv 23:1, 4-11, 15-16, 27, 34b-37/Ps 81:3-4, 5-6, 10-11ab/Mt 13:54-58

Saturday: Lv 25:1, 8-17/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 7-8/Mt 14:1-12

Next Sunday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 9/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9

MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



From Safari...

There is an ancient Chinese story of a farmer who had an old horse for tilling his fields. One day the horse escaped into the hills and when all the farmer's neighbors sympathized with him over his bad luck, the farmer replied, "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?"

A week later the horse returned with a herd of wild horses from the hills and this time the neighbors congratulated the farmer on his good luck. His reply was, "Good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?"

Then, when the farmer's son was attempting to tame one of the wild horses, he fell off its back and broke his leg. Everyone thought this was very bad luck. Not the farmer, whose only reaction was, "Bad luck? Good luck? Who knows?"

Some weeks later the army marched into the village and conscripted every able-bodied youth they found there. When they saw the farmer's son with his broken leg, they let him off. Now was that good luck? Bad luck? Who knows?

A verse that could easily be found on a decorative board in a gift boutique, Paul writes in Romans 8:28, "We know that all things work for good for those who love God." In the above story, the runaway horse and the son's broken leg proved to be a blessing in the long run. The farmer ended up with more horses and his son was spared military duty.

This is not to say all things are good, rather all things work together for good. Perhaps you can find examples from your own life. Jesus is a good illustration of this point. Jesus was misunderstood, ridiculed, mocked, beaten, spit upon, and finally crucified. And from all this came the greatest good of all our salvation, freed from sin and death.

Staying in Chapter 8 of Romans, in verses 29 and 30, we have what some scholars call God's Salvation chain. Here are the key words of that chain: God foreknew, predestined, called, justified, and glorified.

(Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

Notice all are actions of God and all are in the past tense. God's plan has been fulfilled and salvation has been achieved.

To be predestined doesn't mean our every action is predetermined. Paul is not saying God has already determined who is or who is not saved, or that God created a limited number of people to believe in Christ. Rather God has marked out a glorious future for those who love him. God desires that we should be like his son.

Our challenge is to be an active part of God's plan. The gift of free will allows us the ability to choose following God or go in a different direction. We can turn down the invitation.

Made whole by God's grace, we can do God's will and realize his goodness. With eyes of faith, may we be comforted with the hope found in God's plan, as we face the mystery of life.

Have a peace filled week! Fr. Ron



LEADERSHIP

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Pastor	Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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Deacon	Joe Kresky 320-251-8115 jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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Deacon	Steve Pareja 320-761-2503
Pastoral Associate	Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363, Ext. 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org

STEWARDSHIP AND EVANGELIZATION
LIVING A LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP



"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose."
Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

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
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 - [Bonus] if engaged, married, or married with kids
- If interested in learning more about the team or young adult ministry, please contact Jason Priggle!



"Do This in Memory of Me." Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. Keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

PRO LIFE PERSUASION

MCCL will be hosting a pro-life event that will teach you to persuade others and save lives. MCCL will host Emily Albrecht, the director of education and outreach for Equal Rights Institute. The presentation will take place Aug. 8th from 7-8:30 pm at the Great River Regional Library in St. Cloud (Mississippi Room 106)



CELEBRATE MN



Celebrate MN is a free event with music, fun & a message of hope. Join Celebrate MN at Whitney Park on August 11 from 2pm-10pm and August 12 from 11am-10pm. For more information, please go to celebratemn.org.

BAPTISM

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

Kasey Stella Rajkowski, daughter of Ryan & Leah, who was baptized at Annunciation.

Jace Owen Schuchard, son of Jesse & Sarah, who was baptized at Sacred Heart



BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Dan Schroeer & Samantha Webb

II Shane Vannurden & Abigail Ellerbusch

III Jordan Moscho & Krista Heim



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.

A PLACE OF HOPE



We are now collecting for our August Meal.

The menu will be all beef hotdogs, baked beans, potato salad, watermelon, smores and regular Oreos, milk & pink lemonade. Our ladies will be delivering this meal on Tuesday, August 15. All donations should be to St. Francis Xavier by Wednesday, August 9 so we can put together our order for Sam's. The cost of this meal per person is approximately \$2.60 per plate. We are still looking for volunteer teams to prepare and serve the meals. If you would like to be assigned to a team or you have put together a team, please contact Sandee Kremers at 320-252-1363 x403 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org.



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, August 15th, young adults and their young children (toddler - Kindergartenish) are invited to the playground to play at 5:30pm then for Daily Mass at Sacred Heart (6:30 pm). 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, August 15th (Holy Day of Obligation - Mass @ 6:30 PM)
- *Tuesday, September 12th

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Young Adult Bible Study

The next Young Adult Bible Study is Thursday, August 2nd from 7:00 - 8:30 PM at Sacred Heart. We will meet in Room D, please come through door #5. Bring a friend and a Bible as we continue through the Acts of the Apostles. No need to attend previous gatherings, all are welcome!

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 22 & 23

Adults -	\$ 1,760.00
Plate -	\$207.00
Children -	\$40.00
Online Giving: July 15-21 -	\$840.00
TOTAL	\$ 2,840.00

Weekly adult income needed to meet yearly budget: \$2,850

Adoration: The church will be open for Adoration on Thursday, August 3, from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm. Everyone is invited to come spend some quiet time with Jesus.

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.

 <p>NATIONAL NIGHT OUT</p> <p>St. Stephen American Legion Post 221</p> <p>Tuesday, August 1st, 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM</p> <p>St. Stephen Lions Park / Smoley Field</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Veteran Dan Schultz Jeep</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;"> <p>Come meet with our veterans and those serving in the National Guard</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>National Guard Hummer</p> </div> </div> <div style="text-align: center; margin-top: 10px;"> <p>Live Acoustic Music</p> </div> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-around; margin-top: 10px;"> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Flag Retirement 6:30 PM</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  <p>Youth Flag Folding And Patriotic Crafts</p> </div> </div> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">For God and Country—God Bless America</p>	<p>Other National Night Out <u>highlights:</u></p> <p>Car Show</p> <p>Lions Club</p> <p>Root Beer Floats & Hot Dogs</p> <p>Sportsman's Club</p> <p>Birdhouse Building</p> <p>St. Stephen Fire Department - Fire Truck & Equipment</p> <p>Traut Excavating</p>
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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. 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 23, 2023

Adult Collection.....\$17,143.26

Children's Collection.....\$11.00

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

STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is on Tuesday, August 15th this year, and we will celebrate this holy day with two Masses, one at 8:00 am and one at 6:30 pm. If you are able to help in your area of ministry, please sign up using the online scheduler or on the sign up sheets near the sacristy. Thank you for your help!

CLOW: (Children's Liturgy of the Word) We are now seeking leaders and assistant leaders for CLOW. Training and materials are provided, so be sure to contact Jason Prigge to be a part of this life-giving ministry! More information next week.

CEMETERY ITEM REMOVAL

This is a reminder that all one-legged pot stands, related flower pots, flowers, and any other temporary grave decorations must be removed from these cemeteries by August 25, 2023. This is necessary to allow a more complete Fall grounds cleaning to keep the cemeteries attractive and worthy places to honor our loved ones who have died. For a complete set of rules, please go to the website of the Diocese of St. Cloud (www.stcloud.org/diocesan_cemeteries_office/). For specific questions not covered in these rules, please call the main cemetery office at 320-251-5511. Thank you for your cooperation – all those who remember their loved ones will benefit from your help.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August 2; 9am—Breakfast & Bible Study

1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry

August 3; OFFICE CLOSED

7pm—Young Adult Bible Study

August 4; 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration

11am—Rosary & Benediction

August 5; 3:30pm—Reconciliation

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Jenny, Troy, Diane Haack 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.

Sacred Heart also has a prayer chain. Please call 320-492-9361, 320-252-3401 or the Parish Office at 320-251-8115 if you have a prayer request.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Grounded 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!

Grounded Small Group Leaders We are now seeking young adults, adults and seniors to join our Grounded team as small group leaders! The commitment of a small group leader is simple; twice a month (sometimes once), leading/facilitating small group discussions, checking in with young people and supporting them in their faith. Training is provided! Contact Jason Prigge ASAP as we have many young people without a leader.

Last Breakfast and Bible Study of the Summer Grades 6 - 12, join us for the last Bible Study of the summer - Wednesday, August 2nd starting at 9 AM in the Parish Hall. Free breakfast provided!

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.

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 23rd, 2023

Adult Sunday	\$2,933.00
Visitor	\$27.00
Youth	\$7.00
Votive Candles	\$2.10
Building Fund	\$65.00
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00
Catholic Charities.....	\$100.00
Fall Festival.....	\$30.00
Total Income	\$3,174.00

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

MASS SCHEDULE

Sun. August 6th, 2023

Lector: Bob Rajkowski and Jenessa Strande

Eucharist: Brenda Carstensen-Boe (H), John Koenig (C), Karla Koenig (C)

Servers: Noah and Kelsey Lentner

Greeters: Chuck Wocken, Mason and Carson Zwilling

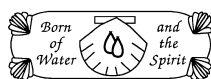
Ushers: Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken & Lora Knafla

Happy Birthday: Evan Brenny, Tom Fussy, Rebecca Lass, Gordon Novak, Cadence Carlson, Andrea Fitch, Steve Steffes, Emma Brenny, Gracelynn Brenny, Katie Dietman, Randy Leabch, Anna Scapanski, Wyatt Brenny, Nancy Gerads, Brook Thell, Melissa Boron, Joanie Krueger.



CONGRATULATIONS: to Kasey Stella Rajkowski,

daughter of Ryan and Leah, who was received into our Catholic Faith through the waters of Baptism on Friday, July 29th. Many blessings to them and their families.



PARISH PICNIC: Will be on Sunday, September 10th. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to help. Thank you.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION: We are still in need of a First Grade Teacher for this fall. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested. Ask a friend and teach the class together.

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: The center is always looking for volunteers especially on Mondays and Thursdays. The Cross Center is located at 150 4th Avenue, Foley MN. 56329. 320-968-7012.

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, MN. The next English weekend will be held Sept. 22-24, 2023, cost of the weekend is \$70.00. Go to www.centralmnkoinonia.org for more information and to register for retreats.

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor
Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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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 07/16/2023.....	\$20,4077.83
Excess (Deficit)	\$(195.25)
YTD Collection Budget	\$82,692.32
YTD Collected	\$69,335.50
Excess (Deficit).....	\$(13,365.82)

MCCL FAIR BOOTH

Each year our parish is asked to have people present in the Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life booth at the Benton County Fair to share information regarding the protection of all human life from conception to natural death. This message needs to be shared now more than ever before!

We need your help! On Friday, August 4, we are asked to provide people to be in the MCCL booth (for a two hour shift) from 9 am-9 pm. The booth is all set up and materials will be provided. One person is able to manage the booth, however it's nice to have a friend join you. It will make the two hours shift go very quickly. Please call Aggie Schulte at 320-252-1417 to answer any questions you may have and/or to volunteer.

75TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOK UPDATE

The 75th Anniversary Cookbook is being proofread and will be ready to go to print shortly! The cookbook committee members would like to thank all of the recipe contributors for their participation in this endeavor. We had a goal of 400 recipes, but ended up with 700! We have a lot of fantastic cooks at St. Francis Xavier and you will be anxious to try many of the recipes that were submitted! The cookbooks should be here by September 1st and will be available at the Frantober Fest. They will make a great gift for a new cook or for a seasoned cook who wants to try some new recipes!

Committee Members: Marlyce Plante, Diane Corcoran, Connie Pogatschnik, Dianne Gruber & Jan Morisette

FALL FESTIVAL PRIZES FOR KIDS GAMES

Prizes for kids games are needed! If you have any that are in good condition or if you would like to buy something that would be helpful. Remember these would be little prizes, nothing big! Have donations to the church by August 1. If unsure call Margaret @320-249-9304.

AFTERSHOCK

Wednesday, August 16 from 6:00-9:00 at St. Francis! August Aftershock will be a Summer Bash with inflatable waterslides, kickball and water games. Also an ice-cream truck & other snacks (no dinner). You will need to register for all of the FUN! Registration forms to come. The cost will be \$15 per student before August 9. We will take registrations at the door, but the cost will be \$25 per student. The cost is to offset some of the funds we need to provide all of the FUN! All are welcome! Bring friends or come and meet new ones. Registration forms are on the SFX website or this week's Flocknote.

FESTIVAL NEWS

The raffle packets with tickets and information are ready to be picked up in the gathering place. Grab your neighbors or your friends or a family member if you see it there and hand deliver it. We need help getting these distributed. Support of our festival is needed and appreciated.

Thanks to those who gathered on Sunday night (July 23rd.) We are moving forward with getting marketing materials developed and ready for publication. There are still a few leadership areas that need to be filled, and we'll need many people between set-up, operations Saturday night, and take down – please answer the call to help when it comes.

FESTIVAL NEWS CONTINUED

The silent auction has nearly 50 items and the donations have been wonderful. Please continue to bring in baskets and items that can be on the silent auction. Hand-crafted goods make great gifts, so auction-goers like those. Gift cards to local businesses go well & also support our community. Think of fun things for all ages. Those items work well for the silent auction. Again – call Candice at 320-654-1350 or Pam at 320-309-4735 with any questions.

2023 – 2024 FAITH FORMATION

This year in our 6-8 grade Faith Formation Program we will be learning how to use and navigate the Bible and how the Bible and its stories and parables are relevant today. Each student will receive a Catholic Youth Bible of their own and we will be having a Cinnamon Roll Fundraiser sometime this fall to help cover the cost. Each bible will cost \$24.72. We will need to fundraise this year \$4000. We have already had one generous donation & would like you to consider adopting a student by paying \$25 for one student's Bible. The cost for Faith Formation this year is a bit more to cover the cost of the Bible. Going forward we will use them each year but will need to gift one to an incoming 6th grade student. What a wonderful gift to a young person! If you have questions, contact Sandee Kremers @ 320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org. Look for details on the cinnamon roll sale & Adopt-a-Student Program.

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