

October 3, 2021

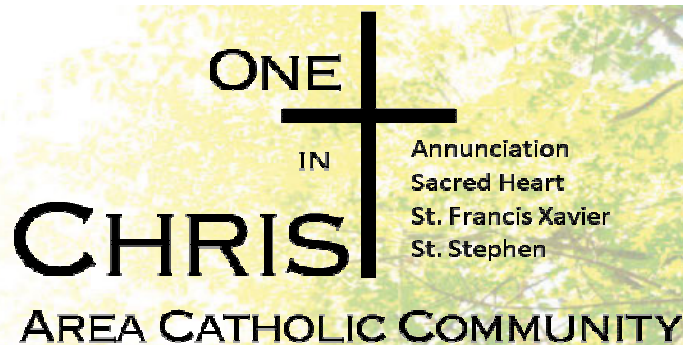
27th Sunday in Ordinary Time



## 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday IN ORDINARY TIME

"From the beginning of creation, God made them male and female."  
- Mk 10:6

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### Annunciation

9965 Mayhew Lake Road NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-252-1729 • [oneinchristacc.org](http://oneinchristacc.org)

### Sacred Heart

2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-251-8115 • [sacredheartsaukrapids.org](http://sacredheartsaukrapids.org)

### St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377  
320-252-1363 • [stfrancissartell.org](http://stfrancissartell.org)

### St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375  
320-251-1520 • [churchofststephen.org](http://churchofststephen.org)

### MASS TIMES

<b>Monday Oct 4</b>	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
St. Francis of Assisi	8:30am	Annunciation	No Mass
<b>Tuesday Oct 5</b>	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
St. Francis Xavier Seelos	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	No Mass
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Louis & Helen Fiedler
<b>Wednesday Oct 6</b>	8 am	Sacred Heart	† Lorraine Carlson
St. Bruno	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	Word & Communion
<b>Thursday Oct 7</b>	8 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Melvin Fiereck
Our Lady of the Rosary	8 am	St. Stephen	† Bernard Pogatshnik
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Darrel Brenny
<b>Friday Oct 8</b>	8 am	Sacred Heart	† Jim Burrett
Weekday	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Hayden Dingmann
<b>Saturday Oct 9</b>	5 pm	Sacred Heart	† Rosemary Pflipsen
The 28th Sunday in	5 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† Brady Hiltner
Ordinary Time	7 pm	St. Stephen	† Carla Wobeck
<b>Sunday Oct 10</b>	8:15 am	Annunciation	† Melvin & John Miller
The 28th Sunday in	9 am	*Sacred Heart	For the People of the Parishes
Ordinary Time	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	For the People of the Parishes
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† Lucille Schlichting

\*Livestreamed Mass

### PASTORAL SERVICES

#### Reconciliation

**Saturdays** 3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
4 pm St. Francis Xavier  
7:50 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.



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.

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### I'm Sorry You Are Living

That sentence was the cover message of a card I received 28 years ago from a second-grader when I was leaving St. Vincent de Paul parish in Houston as I completed my time in grad school. The students made farewell cards, and that became my favorite. I always cherish the idea that he simply misspelled the word "leaving" ... otherwise, it's a pretty dark sentiment.

Each October we observe Respect Life Month. In the closing months of the Year of St. Joseph, this year's theme is actually a simple prayer: "St. Joseph, defender of life, pray for us!" Like St. Joseph, God's ways may mystify us; but we learn from his example: "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him." That obedience literally saved Jesus' life. When Mary was threatened with stoning if she were thought guilty of adultery, the Child in her womb would have died with her; Joseph defended her and wed her. When Herod sought to kill Him as an infant, Joseph left home and livelihood to protect Him.

Respect for human life begins with the sincere inner conviction that is the polar opposite of this spelling error: "I'm glad that you are living." It recognizes that each person is made in God's image, entrusted with the gift of life itself from the Creator.

It is true that in our human imperfection, it is easier for us to love some people and harder to love others. Those we know, those closest to us, those we admire – for them, it is natural to say "I'm glad you are living." For others – strangers, those who challenge us, those with whom we differ strongly on things important to us, those we fear at some level – for them, it requires grace from God to truly say: "Though it is hard for me, I am glad you are living."

We are in the third generation in the 48 years now since the 1973 Supreme Court *Roe v. Wade* decision that legalized abortion in the U.S., and the erosion of respect for human life has become firmly entrenched in our culture. We see it in the scourge of pornography; in the coarseness of much music and film, art and media; in the ready dismissal of human dignity in those who are unexpected or uncomfortable for us; in the narrowness when people focus on personal satisfactions and preferences regardless of the impact on others. Human lives can be bought and sold in trafficking; virtually every aspect of life gets saturated in some sexual message; we are tempted to divide others into those worthy of life and respect and those who fail to meet our criteria, thus disposable from our concern and even from further sharing in life.

From the perspective of faith, we see the age-old long shadow of original sin, continuing to darken intellects and weaken wills, the seed of doubt in God's wisdom and love that was planted by the Evil One bearing such abundant fruit in a divided world. That same faith reveals that it is only Jesus Christ Who can free us from this cycle of error, fear, and sin. We need a Redeemer, One greater than anything in the world ... One Who says to us unfailingly, regardless of our faults and rebellion: "I'm glad you are living."

Laws and policies are slowly changing to foster reverence for life in some areas, but it is something like smoothing out the screen protector on your smartphone or other device ... the bubbles might move around but they are hard to eliminate. Only the change of hearts – each heart – can build a true culture of life.

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

St. John Paul II taught in his 1995 encyclical *Evangelium Vitae* (The Gospel of Life) that this culture must begin with gratitude. To be in awed thankfulness for the gift of life ourselves, and in every person – not "humanity" in general but the person right before me – is the foundation that is also a powerful antidote to today's hyper-individualism and the "Age of the Complaint."

Each of us has someone who counts less or least in our concern; the words of Jesus then resound: "Whatever you do for the least, you do for Me." Keep your balance and perspective, pray for wisdom and charity, and recall the promise of Jesus: "A thief comes only to slaughter and destroy; I came that you might have life, and have it more abundantly" (John 10:10).

Fr. Tom



## DAILY READINGS

- Monday:** Jon 1:1—2:2, 11/Jon 2:3, 4, 5, 8 /Lk 10:25-37  
**Tuesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Ps 130:1b-2, 3-4ab, 7-8 [3]/Lk 10:38-42  
**Wednesday:** Jon 4:1-11/Ps 86:3-4, 5-6, 9-10 [15] /Lk 11:1-4  
**Thursday:** Mal 3:13-20b/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 11:5-13  
**Friday:** Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2/Ps 9:2-3, 6 and 16, 8-9 [9]/Lk 11:15-26  
**Saturday:** Jl 4:12-21/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12a]/Lk 11:27-28  
**Sunday:** Wis 7:7-11/Ps 90:12-13, 14-15, 16-17 [14]/Heb 4:12-13/Mk 10:17-30 or 10:17-27

## EVENING FOR LIFE

### Evening for Life

Please join the MCCL on Monday, October 4 at 7pm at the Great River Regional Library. Featured speaker Scott Fishbach (MCCL's Executive Director) will inform and equip you to help save lives during this crucial time for the pro-life movement.

## THEOLOGY ON DRAFT

We all have a story to tell. Young Adults (18 - 35ish), join us for our second session of our Storyline Series. This month's topic is building off our life story to our full story. God knows our full story, even the parts we want to leave out.

We will be meeting at Molitor's Quarry in Sauk Rapids on Thursday October 14th from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. **Everyone is welcome and responsible for their own drinks / apps / etc.**

Text or call Jason if you have any questions or plan on coming (320.281.9486).



## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship

happens when we  
truly love  
God and Neighbor!  
Share your  
*Time, Talent, Treasure*

#### Mass of Hope and Healing

Thursday, October 7, 2021 7pm at Sacred Heart  
This special Mass is for couples who have suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage, abortion, SIDS, illness, accident or those experiencing infertility. Part of this event consists of a candle-lighting ceremony remembering those who have died. Refreshments will be served after Mass.

#### BAPTISMS

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

**Jackson Joseph Pick**, son of Jeremy & Kimberly, baptized at Sacred Heart.

**Shay Ann Wippler**, daughter of Justin & Kayla, baptized at Sacred Heart.



#### BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- I Wesley Halseth & Elizabeth Tacl (SFX)
- I Shane Olson & Jeana Gaida (SFX)
- II Brandon Josephs & Chelsea Lahr (SH)
- III Samantha Czeck & Michael Russell (SFX)



#### REST IN PEACE

Remember in your prayers the family of Margaret Henning who passed away on September 22, the family of Carol Harron who passed away on September 23, and the family of Darlene Bidingner who passed away on September 24, all from St. Francis Xavier. Eternal Rest grant unto them.



#### PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY CRUSADE

Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on **October 16 at 12:00 noon**. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at **St. Stephen Church parking lot**. Please bring your rosary and lawn chair if you wish. Contact Jane Nienaber at 320-293-6863 for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

#### The Creed – a Study of Catholic Faith

with Bishop Robert Barron

"I believe in one God," we say each weekend. What does that really mean? Where does that clunky word "consubstantial" come from? What is "the resurrection of the body?"

You are invited to a six-week series on **The Creed**, newly produced by Word on Fire Ministries and presented by Bishop Barron. Each session will watch a segment of the video series (about 45-50 minutes) followed by discussion and faith-sharing. There is no cost, but a free will offering will be accepted to cover the cost of the study guides (valued at \$15). You can watch the first session online for free at <https://creed.wordonfire.org/creed-series>

As you know, the three-year Eucharistic Revival promoted by the U.S. Bishops will begin next spring; this is a great prelude to placing the gift of the Eucharist in the larger context of our faith. The study will meet at Sacred Heart in the Parish Hall on Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. on the following dates: October 18 and 25, and November 8, 15, 22, and 29. All from our ACC parishes and beyond are welcome! To help with ordering materials, please call your parish office to register for the study.

#### YOUNG ADULT OKTOBERFEST

Save the date for Friday October 22nd from 6:00 - 8:30 PM! Details to come on this fun fall social gathering for Young Adults to network at Sacred Heart.

#### SPIRIT OF IRELAND TOUR

Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland  
**April 19-30, 2022**

Join Fr. Steve Binsfeld, now retired and living in Speltz House, in exploring the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. Highlights include Blarney Castle, Ring of Kerry, Knock, Belfast, the Shrine of St. Patrick, ending in Dublin with Trinity College and "Book of Kells." For more information, call **Magi Travel** at 952-949-0065, visit [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com) or email Fr. Steve Binsfeld - [frsteve@stmaryalexandria.org](mailto:frsteve@stmaryalexandria.org)

#### HOLY LAND PILGRIMAGE

September 12-23, 2022

Join Fr. Steve Binsfeld on a Pilgrimage to the Holy Land. Spend 4 nights on the Sea of Galilee, visiting the Church of the Annunciation in Nazareth, the neighborhood of the Holy Family and sites of Jesus' public ministry: Capernaum, Mount of Beatitudes, the Sea of Galilee, Jerusalem, the Garden of Gethsemane, and the Way of the Cross with Jesus' tomb in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher. Visit Bethlehem and Shepherds Field and Ein Karem—place of the Visitation and John the Baptist's birth. Celebrate Mass every day in a site sacred to our faith. For more information, call **Magi Travel** 952-949-0065 visit [www.magitravelinc.com](http://www.magitravelinc.com) or email Fr. Steve Binsfeld at [frsteve@stmaryalexandria.org](mailto:frsteve@stmaryalexandria.org)



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

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

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

### FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

#### Income for Sunday, September 26th, 2021

Adult Sunday .....	\$2,158.01
Visitor .....	\$63.25
Youth .....	\$23.00
Religious Ed Payment .....	\$30.00
Votive Candle .....	\$3.00
Total Income .....	\$2,277.26

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

### Sunday 8:15am Mass Schedule

**Sun. October 10th, 2021**

**Lector:** David Zimmer

**Eucharist:** Lora Knafla

**Servers:** Noah & Cole Lentner

**Ushers:** Jeff & Lisa Popp, Tim & Renee Thell



**Happy Birthday:** Kevin Lentner, Eric Scapanski, Kathy Fussy, Tara Carlson, Shannon Nelson, Tyson Haus, Kelsey Lentner, Caroline Czeck, Susan Villanueva, Karleen Gerads, Jerome Molitor, Carson Zwilling, Sandra Molitor, Brandon Popp, Fr. Thomas Skaja, Lynn Solt.

**Mass of Hope & Healing:** Thursday, October 7th at 7:00 pm at Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids. The Mass is for those who have experienced the loss of a child in any way. All are Welcome.

**The Creed** - a Study of Catholic Faith with Bishop Robert Barron. You are invited to a 6-week series on **The Creed**. The study will meet at Sacred Heart in the Parish Hall on Mon. evenings from 6:30-8pm on the following dates: Oct. 18th & 25th, Nov. 8, 15, 22 and 29th. All from our ACC parishes and beyond are welcome!

**Marriage Encounter:** Buffalo, MN October 8-10. to apply or for info call 612-756-8720 or visit WWME.org

### Rice Area Community Fall Blood

**Drive** Sign up and donate blood on **Monday, October 18, 1:30 – 6:45 pm** at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Appointments highly recommended/Info: Call Lora at 320-393-2701.



**Refinishing the Stations of the Cross** among the projects coordinated by the Maintenance grp is to touch up the Stations. After consultation with the Finance Council, it was agreed to have them refinished by Henning Restorations. They should be back in a few weeks. This work is being funded by a generous anonymous donation; none of our maintenance budget will be used. Thank you to this individual for such kindness.

## ST. STEPHEN

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 **Office Hours:**  
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com **M-F 2:00 - 6:00 pm**

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

### Financial Offerings - Sept 25 & 26

Adult.....	\$ 2,302.00
Plate.....	76.00
Children.....	2.00
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>\$ 2,380.00</b>

Online Giving Sept 18-24..... 885.00  
Weekly Adult offering needed to make budget: 2,500.00



**Adoration:** Join us on Thursday, **Oct 7**, for Adoration after 8:00 AM Mass. Spend some quiet, prayerful time with Jesus. The church will be open until 4:00 PM.

**The 150th Variety Show meeting** will take place on Tuesday, Oct. 5, at 6:15 pm in the annex to discuss the upcoming Variety Show planned for October 15.



To everyone for your prayers, well-wishes and cards. It has been very much appreciated and definitely touched my heart. God truly watched over me, and through your prayers, the skilled surgeons saved my life. Thank you everyone! May God Bless you all!  
Shari Selensky

**Fellowship Weekend** - Join us for refreshments & fellowship after both weekend masses on Oct 9 & 10 in the annex.

**Quilting starts Monday - All Are Welcome** - in the church basement. Quilting is done from 9 AM - 5 PM every Monday, October thru May. We have morning and afternoon shifts, or whatever hours work for you. If you would like to join the group and hand quilt or learn how to hand quilt, we will teach you. Please contact Barb Nathe at 320-251-0462 or Liz Legatt at 320-251-5062 for more info.

**Public Square Rosary Crusade** - Our nation is in great need of public prayer, repentance and conversion. We ask God to save America through the Rosary of His Most Holy Mother. Please join us in praying for our nation on **October 16 at 12:00 noon**. The local Public Square Rosary Rally will take place at **St. Stephen Church parking lot**. Please bring your rosary and lawn chair if you wish. Contact Jane Nienaber at 320-293-6863 for more information. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**Monthly Lunch & Learn AND Senior Dining on Wednesdays are cancelled until further notice.**

### Helping Hands Outreach

**Senior Exercise class** in the Parish Hall, Wednesday & Friday mornings from 9:30-10:30.

**Feet First Clinic** - October 6 in Parish Hall. Please call Helping Hands to set up an appointment, 746-9960.

**Upcoming Events:** Oct 12 - Vibrancy meeting, annex 6:15

Oct 15 - Variety Show in the Parish Hall 7:00 pm

Oct 19 - Parish Council meeting 7:00 pm in the Parish Hall

Oct 30 & 31 - Blood Pressure checks after Masses

Nov 7 - Mass of Remembrance at the 10:00 am Mass

## SACRED HEART PARISH

Contact: Jill Lieser — 320-251-8115, X114  
parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

**Office Hours:** Monday – Closed  
Tuesday-Friday 8:30am-4pm

**Sunday Mass at Sacred Heart is livestreamed.**  
Go to [www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org](http://www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org) and click on  
**LIVESTREAM**

## ITEMS NEEDED FOR AFGHAN REFUGEES

These are some of the items needed: hygiene kits; home supply kits (kitchen supplies, cleaning and laundry supplies, towels, etc. – think common housewarming or going off to college items); school supply backpacks; new winter coats and boots for both adults and children (please no used clothing); household supplies will be needed. While the current crisis in Afghanistan is heartbreaking, it is not new. These items are being collected in support of the Catholic Charities mission, to serve and enhance human dignity for people of all faiths and beliefs. You may drop off items at Sacred Heart Church. Any questions please contact Deacon Joe.

## FAITH FORMATION

We need you! We are still missing a teacher in our First Sacraments group, teachers and helpers in grades 3 and 5, a helper in grade 4! We could also use a couple of helpers in our upper grades. Please help our kids as they grow in their faith! Contact Jen Haman in the Parish Office to help meet our great need!

### **Safe Environment Training Sessions**

Families registered for Faith Formation please see your email for important information on this year's Safe Environment Training sessions to be held on Wednesday, October 6 and Wednesday, February 16! If you did not receive an email, please contact Jen Haman in the Parish Office for more information.



## PET BLESSING

The Blessing of Pets will be **THIS AFTERNOON** (Sunday Oct 3rd) @ 1:00 pm on the parish grounds. Bring your furry friends for a time of prayer and a blessing followed by fellowship. Leashes and carriers are appreciated.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 3; 1pm—Pet Blessing
- October 4; 5pm—Men's Group  
6:30pm—Baptism Prep
- October 5; 4pm—St. Monica's Meeting
- October 6; 9am—Wednesday Morning Bible Study  
1pm—Prayer Blanket Ministry  
5pm—Faith Formation  
7:15pm—WNL
- October 7; 6:30pm—Faith Formation Committee  
6:30pm—Social Concerns Committee  
7pm—Mass of Hope and Healing
- October 9; 1pm—Day of Service  
3:30pm—Reconciliation

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

### **Income for week ending September 26, 2021**

Adult Collection.....\$15,973.30  
Children's Collection.....\$4.00  
Friends In Need.....\$100.00

Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget \$18,500

## THEOLOGY ON DRAFT

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## WNL

A new episode of Wednesday Night Live takes place this Wednesday at 7:15 PM starting in the Parish Hall. Come for a talk given by Jason, Glow-in-the-dark Ultimate, fellowship, food and the new WNL tradition, Gaga Game of the Week! All students in grades 6 - 12 welcome! Event goes until 9:00 PM.

## DAY OF SERVICE

Save the date for Saturday October 9th! We'll be doing yard clean-up, spending a few hours in the fresh fall air and building community through service. All young people must fill out a liability form, you can download it at: [sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms](http://sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms). Call or text Deacon Joe (320.200.4454) or Jason Prigge (320.281.9486) for details.



## DIOCESAN CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE

Sr. Students (grades 9 - 12), come join us for the conference October 30 - October 31 (will be home in time for Halloween festivities). Cost is \$85 and is held at the beautiful Castaway Club in Detroit Lakes! Conference includes keynote / hip-hop artist Connor Flanagan, breakout sessions, music, prayer and food! Forms and payment are due **Wednesday October 13th**. Get the form at: [sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms](http://sacredheartsaukrapids.org/eventforms) or contact Jason Prigge (320.281.9486).

## WINTER COAT COLLECTION

The KOC #5548 will once again be collecting winter coats. Collection boxes will be delivered the week of October 10-16. Please donate any new or gently used winter coats. **Are you or someone in your family in need of a winter coat?** Distribution of the coats will be October 9 and 16 from 10am-3pm at the Education Building at the St. Joseph School in Waite Park. If you have any questions, please contact Ione Jacobs at 320-492-7993.



## PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please call 320-251-8115: Nick Huesman, Charlotte Kipka, Dorine Laudenbach, JoAnn Mick, Linda Midas, and Vern Reinert.

**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.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH



Brandon, Megan, Brantly,  
Milley and Wesley  
Anderson  
Aaron, Angela, Ethan, Asher,  
Parker and Evelyn Beck

Nathan, Lindsey, Elise and Brooklyn Bosek  
Adam, Miranda & Veronica Corcoran  
Mike and Mary Daniel  
Grant, Catilyn and Kinley Dullinger  
Brett and Rachael Garske  
Thomas, Megan, Charlotte, George and Abigail  
Matthew, Kaylee, Pipe and Hucksen  
James and Sandra Krippner  
Molly McPherson-Vogt  
Mitchell Preusse, Quincy Mickelson and Lane  
Jerry and Lori Rothstein  
Veronica Salazar  
Tom and JoAnn Schlosser  
David Schulkin, Danielle Didomenico and Lorenzo  
Katherine Traut  
Clarence and Joan Rueter  
James, Nicole and Margot Whaley  
Morgan Zakrajshek and Josef Thompson  
Becky Zenzen, Lucy and Vinnie  
**May your light shine brightly at St. Francis Xavier!**

**This Sunday, October 3rd is Hospitality Sunday,  
Please join us after Mass to welcome the new  
members and have some refreshments.**

### SOCIAL JUSTICE CONCERNS HOSTS HOUSING WEBINAR SERIES

Are you concerned about persons impacted by homelessness, the high cost of rent and the scarcity of affordable or supportive housing? Do you want to understand these issues from a variety of perspectives – and make a difference? The SFX Social Concerns Committee will be hosting a monthly Housing Webinar Series offered by the Joint Religious Legislative Coalition on the first Thursday of each month, 6:30-8:00 pm. You can join us in Xavier Hall to watch it with a group OR watch it on your own by registering with JRLC at [www.jrlc.org](http://www.jrlc.org). If you have any questions contact Molly Weyrens at [stfrancissjcc@gmail.com](mailto:stfrancissjcc@gmail.com). The first one is October 7th.



## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget .....	\$19,230.77
Collected 09/26/2021 .....	\$10,244.00
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$(8,986.77)</b>
YTD Collection Budget .....	\$250,000.01
YTD Collected .....	\$259,506.33
<b>Excess (Deficit) .....</b>	<b>\$9,506.32</b>

## CRAFT & BAKE SALE

The Sartell area Churches Craft and Baked Sale will need items for themed baskets. We have some baskets in Xavier Hall, but need items to put in them. Some suggestions for themes are Kitchen basket, Movie night basket, Children's basket, Pedicure or Manicure baskets, etc. If you are gifted with assembling nice looking baskets, please contact Karen Atkinson 320-493-1077. Thank you for the wonderful donations we have received in the past. I look forward to filling the gym with baskets and crafts for the 2021 craft and bake sale.

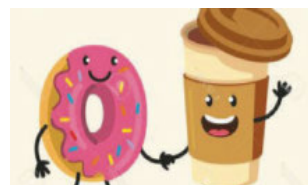


**St. Francis Xavier**  
CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Need a new adventure? Care to join a fun staff and make new friends? Come join us at SFX School! We are in need of a director for our Aftercare Program (after school child care). We are looking for an applicant who is a people person and enjoys working with elementary aged children. If you are ready to join our team, please call our school office @ 320.252.9940 for more information. Come join us!

As a matter of fact, we are also looking for Aftercare Assistants! This is an ideal job for college and high school students. We would need applicants to be available starting at 2:15 pm on school days. Once again, if you enjoy hanging out with children and would like to explore this opportunity, give us a call @ 320.252.9940. We would love to chat with you!

## Coffee & Community



Please join us for 1st  
Wednesday Coffee &  
Rolls on Wednesday,  
October 6, after the  
8 am Mass.





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 those lost to suicide • for peace in our world • for all pregnant women • for all those lost to COVID • for those dealing with cancer • for God's wisdom for our President and all world leaders • for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious • for legal protection for unborn children • 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.**



Thank you to those who have already supported diocesan ministries through the appeal. As of mid-September, the Appeal raised \$1,172,915 in gifts and pledges toward the goal of \$1,400,000 with gifts from 7,767 households. **Every dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Learn more at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).



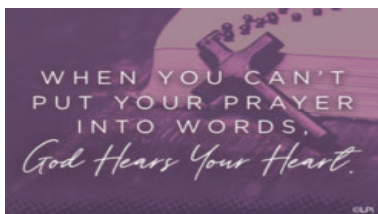
## Mass of Remembrance

**Sunday, October 31**

**9:30 am**

**Saint Francis Xavier Church**

**For more information please contact Sandee Kremers**



## SFX PARISH STAFF

**Parish Office Hours Mon-Friday 8:00 am-Noon, 1:00 pm-4:30 pm**

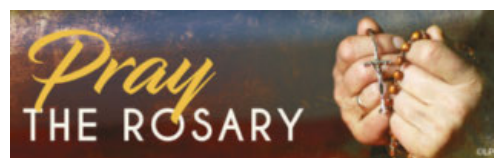
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## The Lighter Side Call Ahead

Father Ron was nervous when he cast Jimmy, the middle school class clown, as Joseph in the annual Christmas pageant. His fears were realized when Jimmy decided to do a little improvisation by pulling out his cell phone in the pageant's opening scene.

The astonished priest, who was narrating, asked, "What are you doing with your phone?"

Jimmy smiled and replied, "This year I'm phoning that inn to make a reservation!"



## Heal Our Land Holy Hour

St Mary's Cathedral

October 7th ~ Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

1:00 pm (after 12:05 pm Mass)

**A time for Adoration and prayer for our nation**

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