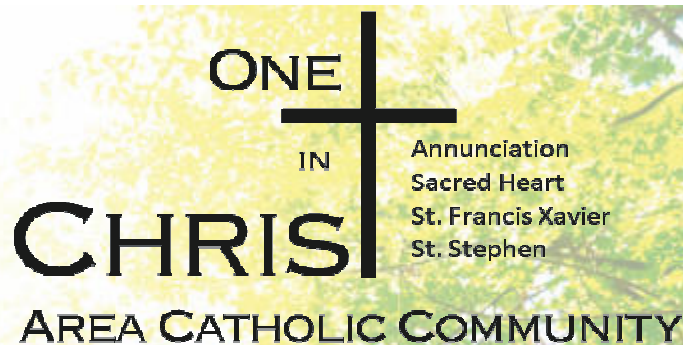
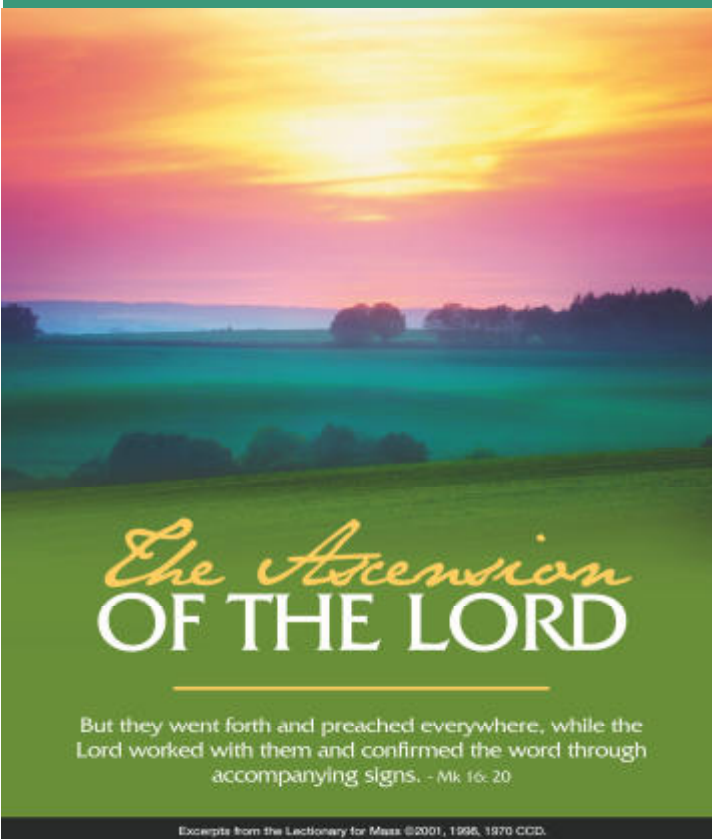


May 16, 2021

The Ascension of the Lord



Annunciation

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320-252-1729 • oneinchristacc.org

Sacred Heart

2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379
320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

St. Francis Xavier

219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377
320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375
320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

MASS TIMES

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|----------------------------|---------------|----------|---------------------|---|
| Monday | May 17 | 8 am | St. Francis Xavier | Word & Communion |
| Weekday | | 8:30 am | *Annunciation | † Don Kainz |
| Tuesday | May 18 | 8 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Laura Fasen |
| St. John I | | 5:30 pm | St. Stephen | † Deceased members of Herb & Ida Majerus Family |
| | | 5:30 pm | *Sacred Heart | † Margaret Houlihan |
| Wednesday | May 19 | 8 am | *Sacred Heart | Special Intentions of the Joel Harambasic Family |
| Weekday | | 8 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Anthony & Veronica Robatcek |
| Thursday | May 20 | 8 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Jim Gonsior |
| St. Bernadine of Siena | | 8 am | St. Stephen | † Leon Koshenina |
| | | 8:30 am | *Annunciation | † Yvonne Ferche |
| Friday | May 21 | 8 am | *Sacred Heart | † Rita Kampa |
| St. Christopher Magallanes | | 8:30 am | St. Francis Xavier | † Loran Hall |
| Saturday | May 22 | 5 pm | *Sacred Heart | For the People of the Parishes |
| St. Rita of Cascia | | 5 pm | St. Francis Xavier | For the People of the Parishes |
| | | 7 pm | St. Stephen | † Jean Ashwill & Sidney & Rita Lyon |
| Sunday | May 23 | 8:30 am | *Annunciation | Barb & John Bemboom 51st Anniversary |
| Pentecost Sunday | | 9 am | *Sacred Heart | † John Adelman |
| | | 9:30 am | *St. Francis Xavier | † Melvin Gruber |
| | | 10:30 am | St. Stephen | † Roger Trobec |

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation

Saturdays 3:30 pm Sacred Heart
4 pm St. Francis Xavier
7:50 pm St. Stephen
Sunday 7:50 am Annunciation

Anointing of the Sick

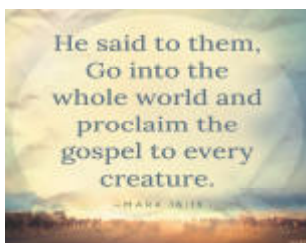
Home Bound Communion

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.

*Livestreamed Masses



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



“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.”

A young apprentice named Samuel spoke these iconic words as a teen. His openness to listen to God eventually led him to become one of the great prophets who would anoint David the King of Israel. David himself was a young man, an obscure shepherd. Both these youth – like Mary – had no expectation that God was about to call them to some remarkable task, but each found their lives changed ever after.

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Samuel’s words, the rule for prayer in every age, were not his own; he learned this invitation from Eli (1 Sm 3:7-11). So too, the gift of prayer is handed on from generation to generation. What God will say and do in each life is not in our hands, but helping others to listen to the Lord’s voice is a sacred trust.

Observing the Lord’s Ascension helps us appreciate how listening to Christ’s voice remains essential. Jesus promises the Spirit, reminding us of all He taught and leading us to all truth. Jesus has not left us on our own to know the Way, and the Spirit allows us in many times and places to hear that Voice of the Good Shepherd that only a small number could access 20 centuries ago.

I want to say thank you on behalf of all of us for the work of the One In Christ Area Catholic Community Planning Council and the groups that have formed around each of the initial four goals of this ACC: worship schedules; evangelization; stewardship; and the broad area of youth and young adult ministry. Like so many in our ACC and across the diocese, I have sat through dozens of meetings this past year. From the outside, perhaps progress seems slow, the vision obscure. We are not all of like mind. Priorities and proposals differ. Personalities emerge that do not always seamlessly merge. Spiritualities and treasured convictions – each of them part of the rich Body of Christ – are not uniform.

This is of course what we would expect, and it is really no different than the first group of disciples around Jesus. Imagine Simon the Zealot, whose goal was to overthrow the Roman occupation, sitting next to Matthew the tax collector, a living symbol of that Roman power, both chosen by Jesus to be formed and reformed into His witnesses.

As more and more people engage in these discussions, it gets inevitably messy and perhaps even discouraging at times. But that is precisely our work ... asking the Lord to speak, and listening.

There are so many words, so many voices, today. Learning to hear Jesus amid all that, quieting our souls in prayer, takes discipline and practice. Perhaps even more discipline and practice is needed to hear the Lord’s voice speaking through other human voices. Those voices may inspire, challenge, instruct; they can also distract, mislead, discourage. To hear the Good Shepherd takes discernment, time, the help of the Holy Spirit.

Making the effort to listen in our parishes with respect and faith can be a model for the larger culture; and if we do this well, we learn skills and make visible progress in being a community rooted in faith that itself becomes evangelization. In a divided world, that is no small part of the Church’s current work.

(“Speak, Lord Continued)

So today, as we remember the hope given to us by the Ascension, give your children and grandchildren a hug, teach them how to pray, and cultivate a listening heart. With such seemingly small steps, God will do remarkable things we cannot predict or control – as Mary and Joseph will attest.

“Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.” Eli taught that to Samuel, so Samuel could listen to God. What will God say to you, this week, in your prayer and also in your listening to others who give voice to the truth revealed in Jesus Christ?

Fr. Tom

DAILY READINGS

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| Monday: | Acts 19:1-8/Ps 68:2-3ab, 4-5acd, 6-7ab [33a]/Jn 16:29-33 |
| Tuesday: | Acts 20:17-27/Ps 68:10-11, 20-21 [33a]/Jn 17:1-11a |
| Wednesday: | Acts 20:28-38/Ps 68: 29-30, 33-35a, 35bc-36ab [33a]/Jn 17:11b-19 |
| Thursday: | Acts 22:30; 23:6-11/Ps 16:1-2a and 5, 7-8, 9-10, 11 [1]/Jn 17:20-26 |
| Friday: | Acts 25:13b-21/Ps 103:1-2, 11-12, 19-20ab [19a]/Jn 21:15-19 |
| Saturday: | Acts 28:16-20, 30-31/Ps 11:4, 5 and 7 [7b]/Jn 21:20-25 |
| Sunday: | Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or |

LEADERSHIP



ACC Pastoral Leadership

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|-----------------------------|---|
| Pastor | Fr. Tom Knoblach 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org |
| Pastor | Fr. Ron Weyrens 320-252-1363, Ext. 1101 (days) 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 | Terry Jancik 320-251-8115 tjancik@sacredheartsaukrapids.org |
| Deacon | Steve Pareja 320-761-2503 |
| Pastoral Associate | Deb Rudolph 320-252-1363, Ext. 1103 drudolph@stfrancissartell.org |



STEWARDSHIP

Prayer is one of the 4 pillars of Stewardship
Are we talking about Prayer Line, or prayers at Mass? How can prayer be Stewardship? Where does it start?

- Start a "Needs List" about church, family, neighbors. Pray this list.
- Ask in prayer for guidance to understand your gifts and the needs for service.
- Ask in prayer to be attentive, ready to respond to what others need from you.
- Ask in prayer for a friend to invite to come with you, to serve.

"Lord, help me to give and to receive the encouragement that will make me to be a faithful steward of your gifts."

1 Peter 4.11b Whoever serves, let it be with the strength that God supplies, so that in all things God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

Job Openings:

Pastoral Associate

St. Francis Xavier Church is accepting applications for a full-time Pastoral Associate, responsible to provide service and ministry to our parish, working in harmony with the pastor, pastoral staff, parish staff, and volunteers in the life of the parish and our One In Christ Area Catholic Community. Must be present at regularly scheduled liturgical gatherings of the community and coordinate, train, and support volunteers in outreach ministries. Qualifications include a Master's degree in divinity, pastoral ministry, or related theological studies with background in Ecclesiology, Christology, Sacramental and Liturgical Theology, Scripture, Canon Law, Ethics and Morality, or working toward such a degree.

Director of Youth Ministry

SFX is also accepting applications for a full-time Director of Youth Ministry, responsible to foster the personal and spiritual growth of each young person and to draw them into responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the One In Christ Area Catholic Community. Responsibilities included are to plan, develop and prepare curriculum for classes for 6th grade thru 10th grade Confirmation students, including recruiting and training small group leaders, arranging speakers and identifying and organizing all service projects. Candidates should have a Bachelor's degree that prepares candidate for youth ministry, or working toward such a degree, and a minimum of three years of experience in related work in church ministry.

Candidates must display leadership qualities, have the ability to maintain confidentiality of all office records, and possess quality communication skills. Benefits are available, including health insurance, life and LTD, vacation/sick pay, retirement and other benefits. A favorable background check is required as a condition of employment.

Submit a letter of interest, resume and references to the parish office. Please contact Adam Vonderahe for a job description or more information at 320-252-1363 or email avonderahe@stfrancissartell.org.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE



- I Kayla Palmersheim & Zachary Dufner (SS)
- II Ryan Janson & Sarah Brunn (SH)
- III Raul Garza III & Jennifer Dingmann (SH)

BAPTISMS

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

Cora Mae Knowles, daughter of Seth and Jacqueline, baptized at Sacred Heart.



REST IN PEACE

Please remember in your prayers the family of Lawrence Weyer Jr. who passed away May 3 from St. Francis Xavier.

MARRIAGE BLESSINGS



Congratulations and many blessings to Luke Carpenter & Carolyn Urbanski who were married on May 15th at Sacred Heart.



Join us for our next
Socially Distanced
Living Rosary
As we pray for world
peace
Sunday, May 30,
2021
7:00 P.M.
Sacred Heart
Church Sauk Rapids

**Teach us to give
and not count
the cost.**

— St. Ignatius de Loyola

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, May 9th, 2021

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| Adult Sunday | \$1,825.00 |
| Visitor | \$32.00 |
| Youth | \$16.80 |
| Votive Candles | \$5.00 |
| Catholic Relief Services | \$11.00 |
| Building Fund | \$200.00 |
| Total Income | \$2,089.80 |

Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget 3,037.00

Sunday 8:30am Mass Schedule

Sunday, May 23rd, 2021 Pentecost—Wear Red

Lector: David Zimmer

Eucharist: Lora Knafla

Ushers: Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Dan Brenny



Congratulations To Jonathan Bemboom and Alexis Ripley who were joined in marriage on Saturday, May 15th here at Mayhew Lake. May the Lord bless them with many happy years together! Please welcome the new couple: Jonathan and Alexis Bemboom.

Happy Birthday: Barbara Brand, Blake Brenny, David Lentner, Doris Ratka, Ron Brenny, Zachary Hiemenz, Judy Behrend-Loidolt, Sue Thompson.



Upcoming Events:

Sun. May 23rd 8:30am Graduation Sunday
Mon. May 31st Memorial Day Mass, 10:30am



Thank You from Joe & Peggy Gibbons for your kind words, prayers and financial support due to the destruction of their home on March 30th. They are living with their daughter in Aitkin for the time being. We put our trust in the Lord to guide us during this time. Thank you.

Mass on Memorial Day As we honor all those who have died in the armed conflicts across the globe on Memorial Day, May 31, you are invited to Mass at Annunciation Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. This will take the place of the usual Monday morning Mass. In case of rain, Mass will be at Annunciation Church. There is also a Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery (or the church, in case of rain) that morning at 8:00 a.m.



ST. STEPHEN

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

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

Financial Offerings—May 8 & 9

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| Adult | \$1,595.00 |
| Plate | 204.00 |
| Children | 2.00 |
| Ascension | 10.00 |
| Peter's Pence | 10.00 |
| TOTAL: | \$1,821.00 |

Online Giving May 1-7..... 520.00
Weekly Adult offering needed to make budget: 2,800.00



This weekend we celebrate with those seniors who will graduate from their respective schools:

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| Nick Breth | Isaac Douvier |
| Brooke Fiedler | Kylie Harner |
| Ava Hommerding | Jaden Johnson |
| Hannah Lalim | Danielle Lyon |
| Corey Mehrwerth | Nick Paggen |
| Krysten Salzl | Kaili Schoenberg |
| Maddie Thorson | |

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

Mass Intentions: If you would like to have a Mass said for a loved one or any other special intention, there are many open dates during the week for May and into summer. Please call the office to schedule a date or drop a note in the collection basket.

Prayer Line: Could we pray for you?

The St. Stephen Prayer Line would love to pray for you and your loved ones. Please call the St. Stephen Church office to have your prayer request added to the Prayer Line.



150th Anniversary Quilt Chances: If you would like to order chances for either of our 150th Quilts, please contact the parish office by June 1, 2021. Chances are \$5.00. Quilts can be viewed at: churchofststephen.org



Upcoming Events:

May 18 - 150th Anniversary meeting 6:15 pm
May 31 - Memorial Day Mass at 8:30 am
June 6 - 150th Celebration Mass at 10:30 am
June 8 - Vibrancy Meeting 6:15 pm
June 15 - 150th Anniversary follow-up 6:15 pm
June 22 - Parish Council meeting

SACRED HEART PARISH

Contact: JoAnn Mo — 320-251-8115, X114
parish@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Office Hours: Monday – Closed
Tuesday and Thursday 8am-4pm
Wednesday and Friday – 8:30am-4pm

ALL Masses at Sacred Heart are livestreamed.
Go to www.sacredheartsaukrapids.org and click on
LIVESTREAM

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus will meet at 7pm on Monday, May 17th. Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

MEMORIAL DAY MASSES

As we honor all those who have died in the armed conflicts across the globe on Memorial Day, May 31st, you are invited to Mass at Sacred Heart Cemetery at 8am. In case of rain, Mass will be at Sacred Heart Church. There is also a Mass at Annunciation that morning at 10:30.

BACCAULAREATE MASS

Baccalareate Mass will be celebrated on May 23rd at 9am. Please help us celebrate our graduating seniors as we bless them on their way.

MEN'S CLUB

The Men's Club will meet at 7pm on Tuesday, May 18th in Room C. Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

CARD MAKING GROUP

The card making group will meet at 1pm on Thursday, May 20th in Room C. All are welcome to come and learn! Masks and social distancing protocols will be followed.

RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets for the Festival are available in the Gathering Space. Grand prize for this year's raffle is \$5,000. If you have friends or neighbors who are unable to get in to pick theirs up, please consider picking them up for them.

UPCOMING EVENTS

May 16; 10am—Mission Trip Gathering
May 16; 7pm—Young Adult Bible Study
May 17; 5pm—Men's Group
May 17; 7pm—KC's Meeting
May 18; 7pm—Men's Club
May 19; 6:30—Pastoral Council Discernment Meeting
May 19; 7pm—Peer Ministry Meeting
May 20; 1pm—Card Making Group
May 23; 9am—Baccalareate

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Income for week ending May 9, 2021

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| Adult Collection | \$16,218.60 |
| Children's Offering | \$3.50 |
| Friends in Need | \$508.00 |
| Easter | \$175.00 |
| Improvements. | \$83.00 |
| Peter's Pence | \$125.00 |
| Weekly adult collection needed to meet yearly budget | \$16,346 |

ONLINE GIVING

Did you know that we have two options for automatic giving? You can submit an ACH form that will make your donation directly from the checking or savings account you choose, or you can use our online system to set up automatic giving on either your credit card or a bank account. Your regular gifts help us tremendously, especially as we head in to summer and "weekends at the cabin" season. Help us end the year on strong financial footing.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH—A FATHER'S HEART

We each have an image of a good father, recognizing those characteristics even if our own experiences did not reach the ideals we hold. As a father, Joseph was a protector of his family. He found a place for Mary to give birth; he accepted relocation and exile from his home for a time to flee to Egypt as migrants; he returned home and resumed his labors as a carpenter to provide for their daily bread. Indeed, in a striking line, Pope Francis notes that "God trusted Joseph, as did Mary, who found in him someone who would not only save her life but always provide for her and her Child." We assume he went to the synagogue, no doubt bringing Jesus along; he had human friendships with his relatives and neighbors; he did business with his customers and cared for the home he was creating for Mary, whom he deeply loved. These ordinary domestic moments are possible in every family, and like Joseph, we can live them in profound awareness that even the routines of life have Jesus at their center, Who dwells in every home as a domestic Church. In John 5:19, Jesus says: "Amen, amen, I say to you, a son cannot do anything on his own, but only what he sees his father doing; for what he does, his son will do also." While the text goes on to refer to God the Father, I believe Jesus also refers to His boyhood experience with Joseph, who showed him what he was doing – not only in the woodshop, but in all the everyday tasks and chores of life. In His divinity, Christ knows all; in His humanity, as Luke tells us, He had to learn and grow in age, grace, and favor. He learned to speak, to read, to pray, to clean His room, to study, to tell time, to care for His body – all those things that parents teach their children, Mary and Joseph taught Jesus.

What are you grateful to have learned from your father? What might Joseph wish to teach you? Fr. Tom

PRAYER REQUESTS

If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please contact 320-251-8115: Gary Forner, Jerome Gomes Family, Pat Ihli, Pat Jones, Joanne Mick, Randy Midas, Cynthia Schauland, Mary Beth Sebas.

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



He Ascended into Heaven

Today we as a Church celebrate the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, some 40 days after his Resurrection and we look back remembering all that he taught us, all that he sacrificed

for our salvation. Jesus returns to his Father having completed the task his Father set forth, that he would suffer and die so the sins of humanity might be forgiven. God, our Father, sent his own Son to be the ultimate sacrifice, that we might live in eternal happiness.



We can only imagine what it was like for the Apostles to see Jesus ascending into heaven. We can only imagine how they were feeling and the questions that may have risen in their hearts and minds. This Teacher, this Friend, this Man who is God, now gone from their sight. And so began an era of time when our Lord would not be physically present to his people, and we continue to live that era today. As a people of God, convinced of the Truth spoken by the Son of God, we await the second coming of Jesus. Until such time Jesus promised a helper, a paraclete, the Holy Spirit, and he said to his friends and to all people, "I am with you always until the end of time."

I love those words, the promise of Jesus to always be with us. How comforting to know that wherever we are, he is there too. We will end the Easter season next week as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles, gifting them with wisdom and knowledge and courage to continue to spread the Good News of the Risen Lord. Pentecost marks the beginning of what we know today as the Catholic Church. Jesus sent forth his Apostles to bring all people into relationship with God through him. He truly is the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Seasons come and season go, in our faith life as well as in our everyday living. Each new season brings new possibilities and many changes. Some changes we embrace for they can bring new life and some changes are difficult as we grieve what has passed and are uncertain of what our future holds. However, as seasons and life experiences change, one thing remains, God is with us always.

I share with you today that I am retiring at the end of May and leaving my position here at St. Francis Xavier. I am so grateful to this entire faith community for the privilege of serving as your Pastoral Associate. I will always remember how I was welcomed, embraced, supported, and encouraged. I learned so much from all of you and I thank you sincerely for you have blessed my life. It was an honor to share eight years of my faith journey with you and I will remember you in prayer asking God to bless this community as you continue to live our shared faith in Jesus Christ.

Sincerely and with much gratitude,
Deb Rudolph

FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

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| Weekly Collection Budget | \$19,230.77 |
| Collected 05/09/2021 | \$25,934.85 |
| Excess (Deficit) | \$6,704.08 |
| YTD Collection Budget | \$865,384.62 |
| YTD Collected | \$864,676.06 |
| Excess (Deficit) | \$(708.56) |

ADORATION

Adoration will be on May 24th from 4-7pm.
Thank you for spending time with Jesus.



On the weekend of May 22/23 all the LOOSE cash and coin in the Offertory basket that weekend will be donated to Habitat for Humanity.

Please mark your calendar and consider making a special donation that weekend. Thank you.

SFX SCHOOL NEWS

Greetings SFX Community,

The Fruit of the Spirit which SFX School focuses on in May is GOODNESS. When we act out of true goodness, we place the needs of others before our own. This month we recognize those who are examples of GOODNESS: Mary, the mother of Jesus, and all mothers, teachers, and volunteers.

St. Francis Xavier Preschool is now enrolling new students for Fall of 2021! We are offering personal tours of our exceptional school. If you or someone you know is interested in faith-based education with academic excellence, please contact the school office at (schooloffice@sfx61.org) or call 320-252-9940.

TEACHERS...Looking for a change? St. Francis Xavier School is currently hiring classroom teachers for the 2021-2022 school year. We are a fun, family-oriented staff with a strong love for teaching. Please consider joining our dynamic family. Send cover letter, resume, and 3 letters of recommendation to bvanheel@sfx61.org or call 320-252-9940 for more information.





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 peace in our world • for all pregnant women • for all those lost to COVID • for those seeking cancer treatment • 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.



"Gifts Offered by Human Hands." The Appeal supports ministries that benefit you, your family and your greater parish community. Please make a gift today. **Each dollar raised goes directly to ministries that support our Catholic faith and is not used for any other purpose.** Will you help these ministries meet their funding needs? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.



SFX PARISH STAFF

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

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Parish Raffle & Festival at St. Francis Xavier

Invitations to make a donation to the raffle ticket will be mailed to past givers in the next couple of weeks, and new donors for the festival raffle are always welcome. Some individuals, both past givers and new, have already donated to the raffle through the parish office. Most of the prizes are cash gifts, but there are other possibilities as well. Last year we had a Keurig, a Fitbit and a lawn mower, among other items. Our raffle is a great draw and a large part of our annual fundraiser. Please contact the office if you wish to help by making a donation to the big ticket raffle – 252-1363.

And just this week, the Bishop has given the go ahead for parish festivals to resume in their pre-pandemic form. If the interest and volunteerism is enough to support it, it may be time to begin discussing and planning the fall festival!



Appreciation Reception

Let us gather on

Sunday, May 23, 2021

immediately following the 9:30 am Mass to thank our departing staff members for the time and talent they have shared while employed here at St. Francis Xavier Parish. Come to share hospitality and refreshments as we bid them well and ask God's blessing to be upon them. Our guests of honor:

Deb Rudolph, Pastoral Associate

Shelby Vaske, Faith Formation Coordinator

May you know the gratitude of your parish for the beautiful way in which you served God's people.

Baccalaureate Mass – Join Us!

We will honor our graduating seniors on Sunday, May 23rd at the 9:30 am Mass with a short reception to follow. Invitations have been sent to all who are graduating. If you did not receive an invitation, please contact Melissa Fox to have one sent.



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