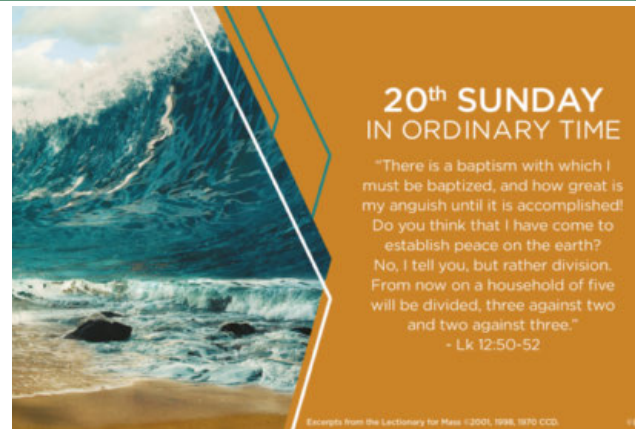



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**Sacred Heart** 2875 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379 • 320-251-8115

**St. Francis Xavier** 219 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377 • 320-252-1363

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

**BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE DUE IN THE PARISH OFFICE BY 8:00AM ON MONDAYS. THANK YOU!**

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

### Monday, August 18

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** – Word and Communion

8:30am **Annunciation** + Healing, Peace, Forgiveness in Families

### Tuesday, August 19

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Carol Earles

5:30pm **Sacred Heart** + Nick & Regina Schutz

5:30pm **St. Stephen** – The Holy Face of Jesus

### Wednesday, August 20

*St. Bernard*

8:00am **Sacred Heart** – Julie Hipp

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Max Villeneuve

### Thursday, August 21

*St. Pius X*

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Leon Zierden

8:00am **St. Stephen** + Al & Rose Then

8:30am **Annunciation** + Brenda Schmidt

### Friday, August 22

*The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:00am **Sacred Heart** + Rosanna Leither

8:00am **St. Francis Xavier** + Mel Fiereck

### Saturday, August 23

*21st Sunday of Ordinary Time*

4:00pm **St. Francis Xavier** For the People of the Parish

5:00pm **Sacred Heart** + Lowell Witte

7:00pm **St. Stephen** + Deceased members of the Knettel family

### Sunday, August 17

*21st Sunday of Ordinary Time*

8:15am \***Annunciation** + Rita Scapanski

9:00am \***Sacred Heart** + Living & Dec. Members of the Schneider Family & Poor Souls in Purgatory

9:30am \***St. Francis Xavier** + Deceased members of the Clyde Wildes family

10:00am **St. Stephen** + Kurt Dullinger

\*Livestreamed Masses

### Reconciliation

#### Saturday:

3:00pm St. Francis Xavier

3:30pm Sacred Heart

6:15pm St. Stephen

#### Sunday:

7:40am Annunciation

### Adoration

**First Thursday** at St.

Stephen 8:30am–4pm

**Second and Fourth**

**Tuesday** at St. Francis

Xavier 4–7pm

**First Friday** at Sacred

Heart 8:30am–11am

### Pastoral Needs

Please contact your parish office for Anointing of the Sick, Home Bound Communion, Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests, Marriage and Baptism Preparation.

## Daily Readings

**Monday:** Jgs 2:11-19/Ps 106:34-35, 36-37, 39-40, 43ab and 44/Mt 19:16-22

**Tuesday:** Jgs 6:11-24a/Ps 85:9, 11-12, 13-14/Mt 19:23-30

**Wednesday:** Jgs 9:6-15/Ps 21:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mt 20:1-16

**Thursday:** Jgs 11:29-39a/Ps 40:5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mt 22:1-14

**Friday:** Ru 1:1, 3-6, 14b-16, 22/Ps 146:5-6ab, 6c-7, 8-9a, 9bc-10/Mt 22:34-40

**Saturday:** Ru 2:1-3, 8-11; 4:13-17/Ps 128:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Mt 23:1-12

**Next Sunday:** Is 66:18-21/Ps 117:1, 2 (Mk 16:15)/Heb 12:5-7, 11-13/Lk 13:22-30

## Ministry & Life Perspectives



### When was the last time you ...

- thanked someone in your household for the regular tasks they do?
- prayed the Rosary?
- read a favorite book from your childhood?
- powered down your smartphone?
- went for a walk in the woods?
- made a donation to a favorite charity?
- paid for a family's meal at random in a restaurant?
- visited a cemetery to pray for family members or friends who are buried there?
- hand-wrote a card or letter of encouragement to someone?
- looked up at the stars?
- spent quiet time in prayer in church?
- cleaned out a closet and gave unneeded clothes or shoes to charity?
- let someone merge into traffic ahead of you?
- politely challenged someone's gossip?
- visited someone in a nursing home?
- listened to classical music?
- went to confession?
- read a chapter of the Bible?
- asked an older person for a story from their life?

This is not a "guilt list" but an encouragement. Habits are formed by repetition. We can form the habit of having good intentions – good in itself – but so many responsibilities and distractions can block us from following through. Today is a good day to choose one of these, or one of others that are on your own "to-do" list, and simply do it.

We recently heard from the Book of Wisdom: "In secret the holy children of the good were offering sacrifice and putting into effect with one accord the divine institution." The author is referring back to the Old Testament preparations for the Passover in Egypt. But that line also speaks about what we do in our own lives of faith: to create a kind of quiet and humble network of goodness, sowing the seeds of love and mercy in the world for a better future we may not see in this life. They may seem trivial against the significant troubles around us, but each one matters.

## Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

Today can be the day you add to the goodness in the world.

On another note: please plan to join in one of the four Town Hall meetings to hear more about the All Things New planning process in our Diocese, and how it will affect our One in Christ ACC. We have one Town Hall in each of our four parishes; the content will be the same, but the conversation with ideas, questions, and discussion will naturally differ. You can go to any session. We will compile those comments when the Town Halls are all complete, and the Planning Committee will review them carefully as we compile a strategic plan for our ACC.

### The Town Halls will be:

Tuesday, August 19 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier

Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. at Annunciation

Tuesday, August 26 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Stephen

Thursday, August 8 at 6:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart



## ACC Pastoral Leadership

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<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Ron Weyrens</b> 320-252-1363, ext 401 (days), ext 402 (nights/weekends) <a href="mailto:rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org">rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org</a>
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# ONE IN CHRIST AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Baptisms

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



Madelyn Sue Bodeker, daughter of Daniel & Colleen and

Loretta Rose Belanger, daughter of Anthony & Nicole from Sacred Heart.

### Marriage Banns



I Alejandro Gonzalez Giraldo & RaeAnn Mary Boos

II Nichlas Popp & Stephanie Schiller

III Layca Heng & Jill Oldakowski

III Jonah Prom & Clara McGowan

III Hunter Koller & Breanna Sattler

### Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Jerome Rosa, who passed away on July 27.

Eternal Rest grant unto him Oh Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.



### ACC Events

Through the **Pilgrim Icon Program**, the Knights of Columbus will make available an icon depicting the most famous image of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, painted in 1767 by Pompeo Batoni and now venerated in the Church of the Gesù in Rome. The reproduction is one of more than 300 icons traveling across the world, from council to council, for veneration and use in prayer services. It will be available at Sacred Heart August 23-29, with a Holy Hour with adoration scheduled for Monday, August 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. All are welcome!

**The Chosen Watch Party.** We will begin Season 3 of The Chosen on Friday, October 3rd. Our evening will start with a light supper and then we will watch and discuss. 6:30-8pm at Sacred Heart. The season will run October 3-November 21. All are welcome, you do not need to have attended Season 1 and 2. Register by September 28 by calling Jill at the Sacred Heart office, 320-251-8115 or texting Kathy at 320-309-1759.

"Save the date for the **Daughters in Christ Women's Retreat!** This retreat is hosted by the One in Christ Area Catholic Community at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, October 25<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 4:30pm. Come join us for a day of reflection, prayer, and hospitality. There will be a keynote speaker and three breakout sessions all themed with gospel passages that highlight women. In the middle of the day, there will be an opportunity for various prayer options. Breakfast hospitality and lunch will be provided. This event is open to all women ages 16 and older." Please email Brittany with any questions @ [brittanylprigge@gmail.com](mailto:brittanylprigge@gmail.com)

### Young Adults

#### Young Adult Mass and Meal

Join us at St. Francis Xavier on Saturday, August 23rd for 4 PM Mass. We'll meet in the Gathering Space following Mass to go out for a meal\*. Great way to meet new people and get connected!

\*Each participant is responsible for their own meal.

#### Young Adult Bible Study

Join us on Thursday, September 4th from 7-8:30 PM at St. Francis Xavier in Sartell. We're studying the Book of Romans, bring a friend and join us!

#### Theology on Draft

The next season of Theology on Draft begins soon!! Don't miss the premier of the 2025 - 2026 season on Thursday, September 11th at Beaver Island Brewing from 6-8 PM.

### Young Life WyldLife

**Club Update** Don't miss any upcoming Clubs! 6:15-7:45 PM

\*Wednesday, August 20th, MUNICIPAL PARK in SAUK RAPIDS

**Donations** If you'd like to make a donation to our Wyldlife Area for either club supplies or for camp, please contact Jason via phone or email. We sincerely appreciate your contribution in our efforts making sure middle schoolers are known, loved and cared for.

#### Follow Us on Social Media

Be sure to go like our page on Facebook: Granite City Wyldlife

Follow Us on Instagram: gcwyldlife

Skit Characters from Club: gcinstagramparents

**Committee Members Needed** Are you a go-getter? Are you good at planning and visioning? Perhaps you are good at fundraising - if you answered yes to at least one of these questions, we need you on the Granite City Wyldlife committee. Contact Jason Prigge ASAP to learn more.

### All Things New Planning Process

We invite you to attend any of the town halls listed below.

Town Halls will be on the following dates:

**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Francis Xavier**

**Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm at Annunciation**

**Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at St. Stephen (in the Parish Hall)**

**Thursday, August 28<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart**

Just a reminder that resources related to the All Things New Planning Process are available at <https://studio.org/all-things-new/> (or scan the QR code), including the Introductory Guidebook being used by the committee. Copies of this guidebook are also available in your parish office.



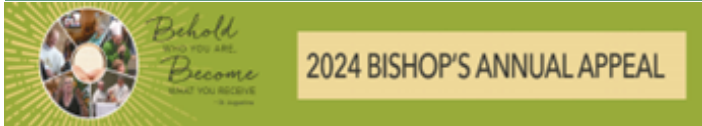
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## ACC Fellowship Event

If you are a greeter, (choir/cantor/instrumentalist/accompanist, etc) usher, lector, musician, altar server, sacristan or children's liturgy of the Word. This session is for you. The goal of this event is to bring people together across the ACC. The idea is to group people together that have similar volunteering in common. This event will have Father Tom Knoblach as a speaker. Please join us at 10:15 on September 14th in the Sacred Heart Parish Hall. No need to RSVP.

## News and Events From Around the Diocese



*"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12:51*

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.



The diocese recognized the need to walk with individuals and their loved ones experiencing mental health challenges by providing spiritual support and accompaniment, practical resources and educational opportunities for mental health awareness. Our 11-member Mental Health Ministry Team is currently working to form a ministry of presence in the ACCs for those affected by mental illness. To learn more about mental health ministry, visit: <https://youtu.be/TDs-TL2FKGM>

**Adore @ George**-Outdoor Adoration at Lake George with Fr. Derek Wiechmann Please join us Tuesday, August 26<sup>th</sup> from 3-7:30PM.

3PM-Start Exposition, reading, Homily & Divine Mercy Chaplet

4PM-Silent prayer-Confession available

6PM-Praise & Worship

7:15PM- Benediction & Closing Prayer



Bring a lawn chair or blanket and a bottle of water. Unless there is lightening, event will happen rain or shine.



**CARD GROUP** will be starting up at St. Francis Xavier on Thursday, September 11 from 1-3 pm. CARD GROUP will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday of the month. We will meet in Xavier Hall. We will have both CRIBBAGE and 500 Tables. All are welcome!

## St. Stephen

Fr Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm  
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

Email currently unavailable - please do not email

### Financial Offering for August 9 & 10

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,560.00
Adult online giving August 2-8	\$ 603.00
Plate	\$ 371.00
Assumption	\$ 25.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 3,559.00</b>

### Ushers:

Aug. 23: Schefers family

Aug. 24: Steve Vouk, Tim Rudser, Ralph Barhorst

**Faith Formation:** Teachers are needed for grades 7, 8 and 9. Share your faith with our youth. Contact Danna Gasperlin at 251-5066.

**Prayer Line:** If you or someone you know needs our prayers, please contact the parish office to have your name added to the Prayer Line.

**Funeral Lunch Group Contact person:** A main contact person is needed for our South End funeral lunch group. Contact the parish office if you have questions or to take this over.

### Festival News:

We are two weeks away from our Festival. Here are a few reminders for what each family is asked to donate:

**Cake Walk** - 2 cakes. Boxes are available in the annex for the cakes.

**Pies** - 2 homemade fruit or pumpkin pies for our dinner.

**Bring cakes and pies the weekend of the festival to the Parish Hall.**

**Raffle Tickets** - Have you sold all of your raffle tickets? Put them in the collection basket on weekends or turn them in at the office ahead of time. By turning them in early, the Grand Raffle stand can then focus on selling tickets to visitors coming to the festival. Do you need more tickets - there are some available at the entrances of church or contact the parish office.

### Donations needed for various stands:

**Country Store:** baked goods, canned goods, small playthings for kids, school items, kitchen wares, etc.

**Dice Game:** New items valued \$10-\$15.

**Farmers Market:** Do you have extra produce or plants from the garden? Bring it to the Farmers Market stand on Labor Day.

**Not working in a stand yet?** Call the parish office and I'll get you connected with a stand chairperson.

### Well n Fit Exercise Class - All level of fitness welcome!

A fun social time for everyone, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises.



Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays.

9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall



**Holdingford Helping Hands Outreach-Senior Dining-Everyone invited.** Wednesdays at Trobec's in St. Stephen. Meal served at noon followed by cards (500). Suggested meal donation is \$6.00.  
**St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings:** 103 Main St E.  
Tuesdays 7pm-Steps and Traditions meeting (aka 12X12)  
Wednesdays 5:30pm-Al-Anon/AA Mixed meeting  
Wednesdays 7pm-AA Big Book meeting  
Saturdays 8pm-AA meeting

# Sacred Heart

Fr Tom Knoblach, Pastor

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

Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:30am-4pm

## Financial Offereing

### Income for the Week of August 10, 2025

Adult Collection	\$7,413.05
Automatic Giving	\$5,814.09
Children	\$4.00
Improvements	\$120.00
Friends In Need	\$20.00
Holy Days	\$35.00

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

## Stewardship

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** Now seeking adult leaders along with some helpers for Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW). Leaders for CLOW help our friends PreK-Gr. 3 receive the Liturgy of the Word in language that they can understand and process, then everyone returns for the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Training can be provided, materials are about to be ordered, contact Jason Prigge ASAP to get started.

CLOW will begin again on Sunday, September 14th at the 9 AM Mass.

### Sacred Heart Adult Choir Kicks Off a New Season!

Plan to join us for our first rehearsal Tuesday, Sept. 9 – 6:15pm  
Choir alternates 5pm and 9am Masses and rehearses Tuesdays at 6:15pm.

All SATB singers High School on up are welcome! Now is a great time sing!  
Questions, contact Laurie Kremer.



**Friends In Need** Thank you to the many parishioners who have generously supported this program over the years that provides emergency help in areas such as food, transportation, shelter, heating, electrical, medical, etc. when other resources are not available in a timely manner or there are gaps in community support. We have provided a hand of mercy to many. If you would like more information about this mission of outreach, please contact Den Joe.

**Social Concerns Team Seeks New Members** The Social Concerns Team is looking for new members to help address important issues and positively impact the community. Individuals passionate about social justice, advocacy, and serving others are encouraged to consider joining the team. Contact Deacon Joe for any questions.

**Wednesday Bible Study** Would you like to explore the Bible but don't know where to start? Come join our OIC Bible Study group on Wednesday mornings at 9 AM. We will be starting with Genesis on Sep 24<sup>th</sup>. All are welcome! Contact Gerry (320) 420-9050 to sign up or if you have questions. Let him know by the 1<sup>st</sup> week of September so booklets can be ordered.

## Youth Ministry

**Grounded Youth Ministry** Come hang out with us on the 3rd Sunday of every month this Summer. Grades 6-12 along with their friends are invited from 6-8 PM on the following days:

- Sunday, August 17th - Water Night | Bring your swimsuit or an outfit you are comfortable getting wet in. A towel is also not a terrible idea... See you tonight!

**Grounded Small Group Leaders Wanted** Thinking ahead, we are in need of two small group leaders for our 5th grade friends. If you are interested or would like to learn more, please reach out to Jason to get set-up and trained.

## Festival

Please join us NEXT SUNDAY for the best day of the summer! Festivities begin with Polka Mass at 9am. Stands open after Mass! There will be plenty to do for all ages! We are still VERY short on volunteers, if you could please sign up for a shift that would SUPER helpful!

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4FADAC2CA7F5C52-55941600-parish> If you cannot view the sign up genius, please email Vicki in the office and she can get you signed up.  
[vсанborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:vсанborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org)



## Upcoming Events

August 18; 7pm--KC Meeting  
August 19; 6:30--ACC Faith Formation Meeting  
August 20; 6:15--Wyldlife Club  
August 21; 11am--DYC Meeting-Pastoral Center  
August 23; KOC Sacred Heart Icon  
3:30pm--Reconciliation  
4pm--Young Adult Mass & a Meal (SFX)  
August 24; KOC Sacred Heart Icon  
9am-5pm--Parish Festival

## Prayer Requests

Please add Nicholas B, Judy Groth, Joan Kerfeld, and Jayne Wruck to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put in the prayer corner, please call 320-251-8115.

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



# Annunciation

Fr. Tom Knoblach, Pastor

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729

cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com

Faith Formation: Karen Handeland 320-259-4941

karenh@annunciationmayhewlake.com

## Weekly Collection Budget

Adult Sunday	\$2,699.05
Visitors	\$173.00
Youth	\$16.50
Votive Candle	\$6.01
Fall Festival	\$150.00
Assumption	\$30.00
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00
Total Income	\$3,084.56

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

## Mass Schedule

**Sun. August 24th, 2025**

**Lector:** John and Karla Koenig

**Eucharist:** Brenda Carriveau(H), Katie Lentner(C), Jean Bemboom(C)

**Servers:** Kelsey Lentner and Zoey Heck

**Greeters:** Dustin and Lucas Heck

**Ushers:** Teresa & Dustin Heck, John & Barb Bemboom

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** Adelyn Britz, Gretchen Czeck, Marissa Schlichting, Jennifer Novak, Jacquelyn Popp, Todd Puhalla, Jacob Schlichting, Brittney Thell, Chuck Ackerman, Raelee Lyon, Molly Martinson, Andrea Mescall, Tyler Thene, Remington Gravelle, Emma Melby, Tom Nordlund.



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** Our Parish Picnic is planned for **Sunday, September 7th**, starting with Mass at 10:00am. There will be Mass at the ballpark, a parade at noon-line up at 11:30, a delicious pot luck meal at 12:30pm and a silent auction, cake walk, farmer's market, bag raffle, free kids games and bounce house. Please bring an item for the food shelf.



## TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR CATHOLIC SCHOOL

**PARISHIONERS** If you would like to apply for a grant for tuition assistance, please contact the parish office for the application form. The form is simple and does not ask for personal financial information. The request will be reviewed confidentially by the pastor and trustees in a blinded fashion so your identity will not be shared. Funds available are limited, so please apply for the grant by Sept. 7. Thank you!

Our **Annunciation Church social gatherings** will start up again on Thursday, Sept. 4th, and will continue on the first Thursday of each month through May. We will begin on the 4th with Mass at 8:30, coffee and sweets after, followed by visiting/games, ending with lunch around noon. Free will offerings will be accepted. All are welcome including community and ACC members. Mark your calendars for October 4th "Octoberfest" gathering.

## NEED SOMEONE TO HELP TEACH CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Help needed on Sundays September thru April and depending on the number of people interested it might only be one Sunday a month. Please call Karen at 320-761-5155. Thank you.

# St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Contact:** Becky Dingmann 320-252-1363

bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org

Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org

**Office Hours:** 8:00 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:** Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

## Weekly Collection Budget

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 8/10/2025	\$22,916.00
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,569.85</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$128,076.90
YTD Collected	\$119,479.29
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(8,597.61)</b>

## ROOTED Faith Formation

If you haven't already, please get your registration in for our new WHOLE Family Faith Formation Program. We are forming the groups right now!

## OCIA

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC? OCIA or the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults will be starting soon. Please contact Sandee Kremers for more information.

## Hospitality Volunteers

WE ARE LOOKING FOR HOSPITALITY WEEKEND VOLUNTEERS! IF you would like to help out with hospitality weekends please contact Sandee Kremers. It's easy and a fun way to get to know people!

## Homebound

DO you know someone who is homebound or are you homebound and would like to receive Eucharist and a visit? Please contact Sandee Kremers so we can get you paired up with a minister. She can be reached at 320-252-1363 or skremers@stfrancissartell.org.

## Fall Festival Silent Auction

The silent auction is coming along and will be going live in September. We are looking for new items such as group mystery games, yard games and hand crafted items. Canned items like salsa, maple syrup, pickles and jellies are a big hit. Cordless tools and appliances are also popular. As always, gift cards are very sought after by bidders. We don't have much for the 8 to 12 year old age group, Lego, Pokémon cards, Minecraft or gift cards to kids activities would be a great addition to the auction.

Thank you for your donations!

Candice Koopmeiners 320-654-1350

George and Marcy Reisdorf 320-493-7620

Connie and Ray Pogatschnik 320-250-7382



## Fall Festival

Remember, the festival packets are ready to pick up in the gathering place. Thanks to those who have already picked up and returned your tickets and donations. Your generosity is greatly appreciated! Some of the extra donations to consider are gift cards for the BINGO (\$10, \$15, & \$20 denominations are good) we have planned for festival Sunday. We are also accepting \$5 & \$10 certificates for youth events/activities that are used as door prizes. AND, if you're looking at larger gift cards (\$25 plus), those can be used for Silent Auction.

We do plan on having BINGO from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the gathering place - 30 games. That number of games will fill up 2 hours pretty good. If you are interested in leading or helping with BINGO, please contact Tom Offerdahl in the parish office. We are ASLO adding children's games that will take place in the gym during the breakfast. No cost. The games are for younger children - elementary and younger. This is a good place for confirmation candidates to get service hours, but a couple adults to help supervise would be nice. Again - contact Tom in the parish office.

Please get involved with the festival in one way or another. Your support of the parish festival is appreciated.



## Central MN Koinonia

IS THE LIGHT OF CHRIST IN YOU? Are you looking for that light? How can you bring the light of Christ to someone else if you don't have it within yourself? CENTRAL MINNESOTA KOINONIA is sponsored by the St Cloud Diocese and designed for adults, the next weekend is scheduled for September 19-21, 2025, at the TEC Center north of Little Falls, Minnesota. Cost of the weekend is \$70. Go to [www.centralmnkoinonia.org](http://www.centralmnkoinonia.org) for more information and to register for retreats.



## PrePlanning your funeral

The loss of a loved one is a difficult and painful time. At St. Francis Xavier we are here to support you through prayer and pastoral care. This summer is the perfect time to preplan your funeral. It is a great gift to your family to have all your wishes made in advance for the liturgy. If you would like to plan your funeral, contact Sandee Kremers 320-252-1363.

## The St. Rose of Lima Rosary Group

The St. Rose of Lima Rosary group meets the 1st and 3rd Thursday of every month from 9 to 11am in Xavier hall. Learn to make rosaries... all supplies are provided. Easy to learn, we will teach you. All rosaries are donated to missions around the world. For questions call Nita Davis 214-455-4301.

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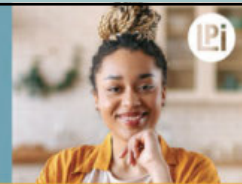
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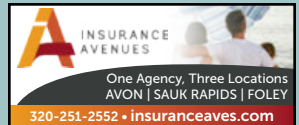
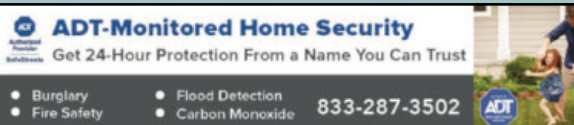
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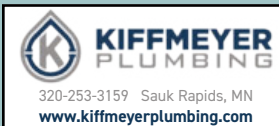
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