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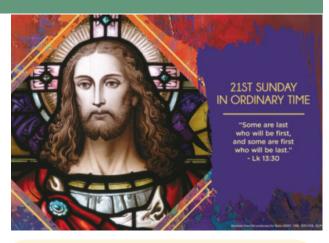


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BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE DUE IN
THE PARISH OFFICE BY 8:00AM ON
MONDAYS. THANK YOU!

PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Monday, August 25	8:00am St. Francis Xavier - Word and Communion
St. Louis	8:30am Annunciation + Thanksgiving
Tuesday, August 26	8:00am St. Francis Xavier + Robert Kirchner 5:30pm Sacred Heart + Judy Whalen 5:30pm St. Stephen + Clarence Justin
Wednesday, August 27	8:00am Sacred Heart + Winifred "Winnie" Doroff
St. Monica	8:00am St. Francis Xavier + Roger Lortz
Thursday, August 28 St. Augustine	8:00am St. Francis Xavier + David Heim 8:00am St. Stephen + Donald & Rita Stangler 8:30am Annunciation + John Gans
Friday, August 29 The Passion of St. John the Baptist	8:00am Sacred Heart + Jim Nierengarten 8:00am St. Francis Xavier + Donna Traut
Saturday, August 30	4:00pm St. Francis Xavier + Doris Schefers
22nd Sunday of Ordinary	5:00pm Sacred Heart + John Gans
Time	7:00pm St. Stephen - For the People of the Parish
Sunday, August 31	8:15am *Annunciation + Charles Ringler
22nd Sunday of Ordinary	9:00am *Sacred Heart + Roger Weber
Time	9:30am *St. Francis Xavier + Jerry Peckskamp
*Livestreamed Masses	10:00am St. Stephen + James Honer

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: 1 Thes 1:1-5, 8b-10/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Mt

23:13-22

Tuesday: 1 Thes 2:1-8/Ps 139:1-3, 4-6/Mt 23:23-26

Wednesday: 1 Thes 2:9-13/Ps 139:7-8, 9-10, 11-12ab/Mt 23:

27-32

Thursday: 1 Thes 3:7-13/Ps 128:1-2, 4-5/Mt 24:42-51

Friday: 1 Thes 4:1-8 (429)/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 5-6, 10, 11-12/Mk 6:

17-29

Saturday: 1 Thes 4:9-11/Ps 98:1, 7-8, 9/Mt 25:14-30

Next Sunday: Sir 3:17-18, 20, 28-29/Ps 15:2-3, 3-4, 4-5 (1a)/Heb

12:18-19, 22-24a/Lk 14:1, 7-14

Ministry & Life Perspectives



When the railroads were first introduced to the U.S., some folks feared that they'd be the downfall of the nation! Here's an excerpt from a letter to then President Jackson dated January 31, 1829: As you may know, Mr. President, railroad carriages are pulled

at the enormous speed of 15 miles per hour by engines which, in addition to endangering life and limb of passengers, roar and snort their way through the countryside, setting fire to crops, scaring the livestock and frightening women and children. The Almighty certainly never intended that people should travel at such breakneck speed.

Change is certain in our lives. Some change is unexpected and other change we initiate. A year ago this time I was giving thoughts toward retirement in July and then came the March proposal to stay in active ministry for another year. After some discernment I agreed to postpone retirement until July 2026.

Beginning July 1, my title changed from pastor to parochial administrator. In reality, the title change is to indicate I have postponed by retirement. In my letter of assignment Bishop Patrick wrote: as a parochial administrator, you are bound by the same obligations and have the same rights as a pastor. However, parishioners should be made aware of the exceptional nature of your extended parochial ministry. As a way of signifying this change, I took the month of July as vacation and throughout the coming year will be gone on some weekends.

Change is coming to our One in Christ ACC. Changing demographics and fewer priests call for different way of proclaiming the Gospel. The Diocesan "All Things New" process is to give birth to an even more dynamic diocese, reenergized and more focused on knowing Christ on the deepest level.

Contrary to some there is no predetermined outcome of this process. We have an opportunity to help shape our future. If you haven't already, plan to participate in the two town hall sessions this Tuesday and Thursday. Your input is vital.

How to handle change. First, acknowledge change is happening. Remind yourself you will be okay. Second, think back to times in your life when you feared change, but in the end, what you feared most never happened. Recalling when you overcame change in the past can help ease current fears. Third, prepare for the change. Visualize how you can live this "new normal" way of life successfully. Write down the

Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

positives which will come because of the change. Fourth, take time in prayer. Ask God to help you calm the negative thoughts that are coming to mend. Grieve what is being lost and at the same time take God's hand as he leads to green pastures. Fifth, be kind to yourself. Accepting the changes will take time. It is normal to feel out of control. Forgive yourself for the times you stumble.

Again knowing God is there to help you get up. Finally, you may need to find an impartial person --- pastor or counselor, to help sort out your feelings so as to successfully navigate the transition you are facing.

Come Holy Spirit infuse us with wisdom and courage as we navigate the changes we will face.

Fr. Ron



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ONE IN CHRIST AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Marriage Banns



I Devon Bue & Michelle Skroch II Alejandro Gonzalez Giraldo & RaeAnn Mary Boos III Nick Popp & Stephanie Schiller

Marriage Blessings

Congratulations and many blessings to Alexander III & Bailey Acuna, who were married on August 9th, 2025 at Sacred Heart.



Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Sandee Trasport, who passed away on August 7 from St. Francis.



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

ACC Events

Through the <u>Pilgrim Icon Program</u>, 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 25th 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 <u>Daughters in Christ Women's Retreat!</u> This retreat is hosted by the One in Christ Area Catholic Community at Sacred Heart Church on Saturday, October 25th 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 is event is open to all women ages 16 and older. "Please email Brittany with any questions <u>@ brittanylprigge@gmail.com</u>

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 Club will now be moved to the First Friday of every month from 7-8:30 PM at the St. Cloud YMCA. These Friday Night parties are for all middle schoolers to have a place to go and socialize with their friends. We hope to see you there.

We are looking for more leaders and more involvement from other Churches and areas, if you are interested, please contact Jason Prigge.!

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

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 Melissa Fox ASAP. Meeting date coming soon.

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 26th, 6:30pm at St. Stephen (in the Parish Hall) Thursday, August 28th, 6:30pm at Sacred Heart

Just a reminder that resources related to the All Things New Planning Process are available at https://stcdio.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.



Diocese of St. Cloud Resources

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



"For behold, some are last who will be first and some are first who will be last." Luke 13:30

Our cultural standards are different from God's standards. We often rank people by what they have, how powerful they are, or how successful they are. Jesus reminds us that God will not judge us by the same earthly standards. When God asks you, "What have you done with the gifts I have given you?" How will you respond?



The Diocesan TV Mass has been a lifeline for the homebound. Because of your generosity, the diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It also is sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. Other ministries of the Appeal support of faith formation, family life, our Catholic schools, multicultural ministries, evangelization, and vocational discernment. Will you help keep these ministries strong? Visit www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

DCCW Leadership Training There will be mentoring/leadership training on September 24, from 1-3pm at St. Michael's Church, 1036 County Road #4, St. Cloud. This is open to ALL past, present, future and recycled parish and deanery Christian Mother/Women officers. This is sponsored by the St. Cloud DCCW at no charge. However, registration is requested to Sheri Streasick at (320) 805-0010 or dccw.vp@gmail.com.

Adore @ George-Outdoor Adoration at Lake George with Fr. Derek Wiechmann Please join us Tuesday, August 26th 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 2nd and 4th 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

<u>Contact:</u> Carol Hellmann 320-251-1520 Hours: 8am-1:30pm ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com

Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066

NEW Email: director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for August 16 & 17

Adult envelopes		\$ 1,535.00
Adult online giving August 9-15		\$ 563.00
Plate		\$ 202.50
	TOTAL	\$ 2,300.50
Assumption total to date		\$ 572 25

Ushers:

Aug. 30: Will Hellmann, David Pogatchnik, Karen Skaj Aug. 24: Merlin Berndt, Tom & Nancy Vouk



<u>Blood Pressure checks</u> will be available next Sunday, August 31, in the annex following Mass.

<u>Faith Formation</u>: Teachers are needed for grades 7, 8 and 9. Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish. Contact Danna Gasperlin at 251-5066 or email to NEW email above. <u>Attention Singers</u>: Our new choir season begins after Labor Day! We would love to welcome new choir members. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining our choir. It is a great way to participate in the mass! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings. If you have any

<u>Festival News - Stands Open at 10:00am on September 1st</u> <u>Potato Peeling</u>: Beginning at 8:00am on Sunday, August 31, in the Parish Hall kitchen. Bring your favorite peeler. Besides potatoes,

questions or would like to join the choir, call Joel at 320-237-6273.

we will also be shredding cabbage, peeling and slicing cucumbers and many other tasks to prepare our homemade chicken and ham dinner.

<u>Stand Set Up</u>: Many hands will be needed Saturday, August 30, to set up the stands beginning at 10:00am. If we are unable to set up Saturday due to weather, set up day will be Sunday, August 31.

<u>Silent Auction</u>: We are expanding on our items this year. Besides hand crafted items we want to add gift baskets to the stand. Use your imagination to put baskets together. Drop items off at the stand on Monday, September 1, by 9:00am so we have time to prepare the paperwork for all items.

<u>All donated items</u>, for any stand, can be dropped off all next weekend - August 30 & 31 - in the parish hall or the shed.

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 17, 2025

Adult Collection	\$11,979.13
Automatic Giving	\$5,674.70
Children	\$10.00
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!

Ouestions, contact Laurie Kremer.

<u>Friends In Need</u> 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 Dcn 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.

<u>Wednesday Bible Study</u> 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 24th. All are welcome! Contact Gerry (320) 420-9050 to sign up or if you have questions. Let him know by the 1st week of September so booklets can be ordered.

Youth Ministry

Grounded Youth Ministry

Stay tuned for more information... Fall is coming, new things are happening and you don't want to miss it. However, save these dates in the meantime...

- Fri. September 5th (Grades 6-8) | Wyldlife Friday Night Party | 7-8:30 PM | St. Cloud YMCA
- Sun. September 14th (Grades 9-12) | 5-7 PM
- Wed. September 24th (Grades 6-8) | 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sun. September 28th (Grades 9-12) | 5-7 PM

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.

Interest, training and re-connecting meeting is this Wednesday, August 27th from 6-8:30 PM. Please plan on joining us!

Faith Formation

Have you registered for Faith Formation Yet? While the initial deadline has passed, there is still time to register. Faith Formation is offered for Kindergarten - 10th grade including Sacramental preparation for First Eucharist and Confirmation. Go to the Sacred Heart website to register online.

Help share the beauty of the Catholic faith with the next generation by helping as Faith Formation small group leader. Leaders are needed for both the elementary and middle school groups which meet on Wednesdays from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Lesson plans will be provided along with additional support. If God is calling you to help out, contact Scott Frieler in the Faith Formation Office.

Upcoming Events

August 24; KC Icon Display

9am-5pm--Parish Festival

August 25; KC Icon Display

6:30pm--Holy Hour with Sacred Heart Icon

August 26; KC Icon Display

August 27; KC Icon Display

10:30am--Playtime at the Playground 6pm--Grounded Small Group Leader Gathering

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6pm--Alaska Mission Return Gathering

August 28; KC Icon Display

6:30pm--All Things New Parish Session

August 29; KC Icon Display

August 30; 3:30pm--Reconciliation

Prayer Requests

Please add Nicholas B, Dan Fladung, Judy Groth, Mike Janku, Kathy Kampa 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

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cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com Faith Formation: Karen Handeland 320-259-4941 karenh@annunciationmayhewlake.com

Weekly Collection Budget

Income for Sunday, August 17, 2025	
Adult Sunday	\$2,962.00
Visitors	\$138.00
Youth	\$17.00
Votive Candle	\$1.50
Fall Festival	\$440.00
Assumption	\$590.00
Funerâl Lunch	\$10.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
All Saints	\$12.00
Central Minnesota Catholic	\$20.00
Thanksgiving	\$20.00
Christmas	\$20.00
Building Fund	\$60.00
Total Income	\$4,293.50
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037,00	. ,

Mass Schedule

Sun. August 31st, 2025

Lector: Jill Brenny and David Zimmer

Eucharist: Amy Krajsa(H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Lloyd Lyon(C)

Servers: Halle & Brynn Krajsa

Greeters: John & Karla Koenig, Wyatt Montag and Ben Larson **Ushers:** Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell and Randy Miller

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Jessica Montag, Anthony Scapanski, Ryan Rajkowski, Paul Fitch, Milo Keeville, Riley Nellis, Natalie Schubert.

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 pot luck meal at 12:30 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.

Our <u>Annunciation Church Social Gatherings</u> will start up again on Thursday, Sept. 2nd, and will continue on the first Thursday of each month through May. We will begin on the 2nd 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.

The New Playground is fully Operational There is a little bit of dirt to move but all we need are a few "customers." Thank you to Sue & Gene Poser for the donation of the equipment and others who helped set up: Chuck Wocken, Jean Bemboom, Jeff Popp, Mike Kahl, Anthony Scapanski, Dennis Brand, Katie &



Kahl, Anthony Scapanski, Dennis Brand, Katie & Kevin Lentner, Wyatt Montag, Mason Kaeter, Mason, Carson & Jenny Zwilling. It takes a village.

CEMETERY NEWS: As you probably know, strong winds on July 27 caused the large cemetery crucifix to break off at the base. The toppled cross also caused the concrete figure of Christ to break into several pieces. The wooden core of the cross had rotted with time and moisture. We are grateful that no one was around to be injured by this incident, and grateful also to Jean Bemboom and Jeff Popp who removed the damaged materials. We will be replacing the cemetery crucifix, a beautiful and eloquent testimony to our belief in the Resurrection. We have an active claim with our insurer and are researching our options for a durable and long-term solution. I wanted to let you know that given production and shipping time for these items, it may be next spring before it is feasible to have a new crucifix in place. I did not want the delay to imply that we are not working to restore a crucifix to this sacred space. We will update you as plans develop in conjunction with our Finance and Pastoral Councils.

St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager

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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
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Collected 8/17/2025	\$34,441.96
Excess (Deficit)	\$13,095.81
YTD Collection Budget	\$149,423.05
YTD Collected	\$153,921.21
Excess (Deficit)	\$4,498.16

Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration August 26, 4-7 pm. Come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



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 currently looking for groups or individuals who might be interested in helping host or helping out on a hospitality weekend. It a great way to get to know people! It's simple and it's fun! Contact Sandee Kremers if you are interested to sign up for a weekend.

Prayer Line & Homebound Minister Meeting

Wednesday, September 17 in the St. Francis Xavier Gathering Space from 4-5 pm. Join us whether you are currently serving in either or both of these ministries or in you are interested in becoming part of either or both of these ministries. All are Welcome! Contact Sandee Kremers if you have any questions!

Fall Festival Silent Auction

Dear Parishioners.

Items are coming in for the silent auction - thank you for your generous donations. If you are looking for ideas of things to donate...We could use gift cards to local restaurants, LEGO sets, St. Cloud Children's Museum tickets, pet items and gift cards to pet places.

Thank you for your donations! Candice Koopmeiners 320-654-1350 George and Marcy Reisdorf 320-493-7620 Connie and Ray Pogatshnik 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 ALSO 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.



The Chosen - Season 5

Join us in Xavier Hall on Monday's at 8:30am for a viewing and discussion. Starting October 6 - November 24.

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!

Elevate

Dear Friends of Elevate:

We want to take a moment to personally thank you for the generous donation of 38 baby outfits, 42 onesies with 8 pair of pants, 20 washcloths and towels, 5 baby bibs, 19 pairs of baby socks, 3 blankets, 21 packages of diapers, Gift cards: two \$20 Target, one \$25 Walmart, two \$20 Kwik Trip and money donations totaling \$310.00. Thank you to Aggie Schulte and the St. Monica Christian Women who organized this donation drive and to Bonnie Nies and her grandson who delivered this wonderful donation to Elevate. This generous donation will touch many lives of the women, children and families that we serve. Because of you, we can educate, empower, and encourage lives for future generations thereby we Elevate women to be their best selves!

Thank you, Sabrina Hanson-Reiter, MA, Executive Director



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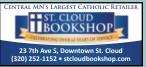
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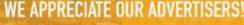
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