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PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, September 1</b>	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> – Word and Communion 8:30am <b>Annunciation</b> + Clarence & Audrey Posch
<b>Tuesday, September 2</b>	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Richard Maidl 5:30pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Dean Gill 5:30pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Roger Trobec
<b>Wednesday, September 3</b> St. Gregory the Great	8:00am <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Lillian Dullinger 8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> –Del & Vi Philippi 66 <sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary
<b>Thursday, September 4</b>	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> No Mass / No W&C 8:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> + Jerome Supan 8:30am <b>Annunciation</b> + Darlene Krajsa
<b>Friday, September 5</b>	8:00am <b>Sacred Heart</b> + John Adelman 8:30am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> +Jerry Kuklok
<b>Saturday, September 6</b> <i>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	4:00pm <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Terry Sufka 5:00pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Gerald Hovanes 7:00pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Tony Smoley
<b>Sunday, September 7</b> <i>23rd Sunday of Ordinary Time</i>	8:15am * <b>Annunciation</b> + For the People of the Parish 9:00am * <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Armella & Raymond Middendorf 9:30am * <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Carol Tiffany 10:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> + Stephen Slivnik

\*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:** 1 Thes 4:13-18/Ps 96:1 and 3, 4-5, 11-12, 13/Lk 4:16-30

**Tuesday:** 1 Thes 5:1-6, 9-11/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14/Lk 4:31-37

**Wednesday:** Col 1:1-8/Ps 52:10, 11/Lk 4:38-44

**Thursday:** Col 1:9-14/Ps 98:2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6/Lk 5:1-11

**Friday:** Col 1:15-20/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 4, 5/Lk 5:33-39

**Saturday:** Col 1:21-23/Ps 54:3-4, 6 and 8/Lk 6:1-5

**Next Sunday:** Wis 9:13-18b/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14-17 (1)/Phlm 9-10, 12-17/Lk 14:25-33

## Ministry & Life Perspectives



### All Things New and Parish Traditions

As I write, we have just completed our Fall Festival at Sacred Heart. I am again in awe at the generosity of so many people to make this day a celebration of faith, family, fun, and community – all because of our common life in Christ.

Investing hours of time in volunteering before, during, and after the event. Sharing donated items both purchased and handcrafted. Sharing hospitality and welcome. Reuniting family and friends around a church-based day.

On Labor Day, the same will happen with its own unique traditions at St. Stephen. On September 7, Annunciation will have its outdoor Mass, picnic and parade. On September 20-21, St. Francis Xavier will have its annual parish celebration of FrantoberFest.

All of this and more is a rich sign of life and strength in our ACC. Some weeks ago, searching for a random example of future collaboration that might be phased in as part of the planning process, I used the idea of a joint festival. Please understand there are no plans for that, nor has it been discussed. It was just an arbitrary illustration.

But it does raise a larger question and a commitment we have as part of our All Things New committee discussions. One of our subcommittees is related to parish traditions and culture. In fact, we have tried to do this throughout our five years together. What are the treasured and long-standing aspects of each parish community that make it who it is? What can we preserve and renew for the coming generations to make the customs and sacrifices of our ancestors continue? And how can we balance preserving individual traditions with the larger needs and changing circumstances of our Current Reality?

“All Things New” is a quote from the Book of Revelation, where the risen Jesus promises that newness of eternal life. But while we are still pilgrims on the way to that life, there are things we will not be changing. Some are essential to Catholic life, of course: we will not be changing the Creed or the sacraments or the Scriptures or the Catechism. Some are practical matters: parish cemeteries, connections with our Catholic schools, existing programs that function effectively.

Other things may change. But whatever changes we propose in our Pastoral Plan are only intended to renew and build a stronger future, not to sacrifice the past for the sake of novelty or competition.

## Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

This will be a balancing act, as it always has been. These tensions are captured even in the Code of Canon Law, where one aspect of the pastor’s role is stated:

*Can. 529 . . . He is to cooperate with his own bishop and the presbyterate of the diocese, also working so that the faithful have concern for parochial communion, consider themselves members of the diocese and of the universal Church, and participate in and sustain efforts to promote this same communion.*

These different levels of belonging in the Church, the Body of Christ, are not in competition with one another. They are “nested” to allow us to experience both our universality and the immediacy of our communion in Jesus Christ.

Part of All Things New is to experience this communion – in the parish, in our ACC, in our diocese, and across the world – in a deeper way. Even if nothing were to change, that deeper experience of the breadth of what we mean by “the Church” can be made new – and that affects all the other things we do with a deeper purpose, commitment, and awareness. We are the living Body of Christ, who keeps his promise:

“Behold, I make all things new.”



## ACC Pastoral Leadership

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, ext 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Ron Weyrens</b> 320-252-1363, ext 401 (days), ext 402 (nights/weekends) rweyrens@sfrancissartell.org
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Joe Kresky</b> 320-251-8115 jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Terry Jancik</b> tjancik@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Steve Pareja</b> 320-761-2503
<b>Pastoral Associate</b>	<b>Sandee Kremers</b> 320-252-1363, ext 403 skremers@stfrancissartell.org

# ONE IN CHRIST AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### Baptisms

We welcome the following children, baptized into our parish family and the Christian community: Nina Marie Johnson, daughter of Robert and Ann from Sacred Heart and



London Lynn Miller, daughter of Duane & Kari, from St. Stephen.

### Marriage Banns



II Devon Bue & Michelle Skroch  
III Alejandro Gonzalez Giraldo & RaeAnn Mary Boos

### Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Delores Canfield, who passed away on August 20,  
Helen Habas, who passed away on August 18 and  
Mary Vos, who passed away August 18 from Sacred Heart.



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

### ACC Events

**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.

**St. Stephen Bible Study** We meet Sunday evenings at 7:00 pm in the church hall. We are beginning a new study:

Lectio: Peter – The character of St. Peter is both inspiring and confounding to many of us. How could a stubborn and impulsive fisherman become the “rock” upon which Jesus would build his Church? Bringing together biblical accounts, historical evidence, Church teaching, classical art, and personal insights, Dr. Tim Gray gives a fresh perspective on Simon Peter that is immediately informative and relevant to our lives. After all, if Jesus could bring out the very best in someone like Peter, then there is hope for the rest of us. Our first session is September 28 and there are 10 Sessions in this study. Cost for the study guide is \$25. To register, call the St. Stephen Church office at 320-251-1520. Please register by September 14 so books can be ordered. Questions? Call Julie at 320-248-6823

**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.

### ACC Events Continued...

**Fellowship Event for the ACC:** Please join us at Sacred Heart on September 14th following 9am Mass. We will start roughly at 10:15 with light appetizers and fellowship. We hope you build relationships with those in the other parishes of our wonderful One in Christ ACC. This is not a training, the goal of this event is simply to gather as people of the ACC.

**Breakfast Food Needed for Lincoln Center** Each night at Lincoln Center a bag is given out to people living on the streets so they have breakfast to eat the next morning. The following items are needed: juice boxes or Gatorade, protein drinks, beef and cheese sticks, granola bars, fruit cups, Ramen, Spaghetti O's (with the flip top), bottled water. Please bring in your donation to your parish (marked LINCOLN CENTER) the weekends of Sept. 7 and 14. Volunteers are also needed to hand out breakfasts from 6-7:15. Go to [www.homelesshelpinghomeless.org](http://www.homelesshelpinghomeless.org) Thank you for supporting those in need.

### Young Adults

**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. Our topic is: **Doubt: I Believe, But Struggle**. Bring a friend and check it out!

### 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!

**Friday Night Party** Join us for the first Friday Night Party at the St. Cloud YMCA from 7-8:30 PM! All middle school friends are invited.

**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 any of these questions, we need you on the Granite City Wyldlife committee. Contact Melissa Fox ASAP.

## News and Events From Around the Diocese



*“Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you. Luke 14:13-14*

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our “consumerist” culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it’s just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus’, renewing our covenant relationship with Him.



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, please visit: <https://youtu.be/TDs-TL2FKGM>

**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](mailto:dccw.vp@gmail.com).



**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!

**RELAY FOR LIFE** 40 Years of Impact! Saturday, September 13, 2025 from 1pm - 10pm at the Sartell Community Center. Event questions call Kathy Wilson 320-493-8600 or Rose Wegscheid 320-241-3057

The annual **Fall Conference of the St. Cloud Diocesan Council of Catholic Women** will be held Saturday, September 20, 2025 at the Church of St. Benedict, 212 1st Street SW, Avon, MN from 9 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Registration of \$20 payable to St. Cloud DCCW due by September 10 and mail to Sue Burg, 39006 Co. Road #151, Avon, MN 56310; \$25 after 9/10 or at the door.

## St. Stephen

Fr Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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

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

NEW Email: [director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:director.ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### **Financial Offering for August 23 & 24**

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,395.00
Adult online giving August 16-22	\$ 758.00
Plate	\$ 296.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,449.00
Collection for Gaza:	\$ 125.00

### Ushers:

Sept 6: Tom Larson, Dan Warzecha, Sandy Paggen

Sept 7: Matt Nienaber, Tim Rudser, Ralph Barhorst

### **Parish Festival on Labor Day! Stands open at 10:00 AM**

Drop off cakes, pies and farmer's market items beginning at 8:00AM Monday morning. A drop off zone will be available in front of the Parish Hall so you don't have to get out of your vehicle.

Silent Auction items need to be at the stand by 9:00 am.

A free shuttle bus will be running from 10:00-6:00 to bring people to and from their vehicles. The shuttle will be running on County Roads 2 & 5 throughout the day.

Thank you Bishop Trobec Council 5276 for sponsoring the shuttle bus.

**Faith Formation:** 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.

**New Ministry Schedule:** I will start working on the new Ministry Schedule for October 4 - January 4 soon. Extra masses that would be included for this schedule include: All Saint's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Immaculate Conception, Christmas Eve/Day and New Year's. If there are dates you know that you will need off, please email or call the parish office by September 15.

**Attention Singers:** Our new choir season will begin after Labor Day! We always welcome new singers to the choir. If you enjoy singing, please consider joining the choir. It is a great way to participate in the mass! Rehearsals are Thursday evenings.



If you have any questions or would like to join the choir, contact Joel at 320-237-6273.

### **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 Offering

### Income for the Week of August 24, 2025

Adult Collection	7,633.11
Automatic Giving	\$6,086.95
Children	\$4.00
Holy Days	\$35.00
Gaza Relief	\$2,822.25

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

## Stewardship

**Festival** Thank you so much to everyone who helped with the festival. Whether you; donated things, donated finances, bought/sold raffle tickets, volunteered or came to support the festival we appreciate you! The income from the festival is part of our budget, so what is brought in is NEEDED. SO THANK YOU to everyone who donated to the festival or spent money at the festival. A big thank you to all of the chair people of the festival, we could not do it without your leadership! Just 358 days away from the best day of summer 2026!

**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.



**SH Book Buffet** The SH Book Buffet will meet from 6 - 8 pm on Sept 11th. We will be reading The Story Keeper by Lisa Wingate. If anyone has questions, they can contact me at 320.380.1120.

**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.

## 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

**Flourish Bible Study.** We're trying something new! Join us on the 1st and 3rd Sundays after 9 AM Mass for Bible Study. Bible Study is for grades 9-12 and will generally last about 45 minutes. Things to look forward to: friends, conversations, coffee bar and diving into God's Word. If you have any questions or would like to help, please contact Jason Prigge!

### **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.

## 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

- September 1; **OFFICE CLOSED**
- September 3; 1pm--Prayer Blanket Ministry
- September 4; 4pm-- Discipleship Committee  
5:30pm--Young Adult Team Meeting  
7pm--Young Adult Bible Study-(SFX)
- September 5; 8:30am--Eucharistic Adoration  
11am--Rosary & Benediction  
7pm--Wyldlife Club
- September 6; 3:30pm--Reconciliation
- September 7; 7pm--Confirmation Prep Session 1

## Prayer Requests

Please add Nicholas B, Shirley Bennett, 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

Contact: Cindy Gans 320-252-1729

cindyg@annunciationmayhewlake.com

Faith Formation: Karen Handeland 320-259-4941

karenh@annunciationmayhewlake.com

## Weekly Collection Budget

### Income for Sunday, August 17, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$2,267.00
Visitors	\$114.00
Youth	\$14.50
Votive Candle	\$8.50
Fall Festival	\$280.00
Assumption	\$20.00
Religious Ed. Tuition	\$90.00
Gaza Collection (Flooding)	\$470.00
Total Income	\$3,264.00

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

## Mass Schedule

### Sun. September 7th, 2025


**Lector:** Karla Koenig and John Koenig

**Eucharist:** Lori Popp(H), Brenda Carstensen-Boe(C), Rita Knott(C)

**Servers:** Mariah Simmons and Nora Fitch

**Greeters:** Chuck Wocken, Carson Zwilling, and Mason Zwilling

**Ushers:** Jenny Zwilling, Peter Ackerman, Chuck Wocken, and Dan Brenny.

 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Ethan Hibbens, Colten Rothstein, Joshua Kuehn, Jane Thell, Brady Montag, Keith Rothstein, David Wruck, Lucy Skroch, Tami Spiczka, Ed Miller, Matthew Scheel.

**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 11:30am, a delicious pot luck meal at 12:30pm and a

silent auction, cake walk, farmers 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.

**VOLUNTEER NEEDED** to do American Sign Language for Faith Formation Class. Wed's. from 6:30pm-7:30pm. Please call Karen.

# 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

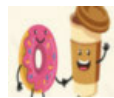
Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 8/24/2025	\$18,920.06
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$(2,426.09)</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$170,769.20
YTD Collected	\$172,841.27
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$2,072.07</b>

## Office Closed

The Parish office will be closed on September 1 in observance of Labor Day.



## Coffee & Community



Please join us for 1st Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, September 3, after the 8 am Mass.

## Parking Lot Patches & Road Construction

Marshik Enterprises has been lined up to patch the parking lot and work will be done in September. I will be connecting with contractor right after Labor Day to set up the date(s) for the work to be done. Any disruption in parking/traffic should be minimal. Things are gradually moving along with the road work on the north side of the parish. The plan is to put the 1<sup>st</sup> layer of pavement down on 2nd St. N. next week and the intersection at 4<sup>th</sup> Ave and 2<sup>nd</sup> St N should be opened up for people to pass soon after that. Thank you for your patience with these projects.

## Fall Festival Bakers

Attention ALL Bakers & Fall Harvesters!

The Fall Festival is fast approaching!! We are looking for donations of your yummy baked goods or fall canning harvest items for our festival's Bake Sale. Some suggested items: Cookies, cakes, bars, trail mixes, candy, soup mixes, homemade egg noodles etc. Canned goods such as salsa, spaghetti sauce, tomato juice, jams & jellies are also great sellers! All items should be covered with a clear plastic wrap for easy viewing! We will price the items for you so no need to worry about that!

Items can be brought to the Gathering Place on Friday, September 19<sup>th</sup> between 3-7 p.m. and Saturday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from noon – 4:00 p.m.

Email with any questions:

Doris Lodermeier – Lodermeiers1003@gmail.com

Marlyce Plante – marlylou0814@gamil.com

## Fall Festival

The festival is 1 month away as I write this note and things are moving along pretty well. We are still seeking donations for the silent auction. The committee putting things together is caught up with what has arrived and would be happy to get more items. The plan is for the auction to go live on September 3<sup>rd</sup> at [www.32auctions.com/2025FrannyFest](http://www.32auctions.com/2025FrannyFest). We have many great items including a Blackstone Griddle, guided pheasant hunting package, children's games and toys, household appliances & more. I am calling on the committee people (and anyone else) to join me on Sunday, September 7<sup>th</sup> after the 9:30 Mass to review plans and give updates to where things stand. We are doing children's games in the gym during the breakfast and the help for that is pretty solid. We are still looking for leadership with BINGO, and we will need help with breakfast. For that, sign-up sheets will be available in the gathering place starting Labor Day weekend. We'll mostly need help in the dining area and clean-up. Watch for the sign-up sheets and more info as we move forward.

## Evening for Life

Saturday, October 4, 2025. Freeport Event Center, Freeport, MN  
5:30 Social Hour, 6:30 Banquet and Program  
Registration Required by September 19 by calling 320-351-4025 or using the QR code. Keynote Speaker is Gianna Jessen, Abortion Survivor. Sponsored by Options for Women, Pregnancy Resource Center.



## Youth Ministry

**Aftershock Carnival Night** - 9/10/25 6:00-8:30pm - Games, great prizes and snacks! Grades 6-8 welcome.  
**Aftershock 2025-2026 dates** - 10/12, 11/9, 12/21, 1/18, 2/25, 4/1, 4/26, 5/17 - grades 6-12 welcome from 5-8pm.  
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**Faith in Art 2025-2026 dates** - 9/29, 10/20, 12/1, 1/5, 2/16, 3/30, 4/20, 5/18 - grades 9-12 Monday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm in Xavier Hall - snacks and beverages available.  
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