JULY 20, 2025

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



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The Lord said to her in reply, "Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better

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, July 21 St. Lawrence of Brindisi	8:00am St. Francis Xavier -Word and Communion 8:30am Annunciation + Anne Miller	Reconciliation Saturday: 3:00pm St. Francis Xavier 3:30pm Sacred Heart 6:15pm St. Stephen Sunday:	
Tuesday, July 22 St. Mary Magdalene	8:00am St. Francis Xavier + Living & Deceased members of the Del & Vi Schreifels Philippi Family 5:30pm Sacred Heart + Marty Reker 5:30pm St. Stephen + Louis Counter Sr.		
Wednesday, July 23 St. Bridget	8:00am <mark>Sacred Heart</mark> +Carol Kittok & Kris Abrahamson 8:00am St. Francis Xavier No Mass/No W&C	7:40am Annunciation Adoration	
Thursday, July 24 St. Sharbel Makhluf	8:00am St. Francis Xavier + Jacqueline Conrad Beumer 8:00am St. Stephen + Jesse Vouk 8:30am Annunciation + Mickey Altman	First Thursday at St. Stephen 8:30am-4pm Second and Fourth Thursday 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	
Friday, July 25 St. James the Apostle	8:00am Sacred Heart + Peter Skudlarek, Jr. 8:00am St. Francis Xavier No Mass/No W&C		
Saturday, July 26 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00pm St. Francis Xavier +Josh Fiedler 5:00pm Sacred Heart + Delores Robak 7:00pm St. Stephen + Tony Smoley		
Sunday, July 27 17th Sunday of Ordinary Time	8:15am Annunciation + Barney & Linda Molitor 9:00am Sacred Heart + Jerome Mehrwerth 9:30am St. Francis Xavier for the people 10:00am St. Stephen + Clarence & Sophie Scepaniak	Sick, Home Bound Communion, Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests, Marriage and Baptism Preparation.	
Daily Readings			

Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Ex 15:1bc-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 12:38-42

- **Tuesday:** Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
- Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/Ps 78:18-19, 23-24, 25-26, 27-28/ Mt 13:1-9
- Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56/Mt 13:10-17

Friday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Ps 126:1bc-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6/Mt 20: 20-28

Saturday: Ex 24:3-8/Ps 50:1b-2, 5-6, 14-15/Mt 13:24-30

Next Sunday: Gn 18:20-32/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 6-7, 7-8 (3a)/Col 2:12-14/Lk 11:1-13

Ministry & Life Perspectives



"What are we to do, my brothers?" That question comes from the very first day of the Church's ministry to the world on Pentecost. Hearing Peter's proclamation of God's saving work in the death and resurrection of Jesus, those listening to the Gospel message understand that this Good News demands a

response: "What are we to do?"The question expresses the enduring pattern of the Church's life to this day: to hear the Gospel and ponder what we are to do as individuals and as a Church to live the new life of salvation and grace. In changing places, cultures, historical upheavals, and daily routines, we are called to ask that same question of the Holy Spirit: what are we to do? As times, resources, needs, and opportunities change, we continue to seek God's will with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Listening to the Spirit's guidance is necessary not only to understand what are to be our goals, but also to know how to proceed practically. "What are we to do?" means not only "Where are we going?" but also "How do we get there?"

Planning is increasingly part of this strategic conversation in the Church. It is also found in business, education, health care, and other segments of common endeavor. But it means something profoundly more in the Christian sense, for we are not simply a human institution with a pragmatic even if noble purpose. We are the living Body of Christ.

We become members of that Body first of all through Baptism. That in fact was the answer Peter gave to the question on Pentecost: "W hat are we to do?" His response: "Repent and be baptized."

Our common mission begins then with the sacrament of Baptism. All the baptized by that very fact become sharers in the three-fold mission of Jesus as Priest, Prophet, and King.

The priestly mission involves sanctification, bringing God's holiness in the world through prayer, worship, sacrament, and sacrifice. The prophetic mission proclaims the Word of God in evangelization, catechesis, and missionary outreach. The kingly mission is lived in service, both within and beyond the structures of the Church. Jesus models this kind of kingship —"I came not to be served but to serve"; "the greatest among you will last of all and servant of all" and in the washing of his disciples'feet teaches us to imitate him: "As I have done, so you must do."

What are you good at? What talents and strengths are entrusted to you? Every member of the Church has particular gifts and a specific role in the mission assigned to us by Jesus. The scope and contours of each one's role are refined by their

Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

particular vocation and state of life, their natural talents, , and their specific area of responsibility in the whole. As St. Paul says, the Body is made up of many different members and functions, but all are necessary for the health and flourishing of the whole.

A proper understanding of mission depends on how we view the scope of the mission of the Church itself. Too narrow an idea of this mission identifies it with the visible structures and organization of the Church. Co-responsibility can then be narrowed to serving on parish councils and groups, liturgical and pastoral ministries, and activities at the parish and diocese.

While these activities will always be important, they do not reach far enough for the mission given to us: "Go into the whole world and make disciples."The churches we attend are our foundation and community of celebration, support, and purpose, but they are not an end in themselves. Our task is not to maintain a parish but to transform the world in the Spirit of the Gospel.

Thank you for all the ways you do this in your families, jobs, volunteer involvements, gestures of kindness to those who may not otherwise encounter Jesus so intentionally.

As we ponder the future of the Church in the Diocese of Saint Cloud, we are rightly asking anew the question spoken on Pentecost: "What are we to do?"The question is not confined to how parishes will be arranged and staffed, when Mass is scheduled, or how many programs are established. Our planning is aimed at a goal as broad as the world and its need for the Gospel. All of us are needed, and each one contributes something that matters.

ACC Pastoral Leadership

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ONE IN CHRIST AREA CATHOLIC COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Marriage Banns

II Alexander Acuna III & Bailey Benoit III Joe Salonek & Theresa Koll

Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Cy Schaefer, who passed away on July 4, from St. Francis.

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

ACC Events

ACC Summer Softball

Monday, July 21st

- · 6:05 PM @ Field 3 v. Westwood Church
- · 7:10 PM @ Field 4 v. Life Church
- · 8:15 PM @ Field 4 v. Affordable Lawn Service





- · 6:05 PM @ Field C-1 v. Archangels
- · 7:10 PM @ Field 3 v. Tailwaters

SFX/One in Christ Card Group will meet again starting in September in Xavier Hall! We will meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays September— May 14, 2026.

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Alaskan Mission Trip

Support Alaska Mission by Praying the Novena for Hope - In honor of the Year of Hope, our One In Christ Alaska Mission Leadership Team is encouraging everyone to pray the novena for hope <u>https://www.praymorenovenas.com/novena-for-hope</u> with us starting the day we depart for Alaska on Monday, July 21st. This is in support of our mission to Toksook and Tununak as we reach out to the Yupik community. We will be leaving early Monday, July 21 and returning July 31st. (A novena is a spiritual practice of praying for a specific intention or grace for nine consecutive days).

<u>Huge Thank You</u> - for all the prayers and financial support towards making this mission relationship with our Yupik friends a success. Relationships are being formed and Christian Discipleship is growing through your support and the power of the Holy Spirit.

Adult Faith Formation

Faith on Tap- Sunday, July 27th 4:30 - 7:00 PM Bad Habit Brewing, St. Joseph Hot Food, Trivia, Cash Bar. and special guest Deacon Steve Pareja will share stories of how he has experienced hope through his Catholic Faith. Please join us and invite a friend.



Young Adults

Young Adult Mass and Meal

Join us at Sacred Heart on Saturday, July 26th for 5 PM Mass. We'll meet in the Gathering Space following Mass to go out for a meal*.

We have a special opportunity to lead music at Mass, if you're interested in joining, contact Jason Prigge. We'll warm-up at 4 PM.

*Each participant is responsible for their own meal.

All Things New Planning Process

Your OiC All Things New Committee met as a group on June 24 to begin reviewing the survey results you have submitted so far. On July 1 the committee met with 3 other ACCs and diocesan staff for a deanery-level meeting. The committee met again on July 16th to continue reviewing survey results and set the dates for upcoming sessions. These sessions will be a mix of information about the process and time for parishioners (you) to share their (your) thoughts.

Please keep an eye on the bulletin and Flocknote for a summary of the survey results and the dates for the upcoming sessions. You are an integral part of this planning process...your input is needed. Please complete the survey if you haven't already (scan the QR code) and make plans to attend a session once they are scheduled.

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





All Things New Survey Link



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.

Come See Us

SummerTime by George:

- Wed. July 30th
- Wed. August 13th

Coborn's - Sauk Rapids (Brat sales) Weekend of: July 18th & 19th from 10-6 PMish.

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: gcinstagrandparents

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.



"... I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." Colossians 1:25

We are all called to evangelize - to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like St. Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express your faith the next time the opportunity arises.



Please remember the diocesan ministries that, through your generosity, continue to build the Kingdom of God here in Central Minnesota. They are not possible without your help. Please keep them thriving by making a gift at www.stcdio.org/annualappeal.

A CULTURE OF LIFE MORNING

Come join us for this Retreat in Eden Valley, August 16 from 8amnoon. The yearly retreat this year is MORE than just the annual Pro-Life retreat-It is a Family Retreat. There will be activities and presentations geared to your whole family, including youth & young children AND of course Grandma & Grandpa—you too can learn amazing things you can do to spread the Culture of Life. Please SAVE this date to join us. Contact Judy Haag 320-453-7592 judy4life@meltel.net

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 ststephenfaith@gmail.com

Financial Offering for July 12 & 13

Adult envelopes	\$ 2,037.00
Adult online giving July 5-11	\$ 733.00
Plate	\$ 208.00
Children	\$ 1.00
Texas Flood	\$ 1,324.84
TOTAL	\$ 4,303.84
Ushers:	

July 26: Dan Warzecha, Amanda DeYaeger, Karen Skaj (annex) July 27: Ralph Barhorst, Merlin Berndt, Matt Nienaber

Faith Formation is looking for new teachers for this fall. Teachers are needed for grades 7, 8 and 9.

Blood Pressure checks will be available next Sunday, July 27, in the annex following mass.

Funeral Lunch Group Contact person needed. We are looking for a new Contact person for the South end funeral lunch group. Call the church office to take this over or if you have questions.

Festival News:

Children's games is looking for people to do face painting. The designs can be simple - hearts, cars, stars, footballs, flowers, etc. Contact Bailey Boulton at 320-292-9179 if you would like to do some face painting.

Granny's Attic - the shed will be open on Sundays from 10 AM - 10 PM if you have items you would like to drop off. Items must be clean and in working order. No clothing will be accepted.

Silent Auction would like to add 'themed' gift baskets to their stand this year along with the traditional handcrafted items. Use your imagination when creating baskets - movie night, household tools, game night, sports, etc.

Dice Game - New items, valued between \$10-\$15, needed for this stand. There is no limit to the kind of items wanted. Items can be dropped off at the parish house.

Workers needed (even if you can only help for an hour) for Quilt stand, Dice Game and Grand Raffle. Sign up on the sheets in church or call the parish office.

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



A fun social time, while maintaining strength with chair, low impact cardio, and balance exercises. Classes are Wednesdays & Fridays. 9:00-10:00 AM in the Parish Hall

St. Stephen AA and AL-ANON Meetings: 305 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 July 13, 2025

Adult Collection	\$13,791.72
Automatic Giving	\$4,499.65
Children	\$11.78
Friends In Need	\$110.00
Improvements	\$110.00
Texas Flood Relief	\$3,746.00

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

Stewardship

Homebound Ministers Needed Seeking individuals who desire to serve the homebound through your caring presence and Holy Communion. Beside sharing the precious Body of Christ, community members are hungry for the presence of Christ through a friendly visit and a listening ear. Contact Dcn Joe for questions or opportunities to serve.

Wood Chip Spreading Please join us on July 30th from 6pm-8pm to add wood chips to the playground and flower beds around the parish grounds. Please bring a shovel and a wheelbarrow if you have one! If you have any questions, please contact Vicki in the office.

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 Dcn Joe.

Festival

Can you believe we are just over a month away from the best day of the summer??? Again, thank you to those who have picked up and sold your raffle tickets! If you haven't picked them up yet, please do so. If you want more, we can get you more.

Donation tags for the kids games and bingo will be in the gathering space next weekend. The volunteer sign up physical copy will also be in the gathering space the last weekend in July!



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, July 20th [Rescheduled] Pizza Olympics
 - Join us for wild fun. Wear your RED, WHITE, and BLUE - partake in Pizza related activities, cheer on the winning delivery driver and eat some pizza!
- Sunday, August 17th Water Night

Save the Dates

• Wednesday, August 13th - Annual Mystery Tour

Faith Formation

Confirmation 2025 - 26 Update- Families with a child

entering 10th grade should have received a letter this past week regarding 2025-26 Confirmation preparation and orientation meetings. If you have a 10th grader and did not receive a letter please contact Scott in the faith formation office. To sign up for a Confirmation Parent/Child Orientation Meeting in mid August, use the following ar code



Playtime at the Park

Summertime is here! If you are at home with your kids during the summer, we know it is nice to have time with other adults. Please join us every other Wednesday from 10:30-12 to simply play on the playground with others from our parish. If you would like to bring a picnic lunch please do so, if you want to hang out longer, please do so. If it rains we will meet in room D and play games instead. The next gathering will be Wednesday, July 30th. There is no need to RSVP, if you have questions please email Vicki at

vsanborn@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

Upcoming Events

- July 21; 5pm--Men's Group 7pm--Knights of Columbus
- July 22; 6:30pm--Finance Council
- July 23; 6pm--Wyldlife Appreciation-Ultimate, WP
- July 26: 3:30pm--Reconciliation
 - 5pm--Young Adult Mass & a Meal (SH)

Prayer Requests

Please add Shirley Bennett, Jeanne Eveslage, Ruth Gross, Judy Groth, Kathy Kampa, Joan Kerfeld, Gloria Kjorsvik, Ed & Helen Maier 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, 320-252-3401 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, July 13, 2025		
Adult Sunday	\$2,505.37	
Visitors	\$268.00	
Youth	\$16.50	
Votive Candle	\$0.00	
Funeral Lunch	\$10.00	
Building Fund	\$1.00	
Softball Dues	\$70.00	
Religious Ed. Bishop's Appeal Distribution	\$355.00	
Parish School Bishop's Appeal Distribution	\$55.00	
Texas Flood Collection	\$1,200.00	
Total Income	\$4,480.87	
Weekly Income needed to meet yearly budget \$3,037.00		

Mass Schedule

Sun. July 27th, 2025

Lector: Gene Poser and Lori Schaefer Eucharist: Lloyd Lyon(H), Brenda Carriveau(C), Katie Lentner(C) Servers: Cole Lentner and Grayson Herbst Greeters: Scott Brown and Tammy Eveslage Ushers: Jeff Wollak, Renee & Tim Thell, Lawrence Thell



Happy Birthday Rachael Kaeter, Paul Bemboom, Kari Schyma, Grayson Herbst

Mayhew Lake Softball Schedule

Wed. July 23rd - 6:30pm at Mayhew Lake

Annunciation Faith Formation Registration



Planning for Faith Formation has started. Please register your children for classes by Aug. 4th. There are registration forms in the gathering space or you can scan the QR code. Any questions call Karen at 320-761-5155© or 320-259-4941 or e mail.

<u>Mark Your Calendars</u> Our Parish Picnic is planned for Sunday, September 7th, starting with Mass at 10:30am. There will be Mass at the ballpark, a Parade, a delicious picnic meal and a silent auction. It's not to early to start planning.



In Need of Someone to Teach Children's Liturgy

Only need you on Sunday's September thru April and depending on the number of people interested, it might only be once a Sunday. Please call Karen at 320-761-5155. Thank you.

<u>St. Francis Xavier</u>

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor <u>Contact:</u> Becky Dingmann 320-252-1363 bdingmann@stfrancissartell.org Tom Offerdahl, Business Manager tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org <u>Office Hours:</u> 8:00 AM-4:30 PM Monday-Thursday, 8-noon Friday <u>Parish Nurses:</u> Julie Kouba 701-721-5083 Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135 Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158 <u>Prayer Line:</u> Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

Weekly Collection Budget

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 7/13/2025	\$12,475.03
Excess (Deficit)	\$(8,871.12)
YTD Collection Budget	\$42,692.30
YTD Collected	\$30,605.25
Excess (Deficit)	\$(12,087.05)

Eucharistic Adoration

Eucharistic Adoration July 22 from 4:00pm-7:00pm Please come and spend some quiet time with Jesus.



July Morning Mass Schedule

Reminder that there will not be Wednesday and Friday Morning Mass or Word & Communion at SFX thru the month of July. Please join us at Sacred Heart at 8:00 am for Mass. Lets joyfully join our neighbors as Fr. Ron takes some time to rest.

Blood Drive



Thursday, July 31, 2025 | 12:30pm—6:30pm in the SFX Gathering Place Call the Red Cross @ 1-800-733-2767 or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter SFX to schedule an appointment.

Red Cross

Thank You

The Donna Traut family wishes to thank those who remembered her and her family with thoughts and prayers at her time of illness and passing. A special thank you for all who helped with the liturgy and luncheon. Donna enjoyed her many years with her SFX church family.

MCCL Booth Help Needed

A Prolife booth, sponsored by Minnesota Citizens Concerned for LIFE, will once again be at the Benton County Fair. For the past 30+ years our parish has helped by providing volunteers to sit in the booth and answer questions regarding the protection of LIFE from conception to natural death. We need your help again.On Friday, August 1 from 9AM-9PM, if you can help with a 1 to 2 hour stretch of time on that day, please contact Aggie Schulte at 252-1417. Thank you for supporting LIFE.

ProLIFE Pregnancy Center ELEVATE

Beginning July 16-July 27, we will be accepting donations for the local ProLIFE Pregnancy Center, ELEVATE, For many years, Elevate had been knows as Birthline, an agency established to help women who are facing an unexpected pregnancy by providing pregnancy testing, education support, counseling, help with needs for baby and much more. Right now, they really need help from all of us. Here is a list of baby items needed to help moms who are coming to ELEVATE. New summer clothing (size 6 months and up), \$10 and \$20 gift cards (Target or Walmart), Diapers (size newborn, 3,4,5,6), and Gas cards. If you don't feel like shopping, cash donations will be greatly appreciated as well. Make checks to ELEVATE. Please bring your items to the designated area in the Gathering Place. As a ProLIFE parish, let us show our support to moms and their babies by packing the pack n'play to overflowing! Thank you and may God Bless you for your generosity! Sponsored by St. Monica Christian Women.

Upcoming CMTEC Weekends

Friday, August 1 - Sunday, August 3, 2025 Saturday, December 27 - Monday, December 29, 2025 Saturday, January 17 - Monday, January 19, 2026 For more information, visit cmtec.org or call 320-532-4455

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Fall Festival Update

Thank you for the Silent Auction items that have already been donated. Remember, we are looking for new items for the auction. Great options for Silent Auction items include the following: Outdoor inflatable movie screen, Apple Watches, gift cards to Coborn's, Manea's, liquor stores, nail salons, & coffee shops. The following items do well too - wine, beer, yard games, board games, event places (like Milk & Honey Cider, Bad Habit, Pantown Brewery, Beaver Island Brewery, Miller Heritage Winery, the new Great River Children's Museum, Paramount Theater, Great Theater, Skatin' Place, and Air Maxx Trampoline.) Legos, embroidered towels, homemade woodcrafts & furniture, sporting events, The Ledge Ampitheater, rounds of golf, homemade afghans & quilts, kitchen and home appliances, battery operated tools, leaf blowers, canned goods, honey, and jams & jellies. Wouldn't a Stanley water bottle or a YETI cooler make a nice gift? For certificates be sure they are usable for at least a few months or into 2026. If you drop things off, please put a note with the value of the item - it helps the silent auction chair people when they put them online. If there is literature about events or products that help describe it, grab it and include it with donation. That info really helps "sell" the item. Our raffle ticket with over \$12,000 in prizes is off to the printer. We hope to have that back and ready to pick-up for parishioners by the end of the month. Thank you to all of the generous doners. Our festival is the weekend of September 20th & 21st, so mark your calendar and plan on be a part of the fun!



