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PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

## Mass Schedule and Intentions

<b>Monday, September 29</b> Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> – Word and Communion 8:30am <b>Annunciation</b> + David Brenny
<b>Tuesday, September 30</b> St. Jerome	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Dan Forcier 5:30pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Ron Schmitz 5:30pm <b>St. Stephen</b> + Jason Loscheider
<b>Wednesday, October 1</b> St. Therese of the Child Jesus	8:00am <b>Sacred Heart</b> – Matt Harambasic Family 8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Jacqueline Conrad Beumer
<b>Thursday, October 2</b> The Holy Guardian Angels	8:00am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Daniel Booth 8:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> + Deceased members Rutz family 8:30am <b>Annunciation</b> + Joe Knott
<b>Friday, October 3</b>	8:00am <b>Sacred Heart</b> + LaVern Reischl 8:30am <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Allen Jarnot
<b>Saturday, October 4</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time	4:00pm <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> + Jimmy Schultz 5:00pm <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Jeff Voit 7:00pm <b>St. Stephen</b> – Netty Kahlhamer
<b>Sunday, October 5</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Ordinary Time  *Livestreamed Masses	8:15am * <b>Annunciation</b> + For the People of the Parish 9:00am * <b>Sacred Heart</b> + Todd Mastey 9:30am * <b>St. Francis Xavier</b> – Dick & Mary Struzyk 10:00am <b>St. Stephen</b> – Loretta Pogatchnik

### 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:** Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12ab/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5/Jn 1:47-51

**Tuesday:** Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Lk 9:51-56

**Wednesday:** Neh 2:1-8/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Lk 9:57-62

**Thursday:** Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12 (458)/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11/Mt 18:1-5, 10

**Friday:** Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9/Lk 10:13-16

**Saturday:** Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37/Lk 10:17-24

**Next Sunday:** Hb 1:2-3; 2:2-4/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 (8)/2Tm 1:6-8, 13-14/Lk 17:5-10



## Ministry & Life Perspectives



As you recall, the theme for this Jubilee Year 2025 is “Pilgrims of Hope.” Opened by Pope Francis on Christmas Eve, 2024, and locally at St. Mary’s Cathedral on December 28, this theme and the need for a Year of Hope could not be more providential, as the hope of so many people is sorely tried by the events of the world.

We have seen tragic violence with the shootings of children at Mass and political figures across the spectrum of viewpoints. Wars continue in the Middle East and Ukraine, with growing religious oppression and violence in Nigeria, Venezuela, North Korea, Pakistan, and elsewhere. Communities, families, and individual lives are upended by arrest, separations, and deportation of immigrant populations. Prices rise, jobs are lost, diocesan parishes discuss their future. The Pope who opened the Jubilee died just a few months into it, and Pope Leo faces enormous challenges in a world so wounded by despair.

As we observe Masses of Suicide Remembrance and Healing around our Diocese this weekend, we recall too how sorrow and suffering visit so often and so personally for countless families.

The catalog of profound sorrows, insoluble problems, and flaring tensions could be extended greatly; these are but examples. I mention these not to escalate the polarization and crisis of hope afflicting our times, but to point to why we need to implore the gift of that virtue from the Holy Spirit.

As the Church makes its pilgrimage through time, we occasionally observe a “Jubilee Year” as a holy time especially focused on the forgiveness of sins, the call to conversion, and our hope in the return of Jesus as the ultimate goal of history. In calling for this Year, Pope Francis wrote: The coming Jubilee will thus be a Holy Year marked by the hope that does not fade, our hope in God. May it help us to recover the confident trust that we require, in the Church and in society, in our interpersonal relationships, in international relations, and in our task of promoting the dignity of all persons and respect for God’s gift of creation.

The Jubilee remains an observance that points us to new beginnings. Things do not need to continue as they are, if we return to the Covenant God makes for a future full of hope.

By the time you read this, the 40+ pilgrims from our ACC will have returned from our brief but rich travels to four of the diocesan Jubilee Year of Hope sites. We did some trivia questions on the bus; I include some of them here, with the answers below.

But a pilgrimage is never trivial. It is an intentional visit to a holy place to meet God. Each of these sites was new at some point, an inspired initiative to respond to the call of Christ to trust, to serve, to pray, to sacrifice for others.

Whatever tests your hope today, pray the words St. Faustina heard almost 100 years from Christ: **Jesus, I trust in you.** Keep praying this until you experience it as true in your heart of hearts. As St. Paul assures us: Hope does not disappoint.

## Ministry & Life Perspectives (cont.)

### Divine Mercy Shrine – Sauk Centre

1. Who was the visionary to whom Jesus appeared to reveal the Divine Mercy image?
2. Which Pope established Divine Mercy Sunday, and when was the first one?
3. Who carved the Divine Mercy statue at St. Paul’s in Sauk Centre?

### St. Benedict’s Monastery – St. Joseph

4. What year did the first Sisters arrive in St. Cloud?
5. How many daughter monasteries have derived from St. Benedict’s Monastery?
6. Who is the current prioress, and what number is she from the foundation of the monastery?

### Grasshopper Chapel – Cold Spring

7. What year did the grasshopper plague begin in Minnesota?
8. Which governor called for a day of prayer?
9. When was the chapel built, and then rebuilt after a tornado?

### St. Clare’s Monastery – Sauk Rapids

10. When did the Poor Clare Sisters first come to Minnesota?
11. What is an extern Sister?
12. What did St. Clare say about dust?

### Answers:

1. St. Faustina Kowalska; 2. St. John Paul II in 2000; 3. Deacon Lawrence Kaas; 4. 1857; 5. ten; 6. Sr. Karen Rose, the 17<sup>th</sup> prioress; 7. 1873; 8. John Pillsbury; 9. Built in 1877, destroyed by tornado in 1894, rebuilt in 1951; 10. 1923; 11. A sister who is assigned to interact with the public rather than maintaining strict enclosure; 12. “with swift pace, light step and unswerving feet, so that even your steps stir up no dust, go forward, the Spirit of our God has called you.”

## ACC Pastoral Leadership

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, ext 112 pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org
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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: Emily Patricia Vouk, daughter of Scott & Kerri from St. Stephen and Sawyer David Richard, son of Dylan & Brianna, from Sartell.



### Funeral Blessings

Remember in your prayers the family of Joan Valerius, who passed away on September 4, and Dottie Moen who passed away on September 8, both from St. Francis.



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

### ACC Events

**Communal Anointing of the Sick** We will offer the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick during the Masses of Thursday, October 2 at 8:30 a.m. at Annunciation, and Tuesday, October 14 at 5:30 p.m. at Sacred Heart. The Anointing of the Sick brings the healing power of Jesus' Cross and Resurrection to souls and, when necessary for the good of the person in God's providence. It also brings healing and strength to the body. All who are weakened by illness or age are welcome to receive this healing gift from Christ.

**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.

### The Chosen Season 5

**Join** us for Season 5 of The Chosen. Starting Monday, October 6 in Xavier Hall at 8:30am - 10:00am. Coffee and snacks provided. All are welcome!

### "Support Emergency Services in October"

Sacred Heart is proud to partner with **Catholic Charities** every year in October to fight hunger and meet the essential needs of our community. Liz Hamak, Volunteer Coordinator at the Food Shelf, has invited Annunciation to join us in this important mission. St. Francis Xavier, Sartell, joins with them in January. With more people relying on the Food Shelf and Clothing and Household Items program, and fewer volunteers, your help is needed more than ever. To sign up to help in October, please contact Peggy at 320.259.7841. To sign up to help in January, please call St. Francis Xavier. Thank you.



### Young Adults

#### Young Adult Bible Study

Join us for Bible Study on Thursday, October 2nd at 7 PM at St. Stephen! We'll be meeting in the Parish Hall to study Romans 11 & 12.

#### Theology on Draft

Save the date for our next Theology on Draft on Thursday, October 9th at Great River Bowl in Sartell from 6-8 PM. Our speaker will be KSDZ and she will address 'The Epidemic of Loneliness.' Come for food, great conversation, and bowling after!

### Young Life WyldLife

#### Friday Night Party

Our next Friday Night Party is on Friday, October 3rd at the St. Cloud YMCA from 7-8:30 PM. We hope to see you there!

#### 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.

### ACC Events Continued...

**Boxes of JOY** This month the One in Christ ACC will be participating in the Cross Catholic Outreach Box of Joy ministry, a Christmas shoebox gift outreach organized by local Catholic schools, parishes and groups nationwide. We will bless children suffering from extreme poverty by filling boxes with toys and other gifts, sharing the joy of Christmas, and planting seeds of hope through the Gospel. We encourage everyone to pack a Box of Joy! For more info, contact the Project Leader, Lora, 320-393-2701 or check out [boxofjoy.org](http://boxofjoy.org) for a list of acceptable items or pick up a flyer in the entryway. Each participant will be asked to donate \$9 for each box they pack to cover shipping costs. If you don't want to pack a box, but are willing to donate towards the shipping cost, you may put an envelope in the collection noting that it is for Box of Joy. **Boxes are due by October 25th.** Last year Sacred Heart and Annunciation sent off 91 boxes.





## News and Events From Around the Diocese



*"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26*

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.



Our diocesan Tribunal is a quiet but profound voice of hope, assisting those who seek healing, clarity, and reconciliation through the annulment process. This ministry walks compassionately with individuals as they seek to strengthen their lives with the sacraments. Your gift to the Bishop's Annual Appeal supports this ministry of justice and mercy. Make a gift at [www.stcdio.org/annualappeal](http://www.stcdio.org/annualappeal).

**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.



"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)

**Rice Area Community Fall Blood Drive** Do you know someone who needed blood? Blood is needed every day. There is a serious shortage of blood/blood products. Sign up and donate blood on Monday, October 20, 1:00 – 6:15 pm at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Appointments highly recommended. Sign up on the Red Cross website with zip code 56367 or call Lora at 320-393-2701. The Red Cross follows the highest standards of safety and infection control.

**MCCL Fall Regional Conference** will be held on the campus of St. Cloud State University, October 24th & 25th.

For times and more information, please go to [mccl.org](http://mccl.org)



## 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 September 13 & 14**

Adult envelopes	\$ 1,910.00
Adult online giving September 13-19	968.00
Plate	721.00
Children	.00
TOTAL	\$ 3,599.00
Campaign for Human Development to date	155.00

### **Ushers:**

Oct 4: Tom Larson, Dan Warzecha, Karen Skaj

Oct 5: Jake Rothstein, Ralph Barhorst, Matt Nienaber



**Adoration:** The church will be open all day Thursday, October 2, after 8:00am Mass until 4:00pm. Everyone is welcome to come and spend some quiet time in prayer.

**Pray for all of the Confirmation** students who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation Sunday afternoon at St. Francis Xavier.

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the holy Spirit.*

*Romans 15:13*

**Faith Formation:** Teachers are needed for grades 7 and 9. Please consider sharing your faith with the youth of our parish. Contact Danna Gasperlin at 251-5066 or email her at the NEW email above.

**Ladies...Let's Gather** is back! Our first Women's Bible Study of the season will be Sunday, October 5, from 6:00-7:00pm in the church annex. We will be discussing Eve. This is for girls/women (middle school and up). No prep work. No homework. Bring a friend.

**Parish Council nominations:** The terms of four members, two men and two women, will be up at the end of the year. You will have the opportunity to nominate either yourself or someone else as a candidate for Parish Council in the coming weeks. Take this time to prayerfully consider who would be a good candidate to make decisions in the best interest of the church. Terms are three years and there are six meetings a year.

**Cemetery Flowers:** Beginning next week, any flowers and decorations remaining in the cemetery will be removed and disposed of. Cemetery Rules state that ALL flowers, plants and ornaments on gravestones (or the ground) are to be removed by October 1.

### **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 **Rusty Nail** 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 September 21, 2025

Adult Collection	\$12,423.32
Automatic Giving	\$5,647.70
Children	\$5.00
Catholic Campaign for Human Development	\$20.00
Friends in Need	\$120.00

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

## Stewardship

**Children's Liturgy of the Word** CLOW will be offered every Sunday at the 9 AM Mass for friends in PreK-3rd Grade. We have some amazing leaders but we also need helpers in the room to make CLOW possible, contact Jason Prigge if you are interested or have any questions!



**Pet Blessing** The Blessing of the Pets will be Sunday, October 5th, at 1 PM on the Sacred Heart Parish grounds. Bring your furry friends (or not so furry friends) for a time of prayer and a blessing followed by fellowship. Leashes and carriers are appreciated.

**Volunteers needed:** We are in need of a Homebound Communion Minister. You would serve about once a month. We are also seeking individuals to help take blood pressures after mass. This takes place on the third weekend of the month. We try to rotate volunteers.

## Upcoming Events

- September 30; 6:15pm--Adult Choir Rehearsal  
October 1; 9am--Wednesday Bible Study  
1pm--Prayer Blanket Ministry  
5:30pm--Kids' Choir Rehearsal  
6:30pm--Faith Formation  
October 2; 9am--Fall Decorating  
7pm--Young Adult Bible Study (SS)  
October 3; 8:30am--Eucharistic Adoration  
11am--Rosary & Benediction  
October 4; 7pm--Wyldlife-YMCA  
3:30pm--Reconciliation  
October 5; 10:15am--Flourish Bible Study  
1pm--Pet Blessing  
7pm--9<sup>th</sup> Grade Session 3



## Youth Ministry

**Grounded Youth Ministry** September theme: Grounded in Positivity

- Wed. September 24th (Grades 6-8) | 6:30-8:30 PM
- Sun. September 28th (Grades 9-12) | 5-7 PM

**Flourish Bible Study** Bible Study for grades 9-12 will meet again on Sunday, October 5th at 10:15 AM! 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!

## Faith Formation

**Faith on Tap ACC Adult Night- Signs of Hope:** The Conclave, Pope Leo, and the Future of the Church with guest presenter Denise Utter is Saturday, October 4th from 6:30 - 9:00 PM at Bad Habit Brewing Company in St. Joseph Mn. The night will also include trivia, hot food, cash bar, and wonderful conversations. Come and join this wonderful night.

**OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults)** Interested in learning more about the Catholic faith or becoming Catholic? The One in Christ ACC invites you to the O.C.I.A. Faith Journey The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) formally called the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (R.C.I.A.), is a process of faith formation that recognizes the uniqueness of each Individual's faith journey. For adults who have not been baptized or were baptized in another Christian tradition and desire to explore becoming Catholic. In addition, there is a process for families and children. The date/time of the sessions are adjusted based on needs of those involved. The process is concerned with the total formation of the person: learning about the Church community (doctrinal formation), living with the Church community (practical formation), praying with the Church (liturgical formation), and serving with the Church community (apostolic formation). If you are interested in learning more you may call or meet in person with any one of our Pastors, Deacons, Pastoral Associate or a parish contact listed below.

Adults Baptized in the Catholic faith and seeking to be Confirmed? We also invite you to inquire into the process of helping you to be fully initiated into the Catholic Church and receive the tremendous blessings that all the sacraments of initiation provide. Interested or Have Questions? Contact Deacon Joe Kresky.

## Prayer Requests

Please add Jeanne Eveslage, 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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Faith Formation: Karen Handeland 320-259-4941

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## Weekly Collection Budget

### Income for Sunday, September 14th, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$4,624.00
Visitors	\$191.00
Youth	\$31.25
Religious Education Tuition Payment	\$60.00
Fall Festival	\$130.00
Building Fund	\$70.00
Parish Picnic Auction	\$80.00
Votive Candle	\$3.50
Bus Pilgrimage	\$60.00
Total Income	\$5,249.75

### Income for Sunday, September 21st, 2025

Adult Sunday	\$2,103.72
Visitors	\$168.00
Youth	\$6.50
Fall Festival	\$50.00
Building Fund	\$25.00
Votive Candles	\$7.30
Campaign for Human Development	\$92.00
Total Income	\$2,452.52

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

## Mass Schedule

### Sun. October 5th, 2025

**Lector:** Bob Rajkowski and Gene Poser

**Eucharist:** Amy Krajsa (H), Lori Popp(C), Rita Knott(C)

**Servers:** Ave Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa

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

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



**Happy Birthday:** Janet Popp, Mary Brenny, Richard Cariveau, Bruce Knafla, Kevin Lentner, Eric Scapanski, Lori Schaefer, Kathy Fussy, Tara Carlson, Shannon Nelson, Tyson Haus, Kelsey Lentner.

**THANK YOU** "With sincere 'Thanks' to all who donated to provide Relief in Gaza's deepening emergency crisis. These contributions assist in the purchasing of supplies for the 2 million people directly affected by this crisis. These supplies include safe and dignified shelter and housing; food and cash assistance; water, sanitation and hygiene supplies; and psychosocial support, especially for the nearly 12,000 children dealing with grief, distress and trauma. Your generosity, love and support make this possible for so many today and well into the future."



**Annunciation Social Gatherings** next meeting Thursday, October 2nd. Mass at 8:30 am with gathering afterwards.

**Rice Area Community Fall Blood Drive** Monday, October 20th, 1pm-6:15pm at Shepherd of the Pines Church, Rice. Appointments highly recommended. Call Lora at 320-393-2701 or sign up on the Red Cross website with code 56367



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# St. Francis Xavier

Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

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**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 9/21/2025	\$22,510.10
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$1,163.95</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$226,153.90
YTD Collected	\$268,067.79
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$11,913.89</b>

## Coffee & Community

Please join us for 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Coffee & Rolls on Wednesday, October 1, after the 8:00am Mass.

## Fall Festival Bake Sale

Thank You! Thank You! The bakers, home canners etc. came through BIG time for our Frantober Fest Bake Sale! Thank you so very much for all of the wonderful baked & canned goods we received! Donations were well beyond any other year for the festival. It was awesome! Many people commented on the excellent variety of items we had as well as the reasonable prices. A special thank you to our workers who helped price and sell items during the festival! A big thank you also to Tom Offerdahl and Becky Dingmann for all the time and effort they put into the Frantober Fest! Doris Lodermeier & Marlyce Plante

## Fall Festival Thank You

Making it through festival weekend is a blessing. Thank you to those who shared in the festival in any way. From the donors for the raffle prizes and silent auction items to all of you who made cash donations to offset costs. Thank you to those who bought tickets and donated gift cards for BINGO & youth events. Thanks to the wonderful bakers and people who canned pickles and jams and other treats. Thank you to the chairpeople who operated the silent auction, bake sale, breakfast "bar" and more. Thank you to all who showed up to work at the breakfast, BINGO, childrens games, clean-up and other duties.

All of this made for a successful and safe festival. Our festival had expanded offerings - kids games and BINGO. That's great! As we move forward with future plans, we will continue to adjust and do things that work for our parish. This depends on YOU because it doesn't happen if we don't have people from the pews making it go. Thank you again. A list of winners will be in the Xavier connection on 9/25 and some hard copies are available in the gathering place entrances. A full report on the festival will be out once all bills have been paid.

## First Sacraments

If you have a child who you would like to receive first sacraments (2<sup>nd</sup> grade or older), please reach out to Melissa Fox, 320-761-2217 (cell) or mfox@stfrancissartell.org for more information and to get registered.

## Sartell Area Church Craft & Bake Sale

**SARTELL AREA CHURCHES CRAFT & BAKE SALE HELP!!!!**  
Planning has begun for our 31st Annual Craft & Bake Sale! This year we welcome Celebration Lutheran, Messiah, and Unity Churches to join us! With just 34 days of planning left we are ready to accept your GENTLY USED items (baskets too) for the Silent Auction, so check out those nooks & cranny's and those items can be dropped off at the Parish Office, or just left on the bench outside the office and mark them Silent Auction!  
Feel creative?? Create your own basket!  
Gift Cards are great additions to baskets that need that extra boost!  
Continue to watch the weekly bulletin for more information,  
In the meantime please mark your calendar for:

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25th 10-1**

**St Francis Cafeteria & Gym**

**PS Silent Auction closes at 12:30!**

Question's, Bonnie Nies 267-9237 or Kathy Wilson 493-8600

## Youth Ministry

**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.

**Tremor 2025-2026 dates** - 10/5, 11/2, 12/7, 1/4, 2/15, 3/8, 4/12, 5/3 - grades 4-5 welcome from 3:30-5:30pm

**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.

**Mondays at the Manor** - Country Manor - grades 6-12 from 7-8pm - Door 1- 10/13, 11/10, 12/8, 1/12, 2/9, 3/9, 4/13, 5/11

**Open Gym** - SFX School gym from 8-9pm - Wednesday evenings after Rooted Family Programming - grades 6-12 welcome.

**Details are in the Flocknote newsletter or contact Jennifer @ Jkaweesa@stfrancissartell.org**

## ROOTED Family Faith Formation

October 8 for Group A

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October 29 for Group C

This year we will be meeting once a month with our Faith Formation Families. One parent is required to attend with their child(ren) but we encourage both parents to be here! We are looking forward to all of us spending time together centering our life and living out the GOSPEL MESSAGE! Any questions or need additional information please contact Melissa or Sandee.

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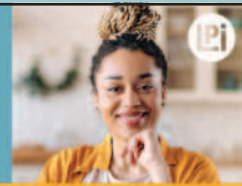
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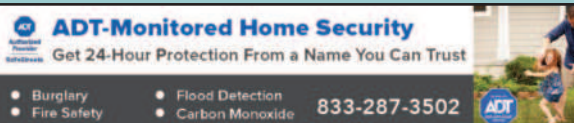
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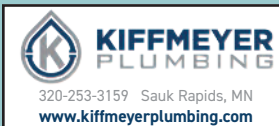
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