

October 27, 2024  
30th Sunday Ordinary Time



30<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus said to him in reply, "What do you want me to do for you?"  
The blind man replied to him, "Master, I want to see." Jesus told him, "Go your way; your faith has saved you." Immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way. - Mk 10:51-52

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St. Francis Xavier  
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MASS TIMES

<b>Monday, October 28</b> Sts. Simon & Jude	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Joe Knott
<b>Tuesday, October 29</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- St. Monica's Christian Women
	5:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Nick & Regina Schutz
	5:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Living & Deceased Members of the Slivnik Family
<b>Wednesday, October 30</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Lorraine Knapek
	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Bernie Wesenberg
<b>Thursday, October 31</b>	8:00 am	St. Francis Xavier	- Word and Communion
	8:30 am	Annunciation	† Les & Kevin Cave & Isabelle Schilling
	6:30 pm	St. Stephen	† Elmer Schumer
	6:30 pm	Annunciation	† Charles Ringler
<b>Friday, November 1</b> All Saints Day ASL Interpreted Mass	8:00 am	Sacred Heart	† Pat Smith
	8:30 am	St. Francis Xavier	† Jacqueline Conrad Beumer
	6:30 pm	Sacred Heart	† Bob Hennen
<b>Saturday, November 2</b> 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time All Souls Day	4:00 pm	St. Francis Xavier	† For the People of the Parish
	5:00 pm	Sacred Heart	† James Barthel
	7:00 pm	St. Stephen	† Lillian Dullinger
<b>Sunday, November 3</b> 30th Sunday Ordinary Time  *Livestreamed Masses	8:15 am	*Annunciation	† Roger Schackmann
	9:00 am	*Sacred Heart	† Francis Kedrowski
	9:30 am	*St. Francis Xavier	† Donald & Donna Pallansch
	10:00 am	St. Stephen	† William Supan

PASTORAL SERVICES

Reconciliation  
Saturdays

3:00 pm St. Francis Xavier  
3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
6:15 pm St. Stephen

Sunday

7:40 am Annunciation

Anointing of the Sick  
Home Bound Communion  
Pastoral Visitation, Prayer Requests,  
Marriage and Baptism Preparation  
If you have any of the above  
pastoral needs, please contact your  
Parish Office.

Bulletin announcements are  
due in the parish office by  
8:00 am on Mondays.  
Thank you! Please contact  
your Parish Office for  
more information.

DAILY READINGS

**Monday:** Eph 2:19-22/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5/Lk 6:12-16

**Tuesday:** Eph 5:21-33/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5/Lk 13:18-21

**Wednesday:** Eph 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14/Lk 13:22-30

**Thursday:** Eph 6:10-20/Ps 144:1b, 2, 9-10/Lk 13:31-35

**Friday:** Rv 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6/1 Jn 3:1-3/Mt 5:1-12a

**Saturday:** Wis 4:7-14/Ps 25:6, and 7b, 17-18, 20-21/Rom 5:17-21/Mt 11:25-30

**Next Sunday:** Dt 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51 (2)/Heb 7:23-28/Mk 12:28b-34

## MINISTRY & LIFE PERSPECTIVES



### Voting with a Catholic Conscience – Part II

As Catholics, we must never be afraid of bringing our faith into the public square – but precisely as Catholics. That is, we witness to the convictions of Church best when we are not simply Catholics who vote, but those who vote as Catholics, in accord with the teaching of Jesus Christ.

Informed voting is entrusted to us in a democracy as a privilege, and in the Church as a sacred responsibility. Look beyond personal advantage, uncritical partisan loyalties, and the endless barrage of political message and commentary. Vote with prayer – ask the Holy Spirit to guide your choices, Ground your selections in prudential judgments on candidates and policies whom you sincerely believe will best shape our social life to build a just, humane, and safe society for all its members.

Our recent clergy conference was presented by Fr. Bill Miscamble, one of Bishop Neary's Holy Cross confreres, a professor of history at Notre Dame. His Australian accent was entertaining, his scholarship extensive, his personal faith evident. I particularly liked an image he used, which applies well to the campaign advertising and debates around politics in our times: "like being nibbled to death by a duck."

I took four things away from his talks in particular:

Do not focus only on the presidential election. As you know, Minnesotans will also choose the person they want to represent them in the U.S. Senate for the next six years, as well as in all eight U.S. House seats. Control of the entire Minnesota Legislature is also at stake this fall, with 134 state House seats on the ballot and a single special election in the Minnesota Senate that will determine which party will lead the deadlocked chamber. In addition, judgeships, local councils and mayors, and other officials are on the ballot. Though of course role, jurisdiction, and impact vary, all of these are important.

Consider candidates' claims and sweeping visions with realism. Some promises are unlikely, others simply not possible. Look at past performance where applicable, and don't be naïve about grandiose plans that are primarily aimed at garnering votes, not forming public policy.

Political responsibility does not end with voting. We need to hold our elected officials accountable to do their jobs to build that "just, humane, and safe society" that prioritizes the good of human persons – life, families, education, health care, housing, economic opportunity, environment – the interlocking needs of true human flourishing. Even if the outcome of the election is not what we desired, we still must work for the common good as responsible and respectful citizens.

Most important: we are not saved by politics or government; we are saved by Christ. Of course our public life matters, and we need to pay attention to it. But our story is a transcendent one: the love and mercy of God who sent his Son to die and rise that we might have eternal life. Jesus did not come to build an earthly paradise – "my kingdom is not of this world" – but to redeem us. We are pilgrims through time, on the way to eternity. "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my

## (Ministry & Life Perspectives Continued)

words will never pass," Jesus says. May we always be guided by that Word.

As the Minnesota Catholic Conference concludes:

**Vote!** *It is the responsibility of each Catholic voter to form our conscience in accord with Catholic teaching on the issues that impact the common good and shape the society in which we live. This is always a matter of weighing the importance of individual issues, since no candidate or party fully represents Catholic teaching.*

*Engage in conversation with civility and charity. Has anyone ever been truly converted by shouting, belittling, intimidation, or violence?*

*Ultimately, voting is an expression of love—love for God, love for neighbor, and love for the world we inhabit. By casting our ballots with a well-formed conscience, we participate in the civic life of our community in a way that reflects our deepest values and hopes for society. Voting with a Catholic conscience is one way we can bring the light of Christ into the public square, working toward a society that respects life, promotes justice, and upholds human dignity.*

Congratulations to our Confirmation Class!

Next Sunday afternoon, November 3, Fr. Scott Pogatchnik will confer the sacrament of Confirmation on the young people from Annunciation and Sacred Heart. Reading their letters and interviewing a number of them, I have renewed confidence in the future of our Church. Pray for them ... Come, Holy Spirit!



## LEADERSHIP

### ACC Pastoral Leadership

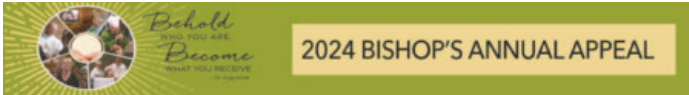


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“And Jesus said to him, ‘Go your way; your faith has made you well.’ and immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way.” (Mark 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.



Sharing the Good News: The St. Cloud Diocese broadcasts TV Mass weekly in 60 counties. It is also sent to nursing homes and available to countless others online. See how your generosity makes a difference by using your smartphone or visiting [https://youtu.be/vqleGnEqA\\_k](https://youtu.be/vqleGnEqA_k) to view our video.

### HEALING FROM A LOSS SUPPORT GROUP

Have you suffered a significant loss? A death?



Beginning Tuesday, November 12th from 4:00-5:20 pm at Sacred Heart. Deacon Joe Kresky will facilitate about four sessions supporting those healing from a loss. For questions or to sign up, call or text Deacon Joe at 320-292-4857.

**AVAILABLE NOW!**  
**PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES**

**The Support of Your Business is Greatly Appreciated**

Joey Crouse from LPI, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks.. It is the support of the business community that helps to make our church thrive. Please consider purchasing a print and/or digital ad as your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

**Church bulletin advertising** is a cost-effective way to advertise 52 times per year and show support for your local community; in turn, parishioners will support you!

**Digital advertising** allows your business to be front and center to anyone who visits a church profile page on [ParishesOnline.com](http://ParishesOnline.com) — that's approximately 500,000 page views per month!

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### FUNERAL BLESSINGS

Remember in your prayers the families of Hugo Weyrens, who passed away on, October 11,

Rosanna Leither, who passed away on October 18, both from Sacred Heart.

Mary Ann Henry, who passed away on October 17, And Nicole Bunting who passed away on October 10, both from St. Francis.

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



### CATHOLIC ADVOCACY NETWORK

Join the Catholic Advocacy Network. The Network is an initiative of the Minnesota Catholic Conference (MCC). When you sign up, you will receive a bi-weekly email of resources that will provide formation on the Catholic faith and information on issues impacting life, dignity, and the common good. MCC also sends occasional action alerts that equip you to take action to transform Minnesota by contacting your elected officials on key issues. To join, go to [mncatholic.org/join](http://mncatholic.org/join). You can also text CAN to 651-998-7322.

### ST. BENEDICT'S SENIOR COMMUNITY

St Benedict's Senior Community recently resumed their Saturday 3:30pm Mass. In the past, this was very well attended. Might you or someone you know be interested in this ministry? Come and join us for Mass and simply be open to the Holy Spirit. We are in need of sacristans, lectors, eucharistic ministers, servers, greeters, etc. This could be on a monthly basis. Please call our Allissa Volk at 320-281-1280.

### KING'S HOUSE RETREATS

#### A Saturday Day Away, November 16

Take time to be with the Lord. Our day is designed to offer more time to be in prayer and quiet with planned events should you choose to attend. Events include a morning conference, afternoon guided meditation and a Holy Hour before we end with Mass. Lunch is included. Suggested donation \$30-\$60. Registration required. Online at [www.kingshouse.com/events](http://www.kingshouse.com/events) or call us at 763-682-1394.

#### An Advent Day Away, Wednesday, December 4

Take time to be with the Lord. Our day is designed to offer more time to be in prayer and quiet with planned events should you choose to attend. Events include a morning conference, afternoon guided meditation and a Holy Hour before we end with Mass. Lunch is included. Suggested donation \$30-\$60. Registration required. Online at [www.kingshouse.com/events](http://www.kingshouse.com/events) or call us at 763-682-1394.





## YOUNG ADULTS

### Bible Study

The next Bible Study is at Annunciation on Thursday, November 7th starting at 7 PM. Join us for chapter 3 of *Christus Vivit with Pope Francis!*

### Theology on Draft

Join us as we partner with the Diocese of St. Cloud for our next Theology on Draft on Thursday, November 14th at El Loro in Sauk Rapids from 6-8 PM. Our speaker will be Cathy Heying, sharing her story of leaving professional ministry to be a mechanic in Minneapolis.

## YOUNGLIFE

### YoungLife Volunteer / Core Team Breakfast

If you are volunteering with Wyldlife Clubs, Contact Ministry or praying, please join us. Sacred Heart for 9 AM Mass and a breakfast after Mass hosted by the YoungLife core team. RSVP is helpful to Jason Prigge by Wednesday, October 30th.

### 'Like Us' on Facebook

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

### YoungLife Training

If you have discerned that you are ready to be a part of bringing YoungLife WyldLife to our ACC by entering into the world of young people, it is time to get started. Online training is beginning. Please contact Jason Prigge to get access to the training.

Jason Prigge: [jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org) 320-281-9486

### Prayer Team Needed

Don't forget to join us for Prayer on Wednesdays at Noon! Scan for Zoom Link:



## THE CHOSEN-SEASON 4-SARTELL

### The Chosen – Season 4

Viewing & Discussion Group -Come for one or come for all!  
Wednesdays – October 23, 30

November 6, 20, 27

December 4, 11

8:45 am in Xavier Hall -St. Francis Xavier Room

Join us! All are Welcome!!

On the first Wednesday of the month we will start at 9:30 am due to morning Mass hospitality for birthdays and anniversaries.

## FF-CATHOLIC FAMILY SURVEY

The Catholic Family Survey will help your parish better understand your family and your life as a parent. The survey results are very important. They will be used to create an ACC plan for supporting parents of children and young people, and for engaging the whole family in faith formation - from birth through high school graduation. The survey will only take 8-10 minutes to complete. We appreciate your time and contribution!



## ST. STEPHEN

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Fr. Ron Weyrens, Pastor

**Faith Formation:** Danna Gasperlin 320-251-5066  
[ststephenfaith@gmail.com](mailto:ststephenfaith@gmail.com)

### Financial Offering for Oct 19 & 20

Adult	\$ 1,970.00
Adult Online Oct 12-18	\$ 898.00
Plate	\$ 258.00
World Mission Sunday	\$ 150.00
Hurricane Relief	\$ 595.00
Total	\$ 3,871.00

### Ushers: Oct 31-

Will Hellmann, Sandy Paggen, Dave Fiedler  
Nov 2-Tom Larson, Amanda DeYaeger, Mitch Pangerl  
Nov 3-Ralph Barhorst, Merlin Berndt, Steve Vouk

### Bishop Trobec 5276 KC Council Bingo & Raffle on Sunday-

October 27 beginning at noon in the Parish Hall. Free-will offering lunch available: Hot turkey, dressing, rolls & dessert.

**Coats left behind from Helping Hands Health Fair** If you attended the Helping Hands Health Fair on October 17 and are missing a coat, please contact Helping Hands.



**All Saints Day** Mass at St. Stephen will be Thursday, October 31, at 6:30 PM. There will be NO morning Mass on Thursday.

### Faith Formation - Youth Group. Contact Danna Gasperlin:

Teachers needed for grades 4 and 8.

October 30 class for grades 5-9 & Confirmation. The meal will be Toastie Dogs, scalloped potatoes, fruit and juice.

**Youth Group:** grades 6-12, will meet in the Parish Hall from 8:00-9:30 pm. Bring a friend.

**Mass of Remembrance:** Next Sunday, November 3. Fellowship to follow mass in the annex.

**Ladies...Let's Gather** will meet on Sunday, November 3, from 6:00-7:00 pm in the annex. This month we will be discussing Zipporah.

**Parish Council nominations:** The terms of three parish council members (two women and one man) will expire at the end of the year. There are slips in the pews for nominations of candidates. If you are interested, or know of a parishioner who you think would be a good candidate for Parish Council, please write your/their names on the paper and put it in the collection basket. All nominations will be contacted prior to the names being placed the drawing in December. The term of a Parish Council member is three years. The council meets the third Tuesday of every other month-only six meetings a year.

### Help needed - please contact the parish office to help with:

**Homebound Communion** a few people who could take communion to some of our homebound parishioners - either on a regular basis or as a backup.

**Boiler Maintenance** someone to help take care of the boiler in church during the winter months. You would need to get a boiler license.

**Well n Fit exercise class:** Wednesday & Friday mornings at St. Stephen Parish Hall, **9:00-10:00am**. The Wednesday class will be followed by half-hour line dance.

### Holdingsford Helping Hands Outreach:

**Senior Dining:** Wednesday's at **The Rusty Nail** (October-December) at noon followed by 500. Cost-\$6.00 per meal.

## SACRED HEART PARISH

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

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

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

### Income for the Week of October 20, 2024

Adult Collection. . . . .	\$10,314.00
Automatic Giving. . . . .	\$5,470.17
Friends In Need . . . . .	\$50.00
World Mission. . . . .	\$60.00
Improvements. . . . .	\$10.00

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

## NOTE FROM FATHER TOM-ALL SOULS

At the All Souls Day Mass, we have traditionally recognized in prayer and hope those of our parish family who have died in the past year, a continuation of prayer for their eternal rest and support for family and friends who grieve their passing from this life. This year, All Souls Day (November 2) falls on Saturday. While the 5:00 p.m. Mass will necessarily use the readings for the 31st Sunday in Ordinary Time, we will include the reciting of names and lighting of candles in memory of the deceased during this Mass in a slightly modified form. Letters have been sent to family members of each of those we will honor. During that Mass, we will also celebrate Baptism for Bryson Richard Almberg. It is a beautiful witness to the life of faith beginning in this world, and lives of faith concluded here – both on the same path to the eternal joy that God prepares for us in glory. All are welcome to join in this commemoration as part of the November 2 Mass.

## STEWARDSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

**Liturgical Minister Help Needed** We are in need of liturgical minister help for several upcoming Masses. Masses for All Saints Day will be on November 1<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 am and 6:30 pm. Confirmation will be celebrated here on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 pm. If you can help in your ministry for any of these liturgies, please sign up online or on the sheets near the sacristy. Thank you!

**Relics at Sacred Heart** Ever curious what relics of the saints we have here at Sacred Heart? We will again have relics of St. John Bosco, St. Ignatius Loyola, and many others displayed for veneration during the month of November. These are first-class relics (a part of the physical body of a saint, approved by the Vatican as authentic). There are also two other classes of relics: second-class relics are items owned or used by the saint, and third-class relics are objects that have been touched to a first-class relic. The veneration of relics is grounded in Catholic faith that our bodies are temples of the Holy Spirit, who lives and works in us all, and especially in the saints' lives in ways that inspire hope and imitation of their faith and charity. When venerating a relic, you can spend a few moments in quiet prayer and devotion. You can also touch the relic and ask for intercession of the saints for any intentions you might have. We give thanks to God for the saint's holy lives and pray for the grace to imitate them!

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Grounded Youth Ministry** October Theme: Grounded in Unity

Upcoming Grounded dates:

\*Sun. November 10th (Grades 9-12) | 5-7 PM

\*Wed. November 13th (Grades 6-8) | 7:30-9 PM

### 7th Grade Grounded Small Group Leader Wanted

Consider joining the Grounded family and walking with our middle schoolers in their faith journey. Training and support provided, contact Jason Prigge.

**Breakfast and Bible Study** Breakfast and Bible Study will still meet on Sunday, October 27th from 10:15 - 11:15 AM in Room D. Great opportunity for Middle School students this month to check it out!

**Trunk or Treat** Save the date for Thursday, October 31st from 5:30 - 7:00 PM for Trunk or Treat at Sacred Heart! Join us for this safe and fun for the whole family opportunity to visit all of the themed trunks and enjoy some hot cider / hot chocolate from our Young Adult Team. To make this event happen, we need two things:

1. Trunkers - Decorate your trunk with a theme and be prepared for about 600 trick or treaters. Contact Jason Prigge to sign up your vehicle (320.281.9486 OR [jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org](mailto:jprigge@sacredheartsaukrapids.org))
2. Candy Donations - For our high school students who would like to participate in decorating their cars, we'd like to help them by providing bags of candy. Please bring bags into the Parish Office by Wednesday, October 30th.

### Turkey Bowl Information Coming Soon

The (0-3) students will take on the (3-0) young adults on Wednesday, November 27th at the Husky Dome. Lots of changes to the event, all are still welcome, stay tuned!



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 29; 6:30pm—Adult Choir Rehearsal
- October 30; 9am—Wednesday Bible Study
- 5:30pm—Kids Choir Rehearsal
- 7pm—Confirmation Practice/Reconciliation
- October 31; 5:30 Trunk or Treat
- November 1; **Offices Closed-All Saints**
- 8:30am—Eucharistic Adoration
- 11am—Rosary & Benediction
- 6pm—Chosen (SH)
- 6:30pm—All Saints Mass
- November 2; 3:30pm—Reconciliation
- November 3; 10am—YL All Team Meeting
- 2pm—Confirmation Mass
- 7pm—9th Grade Session 5

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please add Fay Matthies and Jane Wruck to your prayers. If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the prayer list, 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 PARISH

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**Faith Formation:** Shirley Scapanski 320-259-4941  
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## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Income for Sunday, October 20th, 2024

Adult Sunday	\$3,084.25
Visitors	\$75.75
Youth	\$179.00
World Mission Sunday	\$190.00
Votive Candle	\$7.30
Building Fund	\$90.00
Hurricane Relief	\$1,607.00
Initial Offering	\$3.00
Funeral Lunch	\$30.00
Fall Festival	\$50.00
Donation from Herbst/Bemboom Family	\$50.00
Total Income	\$5,366.30

## Mass Schedule

### Thurs. October 31, 2024 All Saints


**Lector:** Loren Popp and Lori Schaefer  
**Eucharist:** Rita Knott  
**Servers:** Volunteers  
**Greeters:** John and Karla Koenig  
**Ushers:** Lora Knafla, Dan Bemboom, John & Barb Bemboom


### Sun. November 3rd, 2024

**Lector:** Karla and John Koenig  
**Eucharist:** Gene Poser(H), Lora Knafla(C), Amy Krajsa(C)  
**Servers:** Ava Krajsa and Brynn Krajsa  
**Greeters:** Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski, Kendra Carlson  
**Ushers:** Randy & Julie Miller, Dan Bemboom, Lane Piotrowski, Dan Brenny.


 **HAPPY BIRTHDAY:** Cole Lentner, Christopher Brenny, Mary Jarnot, Gary Scapanski, Dale Warzecha, Brian Kahl, Thomas Klein, Robert Beauchamp Jr, Mary Nies.

**AA MEETING** at Annunciation Church Hall on Thurs., at 7pm. Meetings will be held every week. Call Lori for info. 320-406-8742. Everyone Welcome.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** On Monday evenings at 6:30 pm in the choir loft. 

 **CRAFT & VENDOR SHOW** Nov. 9th, 2024, 9am-3pm at Morrill Hall & Event Center. 33009 Nature Rd. Foley, Mn 56329 (Morrill)

**BOXES OF JOY** Deadline to turn in the boxes will be November 1. Boxes may be picked up on the table in the entryway of Church. Thanks for thinking of these children. Learn more at [www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy](http://www.CrossCatholic.org/BoxOfJoy)

 **RELIGIOUS EDUCATION:** Wed. Oct. 30, Class and Confirmation Practice Gr. 11, 7-8pm, Reconciliation practice for the sacrament 8-9pm.

**CONFIRMATION** will be on Sunday, November 3rd at 2:00pm at Sacred Heart Church, Sauk Rapids.

**ALL SAINTS MASS** Here at 6:30pm, Thursday, October 31st.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER

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Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135  
Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158

**Prayer Line** Margaret Stang 320-249-9304

## FINANCIAL OFFERINGS

Weekly Collection Budget	\$21,346.15
Collected 10/20/2024	\$36,242.57
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$14,896.42</b>
YTD Collection Budget	\$341,538.40
YTD Collected	\$314,659.51
<b>Excess (Deficit)</b>	<b>(26,878.89)</b>

## COATS FOR KIDS

The Knights of Columbus will once again be collecting new and gently used coats. Coats can be for youth and adults. The box for the donation will be in the gathering place from October 1—November 24.



## MONTH OF THE ROSARY

In Honor of the month of the rosary, Gathering in the Arts Committee has a rosary display in the Gathering Place. On the table you will find rosaries, pamphlets on how to pray the rosary, and prayer cards; all are free for you to take. The rosary is a devotion that consists of meditating on the mysteries of the life of Jesus and Mary by reciting Hail Mary's.

*"Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother. Love the Madonna and pray the rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today. All graces given by God pass through the Blessed Mother."* -St. Padre Pio

## CEMETERY NEWS

Many families like to decorate gravesites for Christmas. Rules are relaxed for this, but be sure to secure items and then plan on removing items by the weekend of January 6th & 7th. Items left on the gravesites after that will be removed and discarded.

## TRUNK OR TREAT

TRUNK OR TREAT THIS MONDAY, October 28th, 2024. All are invited to join us for Trunk or Treat Family Night from 4:30-7:00pm. Pizza dinner will be served from 4:30-6:00. (A \$15 donation is suggested per family to help cover the cost of the pizza). Trunk or treating will begin at 6:30. There will be games, crafts and a service project to do from 4:30-6:30. All families in attendance are asked to decorate their trunks and hand out goodies. To RSVP, please email Melissa at [mfox@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:mfox@stfrancissartell.org).



## ELECTRONIC GIVING

A nice way to make contributions to St. Francis is by way of electronic giving. We have forms at the entrances to the gathering place that can be completed and returned to the parish office. Or, go online to [www.stfrancissartell.org](http://www.stfrancissartell.org) and click on the **Donate Now** button. That will take you to a secure site where you give one time or set up periodic giving - weekly, monthly, quarterly or other. You will find regular Sunday Offering, Christmas, Easter, Thanksgiving and more. Many banks have "bill pay" options where you can set up giving as well. Any way you do it, electronic giving is secure and saves paper and postage and more. We can stop sending you envelopes OR send you "specials only" envelopes that have the Christmas, Easter, other holy days and special collections that take place during the year. For some donors, there may be tax advantages to transferring RMD's from your IRA accounts directly to St. Francis Xavier. Please see your financial advisor or accountant for proper guidance in such matters. Thank you to all you support St. Francis Xavier with your generosity. Our parish is blessed!

## ANNUAL KC BINGO AND RAFFLE

Join Us! All are invited to this great family event. It takes place on Sunday, October 27th at 12:00 Noon at the St. Stephen Parish Hall. Prizes are mainly gift cards to local businesses along with several door prize drawings. The black-out BINGO at the end has a \$250 cash prize! We do 50/50 raffles throughout the event and our KC Raffle ticket has over \$1,000 in prizes. Tickets available from KC members. A hot turkey sandwich lunch is available—FREE WILL offerings for the lunch go to Pro-Life causes. The Knights of Columbus are a men's fraternal organization that stand by the principals of charity, unity, fraternity and patriotism. Bishop Trobec Council 5276—Sartell, St. Stephen, and St. Wendell is active in our communities. We support vocations, family, pro-life and those in need. Recent donations include cash for the St. Stephen and St. Francis Xavier Parish Festivals, donations to youth groups at both parishes, and more. You see the KC's helping with hospitality and serving food at youth events or the Place of Hope. To learn more contact Grand Knight Adam Fasen (320-282-7083), Tom Offerdahl(320-290-3228), Jake Schneider (320-761-7143), or Mark Dorn (320-250-0415) or any other Knight you may know.

## PARISH COUNCIL

The Parish Council is looking for someone to take notes during their meetings. The council meets once a month on Thursday evenings September-May. Please contact Tom Offerdahl if interested. 320-252-1363 or [tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org](mailto:tofferdahl@stfrancissartell.org).

## BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, November 21, 2024 12:30pm-6:30pm in the SFX Gathering Space. You can register now to give blood by contacting Greg 320-250-9137 or [schlossergregory@gmail.com](mailto:schlossergregory@gmail.com)



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