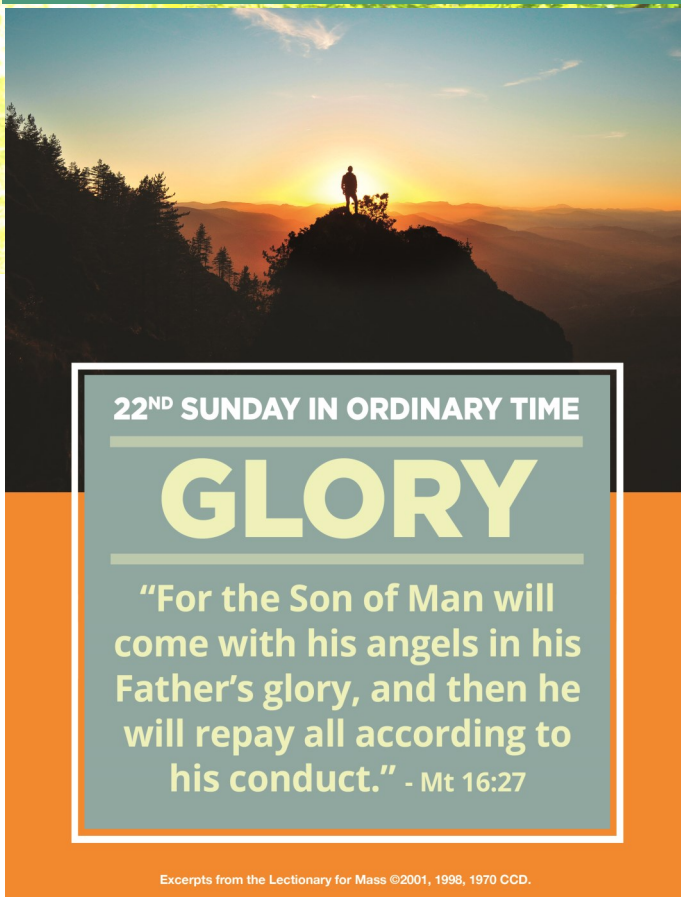




August 30, 2020

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time



## Annunciation

9965 Mayhew Lake Road NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-252-1729 • oneinchristacc.org

## Sacred Heart

2875 – 10th Avenue NE • Sauk Rapids, MN 56379  
320-251-8115 • sacredheartsaukrapids.org

## St. Francis Xavier

219 – 2nd Street N, PO Box 150 • Sartell, MN 56377  
320-252-1363 • stfrancissartell.org

## St. Stephen

103 Central Avenue S • St. Stephen, MN 56375  
320-251-1520 • churchofststephen.org

### Mass Times

<b>Monday</b>	<b>Aug. 31</b>	8:30 am	<b>Annunciation</b>	† Marlys Schlichting
Weekday				
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Sept. 1</b>	5:30 pm †	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	† Harry Reischl
Weekday		5:30 pm	<b>St. Stephen</b>	† Ruth Worm
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Sept. 2</b>	8 am †	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	† Marie Mondloch
Weekday		8 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Arthur Saulter
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Sept. 3</b>	8 am	<b>St. Stephen</b>	† Math Hudovernik
<i>St. Gregory the Great</i>		8:30 am	<b>Annunciation</b>	† Ed Rajkowski
<b>Friday</b>	<b>Sept. 4</b>	8 am †	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	† Rich Kierzek
Weekday		8 am	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Isaiah Moorefield
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>Sept. 5</b>	5 pm †	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	† Rita Kampa
Weekday		5 pm	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	† Bob Fleege
		7 pm	<b>St. Stephen</b>	People of the Parishes
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Sept. 6</b>	8:30 am	<b>Annunciation</b>	People of the Parishes
23rd Sunday		9 am	<b>Sacred Heart</b>	† Roger Weber
in Ordinary Time		9:30 am †	<b>St. Francis Xavier</b>	†† Art & Nancy Kiffmeyer
		10:30 am	<b>St. Stephen</b>	For Ben Supan

† Livestreamed Masses

### Pastoral Services

**Reconciliation**  
**Saturdays** 3:30 pm Sacred Heart  
4 pm St. Francis Xavier  
8 pm St. Stephen  
**Sunday** 7:50 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.

Viewers in the St. Cloud Diocese can watch the Mass on KSTC-45 at 11 am each Sunday via cable, satellite or antenna (check your cable provider for channel number). Charter Communication airs the Mass on Channel 17.

**Bulletin announcements are due in the parish office by noon on Mondays. Thank you!**  
Please contact your Parish Office for more information.

## For the People of our Parish

The One in Christ Area Catholic Community of Mayhew Lake, Sauk Rapids, Sartell, and St. Stephen

Updates for the virtual meeting via Zoom on August 4th, 2020.

- The first combined bulletin (Aug. 2) for our four ACC parishes has been published and distributed. It has been well received. Several enhancements are being incorporated into future additions.
- A welcoming letter to all registered parishioners is being developed. We hope to welcome, inform, and energize our One in Christ community. We invite each and every parishioner of our community to participate and enrich his or her personal relationship with their church.
- Each parish is seeking a parishioner to be a member of our ACC Evangelization team. The team will aspire to reach out beyond our current membership and invite others to be One in Christ with us in our Catholic communion.
- Each parish is also seeking a parishioner to be a member of the Young Adults team. The Young Adults team will be asked to explore ways that all 18 - 28 young adults can benefit from their participation in our parish communities.
- Each parish is asking for 2 parishioners to be members of the Stewardship team. This team will work on achieving the goal of increasing the stewardship of finances and service by all in our ACC.

We ask you to pray and be open to the Holy Spirit's gentle nudging and consider a response to come forward. To volunteer to be on the Evangelization, Young Adult, or Stewardship team, please contact your parish office or respective ACC representative, listed below.

Annunciation - Jean Bemboom, Shirley Scapanski, Leonard Popp

Sacred Heart - Jeff Brunn, Joan Krause, Joe Kresky  
St. Francis Xavier - Adam Vonderahe, Candice Koopmeiners, Frank Rajkowski

St. Stephen - Carol Hellmann, Chuck Spychala, Stef Rothstein

Contact us at: [oneinchristacc@gmail.com](mailto:oneinchristacc@gmail.com)

Visit us at: [oneinchristacc.org](http://oneinchristacc.org)

Next meeting: Tues. Sept. 1, @ 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis Xavier (otherwise virtual via Zoom)

## DAILY READINGS

- Monday:** 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30
- Tuesday:** 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37
- Wednesday:** 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44
- Thursday:** 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11
- Friday:** 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39
- Saturday:** 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5
- Sunday:** Ez 33:7-9/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

## LEADERSHIP



### ACC Pastoral Leadership

<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Tom Knoblach</b> 320-251-8115, Ext. 112 <a href="mailto:pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org">pastor@sacredheartsaukrapids.org</a>
<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Fr. Ron Weyrens</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 1101 (days) Ext. 1102 (night/weekends) <a href="mailto:rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org">rweyrens@stfrancissartell.org</a>
<b>Sacramental Minister</b>	<b>Fr. Doug Liebsch</b> <a href="mailto:dougliebsch@gmail.com">dougliebsch@gmail.com</a>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Joe Kresky</b> 320-251-8115 <a href="mailto:jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org">jkresky@sacredheartsaukrapids.org</a>
<b>Deacon</b>	<b>Steve Pareja</b> 320-761-2503
<b>Pastoral Associate</b>	<b>Deb Rudolph</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 1103 <a href="mailto:drudolph@stfrancissartell.org">drudolph@stfrancissartell.org</a>

## HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

### Looking Ahead

Volunteer day for on site work for Habitat for Humanity **September 3.**

Call Carol Hart 320-282-5976 to volunteer or if you have questions.



**After School Care Assistant Needed**

The after school care assistant will supervise students in grades PreK-6 during our after school time. These activities will include, but not limited to, study time, snack, outdoor activities, games, and arts and crafts. The worker needs to be supportive and creative with students while they interact with each other, as well as providing direction and assistance when needed.

**Job Qualifications:**

- Enjoy working with children grades PreK-6
- Willing to supervise both quiet activities, and large muscle activities
- Able to positively interact and communicate with children, parents, and staff members
- Possesses an understanding of child development (physical, emotional, and academic)
- Demonstrate the ability and willingness to follow and enforce all required safety procedures

St. Francis Xavier School  
Sartell, MN Contact: Bonnie Van Heel, Principal  
[bvanheel@sfx61.org](mailto:bvanheel@sfx61.org)  
320-252-9940

Deadline: August 31, 2020

**How to Apply**

To apply for this position please contact Bonnie Van Heel, principal, at 320-252-9940, or [bvanheel@sfx61.org](mailto:bvanheel@sfx61.org).



Please remember to continue to pray for all those affected by illness, their caregivers and public officials working to keep us safe. **Please pray** • for Pope Francis, all Bishops, priests, deacons and religious • for legal protection for unborn children • for an end to COVID-19 • for the leaders of our country and the world • for respect for all human life • for all pregnant women • for all those with long term illness • for those mourning the loss of a loved one • for an end to violence • for all Parish Prayer Line requests and those who have recently received prayer blankets.

**Please visit your Parish website for those in your Parish needing prayers.**

## BAPTISMS

We welcome the following children, baptized into our parish family and the Christian community:



**Liam Michael O'Leary, son of Travis & Jennifer. Baptized August 30 at Sacred Heart.**

**Kasen Steven Benkowski, son of Daniel & Olivia. Baptized August 30 at St. Stephen.**



## BANNS OF MARRIAGE

- III Del Ryan & Elizabeth Brunn
- III Rachel Kirby & Brandon Jaskela
- II Zachary Schreiner & Kalley Otremba
- I Nathaniel Neeser & Jessica Ackerman
- I Jonas Duncan & Katie Yurczyk

## 3 EASY STEPS TO KEEPING YOURSELF & OTHERS HEALTHY!



**WASH YOUR  
HANDS**



**DON'T TOUCH  
YOUR FACE**



**KEEP YOUR  
DISTANCE**

### Stay Connected While You're Away.



Go to [www.parishesonline.com](http://www.parishesonline.com) to view your church bulletin and stay up to date.

22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



## ANNUNCIATION PARISH

**Contact:** Cindy Gans  
320-252-1729  
annunciation@cloudnet.com  
Faith Formation: Shirley Scapanski  
320-259-4941 • thekids@cloudnet.com

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for	August 23, 2020
Adult Sunday .....	\$1,809.60
Visitor .....	\$25.00
Youth .....	\$5.25
Votive Candle .....	\$7.00
Fall Festival .....	\$315.00
Assumption .....	\$20.00
Donation for New Sign.....	\$5,000.00
Total Income .....	\$7,181.85

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

## SUNDAY 8:30 AM MASS

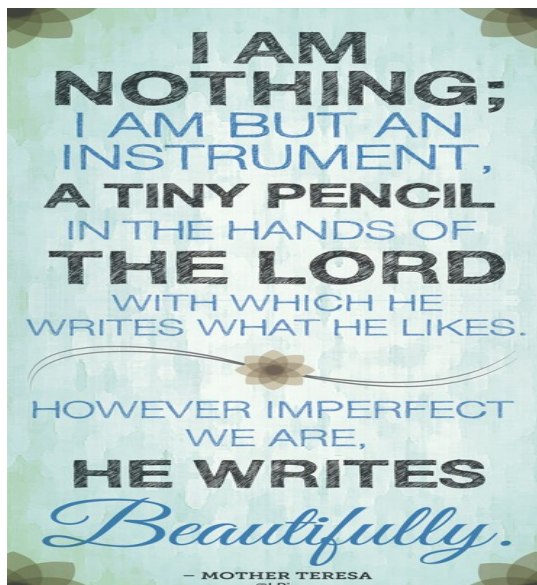
**Lectors:** Jenessa Strande & JoAnn Marshall  
**Eucharist:** Jason Zwilling  
**Ushers:** Jeff & Lisa Popp, 2 Volunteers.



**Happy Birthday:** Ryan Rajkowski,  
Milo Keeville, Riley Nellis, Natalie  
Schubert, Ethan Hibbens, Colten Rothstein,  
Joshua Kuehn, Jane Thell, Keith Rothstein

## FUTURE EVENT

Thurs, Oct. 1, 8:30am Communal Anointing of  
the Sick



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## ST. STEPHEN PARISH

**Contact:** Carol Hellmann  
320-251-1520  
ststephenchurchoffice@gmail.com  
Faith Formation: Danna Gasperlin  
320-251-5066 • ststephenfaith@gmail.com

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

### Income for August 22 & 23, 2020

Contributions ..... \$1,757.00

## LABOR DAY RAFFLE

There are only a few days left to sell your raffle tickets. We would like to have your tickets returned to the office by **Wednesday, September 2**, so we can get them ready for the drawing on Labor Day, September 7th. Please, please do not wait until the last minute to turn in your tickets.

## WITH GREAT SYMPATHY/MEAL TRAIN HELP

Please keep in your prayers the family of Kelly Bjelland from St. Stephen. Kelly passed away unexpectedly on August 19. She was an assistant cook at St. Francis Xavier School.

Dan Bjelland and his kids could use some help with meals. Dan is diabetic so low carb meals and low sugar content foods are preferable. To sign up for meals for Dan and his kids, please visit <https://mealtrain.com/trains/w141ge>. A link is also on our St. Stephen website.

## ADORATION

Adoration at St. Stephen will be on Thursday, Sept. 3  
from 8:30-4 pm

## 150TH ANNIVERSARY

The next 150th meeting is September 22 at 6:15 Parish Hall. **Memory Book** Call Carol Hlebain 320-746-8755 if you have pictures or recipes to submit. Contact Anita Smoley 320-252-0473 if you have pictures on a disk. You may also drop items off at the parish office. Make sure you have your name on all items so they can be returned to you.

## PARISH MISSION

The kickoff for our 150th Anniversary will start with a Parish Mission led by Bill Wegner from Good News International Ministries. The dates for the Mission are October 25-28. More details to come.

Visit [churchofststephen.org](http://churchofststephen.org) for more information.



## SACRED HEART PARISH

**Contact:** JoAnn Mo  
320-251-8115, ext. 114  
jmo@sacredheartsaukrapids.org  
Faith Formation: Jen Haman  
320-251-8115, ext. 117  
jhaman@sacredheartsaukrapids.org

**ALL Daily Masses at Sacred Heart will be livestreamed, as well as the Saturday evening Mass. Beginning September 1st, we will no longer livestream the Sunday Mass.**

### Temporary Office Hours:

Monday – Closed  
Tuesday – 12-5:30pm  
Wednesday through Friday – 8:30am to noon

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Income for week ending	August 23, 2020
Adult Collection .....	\$14,413.26
Loose Collection .....	\$ 647.60
Friends in Need .....	\$ 90.00
Holy Days .....	\$ 180.00

### **Prayer Requests**

*If you know of anyone who needs our prayers and wants to be put on the following prayer list, please contact 320-251-8115.*  
*Kim Braaten, Gary Chaika, Nolan Matthes, Michael Reinert, Pam Smoley, Karen Thelen, Steve Meemken.*

The Women's Book Club will be meeting in Room D on Tuesday, September 10 at 6pm. They will be discussing *Big Little Lies* by Liane Moriarty. New members are always welcome. For more information or if you have any questions, contact Anita at 320-380-1120.

## Eucharistic Adoration

Plan to participate in Eucharistic Adoration on Friday, September 4 by spending time before the Blessed Sacrament in silent prayer from 8:30am until 11:00am. At 11am, the rosary will be recited followed by Benediction. Please pray for the needs and people of our parish.

## Flute Recital

Save the Date! Jessica Backes will be at Sacred Heart for a Flute Recital on Sunday, September 13 at 5pm. Jessica is an amazing flautist who is currently a member of the Marine Forces Reserve Band.

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## BAPTISM PREP

Parents expecting the birth of a child, please call and register for a baptismal prep session; the earlier the better! The next session will be held on Monday, September 14 at 6:30 pm in Room D. To register, please contact the Parish Office at 320-251-8115.

Hello, People of God!

Thank you again so very much for celebrating my retirement and for your many generous gifts. I spent the month of July on a "sort of" vacation and settled in here at the Speltz House. Now I will get down to this retirement thing! My new address is: 308 3rd St S, Apt. 207, Sauk Rapids, MN 56379-1414. My phone number is 320-281-5924.  
Blessings!

Fr. Ralph G. Zimmerman

## Handbell Choirs

Handbell choirs are forming now. Since we are not able to sing during Mass, now is the perfect time to learn to play handbells. Safety protocols will be in place for rehearsals and Masses. Sacred Heart will have different bell choirs based on your experience with reading music and playing the bells. Please contact Sarah (320-251-8115 x116) if you are interested in ringing bells this year. If you would like to try the bells before the first rehearsal, we can set up a time.

## 2020 Raffle Prize Winners

Prize #	Description	Winner
Quilt	Quilt	Debbi Bollig
39	\$50 Cash Prize - Crown Press	Helen Starr
38	8-inch DQ Cake - Red Barn Dairy Queen	Rita Labore
37	8-inch DQ Cake - Red Barn Dairy Queen	Clem Shears
36	8-inch DQ Cake - Red Barn Dairy Queen	Phyllis Ackerman
35	\$50 Cash Prize - Glenice & Jermoe Mehrwerth	Paul Shirley Schnobrich
34	\$50 Cash Prize - Glenice & Jermoe Mehrwerth	Linda Barthelemy
33	\$50 Gift Cards - Manea's Meats	Jayne E. Wruck
32	\$50 Gift Cards - Manea's Meats	John Houghton
31	\$50 Gift Cards - Manea's Meats	John Houghton
30	\$50 Gift Cards - Manea's Meats	Jeff Voit
29	\$50 Gift Certificate - Coborns	Tony Nathe
28	\$50 Gift Certificate - Coborns	Janet Ruhoff
27	\$50 Gift Certificate - Coborns	Linda Utesch
26	\$50 Gift Certificate - Coborns	Richard Soyka
25	\$50 Gift Certificate - Czarnetzki Hardware	Jerry Hanson
24	\$50 Gift Certificate - Czarnetzki Hardware	Chad Pflipsen
23	\$50 Gift Certificate - Czarnetzki Hardware	Richard and Jolene Theis
22	\$50 Gift Certificate - Czarnetzki Hardware	Ronald Novotny
21	\$20 Gift Certificate - Jimmy's Pour House	Joan Krause
20	\$20 Gift Certificate - Jimmy's Pour House	Steve Braun
19	\$60 Office Supplies - Ed Maier	Julie Midas
18	\$60 Gift Certificate - Pizza Ranch + Vietnam Novel	Joey Rickabaugh
17	\$100 Cash Prize - Gary's Insulation	Diane Kuehl
16	\$100 Cash Prize - Sauk Rapids VFW 6992	Margie Gretsch
15	\$100 Cash Prize - SH Catholic United Financial	Tom & Carol Belfiori
14	\$100 Cash Prize - Williams Dingmann	Gerald Kittok
13	\$200 Cash Prize - Karen Reker	Tim Wesenberg
12	\$250 Cash Prize - Stoltman Insurance	Dennis Hahn
11	\$250 Cash Prize - Stoltman Insurance	Gerry Maleska
10	Last Will & Testament - Kelm & Reuter	Donna Larson
9	\$400 Weber Grill - Czarnetzki Hardware	Tom Dammann
8	\$500 Cash Prize - Miller Auto and Marine	Miles Kulzer
7	\$500 Cash Prize - Collins Brothers Towing	John Houghton
6	\$500 Gift Certificate - Hennen Furniture	Diane Haack
5	\$500 Cash Prize - Borgert Family	Mike Josephs
4	\$500 Cash Prize - Borgert Family	Frank Freihammer
3	\$900 Ball Club Lake Lodge	Jim & Linda Conway
2	\$1,000 Cash Prize - Andy Hovaness	Tom & Carol Belfiori
1	\$5,000 Cash Grand Prize - Many donors	Judy Cruser

## PARISH STAFF

<b>Business Manager</b>	<b>Adam Vonderahe</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 1105 avonderahe@stfrancissartell.org
<b>Parish Secretary</b>	<b>Becky Dingmann</b> 320-2521363, Ext. 1100 bdingmann @stfrancissartell.org
<b>Office Assistant</b>	<b>Jane Rennie</b> 320-252-1363, Ext. 1106 jrennie@stfrancissartell.org

## FAITH FORMATION &amp; PARISH MINISTRIES

<b>Faith Formation Gr. 1-5</b>	<b>Shelby Vaske</b> 320-252-8761, Ext. 1420 svaske@stfrancissartell.org
<b>Faith Formation Gr. 6-12, Confirmation &amp; Youth Ministry</b>	<b>Melissa Fox</b> 320-252-8761, Ext. 1411 youthmin@stfrancissartell.org
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<b>FF Board Chair</b>	<b>Karen Atkinson</b> 320-251-6077
<b>Liturgy Director</b>	<b>Mark Levandowski</b> 320-251-1363, Ext 1110 mlevandowski@stfrancissartell.org
<b>Choral Director</b>	<b>Beth Plumski</b> 320-493-9551 bplumski08@gmail.com
<b>Social Justice Concerns Committee</b>	stfrancisjcc@gmail.com
<b>Prayer Line Requests</b>	Dorothy Frank 320-333-7427
<b>Liturgy of Word for Children</b>	Julie Jacobs 320-291-2901
<b>Parish Nurses</b>	Karen Reinholz 320-260-6158 Bev Wiehoff 320-492-0135 Julie Kouba 701-721-5083
<b>Parish Trustee</b>	Jeff Eikmeier 320-253-0703
<b>Parish Trustee</b>	Kathryn Kelly 320-333-6002
<b>Pastoral Council Chair</b>	Bob Detloff 320-252-8185

## SFX SCHOOL

<b>Principal</b>	<b>Bonnie Van Heel</b> 320-252-8761, Ext. 1302 bvanheel@sfx61.org
<b>School Secretary</b>	<b>Deb Bearson</b> 320-252-8761 dbearson@sfx61.org

## VIRTUAL SILENT AUCTION

With just 18 days before bidding begins on our Virtual Franny Fest Auction, we are happy to announce several new items that have been added to the auction. We have a beautiful Wingback chair, a child's Radio Flyer trike, a Child's John Deer Ground Force 12 volt Tractor Trailer, and a Toro Power Clear Snowblower. We also have a Bose Home Speaker System and a Nintendo Switch Gaming System. We are excited about these items and the beautiful baskets that have been generously donated. We can't wait for you to view and bid on them. We are still gladly accepting more items and need your help to make this auction successful. Thank you all for your wonderful generosity.

Candice Koopmeiners 654-1350  
Bonnie Nies 252-7838  
Pam Banjac 309-4735

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Collection Budget ..... \$19,230.77  
Collected 8/23/2020.....\$18,118.50  
**Excess (Deficit) ..... \$(1,112.27)**

YTD Collection Budget ..... \$153,846.15  
YTD Collected ..... \$149,720.12  
**Excess (Deficit) ..... \$(4,126.03)**

## Faith Formation 2020-2021

We are currently awaiting the arrival of guidelines from the Diocese of St. Cloud for Faith Formation in parishes during the pandemic. We hope to have a plan in place soon for grades 1-10. Registration materials will be sent to you as soon as the plan is set. Thank you for your patience!

Shelby Vaske, Coordinator of Grades 1-5  
Melissa Fox, Coordinator of Grades 6-10

## PRAYER CHANGES THINGS:

It is my goal that EVERY student in grades 6-12 is prayed for, by name, everyday for this year. I look forward to telling each of our students that they are being prayed for by name by someone in our parish. What better way to support the youth in our parish as they continue to grow in their faith and also as they start to ask questions about their faith. Each of the envelopes in the gathering area will contain the names and a little information about three students in our parish. One of the greatest hesitations people experience when thinking about becoming a prayer partner is, "I don't know what to pray for or how to pray." Enclosed in your envelope will be six months worth of calendars. Each day there will be a short specific prayer to say, if you choose to use it. We ask that you fill out the bottom of the letter, to register as a prayer partner. Then we can mail you your second set of prayer calendars in February, but more importantly, we can hold you in prayer also.

Please prayerfully consider taking an envelope after mass, to become a prayer partner for the youth of our parish. If you would prefer an envelope be mailed to you, you can contact Melissa Fox (320-761-2217) or call the main office, and we will get one in the mail to you!

Please remember Bishop Kettler's statement that recommendations from the CDC, MDH and the Governor's Office must be adhered to as closely as is possible. This requires that members of the liturgical assembly **MUST** wear face coverings and congregational singing is to be omitted. Singing is to be done by cantor **ONLY**. If you are unable to comply or uncomfortable attending Mass in person, please join the celebration of Mass via livestream from either Sacred Heart (all daily and weekend Masses) or St. Francis Xavier (Sunday at 9:30).



## Reprimanded by God?

Can you imagine being in the physical presence of Jesus and have him turn to you, personally, and say, "Get behind me Satan!" How shocking would that be for you? How shocking might it have been for Peter, one of the beloved disciples who gave up his life to follow Jesus? Peter was being protective of Jesus in that moment as Jesus had just told his disciples how he would have to suffer, die, and be raised on the third day. Peter could not imagine that his Lord would ever have to endure something so traumatic. He reacted like anyone who loves another person, being certain he would not let such a thing happen. Jesus reprimanded him for thinking as humans think and not as God thinks.

We often find ourselves being so sure that we will not allow a certain outcome for the people we love. As a parent we might think, "I'll do whatever I can so that my child does not have to suffer." Yet, we know by life experience, ours, and that of others, that we are not the one who is in control. Like Peter, we need to be challenged to "think as God thinks, not as humans do". What Jesus was teaching us in this Gospel account was that God has a plan. He has a plan not only for his Son, but for all of us. And it is important to recognize that our human mind cannot comprehend what is necessary to ensure that God's plan is realized.

Jesus teaches the disciples and all people throughout the ages that we must give up our way of thinking and take up the crosses we need to bear to follow him. In effect, surrender to the will of God, just as Jesus surrendered to the will of his Father and lived out his Father's plan. The beauty of that was our salvation. We can only imagine the unknown joy that awaits each of us as we surrender, pick up our crosses and continue to follow Jesus. We know by faith that God is with us every step of the way. We find our strength to carry our crosses in the grace freely given from our loving and caring God.

Take time this week to think about how you might need to surrender to God's will for your life. Do you trust God enough to do so? Do you believe that you are strengthened by the Holy Spirit within you? May we graciously accept the invitation to draw ever closer to God as we surrender to his will for our lives.

In shared faith,  
**Deb Rudolph**

Much of our fall festival event will not take place this year. We are unable to gather, socialize and enjoy our outdoor festivities given the current pandemic. However, the Parish Festival generates significant income for the parish budget, so we still plan to have the big ticket raffle, a quilt raffle, an online auction, and a virtual Franny Flyer run this year on the weekend of September 19-20.



Last year FrantoberFest generated net income of \$63K, with the raffle accounting for nearly half of that. There are great prizes to win — a cash grand prize of \$3,000 as well as gift certificates, products and additional cash prizes. Chances are \$5 each and will be distributed in the Gathering Place starting August 22.

You will also be able to buy quilt raffle tickets for the chance to buy a beautiful handmade quilt. We will keep you posted on plans for the raffle drawing on Sunday, September 20, 2020 at noon.

Without all of the other events of our traditional festival, we will have a financial shortfall. Therefore, we ask all households to prayerfully consider making a \$100 donation to the parish festival this year. This will help with the parish budget that relies on the income from the Parish Festival. Any additional donation you can make beyond buying raffle tickets would be greatly appreciated and help our budget stay healthy.

**Donna Traut**  
is  
turning 90!!!

On August 29th. Please  
wish her a Happy  
Birthday when you see  
her.



## ADORATION

The next Adoration at St. Francis Xavier will be Monday, Sept. 21 from 4-7 pm due to 1st Communion on Sept. 14. In October, we will resume the 2nd and 4th Monday of each month from 4-7 pm for Adoration.