

St. Francis de Sales

Our Gifts to the Lord - September 9 & 10

Adult Envelopes	\$ 2,406.00
Loose	\$ 435.00
Maintenance	\$ 393.00
School	\$ 613.00
Maui	\$ 10.00
On-Line	\$ 2,450.00
Total	\$ 6,307.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Francis de Sales Ministry Schedule September 23 & 24

Saturday: 6 pm

Ushers / Greeters: John Ramirez
Lector: Bruce Wambold

Sunday: 10 am

Ushers / Greeters: Mark Harrington
Lectors: Kirby & Melina Dernovsek
Altar Servers: Reedy Family

Fellowship Sunday

Thanks to the Secular Servites for hosting this Sunday's Fellowship Sunday.

St. Joseph

Our Gifts to the Lord - September 9

Adult Envelopes	\$ 775.00
Loose	\$ 200.00
Maintenance	\$ 50.00
School	\$ 30.00
On-Line	\$ 265.00
Total	\$ 1,320.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St. Joseph Ministry Schedule September 23

Saturday: 4 pm

Ushers / Greeters: Sandi Johnson, Gina Ailport
Lector: Steve Smith

St. Joseph CCW will meet on Mon, Sept. 18th - 1:00 pm in the social hall. All ladies of the parish are MOST welcome. Come and enjoy some fellowship and Fall planning.

St. Catherine

Our Gifts to the Lord - September 10

Adult Envelopes	\$ 330.00
Loose	\$ 145.00
On-Line	\$ 1,055.00
Total	\$ 1,530.00

Thank you for your generosity!

St Catherine Ministry Schedule September 24

Sunday: 8 am

Ushers: Ray Shimek, Mark Sauer
Greeters: Sharilyn Stevenson, Sue Rosenbush
Lector: Jan Hands

Parish & Cluster Announcements

Faith Formation



WELCOME BACK FAITH FORMATION

Grades 1 - 12

Our Faith Formation program begins this Wednesday, September 20 with an Open House and Welcome Back Supper at 6:00 - 6:30 pm.

Grades 1 - 8

Meet your teacher and learn about the curriculum. Grade 2 will get an over view of our Second Grade Sacrament Program.

Grade 9 - 12

Parent Meeting at 7 pm.

PARENTS! If you have not registered your child / children, Online registration is available on the Parish website - sfdsspooner.org under the Faith and Service tab.

If you have questions, please contact Abbie Schmidt at faithformation.org or 715-520-2667.

St. Catherine of Alexandria

Scripture Study

The "Scripture Study" will be held after Sunday Mass except on the first Sunday of the month due to Fellowship brunches.

Upcoming Council Meetings

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Finance Council will meet Thursday, September 21 at 6 pm
Pastoral Council will meet Thursday, September 21 at 7 pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on Friday, September 22nd from 1 pm - 3 pm at SFdS. Divine Mercy Chaplet and prayers for an end to the conflict in Ukraine at 3 pm.

"God dwells in our midst, in the Blessed Sacrament of the altar."

- St. Maximilian Kolbe

WORD OF LIFE

September 17, 2023

"Throughout salvation history, God has welcomed repentant sinners with special joy. Jesus concludes the parable of the lost sheep with these words: 'there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who have no need of repentance' (Lk 15:7).

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USCCB Secretariat of Pro-Life Activities "Life Matters:
Forgiveness and Healing After Abortion"

October Fall Fest

St. Catherine of Alexandria is hosting an afternoon Fall Fest on Saturday, October 14 from 3 pm until the bonfire goes out! We will have music, singing, storytelling and caramel-apple making, along with s'mores, of course. Everyone in the cluster is invited to come out, enjoy our fall colors and visit with friends old and new. Questions? Please call Jan at 715-520-7094.

Continued Prayers for Fr. Dean Buttrick

Fr. Dean Buttrick was admitted to Mercy Hospital on Sept 11. He has poor kidney function and because of his congestive heart failure he is retaining fluid. Father will be seen by a Palliative Care team along with a social worker from the hospital to evaluate his condition. He may go into a hospice care unit in a nursing home. Please continue to pray for Father Dean.

NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE



Led by Bishop James Power
July 17-21, 2024
Indianapolis, IN



The Eucharist Congress opportunity to travel with Bishop Powers to Indianapolis is being organized by Peter's Way Tours. There will be four busses departing from various locations – Superior, Rice Lake, Hudson and Merrill. There is limited space on this trip so it will be a first come-first serve opportunity. All transportation while at the Congress will be provided by the bus company – so no need to find parking or other transportation while in Indianapolis. Those not able attend via the bus trip, can still purchase tickets through the Eucharistic Revival website, but transportation will be on their own. Bishop Powers is looking forward to this wonderful trip! For more information go to the Diocesan website.

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Please cut the UPC (bar code) from any of the Our Family product and save them for St. Francis School. You can deposit them in the white container labeled Our Family UPC on the table located in the west side of the gathering area. Thank you for your support.

2023 - 2024 Catholic Services Appeal Update

To learn about the people, the program, services and ministries supported by the CSA, please be sure to check out the video on the Diocesan website at www.catholicdos.org/csa-video. This year's theme is "Who do YOU say that I am?"

If you received a pledge envelope in the mail please place it in the collection basket, bring it to the cluster office or mail it directly to the Diocese of Superior, CSA. Envelopes can be found on the table in the gathering area. Please make sure to include your name, address, pledge total, parish and your preferred way to give. You may also give online. Online giving provides donors with a secure and easy way to make a gift to the CSA. Go to www.catholicdos.org and click on "Give Online Today."

Goals for 2023 - 2024

St. Francis de Sales	\$ 41,740
St. Joseph	\$ 11,169
St. Catherine	\$ 10,264

Please remember the CSA is an opportunity for us, as a faith family, to join together to do the work of the Lord. By Giving to the CSA, you are answering God's call to discipleship - to put the work of God before your own needs. The Church serves each one of us in some way and our financial support is needed to continue God's work in our area. In addition, every dollar contributed to the Appeal assists our parish in offsetting our yearly fair share of diocesan financial responsibility to our Diocesan Church.



September is dedicated to the
Seven Sorrows of Mary

On September 15, the Church celebrates the Memorial of our Lady of Sorrows. The original wording of this memorial was *Our Lady of Compassion*. The word compassion means to *suffer with or alongside*. The Catholic Church dedicates the month of September to Our Lady of Sorrows. The joys and sorrows of Our Lady are incredible – it does us good to meditate upon them.

The seven sorrows of Our Lady are:

1. Simeon announces the suffering destiny of Jesus.
2. Mary escapes into Egypt with Jesus and Joseph.
3. Mary seeks Jesus lost in Jerusalem.
4. Mary meets Jesus as He carries His Cross to Calvary.
5. Mary stands near the Cross of her Son Jesus.
6. Mary receives into her arms the body of Jesus taken down from the Cross.
7. Mary helps place the body of Jesus in the tomb.

By meditating on the seven sorrows of our Blessed Mother, we are reminded of God's eternal presence and compassion in our lives. Her faith and hope in God encourages us in difficult time. She points us to Jesus, our Savior, who suffered for us on the Cross, stands with us during times of difficulty, and leads us to eternal life.