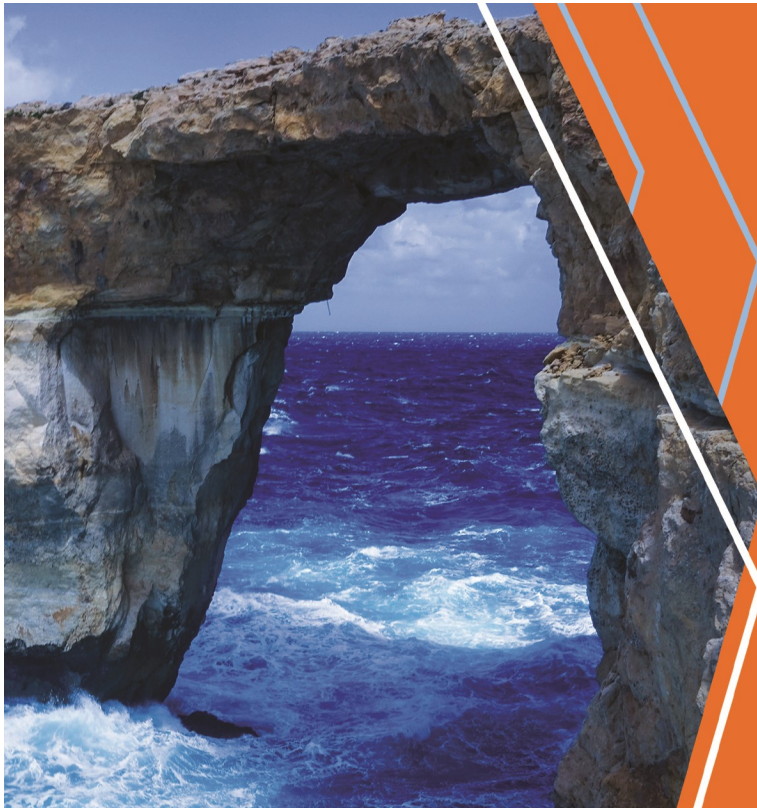


the Catholic communities of

St. Mary ♦ St. Augustine ♦ St. Francis of Assisi

September 8, 2024



23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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- Mk 7:32-34

Visitors & New Parishioners

We warmly welcome you to our parish family. Thank you for coming to worship with us.

Parish Offices

ST. MARY

320 E. Washington Ave, Tomahawk WI 54487
Phone 715-453-2878
Website: www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com
Hours: Monday—Friday 8:00AM-3:30PM

ST. AUGUSTINE

N10090 County Rd B, Tomahawk, WI 54487
Phone 715-453-2561
Fax 715-453-4813
Hours: Tuesday 8:00AM-3:00PM

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

5209 Willow Road, Tripoli, WI 54564
Please note: There is no office at this location, please see St. Mary Parish Office.

Weekend Mass/Service Schedule

St. Francis-Pier Willow	Saturday 4:00PM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Saturday 6:00PM
St. Augustine- Harrison	Sunday 8:00AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Sunday 9:30AM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Sunday 11:00AM

Weekday Mass/Service Schedule

St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:30AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:45AM
Nursing Homes	Thursday 9:15AM
St. Mary-Tomahawk	Friday 8:45AM

Rosary

St. Augustine-Harrison	Sunday 7:25AM
St. Augustine-Harrison	Tuesday 8:00AM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Wednesday 8:15AM
St. Mary -Tomahawk	Friday 8:00AM

Adoration with Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on Fridays

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus with Adoration & Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 8:45AM Mass on first Fridays

Reconciliation

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Saturdays at 9:00AM*
St. Francis-Pier Willow
Saturdays at 3:30PM*

Anointing of the Sick

St. Mary-Tomahawk
Following 11:00AM Mass on Sundays*
* or by appointment (715-453-2878)

GENERAL INFORMATION

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ST. AUGUSTINE

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Maintenance Chair,

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ST. MARY & ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI

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Cliff Eggett 715-453-5217

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RCIA

Deacon David Bablick 715-224-3472

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Cemetery Sexton

Matt Wohlt 715-453-7030

Pastoral Council Chair, Tom Oscar

Financial Council Chair, Scott Swenty

Endowment Fund Advisory Board President,
AJ Theiler 715-453-0010

ST. MARY'S THRIFT CELLAR

715-453-2878

Hours:

Tuesday	4:00PM-7:00PM
Wednesday	9:00AM-3:00PM
Friday	9:00AM-3:00PM

BULLETIN DEADLINE:

Information for the parish bulletin must be in St. Mary's parish office by 8:00AM on Tuesday.



Your Gifts & Talents are Needed!

Become a volunteer
Call 715-453-2878
God Bless You!

Mission Statement

Our Catholic Communities are committed to be an extension of the universal Catholic church by daily living of the teachings of Jesus Christ for the spiritual growth of all in our parish and community.

Reflection

The reflection for the week can be found on our website at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacraments & Faith Formation

Sacrament of Baptism

We ask that parents of a child to be baptized contact the parish office to arrange attendance of a Baptismal Preparation Class. Please note that it is not necessary to wait until the child is born to make arrangements.

Sacrament of Matrimony

Anyone seeking to set up a wedding must contact Fr. Louis, our pastor, at least 6 months prior to the marriage. Wedding guidelines are available at www.stmaryschurchtomahawk.com.

Sacrament of Anointing the Sick

Please call the parish office to notify us of the people who are in need of this care. This Sacrament is also available to those who wish to receive it after the 11:00AM Mass on Sunday.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(Confession) is celebrated individually each Saturday at 9:00AM. Individual times can be arranged at any time by calling the parish office.

Faith Formation

The Sacraments of First Holy Communion and First Reconciliation take place during 2nd Grade. Confirmation Preparation begins in 9th grade and takes place on Sundays. Students are confirmed in the fall of either 10th or 11th Grade. Classes for Grades K-12 are on Wednesdays.

Pray for the Sick

Lawrence & Colette Matthews	Jim Witucki	Karson Bartz	Mike Loka	Debbie Luedtke
Tucker Van Ryen	Mary Wolf	Larry Bengford	Robert Zipp	Andy Reimert
Melinda Meyers	Jean Flammang	Mary "Lee" Hamlin	Jan Hammell	Dick Huseby
Christine Taylor	Mary Gerum	Cliff & Jean Eggett	Diane Barr	Millie Lyngdal
Margaret Congdon	Marvelene Sosinsky	Julie Iwen	Patricia Bulauski	Audrey Hejdak
Joan McCormick	Betty Hudson	Nathalie Obey	Therese DuPlayee	Annette Kowerski
Dan Bassett	Mary Stelzer	Billy Frigo	Steve Christian	Rich O'Dell
Charlene Marks	Joan Crowell	Suzanne Theis	Terri Cantrall	Joe Sherman
Evelyn Brown	Joan Crowell	Howard Sipple	Therese Quirion	Lois Bartz
Martin	Mary Sue Novotny	Amanda Hilgendorf	Maribeth Burke	Jeanne Daurer
Vander Sanden	Shawna Geiger	Dave Bablick	Florence Heckenast	Tom Seavey
Nicholas Peterson	Loraine Stone	Richard & Janet Giers	Janet Pierdzioch	
Steve Malin	Joan Cook	Karen Orthober	Jim Martinco	
Vivian Mitchell	Al Felz	Mady Hanse	Gloria Biesik	
Joann Meyers	Larry Andrew	Joan Kleinschmidt	Hannah Bell	
Marlene Erickson	Terry Winchell		Ron Groshek	
	Alex Schroeder		Lisa Wildey	

All the sick in the hospitals and all the residents in our Nursing Homes. To keep our list current, all names are removed on a monthly basis. If our parish's thoughts and prayers are still needed for you and yours, you must contact us to ensure that your loved ones are on the prayer list.

Pray For All the Priests of our Diocese:

Each week we are asked to pray for all the Priests of our Diocese. The monthly calendars are available at catholicdos.org/chancery-bulletin.



Respect Life Committee

715-302-4815

Chairperson: Patti Baacke

Email: Pattibaacke@yahoo.com

ST. MARY'S PARISH SCHOOL

715-453-3542

Principal: Juanita Skubal

Email: smsprincipal@stmarystudents.com

Secretary: Katie Rossiter

Email: smsoffice@stmarystudents.com

OUR FAITH COMMUNITY

From the Pastor

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are on the twenty third ordinary Sunday. The first reading addresses all those who are frightened in their hearts. It invites us to have hope, courage and strength when we are really frightened due to the unforeseen, unbearable and unexpected situations that come across in our lives. But the prophet tells us that our God is with us who will enable us with His grace to courageously face and overcome them. Do we try to depend on God or do we remain in fear and timidity without hope and faith in God?

The second reading tells us about economical and spiritual, rich and poor. The world usually looks at and honors those who are materially rich. But God looks at the richness of the faith in the lives of people. We are being warned not to make distinctions

by judging others through their external appearances, but instead to focus on growing deeper and richer in our faith to become the heirs of the Kingdom of God.


The Gospel recounts Jesus' healing of a man who was unable to hear or speak. How important it is for every person to be able to hear and speak. As Jesus healed the deaf and mute man, he invites and heals our external and internal deafness and muteness to hear and proclaim His word. As baptized Catholics we all are entrusted with this mission. How do we try to communicate God's word and message to those who are deaf and mute to the Lord's mission and ministry?



Fr. Aloisius Royan Anthony

Mass Intentions & The Week Ahead

Sunday	9/8	7:25AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:00AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: Herb Hommerding by Carl & Leona Vander Sanden
		9:30AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Myron Brzezinski by his wife Religious Ed Kick-Off Mass with light refreshments to follow in CCC
		11:00AM	Mass @ St. Mary: For the People of the Parishes Anointing of the Sick following Mass
Monday	9/9		NO MASS
		4:00PM	Low Impact Strengthening & Balancing Exercise Class in CCC
		6:00PM	Advent Concert Rehearsal
Tuesday	9/10	8:00AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:30AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: Peter Renn by Dan & Michele Gauger
		4-7PM	Thrift Cellar
		5-6:00PM	Open Arms Community Meal
Wednesday	9/11	8:15AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		8:45AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Gerald Roberts by Patricia Larsen
		9AM-3PM	Thrift Cellar
		9:15AM	Adult Faith Formation Class in the CCC
		3:30PM	Religious Ed Classes (K-8 th Grade)
		4:30PM	Youth Choir
Thursday	9/12	9:15AM	Mass @ Riverview: John & Mary Merkatoris by Marianna
Friday	9/13	8:00AM	Rosary @ St. Mary
		8:45AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Dick & Helen Ziemnick by Mary Bailey
		9AM-3PM	Thrift Cellar
		9:15AM	Adoration with Benediction @ St. Mary
		10:30AM	Rosary @ Milestone Living Center
Saturday	9/14	9:00AM	Reconciliation @ St. Mary
		4:00PM	Mass @ St. Francis: For the People of the Parishes Blood Pressures after Mass
		6:00PM	Mass @ St. Mary: Mary Beth Koenigs & Family by Mark Blood Pressures after Mass
Sunday	9/15	7:25AM	Rosary @ St. Augustine
		8:00AM	Mass @ St. Augustine: Judy Schoone by Jerry Schoone Family
		9:30AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Neal Leggett by JoAnn Egelkrout Blood Pressures after Mass
		11:00AM	Mass @ St. Mary: Loretta Brzezinski by Family & Friends Anointing of the Sick following Mass Blood Pressures after Mass

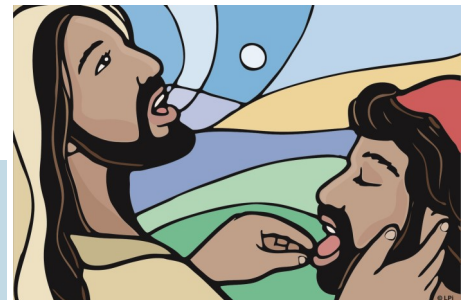
 **IMPORTANT REMINDER:**
Mass Intention Stipends have increased to **\$20** per the diocese. This price increase went into effect as of July 1, 2024.

FOOD PANTRY

This week's item is noodles & pasta. There are collection baskets in the entrance of St. Francis', St. Mary's & St. Augustine's Church. Contact: Ricky (715-453-1386)

Prayer Chain - Anyone with a personal prayer intention is invited to call Ruth at 715-453-3397, and caring persons will pray on your behalf. Your request can be anonymous, or you may choose to include your name. Please respect the privacy of others, and do not share a prayer request on behalf of a third party.

St. Joseph the Worker Committee will be working Tuesday, September 10 from 9:00AM-11:30AM. Your help is always appreciated whether you can work all or part of this time. Thank You!



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Liturgy & Music Notes from Jan
We will resume distribution of the Precious Blood next weekend at all Masses. As always, reception of the Precious Blood is optional. Contrary to some misperceptions, please remember that you will have received the Eucharist in its fullness if, for any reason, you do not choose to consume the Precious Blood. Please be patient and ready to “go with the flow” as we work out the placement of the cup ministers--not all of the Eucharistic Ministers are ready to be ministers of the cup, but we hope to have two at each Mass. Students in St. Mary’s School and the religious education classes will receive instruction on how to receive the Precious Blood so they will be prepared.

PARISH MUSICIANS – You still have time to register for our annual diocesan music retreat and conference which has been **moved to Fall – October 4-5 in Woodruff**.

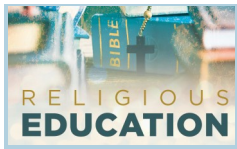
ADVENT CONCERT Choir will rehearse on Monday, September 9 for our concert on Sunday, December 8. Please call Jan to sign up and reserve your concert folder—we still have a limited number of openings in the choir. We have had a **FABULOUS** response already, with nearly 60 musicians pre-registered. We’re looking forward to a wonderful concert season.

Youth Choir rehearsals will begin this Wednesday, September 11 from 4:30-5:30PM. All children in grades 1-8 are welcome! Registration forms and schedules are available on the parish website and we will have some on Wednesday as well.



Weekly Readings and Observances

Sunday, September 8 (23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time; Grandparents’ Day): Is 35:4-7a/ Ps 146:7, 8-9, 9-10 (1B)/Jas 2:1-5/Mk 7:31-37
 Monday, September 9 (St. Peter Claver, Priest): 1 Cor 5:1-8/Ps 5:5-6, 7, 12/Lk 6:6-11
 Tuesday, September 10: 1 Cor 6:1-11/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b/Lk 6:12-19
 Wednesday, September 11 (Patriot Day): 1 Cor 7:25-31/Ps 45:11-12, 14-15, 16-17/Lk 6:20-26
 Thursday, September 12 (The Most Holy Name of Mary): 1 Cor 8:1b-7, 11-13/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 23-24/Lk 6:27-38
 Friday, September 13 (St. John Chrysostom, Bishop and Doctor of the Church): 1 Cor 9:16-19, 22b-27/Ps 84:3, 4, 5-6, 12/Lk 6:39-42
 Saturday, September 14 (The Exaltation of the Holy Cross): Nm 21:4b-9/Ps 78:1bc-2, 34-35, 36-37, 38/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17
 Sunday, September 15 (24th Sunday in Ordinary Time; Catechetical Sunday): Is 50:4c-9a/ Ps 116:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 (9)/Jas 2:14-18/Mk 8:27-35



Faith Formation Religious Education

It’s not too late to register for Religious Education for K-8th. Registration forms are available on the parish website or in the parish office.

Confirmation registration for 9th and 10th graders is now open. Registration forms have been sent to families in the mail. If you have not received the Confirmation handbook and registration yet, please contact Marianna. Forms, schedule and handbook are also available on the parish website or in the parish office.

Catechists are still needed for the 2024-2025 school year. We have openings in K/1, 3rd and middle school. Please consider sharing your faith with our religious education students. Contact Marianna if you would like more information or are interested in teaching (dreyouth@smctomahawk.com).

Join us for our **FAMILY MASS**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 9:30AM

- Youth Choir
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word
- Free Brunch
- Children’s Activities
- All are Welcome!

Living Our Faith, Sharing Our Joy

Rummage Sale

Fall Cleaning? The St. Mary’s School Fall Rummage Sale will be held on Saturday, October 12 from 7AM-3PM. Donations can be dropped off on Friday, October 11 from 7AM-5PM.
Reminder: No large furniture, exercise equipment, or items that use electricity to function **PLEASE!!** Questions? Call Julia Pankow at 715-453-2878. All donations are greatly appreciated.



The 2024/25 Catholic Services Appeal

Did you know that the Catholic Services Appeal funds the Office of Superintendent of Schools? The superintendent of schools works in collaboration with parish leaders to promote and guide our Catholic Schools to ensure that there is always an option for Catholic values, virtues and faith in the educational opportunities offered. If you have not yet responded to this year’s CSA appeal, please reflect upon the importance of your support to this ministry. Contribution envelopes are available at all church entrances, the parish office or you can give online at catholicdos.org. Thank you for your support! **This year our goal for St. Mary: \$51,601.63; St. Augustine: \$11,937.72; and St. Francis: \$4,353.46.** Please give generously, no gift is too small!

PARISH HAPPENINGS



Back to School Prayers

We are so excited to be back at school. It was wonderful on Tuesday to see all the smiling faces of our students coming back. We hope that our recent graduates are having a great start to their year in the middle

school as well! Please include our staff and students in your prayers as we begin this new journey together! Your prayer support is always felt and appreciated!

Garden Produce

If you are not sure what to do with all your extra tomatoes, apples or other garden produce, we have the solution!! As in past years, we are accepting donations of fresh produce. Fresh fruits and veggies can be used in our hot lunch program as well as for snacks in our new After School Care Program. Our new cook, Cathy Sparbel, is excited to start her new year and has great ideas for how to use any produce we receive! Donations can be dropped off at the school during office hours.

PRAY IT FORWARD THANK YOU

We had several families express their gratitude for the tuition assistance they were able to receive for this school year. Thank you to the many people who have contributed to our Pray It Forward Fund. We feel so strongly that no family should be denied a St. Mary's Education due to financial need and we are grateful to everyone who helps us make this possible. If you have questions about our Pray It Forward fund or would like to contribute, please feel free to call the school office at 453-3542. Thank you!



Our students were excited to be reunited with friends at our Back to School Open House last week. It was so great to see all of our families!

From the Parish Nurse

School has started, are your students ready? Can they 'see' all they need to see? Eye care and eye health is important and starts early, not just at age 40 or 50. Eye problems can affect people of all ages. So, make eye exams part of your child's school prep. Here are some fun facts about eye health.



- Each eye weighs ¼ ounce, measures less than 1 inch in diameter, and is shaped like a slightly flattened ball. The retina is about the size of a postage stamp and it has 130 million light sensitive cells.
- Reading in dim light makes your eyes feel tired, it is not harmful and there is no evidence that sitting too close to the TV is bad for your eyes. But, when using a computer adjust the lighting and sit at least 20 inches away from the screen to reduce glare.
- More than half of all people in the U.S. use some type of lens to correct their vision. Wearing glasses has nothing to do with eye health, but rather normal changes in parts of your eyes.
- Red eye in pictures occurs when a light reflects off the retina.
- Blinking helps you lubricate your eyes. You blink every 2 to 10 seconds. When you blink you shut your eyes for 0.3 seconds (that's 30 minutes a day).
- Color blindness occurs when you have trouble telling the difference between colors. Tropical fish and many brightly colored animals have more color vision cells than people do so they can see colors people can't.
- In lazy eye (amblyopia) both eyes don't work well together. This problem can often be corrected if detected early.

Be safe, healthy and be sure you and your children can **see** all the beauty of creation.

God bless,
Ann Jelinek RN, PN

Reminder: Blood pressure screenings are next weekend.



PARISH HAPPENINGS

St. Mary & St. Augustine Liturgical Ministries

6:00PM @ St. Mary, Saturday, September 14, 2024

Readers	Pat Berg & Tom Oscar
Altar Servers	Volunteers Needed
Musician	Mary Ramsey
Cantor	Lynn Grube
Communion Ministers	Julia Pankow, Colleen Schuett, Jessie Dahl & Darrell Pierson

8:00AM @ St. Augustine, Sunday, September 15, 2024

Reader	Jo Lemmens & Stella Tuma
Greeters	Jo Lemmens & Matt Boyle
Money Counters	Jo Lemmens & Matt Boyle

9:30AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, September 15, 2024

Readers	Ann Swenty & Mary Smerz
Altar Servers	Stephanie Van Asten & Volunteer Needed
Musician	Mary Ramsey
Cantor	Deb Duncan
Communion Ministers	Walt Woiten, Kathy Ramassini, Robin & Alice Gray

11:00AM @ St. Mary, Sunday, September 15, 2024

Readers	Kathy Paulson & Michele Balda
Altar Servers	Ali Leggett & Volunteer Needed
Musician	Mary Ramsey
Cantor	Sandy Bishop
Communion Ministers	Kris Leggett, Jean Walker & Jackie Whitney

St. Augustine Announcements

St. Augustine Parish Breakfast - Lots of thanks to volunteers who are helping with our breakfasts and to all participants and for monetary donations to cover grocery expenses and other parish needs. Our next breakfast will be on Sunday, October 6.



The Faith We Live - Doug and Dave proudly present *The Faith We Live* on Sunday, October 6 at 6:00PM (doors open at 5:30PM) at St. Peter the Fisherman, 5001 County Road G, Eagle River, WI. Please join us for a fun evening of comedy, sketches, laughter, faith, and music. The cost is \$20 for adults, \$15 for students, and kids 6 and under are FREE. Parking is also FREE. All proceeds benefit the Faith Formation program across all NLCC parishes. Please visit www.northernlakescatholics.org to purchase your tickets or for more information on this special event.



Discovering Christ

Offered by St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Wednesdays, 5:45PM-8:15PM
September 11-October 23, 2024
Call 715-536-2803 by September 9 to register
Discovering Christ is a 7 week program that answers questions like:
What is the meaning of Life? Why do I need a Savior? And more!
1708 E. 10th Street, Merrill—Enter at door #7

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St. Mary's Collections:	
Adult Envelopes	\$5,209.00
Loose Collection	\$1,120.62
Online Giving	\$626.00
Capital Expense/Heat	\$186.00
School Collection	\$90.00
Maintenance Fund	\$40.00
Total	\$7,271.62

NEW Koinonia 25th Anniversary

Inviting all previous attendees of NEW Koinonia #1 – #65 to a 25th Anniversary Celebration of the Koinonia Retreat program on Saturday, September 21 at St. Anthony Catholic Church, Lake Nebagamon. Spend an afternoon with your Koinonia brothers and sisters, sharing retreat memories, a delicious meal, living rosary, Mass, Adoration & Benediction celebrated by Bishop Powers, followed by a social hour. It begins at Noon and ends at 5:30PM. The cost is \$40/person. Please prayerfully consider joining us. Registration forms are available on the Koinonia website at www.newkoinoniawi.weebly.com/. For more info, please contact Bluette Puchner at 612-865-4720 or email onthelak@sirentel.net.

Our Gifts to Our Lord

For the weekend of August 25, 2024

St. Francis' Collections:	
Adult Envelopes	\$590.00
Loose Collection	\$85.00
Total	\$675.00
St. Augustine's Collections	
Adult Envelopes	\$1,218.75
Loose Collection	\$267.00
Blacktop Maintenance Fund	\$20.00
Total	\$1,505.75



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