

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

February 24, 2019
7th Sunday Ordinary Time

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Weekend Masses

Sunday 9:30 a.m.
Saturday..... 5:30 p.m.

Weekday Mass

Wednesday — 6:30 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick

Contact parish office for appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

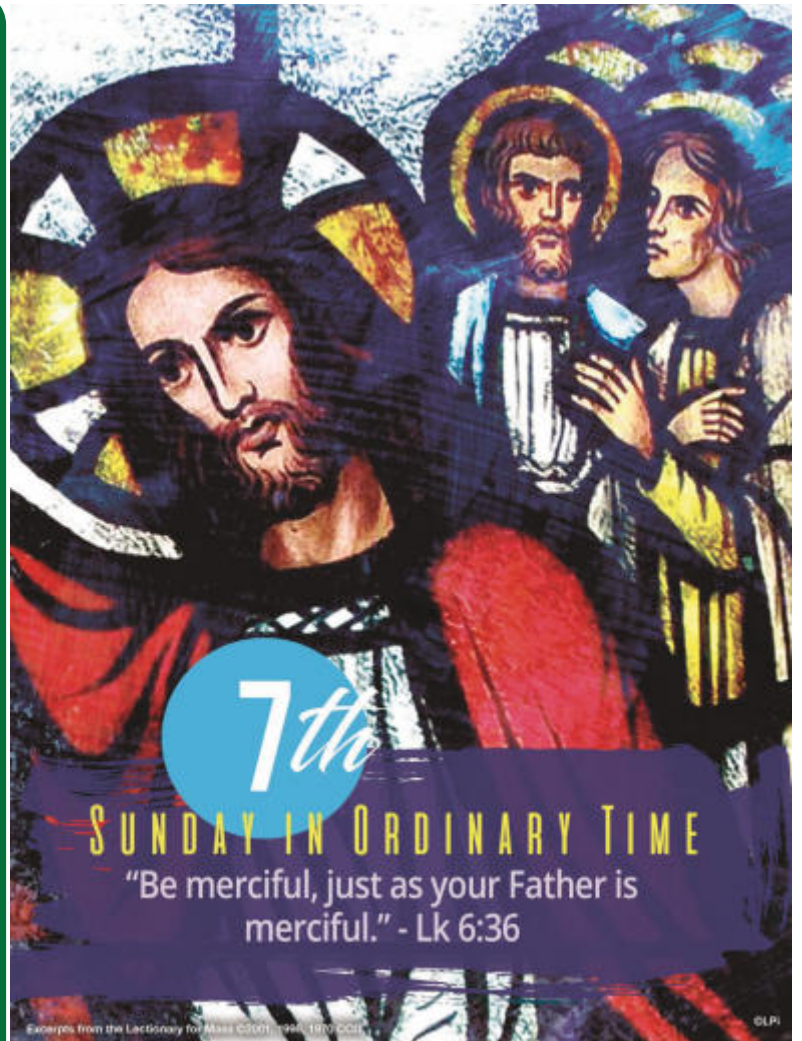
Contact parish office at least six months prior to possible date.

Infant Baptism Preparation

First Wednesday of Month, 7 p.m. Or by appointment.
Contact Rick Barnhart, dre@stfrancisnixa.org

Parish Mission

St. Francis of Assisi Parishioners of Nixa, Missouri, being open to the workings of the Holy Spirit, are called to be a welcoming community formed around the Eucharist, a people of prayer serving their faith through their principle of Christian stewardship.



Living the Liturgy

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." We do not like hearing these words, but they are at the heart of Jesus' teaching. When we are hurt, we want to get defensive and fight back. We prefer engaging in battle with something that is negative and evil rather than returning a heart of love. It is easy to love those who will love us back and much harder to love those who may not. But there is no credit to be found in simply surrounding ourselves with friends. Jesus wants to push us out of our comfort zones. We still find ourselves judging others and condemning them when the order of the Gospel is forgiveness and mercy. Why are we so unwilling to let go of the control? Perhaps the answer is found in a failure to love and an absence of faith.

Sharing Our Talent

Sunday, March 3, 2019, 9:30 a.m.

Liturgical Ministries

Mass Facilitator Regina Schweiss

Sacristan Julie Clarke

Rosary Leader Divine Mercy, To Be Held in Mtg Room

Altar Servers: Hannah Haddock, Loui Fuentes, Xander Sustaita

Assist Bishop: Joseph Sarnes and MacKenzie Pojar

Incense: Kylie Jones

Children's Liturgy Paul Durham

Children's Assistant Brylan Griest

Reader 1 Karen McKnight

Reader 2 Kelly Schmitz

General Intercessor Jessica Durham

Presenter of Gifts Danny & Toni Marra

Extraordinary Ministers:

Carlene Dvorak

Glenda Griest

Carl Schimek

Greg Eck, if needed

Music Leader Debbie Durham

Ushers/Greeters:

Kevin Heitland-Lead

Kathy Heitland

Debbie Harris

Jeanine Bratcher

Wally Schrock

Hospitality:

Margie Arens

Harold & Rose Kuppinger

Pat Yarberry

Barbara Rogers Linda Howard

Donut Hero None, Confirmation Reception

Ministers of Care

Nixa Nursing Home Ann Elwell

Bradford Nursing Home Ann Elwell

Castlewood Sr. Living Larry Lovig

Money Counters Ministry:

Danny Marra

Toni Marra

Patty Marquez

Laundry Ministry: Chris Kahl

Building Cleaning: Team #2 (Mar 11)

Kevin & Kathy Heitland

Donna Siemer

Edna Happ

Danielle Brooks

Cindy Muniz

Water Plants: Joy Steffes

Liturgical Ministers ~ Saturday, Mar 2, 5:30 p.m.

Mass Facilitator/Sacristan Virginia Pojar

Server Sarah Wilbur

Reader 1 Susan Eichenberger

Reader 2 Jim Lukavsky

General Intercessor Chuck Gripka

Present Gifts Jim & Angie Lukavsky

Extraordinary Minister(s) Dennis Kennelly & Chuck Gripka

Usher(s) Cliff Gorman & NEED

Music Jessica Durham

February	Sunday
24	7th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass Baptism Bennett Young DeSales Resource Lenten Sale 11:00 a.m. Youth and Adult Faith Formation Class
Monday	
25	6:30 p.m. RCIA 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice
Tuesday	
26	
Wednesday	
27	7:00 a.m. Early Risers (AA Meeting) 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Stewardship Council Meeting
Thursday	
28	1:00 p.m. Loving Stitches
March	Friday
1	4:30—7:00 p.m. Knights Pasta Dinner
Saturday	
2	7:00 a.m. Early Risers (AA Meeting) 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Confirmation Practice
Sunday	
3	8th Sunday of Ordinary Time 8:30 a.m. Confirmation Candidates with Bishop 9:00 a.m. Rosary in meeting room 9:30 a.m. Mass Confirmation with Reception to follow NO Youth & Adult Faith Formation Class 5:00 p.m. Youth Group Meeting





Our Lenten season is a call to conversion, an invitation to deepen our life with God and find ways to share our faith. Among the opportunities we will offer, one program will be for small groups to participate in **“Live Lent”**. This is an opportunity to read scripture and share your faith, once a week for about 1 hour. The program provides meditations for you to use on other days of Lent and will be an additional way to draw closer to God.

Small Groups Begin After Ash Wednesday. To participate in this program, please sign up for a small group. You have 3 options:

- 1) a group will meet on Sunday for our Adult Faith Formation meeting time at 11 a.m.
- 2) A group will meet Wednesday evening following 6:30 p.m. Mass at 7 p.m.
- 3) You sign up for a time that works for you during weekday and a group will be formed.

PLEASE Sign Up ASAP so we can order the appropriate amount of books for the small groups.

Sign up and make this the **BEST LENT EVER!**

Marian Conference

**Mary and her Eucharistic Son
Igniting a Fire**

**Monday & Tuesday, March 4 & 5
6:00 - 8:45 p.m.**

St. Francis of Assisi Church

Come Holy Spirit fill the hearts of your faithful and enkindle in us the fire of your love. Send forth your spirit and we shall be created, and you shall renew the face of the earth. Amen

Monday evening presentations by Dr. Gregory Mary Thompson, “Mary and her Eucharistic Son, Taking You Places You Cannot God On Your Own.” Also Vickie Smity, “Living on the Breath of the Holy Spirit.” Tuesday evening presentations by John Carpenter, “Why Did Mary Come? 4 Times That Mary Had Great Purpose.” and Donald Hartley, “Four Last Things and Why Confession Matters.”

Conference is free and presented by Marian Committee.



Ash Wednesday

March 6th

Mass will be celebrated and ashes distributed
9:30 a.m. & 6:30 p.m.

A day of fast and abstinence from meat.



Ash Wednesday Collection for Disaster Relief.

When a disaster occurs, our parish often provides funds. The funds assist those involved in a hurricane, tornado, flood, etc. Please consider generously giving to help others.

For Your Lenten Journey

Little Black Book is a booklet that provides Lenten inspiration for prayer. This is a good way to spend a few minutes with the Lord every day. The book’s reflections begin March 3rd and end Easter. This book is for Cycle C. The book you received last year was for Cycle B.

This booklet will be available beginning Sunday, Feb. 24th in the gathering space. We have only 200 copies, so **please take one per family.**

Make Lent
40 DAYS
OF AWESOME

The season of Lent allows you to deepen your commitment to God as you strive to develop a deeper and meaningful personal relationship with God. It is a season where one “gets right with God”.

Lent allows God to prune-away at our lives; that we might be changed to reflect more adequately the light of God. It is a day-by-day process. God’s call during the season of Lent is to believe, proclaim and live the Good News of Jesus the Christ.

To assist you in your journey, you will receive an envelope this week telling you of all the activity and resources provided by our Parish.

Readings for Week of February 24, 2019

Sunday

1 Sm 26:2, 7-9,12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-4, 8,10,12-13/

1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Monday

Sir 1:1-10/Ps 93:1-2, 5/Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday

Sir 2:1-11/Ps 37:3-4,18-19,27-28,39-40/Mk 9:30-37

Wednesday

Sir 4:11-19/Ps 119:165,168,171-172, 174-175/

Mk 9:38-40

Thursday

Sir 5:1-8/Ps 1:1-4,6/Mk 9:41-50

Friday

Sir 6:5-17/Ps 119:12,16 18 27 34-35/Mk 10:1-12

Saturday

Sir 17:1-15/Ps 103:13-18/Mk 10:13-16

Next Sunday:

Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3,13-16/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45



GROWING IN FAITH GROWING IN CHRIST

Adult Faith Formation

Growing in faith is for EVERYONE!! This is a fun way, in only 1 hour, that you can enlighten your day with a deeper understanding of your faith.

Sessions are held on Sunday, 11 a.m. to Noon, following Sunday Mass and a break. Join Deacon Gary and Joy Steffes and learn about your faith.

Mar 3—No Program due to Confirmation

Mar 10—LIVE LENT Small Groups Begin

Mar 17—LIVE LENT

Mar 24—LIVE LENT

Mar 31—LIVE LENT

Keep watching for next topics!



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Today's Gospel has encouraging words for good stewards—"Give and it shall be given to you. For the measure you measure with will be measured back to you." What encouragement to give generously of the resources entrusted to our care!

NEW Prayer Program

Take a few minutes on Sunday for Prayer

Sunday, immediately after Mass, all are welcome to come to the Chapel to pray. The group will pray a few minutes for the sick of the parish listed in the prayer request book. Anyone attending Mass who is in need of prayer or spiritual help are invited to attend. Questions, contact Deacon Gary Steffes.



STORIES OF STEWARDSHIP

What does being a good steward mean to you? How do you share your God-given gifts with your parish community? Why is it important to you? Find out the answers to these questions directly from our parishioners in their Stories of Stewardship.

Our February Spotlight is on Joe & Kelly Schmitz! Read their story at <http://stfrancisnixa.org/breaking-the-cycle/>

Find out how they are breaking the cycle of complacency to answer God's call to stewardship and are instilling that sense of responsibility within their sons.



Living the Word

Question of the Week

Luke 6:27-38

Key Passage: Jesus said, "love your enemies....Give and the fits will be given to you;....For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured to you."

Adult: What is the most challenging application for "love your enemies" in your life today?

Child: How do you forgive someone who is mean to you or others?



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, Feb 24th

9:30 a.m.St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family

Wednesday, Feb 27th

6:30 p.m. † Rev Denis Dougherty

Saturday, Mar 2nd

5:30 p.m. † Jerry Woods

Sunday, Mar 3rd

9:30 a.m.,St. Francis of Assisi Parish Family



Confirmation

Confirmation will be Sunday, March 3rd during the 9:30 a.m. Mass.

Bishop Edward Rice

will confirm 5 of our young people during Mass. Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue their faith journey. Parishioners will be able to congratulate them at the reception that will follow Mass in the O'Reilly Community Room.



Trail Life USA, the new Christ-centered scouting-like program for boys and young men (ages 5-17), is an outdoor character development adventure program. Boys will love the fun and adventure.

Parents will love the commitment

to a Christian worldview and moral consistency.

Come for more information to the upcoming Open House at 6 p.m. on **Mon., Feb. 25**, in the school cafeteria at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish. For more information or questions, please contact Vince Salomon, Troopmaster Troop 6:33, at tlusatroop633@gmail.com or (417) 323-2926.



Camp- Re-NEW-ALL registration is OPEN for this summer.

Camp is open to campers going into 5th-9th grade in the fall. Staff applications are being accepted for high school staff going into 10th-12th grade and adult staff. Parents and grandparents are invited to volunteer too! Campers are placed on a first-come, first-served basis and weeks fill quickly, so **apply EARLY!** Brochures available on bulletin board in gathering space.

THIS YEAR ALL APPLICATIONS ARE ACCEPTED ELECTRONICALLY. Apply online at https://dioscg.formstack.com/forms/camp_re_new_all2019, or call Katie at Catholic Center, 417-866-0841 for questions.



**Youth Meeting
Sunday, March 3 at 5:00 p.m.**

High School Coordinator: Patty Haddock, 417-230-5999, patcakes1189@gmail.com

Jr. High Coordinators: Danielle Brooks, 417-536-6313, danielle@realwellnessforlife.com



**Parish Need Walkers for
Bishop's Walk for
Catholic Charities
Palm Sunday, April 14th**

Our Parish will be participating in the 2019 Bishop's Walk for Catholic Charities. Catholics from parishes throughout the Diocese will walk the same day to support our neighbors in need. Cost to participate is \$20 per person or \$50 per family. Funds raised will be make a direct impact on the lives of our neighbors in need in southern Missouri.

Last year, our parish won "**Most Parish Participation**" award!! Let's see if we can do it AGAIN! Traveling trophies presented will recognize the parish raising the most in donations and the parish with the highest percentage of parishioners participating.

Walkers who register by March 22 will receive a t-shirt. Registration forms are on Ministry Board. Please complete and mail to address on form. Online registration at www.ccsomo.org/2019-bishops-walk-registration-begins/. For more information, contact Patty Haddock, patcakes1189@gmail.com; 417-230-5999.

Wednesday Evening Mass

St. Clare Chapel at 6:30 p.m.

Try to come at least once a month.



WELCOME TO OUR PARISH

**Please introduce yourself and welcome
all new members to our parish!**

Justin & Carrie Beightol and their children
Ethan and Jacob



Sunday, February 17, 2019
Miles Emmerich Walraven
Son of John and Sara Walraven

NO Baptism Class on Wed, Mar 6th

If you wish to inquire about a baptism, please contact Rick Barnhart, dre@stfrancisnixa.org or 314-650-4646

Our Gifts to God
Week of Feb 24, 2019



Operating Fund

Envelopes.....	\$2,421
Plate	\$162
Automatic Withholding.....	\$2,025
Total	\$4,608
Monthly Receipts Needed	\$19,366
Received	\$13,238
Needed for Month	\$6,128

Building Fund

Balance Forward	\$5,100
Received this week.....	\$1,530
Total Received Month.....	\$3,739
Balance Checking.....	\$8,839
Building Trust Fund at Diocese	\$113,092
Total Building Funds.....	\$121,931

Youth Envelopes Received	\$0
Youth Envelope Balance.....	\$216

Coffee and Donuts

Please join us after Sunday Mass for coffee and donuts. It is a great way to meet new people, enjoy fellowship with all parishioners. Donuts delivered by Donut Hero!



Looking for a New Experience and Fun Music and Dance Experience?

1st and 3rd Saturday's each month, 7:30 pm
Boys & Girls Club Gym, 835 Calhoun, Springfield
 Join us for an evening of **Ole Time Barn** or Contra Dancing (NOT line or square dancing). A form of community dancing for all ages, high school through Senior. No partner required; singles and couples welcome. No experience necessary. "How to" Basic Steps at 7 pm. with dancing with live music from 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Family friendly fun! \$7 for Adults; \$5 for students and those under 21. Singles and couples welcome. No experience or partner necessary! For more information and music schedule visit www.springfieldcontra.org, or contact Deacon Gray and Joy Steffes for more information, 660-651-5280. or joy_steffes@yahoo.com Dances hosted by Traditional Dance & Music Society of the Ozarks.



Homeschooled Families

"Catholic Schoolhouse," serving homeschoolers of Greater Springfield, is currently registering students for the 2019-2020 academic year. More than an academic co-op, Catholic Schoolhouse is a structured program meeting weekly for homeschoolers that includes chorus, classroom instruction, science experiments, art projects, & opportunities for socializing. Information meetings are scheduled Tuesday afternoon, Thursday evening, or by appointment. Contact Cathy Bonham for meeting details, 417-315-0597 springfieldmo@catholicschoolhouse.com.

Book for Prayer Request

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, write your name or the person's name in the Prayer request book located on the Usher's Stand or email parish office. All request are emailed to Prayer Network Team.



Be Friends on Facebook With St. Francis of Assisi

If you are not friends with us on Facebook, you should do so! Search for St. Francis of Assisi, Catholic Church, Nixa. You will find MANY resources, announcements, etc!!! Each day of Lent there are resources for you!

If you do not use Facebook, no problem. Just to to our NEW WEBPAGE!! Facebook post are listed at the bottom of the 1st page!

Welcome!

We extend our hands and hearts in Christian fellowship to you, whether longtime residents or newly arrived in the parish. If you are not registered, please fill out the form below and place in the collection basket or mail to the Parish office.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

New Parishioner

New Address

New Phone

Moving, please remove from parish list



Knights Pasta Dinner
Friday, March 1, 4:30—7:00 p.m.

A Pasta Dinner with
 meat sauce, salad, garlic
 bread & dessert



\$8.00 Adults \$4.00 Kids (under 12)

Proceeds to fund Knights projects of charity. Questions contact Harold Sarnes, 417-425-1805

Help Wanted for Perpetual Adoration

This new year, make a spiritual resolution for yourself to grow closer to God. Please consider committing to an hour of Eucharistic adoration. Please call Diane Hoy at 860-7134 or Sandy Hopper at 270-7271 to sign up for the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration, which takes place at Holy Trinity's Chapel. If you are unable to attend, consider making a donation to keep our candles burning bright.



K of C Council 13748 / 2018-19
Marty Pojar Memorial Scholarship Program

Each year, the local Knights of Columbus Chapter 13748 awards a \$1000 scholarship. It is focused on graduating high school seniors of our parish. Applicants do not have to be affiliated with the KofC. Please see Ron Pojar for scholarship application forms. All applications must be turned in **NO LATER THAN MARCH 3, 2019**

Lindy Lou, Juror Number 2
Thursday, March 14 from 7-9 pm
Sacred Heart Church

This a documentary about a Mississippi woman who voted for a death sentence on a capital murder jury, and 20 years later tracks down her fellow 11 jurors regarding the repercussions of that decision, Join us at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Springfield at 1609 N Summit on . Sponsored by Knights of Columbus Council 9533 and the Springfield Chapter of the Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty. Free & open to the public. Light refreshments will be provided. For information, contact Donna Walmsley at 417-459-2960.

VOLUNTEER NEED FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES OF SOUTHERN MISSOURI

At Catholic Charities, volunteers meet in the chapel every Tuesday at noon to pray over the prayer requests sent to us by those we serve, staff, and through our prayer line at prayers@ccsomo.org. We are seeking more prayer warriors to participate in this vital ministry. If you would like to answer Jesus' call and spend an hour in prayer at the Monastery, please contact Jill Bryant at 417-720-4213 or jbryant@ccsomo.org.

Spring Festival of Praise

You are invited to the Messiah Project's **Spring Festival of Praise** concert at Evangel University Chapel, 1111 N. Glenstone, Sat, March 2 at 7:00 p.m. Admission is free. A free will offering will be taken up.

The 22nd Annual
Jerry Bettlach/Jim Trimble
Memorial

Harter House will donate 5%
 of all store sales from
March 6 - March 12
 Benefitting The Kitchen, Inc.

PARTICIPATING LOCATIONS

- Springfield (Republic Rd)
- Springfield (Eastgate Ave)
- Strafford
- Nixa
- Kimberling City
- Hollister
- Shell Knob

SPRINGFIELD CATHOLIC SCHOOLS SYSTEM

ALL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND APPLICATIONS are available on the Springfield Catholic School System's website at www.scspk12.org. For more details on these positions, please visit www.scspk12.org, click on the "About" tab at the top and scroll down to "Employment Opportunities."

Opening include: *Immaculate Conception School* for Elementary School Assistant Principal; *Catholic High School* for Math Teacher; *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton* for lower Elementary Teacher with Early Childhood and 2 Middle School Teacher with Communication Arts or Math. *St Agnes School* for Part-time Pre-School Teacher.

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