

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

June 13, 2021
11th 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

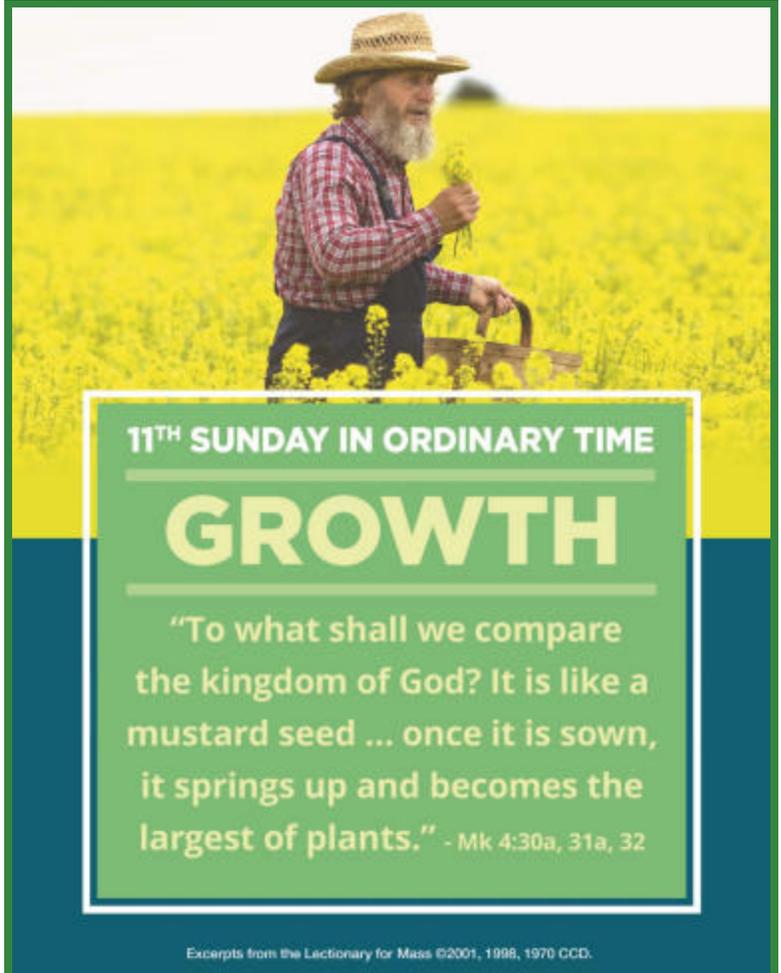
Contact parish office at least six months prior to possible date.

Baptism Preparation

By appointment. Contact Parish Office

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

Jesus compares the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed, the tiniest of seeds. When planted, the tiny mustard seed grows into a tremendous tree with large branches. So too in each of our lives small things can have profound effects. God can use one of our more insignificant gestures to radically change another person's life. It may be the kindness of a smile, our willingness to accommodate someone, listening to someone's story, helping someone who is hurting, standing up for someone who is right or complimenting someone on something they did. We all have God given gifts and talents. What are some of yours? Our task is to use our talents creatively, consistently, lovingly, and generously. Because we are always guided by the Holy Spirit, things that may be insignificant or unnoticed to us can profoundly change the life of someone else. While we may think we are small and insignificant, God can make us large and magnificent. All we have to do is open ourselves to being used. We trust that God will take care of the rest.

Sharing Our Talent

Sunday, June 20, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Liturgical Ministries

Mass Facilitator Regina Schweiss
Sacristan Aimee Alviar
Altar Servers... Michael Truby Chelsey Kauffman Ethan Beavers
Rosary..... Deacon Gary Steffes
Children's Liturgy Alyssa Underwood
Children's Assistant Kylie Hurt
Reader 1 Marc Truby
Reader 2 Suzanne West
General Intercessor Ann Elwell
Presenter of Gifts..... Mark & Regina Schweiss
Music Leader Debbie Durham

Ushers/Greeters:

Kevin Heitland—Lead Jeanine Bratcher
 Kathy Heitland **NEED**

Hospitality: No Donuts. Only 2nd & 4th Sunday during summer.

Donut Hero: No Donuts

Money Counters Ministry:

Greg Eck Margie Arens Jeanine Bratcher

Laundry Ministry: Barbara Bettlach

Building Cleaning: Team #3 (June 29)

John & Julie Clarke, Danny & Toni Marra, Melinda Johnmeyer
 Carrie Bellm, Jean Stehle, Natalie Murphy

Plant Care: Harold & Rose Kuppinger

Liturgical Ministers ~ Saturday, June 19, 5:30 p.m.

Mass Facilitator/Sacristan Chris Kahl
Server..... Carter Chan
Reader 1 Marc Rohr
Reader 2 Jim Lukavsky
General Intercessor Marc Rohr
Presenter of Gifts..... Clark & Jayne Parmley
Usher(s): Marc & Ami Rohr
Music Jessica Durham



Become a Follower of Jesus

It was after the Resurrection that many of those present began thinking.... Many came to the realization of just who Jesus was and began to follow Jesus as members of the early church. If you are experiencing an interest in joining our Catholic Church, we invite you to inquire into becoming members of our Catholic faith. Please speak with our parish staff or contact the parish office, office@stfrancisnixa.org or join us at St. Francis of Assisi Church on Sundays at 4:30 p.m.

June	Sunday
13	11th Sunday of Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass Potluck Breakfast and Fr. Colby Celebration 4:30 p.m. RCIA 6:00 Social/7:00 p.m. Knights & Ladies Aux Mtg.
Monday	
14	Flag Day 6:30 p.m. Book Study Meeting
Tuesday	
15	
Wednesday	
16	7:00 a.m. Early Risers 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00—9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting
Thursday	
17	9:00 a.m. Men Fellowship & Prayer Group 1:00—4:00 p.m. Loving Stitches
Friday	
18	
Saturday	
19	7:00 a.m. Early Risers 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday	
20	12th Sunday of Ordinary Time Father's Day 9:00 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass 4:30 p.m. RCIA

Return Songbooks Please

If you borrowed a Breaking Bread songbook during Covid, PLEASE return. We need to use these books through November. We need them back in the pews at church. THANK YOU!



Thank you, Thank you, Thank you. I was so amazed at the 50th celebration of my ordination. You certainly made it a glorious occasion. Thank you to all who planned the event, those who worked on the program, those who helped with food, and those who came to help me celebrate. Thank you to Debbie Durham for her special selections of music. Thank you to MG Signs for the beautiful display with my picture.

I am truly blessed to be a part of St. Francis of Assisi Parish.

~ Fr. Mike



Fellowship and Prayer

All men of the parish are invited to join our prayer group on Thursdays, 9am in the O'Reilly Community Room. Food, fellowship and prayer are waiting for you.

If any women are interested in forming a similar group, or if you have questions please contact Deacon Gary (dre@stfrancisnixa.org) or Sheri (office@stfrancisnixa.org)

THREE RCIA ITEMS

Do You Know Someone Interested in Catholicism?

If you know someone interested in learning about the Catholic Church, bring them to an inquiry session on Sundays at 4:30pm. There's no pressure to commit to becoming Catholic. But it's definitely an opportunity to explore a deeper relationship with God and at the same time learn about the traditions, rites, sacraments, and what it means to be Catholic. Contact Kent Welch, Tracy King, or Deacon Gary

Join the RCIA Team!

We need you to share your faith with those wanting to know more about the Catholic Church. This summer we'll be meeting each Sunday at 4:30pm in the O'Reilly Community Room. Even if you can't attend each week, we'd love to have you join us from time to time. Your story, your Catholic experience, your perspective is important to our candidates and catechumens. You may contact Kent Welch, Tracy King, or Deacon Gary for more information.

Become an RCIA Snack Volunteer

Do you have that one specialty you bring to tailgating events, family gatherings, or other social get-togetherness? We need you! We want to provide our RCIA inquirers with the very best in St. Francis of Assisi hospitality. They'll soon get tired of the Deacon's cheese and crackers so we're looking for others to step up. If you can help, contact Deacon Gary, dre@stfrancisnixa.org for specifics.

FORMED Is Here!!!

Education, spiritual growth, and entertaining programs are within your reach. Our parish has become a member of the "Formed" program which offers a rich variety of seminars, documentaries, movies, and other dynamic Catholic audio and video to enrich your faith journey. You'll hear a lot more in the days ahead. If you can't wait to check this out, go to formed.org, sign in with zip code 65714, and click on the St. Francis of Assisi button. It's just that easy. We plan to use "The Search" program in a small group format this fall and the men's prayer group might explore the "Into the Breach" program which was produced for men by Knights of Columbus. So much content! So many possibilities! Stay tuned!



Flag Day is a time when Americans reflect on the foundations of the nation's freedom. Americans also remember their loyalty to the nation, reaffirm their belief in liberty and justice, and observe the nation's unity. As we look at the flag of our country, let us always remember its true meaning, for a flag without meaning is only a piece of cloth. The red of our flag stands for valor and bravery like that of those who fought to protect our freedoms. White signifies purity and innocence, as that of our Founding Fathers' intent to secure the rights of all. Blue signifies vigilance, perseverance, and justice, as all are needed in any government to secure the blessings of God. And as our stars and stripes point to the stars of the heavens and the rays of the sun, let us never forget that our country must depend upon God's blessing and protection.



Baptized
Sunday, December 6, 2021
Anders Everett Schweiss

Son of Austin & Emilie Schweiss,
Grandson of Mark & Regina Schweiss and Great
Grandson of Art & JoAnn Schweiss
We joyfully welcome Anders into our St. Francis of Assisi family and we ask that you keep them and their family in prayer as they continues to grow in their Catholic faith.

Readings for Week of June 13, 2021

Sunday

Ez 17:22-24/Ps 92:2-3, 3-16/2 Cor 5:6-10/Mk 4:26-34

Monday

2 Cor 6:1-10/Ps 98:1-4/Mt 5:38-42

Tuesday

2 Cor 8:1-9/Ps 146:2, 5-9/Mt 5:43-48

Wednesday

2 Cor 9:6-11/Ps 112:1-4, 9/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday

2 Cor 11:1-11/Ps 111:1-4, 7-8/Mt 6:7-15

Friday

2 Cor 11:18, 21-30/Ps 34:2-7/Mt 6:19-23

Saturday

2 Cor 12:1-10/Ps 34:8-13/Mt 6:24-34

Next Sunday

Jb 38:1,8-11/ Ps 107:23-31/2 Cor 5:14-17/Mk 4:35-41



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Like the sower in today's Gospel, I scatter as seed my gifts of time, talent, and resources, and I trust that, by God's grace and in God's time, these small gifts of myself may grow and flourish and help to bring about the kingdom of God.



Parish Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, June 16, 7:00—9:00 p.m.

Bring a prayer book or rosary for your use during adoration, or you are invited to just sit quietly, gazing at the Blessed Sacrament, and taking in the grace and peace that comes from being with Christ.

For more information and to sign up online go to <http://tinyurl.com/StFrancisAdoration>

or contact Janet Morehead, janetfro@hotmail.com, 913-558-8039



Living the Word

Question of the Week

Mark 4:26-34

Key Passage: Yet when (the mustard seed) is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches so that the birds...can make nests in its shade.

Question: What is the "good soil" that has allowed your faith to grow like the mustard seed and provide shelter for others?

Children: How do you help your faith grow like the mustard seed?

St. Anthony Can Find Anything — Even You

"Tony, Tony, come around! Something is lost and it must be found."

Did you learn this one when you were a kid? In my experience there are even a lot of lapsed Catholics — or people who were never Catholic at all — who know that when you lose something, St. Anthony becomes your best friend. Missing keys? Pray to St. Anthony. Can't find your favorite sweater? St. Anthony. Forget where you parked your car in the mall lot? St. Anth— okay, you get the idea. Whatever it is, large or small, important or trivial, Tony has a reputation for finding the lost things.



It's a devotion that can seem a little like superstition — witchcraft, even? — if you don't really understand it. Mumble an incantation to a dead guy and you're guaranteed to find your sunglasses. But as with most traditions that are old, beloved and effective, looking a little closer reveals the truth of the matter.

When we lose something really important, what do we do? We make the whole household stop what they're doing to join the search. Having St. Anthony as a friend means you ask him to stop what he's doing to help, too. And how he helps is by taking the matter exactly where all matters need to go — straight to the feet of Christ.

Here's the real genius of St. Anthony: he takes the most mundane, commonplace occurrence — misplaced socks — into an encounter with the divine and truly all things great and small are gifts from God. He grabs our hand and points to the cross. "That's what you're looking for," he tells us.

In the end, Tony doesn't really find the lost things. He finds the lost people.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Intentions FOR THE WEEK



Sunday, June 13th

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

Wednesday, June 16th

6:30 p.m. † Bonita Holtkamp

Saturday, June 19th

5:30 p.m. † Paul Bramer, Jr.

Sunday, June 20th

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

GOSPEL MEDITATION

ENCOURAGE DEEPER UNDERSTANDING OF SCRIPTURE

A favorite motto of St. Teresa of Calcutta was, "do small things with great love." This is how it works in the kingdom of God. God can do tremendous things with the smallest gesture, especially when it is done in love. We can clearly see that our world is suffering greatly. People are struggling to find peace, navigate through conflicts, earn a sustainable living, find security and enough food to eat, and work through political tensions and conflicts. In the light of the magnitude of the difficulties that exist around us and even within us, we can find ourselves floundering to discover practical, effective solutions. How can something so large be helped by someone as small and seemingly insignificant as me? While whole systems and structures may be out of the league of our personal influence, are we really that helpless in the midst of all of the turmoil, sadness, and suffering?

If we believe that God is with us and that God is still working to bring about the glory of God's kingdom, then the answer is no. We are never helpless or without hope. Armed with a strong life of prayer, we can always flee to God and ask for inspiration, wisdom, and especially love. We are all blessed with unique gifts and talents and it often seems



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that considering all that the world lacks, love and charity remain at the top of the list. Life can easily become a battleground of hostility. Because life is challenging and difficult, anger is not far away. We see it on people's faces and hear it in their voices. There is a measure of frustration that permeates all avenues of life. It is even felt in the air.

As people of faith, we know that what we see here is not the end but only a part of something far greater to come. We know that God's kingdom is where we are ultimately meant to be, and the Gospel is the way to get there. If love

and charity can prevail in us, then God will be able to do what God does best. God will use us to scatter the seeds of his kingdom. Through our small gestures, those seeds can receive the nurturing attention that is necessary for them to bear great fruit. We cannot fall victim to the strife that is around us. We have to keep ourselves refreshed and focused so that even in small ways, we can become part of the solution, not the problem. Love and charity, which come from God, can help to heal the ills of the world. May we bring these simple gifts to the everyday simple tasks of our lives! Watch how big the plant grows!

"This is how it is with the kingdom of God; it is as if a man were to scatter seed on the land...Of its own accord the land yields fruit, first the blade, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the grain is ripe, he wields the sickle at once, for the harvest has come." - Mk 4:26, 28-29

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Our Gifts to God
Week of June 6, 2021



Operating Fund

Envelopes.....	\$3,186
Plate.....	\$204
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Total	\$5,560
Monthly Receipts Needed	\$20,511
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Needed for Month	\$14,951

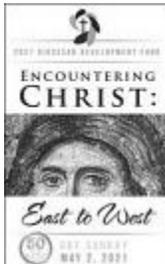
Building Fund

Balance Forward	\$26,737
Received this week.....	\$1,141
Total Received Month.....	\$1,141
Balance Checking.....	\$27,878
Building Trust Fund at Diocese.....	\$206,727
Total Building Funds.....	\$234,605

Diocesan Development Fund (DDF)

To date our parish has given \$25,572 (95 families) toward our \$34,296 goal (74.5%). Thank you! If you have not yet made your pledge, please add your gift, as you are able by returning a pledge card. Your participation is a show of support of the diocese.

Pledge cards are located on the Information Table in the gathering space. When completed, place in envelope provided and put in collection basket or mail to parish office. Please make checks payable to St. Francis of Assisi.



Flowers for the Sanctuary

Flowers in the sanctuary always looks so beautiful You can provide flowers by remembering loved ones or celebrating special occasions. A minimum donation of \$40 is asked for the florist. Your intention will be acknowledged in the bulletin.



Select a date that you wish to provide flowers. Place your donation in envelope marked "Flowers" with the date you selected and place in offering basket. Questions, contact parish office.

Update Church Membership Information or Register in the Parish

It is time to update our database with any changes, additions, or deletions that may have occurred in your family. If you have not already informed our office of phone number changes, address changes, and e-mail address changes, please do so by July 1, 2021. You may text/call Sheri Duncan at 417-838-7474 or send email to office@stfrancisnixa.org

We would also like to know about children who are no longer living at home.

If you have been coming to church and have not registered in the parish, please complete a registration form. They are on the information board in the gathering space. You can register online at <https://tinyurl.com/SFANewMember> There is also a small form on the inside of the bulletin that can be used to update our parish database or request a registration form. Place form in offering basket.

Coffee and Donuts Are Back

During the summer months, we do not have enough volunteers to do this ministry every week. We will only have coffee/donuts the 2nd and 4th Sunday. It is a great way to meet new people, enjoy fellowship with all parishioners. Donuts delivered by volunteer Donut Hero!



Want to help, contact parish office.

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. Or visit our website, www.stfrancisnixa.org for a New Member Registration Form

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

- New Parishioner
- New Address
- New Phone
- Moving, please remove from parish list

Knights and Ladies Auxiliary Meeting June 13th



A joint meeting with the Ladies Auxiliary, Potluck social dinner at 6p.m., pulled pork and drinks provided. Bring a meal item, salad or dessert. A meeting follows at 7p.m. The election of officers for 2021-2022 will be conducted. This will be Harold's last council meeting as Grand Knight.

Six-Week Series St. Joseph Church, Springfield Begins Tuesday, June 22

St. Joseph Church will be hosting a six-week series entitled "Catholic Social Teaching-An Invitation to Dialogue" beginning on Tuesday, June 22. Participants can choose from a 3:00 p.m. or 7:00 p.m. time slot. This mini-course will explore the Catholic Church's position on major social issues and the rationale behind these teachings. For more information, or to register, go to stjosephspm.org and click on the "CST" button.

Gardening At Catholic Charities

We will have two workdays in June; Thursday, June 17, from 8:30 - noon, where we will be participating in United Way Day of Caring, and our scheduled workday on Thursday, June 24, from 8:30 - 10:30. Volunteers from area parishes will continue to maintain Catholic Charities' grounds and weed and harvest vegetables that provide fresh produce for the moms and their babies that reside at LifeHouse.



To volunteer or for more information, please contact Jana Hukriede@ 417-840-4109 or jana-hukriede@gmail.com.

Annual Garage Sale Extended

St. Agnes Cathedral garage sale will be extended Friday, June 18th: 7a.m. - 4p.m. Where: St. Agnes Gym next to the Pallotti Center. Everything will be marked 1/2 on June 18th! Call the parish office with questions @ 417 831-3565

Lost and Found

If you have lost an item at church, Please check for your items in the ushers stand in the gathering space.

Employment Opportunity at Diocese

Accounting/Employee Benefit Position Open at The Catholic Center



The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in **accounting and employee benefits for the Office of Finance** at The Catholic Center in Springfield. Applicant must be a practicing Roman Catholic. Qualified individuals will have an accounting background and experience, including familiarity with accounting software; excellent math, organization, and multi-tasking skills; experience with employee benefits systems; verbal communication skills in person and on the phone; proficiency with Microsoft Office Suite including Excel and Word; proficiency in using the Internet, and be detail oriented. Must be able to work independently in a multi-person office space. Position start date of July 1, 2021.

To request an application packet, including a detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org, or call (417) 866-0841.

Associate Director of Youth and Young Adult Ministry

The Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau seeks qualified applicants to fill a position working in collaboration with the Diocesan Director of Evangelization, Catechesis and Youth Formation Ministry. Applicants must be practicing Roman Catholics. It is preferred that applicants have a Master's Degree in Pastoral Ministry, Theology or Religious Education/Catechesis. Bachelor's Degree will be considered. Experience at parish or diocesan level is required.



This is a full-time, exempt position. Evening and weekend hours, as well as extensive travel driving across the diocese will be required. Position start date is July 1, 2021. Compensation includes competitive salary, excellent health benefits and retirement plan based on diocesan guidelines.

To request an application packet, including detailed job description, please contact Jan Smith at The Catholic Center, jansmith@dioscg.org or call 866-0842



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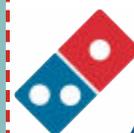
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