

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

November 7, 2021
32nd Sunday Ordinary Time

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Mass Times

Tuesday, Thursday, Friday — Noon

Wednesday — 6:30 p.m.

Saturday..... 5:30 p.m.

Sunday..... 9:30 a.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Saturday5:00 p.m.

Sacrament of Anointing of Sick

Contact parish office for appointment.

Sacrament of Matrimony

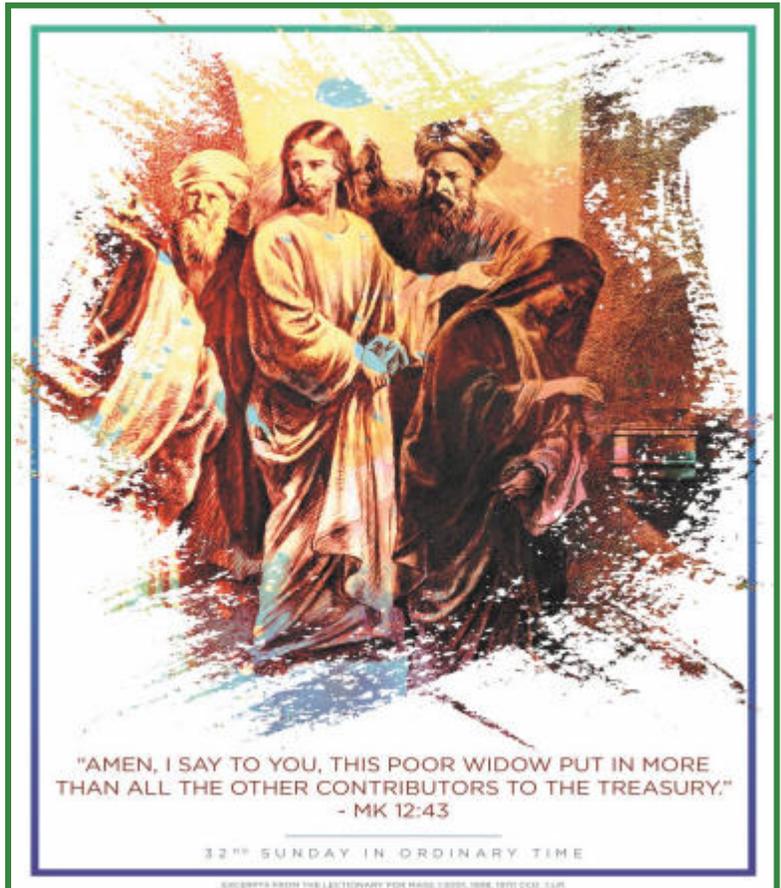
Contact parish office at least six months prior to possible date.

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

It all really boils down to a matter of the heart, and actions do speak louder than words. We cannot hide from the truth. A problem with religion is that it is possible for someone to make everything appear to be right when actually it is not. We can say all of the right prayers, perform all of the prescribed rituals, claim that we adhere to orthodox doctrines and still lead a distorted, empty and sometimes pitiful life. Only actions springing from true and deep sacrifice demonstrate true integrity. Without sacrifice, even the noblest looking actions can amount to nothing. It is no wonder, then, that the widow who contributed from her poverty received great admiration from Jesus. While it may not always appear to be the case, God has a special care and regard for those who depend upon him in times of trouble and want. Only the person who is truly poor is the only one who can see this. Because of a lack of trust, the one who has much is afraid to take a risk and sees only what they possess as their only security.

Sharing Our Talent

Sunday, Nov. 14, 2021, 9:30 a.m.

Liturgical Ministries

Mass FacilitatorAndrew Sehie
Sacristan Chris Kahl
Altar Servers... Lillian Alviar Chelsey Kauffman Ethan Beavers
Rosary.....Carl Schimek
Children's Liturgy Alyssa Underwood
Children's AssistantMichael Truby
Reader 1Glenda Griest
Reader 2 Suzanne West
Music LeaderDebbie Durham

Ushers/Greeters:

Dana Elwell—Lead **NEED**
 Cheri Coffelt Harley Pojar

Hospitality: Don Schortgen Dan & Diane Keenan Marc Truby

Donut Hero: Ed & Judy Davis

Money Counters Ministry:

Barbara Bettlach Kathy Richards Darlene Campbell

Laundry Ministry: Joanne Baltz

Building Cleaning: Team #3 (Nov 23)

John & Julie Clarke, Carrie Bellm, Jean Stehle, Chris Hardwick
 Danny & Toni Marra, Melinda Johnmeyer, Natalie Murphy,
 Gem Callwell, Frank & Jennifer Wittmer, Rachel Sutter

Team #2 (Nov 17)

Dan & Diane Keenan, Cheryl Coffelt, Mitch & Ann Brake,
 Donna Davis, Shelly Summar

Plant Care: Randy Sehie

Liturgical Ministers ~ Saturday, Nov. 13, 5:30 p.m.

Mass Facilitator/SacristanDebbie Harris
Server..... Carter Chan
Rosary.....Chan Family
Reader 1 Barbara Rogers
Reader 2Jayne Parmley
Ushers: Bob Hendrickson & Doty Romireo
Music Jessica Durham



Stewardship

A Way of Life

Both widows in today's readings gave all they had to the work of the Lord, one using all her remaining food to feed Elijah and the other offering her two copper coins to the temple treasury. Faithful stewards give all that is asked and trust the Lord to be faithful to His promises.

For guidance and support . . .

Pick up a copy of the Little Burgundy Book on Stewardship. In six minutes a day, read a reflection on the place stewardship might have in your life. You'll deepen your understanding over the next four weeks, in light of the Gospel of Mark. Little Burgundy Books are ready for pick up in the gathering space.

November	Sunday
7	32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass 11:00—Noon Faith Formation Classes 4:30 p.m. RCIA
Monday	
8	6:30 p.m. Book Study Meeting
Tuesday	
9	The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica 11:30 a.m. Rosary 12:00 p.m. Mass
Wednesday	
10	7:00 a.m. Early Risers 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting
Thursday	
11	Veterans Day 9:00 a.m. Men Fellowship & Prayer Group 11:30 a.m. Rosary 12:00 p.m. Mass 1:00 p.m. Loving Stitches 6:30 p.m. School of Leaders Meeting
Friday	
12	11:30 a.m. Rosary 12:00 p.m. Mass
Saturday	
13	7:00 a.m. Early Risers 5:00 p.m. Rosary 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:30 p.m. Mass
Sunday	
14	33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass 11:00—Noon Faith Formation Classes 4:30 p.m. RCIA 6:00 Social/7:00 pm. Meeting Knights & Ladies Aux.



VETERANS DAY

WE HONOR YOUR SACRIFICE

**Veterans Day
November 11th**

As we celebrate
Veterans Day,

some ask what should be the Christian attitude in resorting to violence to resolve conflicts?

Veterans are rightly honored for their role in defending the country, especially in time of conflict and violence. Yet, resorting to violence as a means of trying to resolve human conflicts is not the Christian way to deal with relationships. Jesus models the image of God in which all are valued and cherished as God's children, no matter who they are or which side they are on. Sometimes violence may be justified, but only as a means of last resort, when all possible options have been exhausted, and when greater harm might result. In times of war and military struggles, it is difficult to make these kinds of distinctions. Those who fight and defend under such circumstances must be supported, cared for, valued, and honored.

On November 11th, we honor all those who have served our country in the armed services. Let us pray for all veterans and those currently serving in the military. Let us pray for those who seek to negotiate peace, that God may truly guide us all in the path of justice. And let us also continue to pray for an end to war and violence.

Becoming Catholic (RCIA)

Are you or someone you know is interested in becoming Catholic? We are looking forward to another year of our popular RCIA program (Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults), which consists of college students and adults of all ages. Program meets on Sunday evenings at 4:30 p.m. beginning November 14th. For more information contact Kent Welch, welchkm4@aol.com or Deacon Gary at dre@stfrancisnixa.org or call at 660-651-1779



Are you married to a Catholic and attend Mass, but just don't know what the next step is to become Catholic?

Are you seeking a deeper relationship with Christ but have never been Baptized or received Holy Communion?

Have you been worshiping with us but never officially taken the step to become Catholic?

National Vocation Awareness Week

November 7-13, 2021

National Vocation Awareness Week, celebrated November 7-13, is an annual week-long celebration of the Catholic Church in the United States dedicated to promote vocations to the priesthood, diaconate & consecrated life through prayer and education, and to renew our prayers and support for those who are considering one of these particular vocations. Please keep all those currently in vocations, or considering a vocation, in your daily prayers during this week.



Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, November 25th, 9:30 a.m.

You are urged to mark your calendar now to attend Thanksgiving Day to celebrate the Eucharist.

Thanksgiving gives us an opportunity to remind ourselves of how profoundly grateful we are for all the blessings that God showers upon us.

Attending is the perfect way to gather together for the celebration of the Eucharist, a word meaning Thanksgiving. Our offering will go to benefit the Christian County Salvation Army.



**Welcome To Our Parish
Please introduce yourself
and welcome all new
members to our parish!**

Diana Piccolo



Are you new to St. Francis of Assisi? Or have you been a member for a while but have questions about our ministries or programs? You're invited to stop by the Welcome Table after Mass, **Sunday, Nov. 14th**. Meet a few of our friendly parishioners and find out what makes our parish unique. We can't wait to meet you!

Readings for Week of November 7, 2021

Sunday

1 Kgs 17:10-16/Ps 146:7-10/Heb 9:24-28/
Mk 12:38-44

Monday

Wis 1:1-7/Ps 139:1-10/Lk 17:1-6

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-2, 8-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/
1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17/Jn 2:13-22

Wednesday

Wis 6:1-11/Ps 82:3-4, 6-7/Lk 17:11-19

Thursday

Wis 7:22—8:1/Ps 119:89-91, 130, 135, 175/Lk 17:20-25

Friday

Wis 13:1-9/Ps 19:2-5/Lk 17:26-37

Saturday

Wis 18:14-16;19:6-9/Ps 105:2-3, 36-37,42-43/Lk 18:1-8

Next Sunday

Dn 12:1-3/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Heb 10:11-14, 18/
Mk 13:24-32

Parish Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, Nov. 17th, 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

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



The Search

The Search, is a video-based program designed to enkindle wonder as it takes people on a journey through life's enduring questions.

We have small faith-sharing groups who are utilizing this program at various homes. If you are interested in joining or starting a group, contact Deacon Gary.

If you would be interested in a Zoom program for *The Search*, please submit your name to the parish office. If enough interest, we will form a Zoom group.

Stewardship Prayer

We recognize that through prayer we nurture our personal relationship with God.



The second Sunday of each month before Mass, a parish member will lead the congregation in a Stewardship Prayer.

Diocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration!

Contact: Marilyn Gibson 417.224.4043
marilyngibson@outlook.com



Holy Trinity Parish Office 417.883.3440
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Mass Intentions
for the week



Sunday, Nov 7th

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

Tuesday, Nov 9th

Noon Pope Francis

Wednesday, Nov 10th

6:30 p.m. † Cleo "Buddy" Jones

Thursday, Nov 11th

Noon Those who served honorably in military

Friday, Nov 12th

Noon Those in or considering a vocation

Saturday, Nov 13th

5:30 p.m. † Mike Doyle

Sunday, Nov 14th

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

Question of the Week

Mark 12:38-44



Living the Word

Key Passage: "...they have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has contributed all she had..."

Question: What are you willing to give out of love for God that would be a hardship to you?

Children: What would you be willing to give up for someone else?

Thank You!

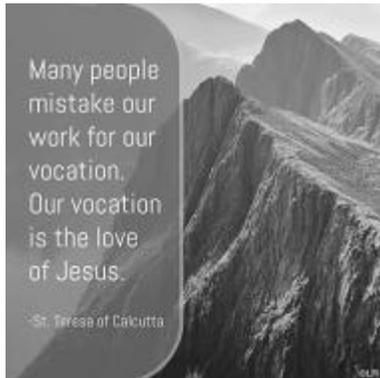
Thank you to all who decorated their vehicles, provided treats for the children and to all the trick or treaters!! It was a wonderful experience of community sharing and lots of fun!

Thank you to Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary who planned and hosted this event for all.

Vocation or Calling

Question:

Can you explain what we mean by a vocation or calling? I have heard this term used in many different contexts and am not sure what it means. Does it apply to religious life?



Answer:

A vocation or calling refers to a spiritual experience whereby a person senses within oneself the closeness of God and what he is asking in one's life. It is a realization of what one's part in God's plan could be. Vocation comes in all kinds

of ways. Some are as dramatic as St. Paul's, being knocked off his horse, blinded, and hearing God's voice. Others are less dramatic, often occurring over time through little events and personal interests. Others happen in a hurry, accompanied by great spiritual insight or conversion. We often think that this applies to religious vocation, but in fact, every Christian has a vocation, a calling to serve others in and through the church. Whether married or single, religious or lay, we are all called to live out our baptismal commitment to preach and teach the Gospel message. Each of us has our role to play in God's plan, and we become coworkers with God in the work of redemption. With a little confidence, a willing spirit and God's grace, we can and will respond to his unique call.

Coffee and Donuts

Join us on Sundays after Mass until 11 a.m. for coffee and donuts. It is a great way to meet new people, enjoy fellowship with all parishioners. Donuts delivered by volunteer Donut Hero!



The Look

Have you ever made the mistake of telling your spouse that you're out of something — only to see them respond with The Look? Then you realize it: of course, he or she knows you're out of butter. They knew it before a butter shortage was even a blip on your radar.

We might go to the fridge and lament the complete lack of ketchup. Then someone moves a couple items and show us the ketchup that so savagely eluded us just moments before.

Sometimes, we all have "the look" when dealing with God. We tell Him our stores are empty. "I'm out, God! I can't do any more! Can't give any more. Can't take any more. It's all gone." But we forget: God is the keeper of our stores. He is the one who fills them, and the one who watches as they empty.

See, we don't know how much we are capable of loving. We don't know how much we are capable of serving. We don't know how much we are capable of hoping. We see everything with spouse eyes. Only our Creator truly knows the limits of His creation.

Do you ever make the mistake of telling God "I'm done"? Be careful the next time you do. Chances are, He's far from finished working.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Mass Intentions

A beautiful custom in the Catholic Church is remembering someone at Mass whether living or deceased. These are the intentions that are listed in the bulletin and for whom the priest officiating at the Mass offers the prayers.

There is no charge for having a Mass said, but many people will make a donation, \$10.

Please place your request of date with the name of the person for whom you are requesting a Mass in an envelope and place in offering. Or contact the Parish Office.

We currently have Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at Noon open for 2021. You can book all dates for 2022 and 2023, but some dates are already booked.

Please remember St. Francis of Assisi Parish in your will! Legal language to make a bequest: "... to the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau, a Missouri not-for-profit corporation, for the exclusive use and benefit of St. Francis of Assisi Parish in Nixa, Missouri."

Sacrificial Giving

Week of
October 31, 2021

Operating Fund

Envelopes.....	\$1,765
Plate.....	\$195
WeShare	\$3,360
Total	\$5,320
Monthly Receipts Needed	\$22,187
Received	\$22,819
Needed for Month	\$0

Building Fund

Building Funds in checking	\$33,975
Building Trust Fund at Diocese.....	\$229,079
Total Building Funds.....	\$263,054

I attend St. Francis so I'm a member of the Parish.....Right?

To become a member of the parish, you must register with the parish office. As a member you are eligible for The Mirror, envelopes, notifications of changes in parish activities or mass, participation in ministries of the parish, receive sacraments from priest, etc.

If you wish to be a member of our parish, please go to our website, www.stfrancisnixa.org and co-complete the form. Or email your request to parish office, office@stfrancisnixa.org. Or complete "Welcome" form in bulletin and place in offering basket.

Pray the Rosary

Do you want to pray or learn how to pray the rosary? Come join us as we gather to pray the rosary in a group setting in the St. Clare of Assisi Chapel.

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday 11:30-11:45 a.m.

Saturday, 5:00—5:15 p.m.

Sunday, 9:15-9:30 a.m. .

If you would like to be a Rosary leader, please contact the Parish Office.



Virtus Training

Preregistration is necessary: go to www.virtus.org and click on "registration" on the left. If you do not have access to the internet and are unable to register online, please call Renee Truby, 417-231-6862. Live, in person "Protecting God's Children" adult awareness training sessions are now available. New registrants are encouraged to take the live training, but the Online training will remain available as an alternative for the remainder of the 2021. In person training will be offered at the Catholic Center Friday, November 12 from 1—4 p.m.

Pause to Reflect on Humor

A priest was pulled over by a traffic cop for speeding. As the officer was about to write the ticket, the priest said to him, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." The officer handed the priest the ticket and said, "Go, and sin no more."

Email and Text Scams

Please be reminded that scammers are using clergy email addresses fraudulently. A careful review of the email or text normally reveals that it is not the person's valid contact information. If you receive such an email or text, the best response is to simply delete it. Typically there is a request for a favor or money in the email or text.

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 collection basket.

Or you can register online at <https://tinyurl.com/SFANewMember>

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Knights of Columbus Meeting or Ladies Auxiliary Meeting



Meeting will be Sunday, Nov. 14th. Social at 6 p.m. and meeting at 7 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi O'Reilly Community Room.

If you are interested in Knights of Columbus, please contact Grand Knight John Clarke, johnhclarke@sbcglobal.net

If interested in Knights Ladies Auxiliary, contact Julie Clarke, jclarke109@live.com

P/T Custodian/Maintenance Employee at Springfield Catholic High School

Accepting applications for a part time Custodian/Maintenance employee at their Springfield Catholic High School. No weekends, starting pay is \$14/hour. VIRTUS certification (the school provides) and a background check is required for employment. To submit an application, go to scspk12.org, click "About" and "Employment Opportunities" and then select custodian

Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria Hiring

Do you or does someone you know need a part-time job? Immaculate Conception School Cafeteria is seeking a kitchen helper. (8:30-1:00 Monday-Friday) Food service experience is helpful, but it is not a requirement. Contact Mary McClain at (417) 581-3164 if interested in the position

Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

Build your marriage on solid rock . . . How well can your marriage withstand the storms of this life? A Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend is an opportunity to strengthen the foundation of your marriage. Grounded in the love of Jesus Christ, the weekend will provide you the tools and the time necessary to go deeper into the Sacrament so that you can live more intimately and responsibly as a couple of God.

Make plans now to attend the weekend of March 18-20, 2022 at the Congregation of the Mother of the Redeemer in Carthage, MO. For more information, or to register for a weekend, visit www.wwme.org, or call/Email Kim Brayman at (417) 866-0841/ kbrayman@dioscg.org.



St. Joseph

Mark your calendar and stop by the St. Joseph Christmas Bazaar and Bake Sale.

Saturday, November 13th, 8 a.m.—3:30 p.m.
1115 N. Campbell Springfield, MO

Immaculate Conception PCCW Holiday Sale
Sat. Nov. 13, 8 am-6 pm
Sun. Nov. 14, 8 am- 1 pm.



Start your Christmas shopping at our Holiday Sale (huge White Elephant and Bake Sale) in Community Room A & B. There will be breakfast items & lunch served

Holy Trinity PCCW Fall Bazaar
Parish Center, 2818 E Bennett
Saturday, Nov 13, 9:00 a.m.—5:00 p.m.
Sunday, Nov 14, 9:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.



Vendors from Springfield and surrounding communities will offer a wide variety of items, including unique home décor, hand-knitted children and baby hats, blankets, and clothing, Christmas gifts and decor, handmade kitchen towels, jewelry, skin care, handmade cards, candles & scents, and much more! Featuring home baked goods, homemade candies, and hand-crafted items.

Visit our Huge White Elephant Sale and Gardening Booth with lots of houseplants!

The Knights of Columbus will serve lunch on Saturday (smoked meat sandwich, coleslaw, chips, beverage, and dessert) and a full breakfast on Sunday (pancakes, scrambled eggs, biscuits & gravy, bacon, fruit, coffee, and juice).

All Are Welcome... stop in and browse!
Masking and social distancing will be encouraged!

Sacred Heart Craft Vendor Cookie Sale
Friday, December 3rd, 5 pm— 9 pm,
Saturday December 4th. 10 am— 5 pm.

The sale is in conjunction with the Midtown Victorian Homes Tour. This year Sacred Heart Church will be part of the tour. Vendors/crafters from Springfield and surrounding communities will offer a wide variety of items. Again this year we will have our famous cookies by the pound. Please contact Bob Horton at rmhorton711@gmail.com, or call the office at 869-3646, if you have any questions.



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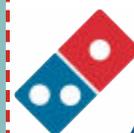
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