January 9, 2021 The Baptism of the Lord

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church

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Deacon Gary Steffes & Ken	t WelchR.C.I.A.
Deacon Gary Steffes	Youth Director
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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

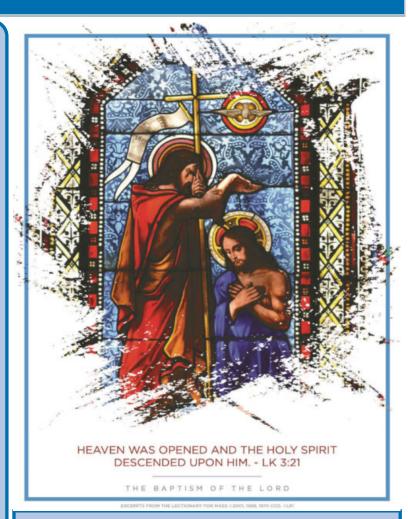
Contact parish office at least six months prior to possible date.

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

Jesus stood in line with everyone else and was baptized. There is something incredibly humbling about how this must have played out. Then, God did something truly awesome and inspiring. Through a very gentle and simple action he let the world know about the special relationship He shares with Jesus. That's exactly what is so incredible about our baptisms as well! Through those holy waters God announces to the world the special place we also occupy in His heart. We no longer have to wonder about the purpose of our lives or struggle to find our way. We do not need to fumble around, tripping over ourselves and wondering why we are even here. The answer has been given. All we have to do is live out the vocation we have received, to live the Gospel in fidelity to our Creator. There is nothing to fear and worry has no place. Standing in line with other sinners, we have our anchor and God is very pleased.

Sharing Our Talent

Sunday, Jan. 16, 2022, 9:30 a.m. **Liturgical Ministries**

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Mass FacilitatorJulie Clarke
SacristanKris Morehead
Altar Servers Abby Muniz Chelsey Kauffman Evie Truby
Altar Server ShadowGrayson Lechner & Kai Lechner
RosaryCarl Schimek
Children's Liturgy Joy Steffes
Children's Assistant Ari Baker & Brylan Griest
Reader 1Glenda Griest
Reader 2 Jordan Pickrel
Present Gifts Seth & Sarah Hampel & Family
MusicDebbie Durham
Ushers/Greeters:
Joe Schmitz—Lead Taegan Schmitz
Kelly Schmitz Ryder Schmitz
Hospitality: Darrell & Deb Hinkebein, Cliff Gorman, Cheryl Hobbs
Donut Hero: Marc Truby & Family
Money Counters Ministry:
Mike Ecker Helen Krudwig Tracy King
Laundry MinistryLinda Howard
Building Cleaning: Team #4 (Jan 27)
Katie Bond, Kathy Berkbuegler, Becky Magnuson, Cheri Coffelt,
Darlene Campbell, Harold & Rose Kuppinger
Plant Care: Harold & Rose Kuppinger
<u>Liturgical Ministers ~ Saturday, Jan. 15, 5:30 p.m.</u>
Mass Facilitator/SacristanRosie Brookner
ServerChris Kahl
RosaryChan Family
Reader 1 Maria Shade
Reader 2NEED
Present GiftsMarc & Ami Rohr
Ushers/GreetersMarc & Ami Rohr
Music Jessica Durham

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 17 for the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday. Let us pray for unity and an end to divisiveness in the world.

Snow/Ice Cancellation

If Nixa Schools are closed due to bad weather, all church activities scheduled for that day/evening will be cancelled.



NOTE: *Mass is not normally cancelled*. Please use your best judgment; your safety is most important.

If Faith Formation classes or Masses are cancelled. we will try to get a message via Facebook and email to all who have submitted their email to the parish office.

If you do not receive any parish emails currently, you can be added to the list by sending an email to office@stfrancisnixa.org

January	Sunday
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The Baptism of The Lord

9:00 a.m. Rosary

"Keep Christ In Christmas" Poster Due before Mass

9:30 a.m. Mass

Following Mass Welcome Table

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes

Undecorate for Christmas Season

4:30 p.m. RCIA

6:00 Social/7:00 p.m. Knights & Ladies Aux Meeting

Monday

6:30 p.m. Book Study Meeting 10

6:30 p.m. 1st Sacrament of Reconciliation

Tuesday

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12:00 p.m. Mass

Wednesday

7:00 a.m. Early Risers 6:30 p.m. Mass

7:00 p.m. Finance Council Meeting

Thursday

St. Hilary 13

9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship

12:00 p.m. Mass

1:00 p.m. Loving Stitches

6:30 p.m. School of Leaders Meeting

Friday

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12:00 p.m. Mass

Saturday

7:00 a.m. Early Risers

5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation

5:00 p.m. Rosary

5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday

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2nd Sunday Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Rosary

9:30 a.m. Mass

11:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes

4:30 p.m. RCIA

"We are called to live our baptism every day, as new creatures, clothed in Christ." ~Pope Francis



John the Baptist, as he preached of the coming of the Son of God, welcomed every type of sinner to the Jordan River to have their sins washed away, to begin a new life. Why then did Jesus—himself inca-

pable of sin—ask to be baptized by John as well? Just as our baptism welcomes us into the arms of the Church, Jesus' baptism signifies the beginning of his ministerial mission on earth. It is here he is manifested as the Son of God and in possession of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' immersion in the waters of the Jordan expresses his willingness to self-cleanse everything up to that moment and begin his life as God's suffering servant Just as Jesus appeared in the crowd of sinners waiting for the saving waters, he is with us today. In this seemingly simple act, he accepted his fate of death on the cross in exchange for the remission of our sins. As you bless yourselves today with holy water, linger a bit on the feel of the water and remember the beloved Son, in whom God is well pleased.



Ladies Auxiliary 15th Annual Chili/Soup Cook-off Sunday, January 30th,

Following Mass
This event is open to ALL. You

can enter your winning recipe and decorate your booth for a prize! OR you can simply come and taste all the GREAT Chili and Soup! Bring canned good(s) as your entry fee and use to <u>vote</u> on your favorite recipe and favorite booth. Canned goods will be donated to Least of These Food Pantry.

Email and Text Scams

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

Questions, contact Julie Clarke, jclarke109@live.com

First Reconciliation Jan 10th

The second grade Faith Formation class is preparing for their First Reconciliation on Jan. 10th.

Please keep all the students and their families in your prayers as they will be preparing for this holy sacrament.





First Holy Communion Parent/Child Meeting Wed, Jan 26 at 7:00 p.m.

If you wish for your child to prepare for the sacrament of First Communion, please attend this meeting. We will

discuss the requirements and the procedures for receiving the sacrament. First Communion is scheduled for Sunday, May 8th.

If you can not attend and need information, please contact Renee Truby, cre@stfrancisnixa.org

A parent meeting is a required part of the preparation for your child to receive this sacrament.

What is The Synod on Synodality?

"The mission of the Church requires the entire People of God to be on a journey together, with each member playing his or her crucial role, united with each other. A synodal Church walks forward in communion to pursue a common mission through the participation of each and every one of her members. The objective of this Synodal Process is not to provide a temporary or onetime experience of synodality, but rather to provide an opportunity for the entire People of God to discern together how to move forward on the path towards being a more synodal Church in the long-term" (Vademecum for the Synod on Synodality #1.3)

Through the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is asking the Church to rediscover its deeply synodal roots and to reflect on how the path of synodality is the way for the entire People of God to journey forward together.

Through the Synod on Synodality, Pope Francis is inviting and encouraging, "ALL People of God" to participate in a local consultation process. For the diocese of Springfield-Cape Girardeau this means arranging for local parish consultation sessions in which "ALL People of God" are invited to participate in dialogues groups.

Readings for Week of January 9, 2022 Sunday

Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-4, 9-10/Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16,21-22 or ls 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1-4, 24-25, 27-30 / Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Monday

1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-19/Mk 1:14-20

Tuesday

1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-8/Mk 1:21-28

Wednesday

1 Sm 3:1-10,19-20/Ps 40:2, 5, 7-10/Mk 1:29-39

Thursday

1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11,14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45

Friday

1 Sm 8:4-7,10-22/Ps 89:16-19/Mk 2:1-12

Saturday

1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17

Next Sunday

Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-3, 7-10/1 Cor 12:4-11/Jn 2:1-11



Stewardship A Way of Life

Jesus, whom God called "my beloved Son," is also the "servant" of whom Isaiah speaks in the first reading. We who are baptized in Christ must follow His example and use our time and resources in the service of God and neighbor.

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 Sewardship a Stewardship Prayer.





Question of the Week Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

Key Passage: After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him....a voice came from heaven, "you are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

Question: How do you experience being the

"beloved of God"?

Children: Where do you feel God's love for you?

March for Life

The Knights of Columbus will send 2 adults or youth from this parish to attend the March for Life event in Washington, D.C.



January 19-22. Depart Springfield Jan. 19 at 2 p.m. and return Jan. 22 about 5 p.m. If interested, contact as soon as possible, Deacon Gary,

dre@stfrancisnixa.org or John Clarke 417-880-4292, johnhclarke@sbcglobal.net

Parish Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, Jan. 19th 7:00—9:00 p.m.



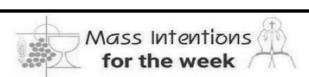
Bring a prayer book or rosary for your use during adoration, or you are invited to just sit quietly, gazing at the Blessed Sacrament, and taking in the grace and peace that comes from being with Christ.

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

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

Baptism

Please contact Deacon Gary Steffes if you have any questions about being baptized in the church. An appointment will be scheduled for you. Email dre@stfrancisnixa.org



Sunday, Jan. 9th
9:30 a.mSt. Francis of Assisi Parish Family
Tuesday, Jan. 11th
Noon† James Edward Stone
Wednesday, Jan. 12th
6:30 p.m† Robbie Kreider
Thursday, Jan. 13th
Noon† Al Bohr
Friday, Jan. 14th
Noon Children taking 1st Reconciliation
Saturday, Jan. 15th
5:30 p.m† Stu Chambers
Sunday, Jan. 16th
9:30 a.mSt. Francis of Assisi Parish Family



In cooperation with the diocesan Office of Evangelization and Catechesis



Cursillo for Men and Women

The purpose of the Cursillo movement is that we become the Good News, and that our actions naturally turn out to be evangelical in our daily lives.



Upcoming Cursillo Weekends will be at Pinecrest Camp and Conference Center in Fredericktown, MO Dates for Men will be February 24-27. Women's Conference will be March 24-27.

Interested in DYC, FEARLESS, CATHOLIC MEN'S CONFERENCE, CURSILLO contact Deacon Gary, dre@stfrancisnixa.org

Formed Sign-Up Instructions

- 1. Visit FORMED.org
- 2. Click Sign Up
- 3. Select "I Belong to a Parish or Organization"
- 4. Find St. Francis of Assisi by parish name, ad dress, or zip code
- 5. Enter your email and you're in

FEARLESS

2022 Steubenville Conference

Calling all High Schoolers! Come to Steubenville for a richer life in Christ. Join hundreds of Catholic teens at Steubenville at Missouri State University on July 15-17 to experience the peace of Jesus Christ. All rising freshmen in high school through rising freshmen in college are invited to attend the retreat.



Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program

The Catholic Center Office of Evangelizations is taking applications for summer missionaries for the Totus Tuus Summer Youth Program. This program is for youth ages 18-24. Teams of four young adults (two men and two women) travel to a different parish each week, hosting a five-day catechetical program for grades 1-12, similar to 'vacation Bible school." The week is filled with faith, fun, and friendship. There are messy games and crazy skits as well as catechetical learning joined with prayer and sacrament. For more information visit dioscg.org/totustuus/ or contact Lynn Melendez at lmelendez@dioscg.org or 417-866-0841.

DEADLINE TO APPLY March 31st.



Week of January 2, 2022

Operating Fund

Envelopes	\$1,780
Plate	•
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Total	
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Monthly Receipts Needed	\$22,187
Received	\$4,180
Needed for Month	\$18,007
Building Fund	
Building Funds in checking	\$11,217
Building Trust Fund at Diocese	\$259,079
Total Building Funds	\$270,296

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 via email.

You can book all dates for 2022 and 2023.

Flower Donations for Masses

We are accepting orders for donations of flowers for our Masses. You can provide flowers by remembering loved ones or celebrating special occasions. A mini-



mum 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.

Thank you to everyone who donates flowers to keep our sanctuary looking beautiful.

Collections During Advent & Christmas Season



Immaculate Conception

Your offering, \$1,098 for these Masses were donated to *Catholic Charities of SW Missouri*. They seek to improve the lives of the vulnerable by providing services to meet local needs.

Least of These

Provides food to those in need in Christian County. Our parish supports *Least of These* as our major charity. During Advent we raise money with the Giving Tree. Your donations of \$2,745 will help feed many in Christian County.

Seminarian and Diocesan Retired Clergy

The Christmas offering was the opportunity to assist the Diocese in funding the formation of our future priests—our seminarians—and meeting the needs of our retired diocesan priests. You generously supported "*Those who Have Served and Those Who Will Serve*" with your donations of \$1,428.

Mary, Mother of God

Lifehouse is a program through Catholic Charities of SW Missouri that provides hope for new life. It is a residential transitional housing program for homeless pregnant women and their child for up to one year following birth. You donated \$729.

New Members 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, Jan. 9th. 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



The Cornerstone Catholic Scripture Study

You are invited to take a spiritual journey through

scripture where Jesus is "The Cornerstone."

The Cornerstone is a Catholic in depth study of the Scriptures for men and women involving daily study questions, small group sharing, spiritual reflection, and commentary readings.

Join us as we study the Book of Genesis and journey with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Learn how God revealed His almighty power and love through His everlasting covenants that enjoined God and man.

The daytime group meets on Thursday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. A Visitor's Day is scheduled for January 13, 2022. For more information, phone Nicola at 823-0911.

The nighttime group meets on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church. A Visitor's Day is scheduled for January 11, 2022. For more information, phone Paula at 894-4678 or Mary Ellen at 849-1793.

www.thecornerstonescripturestudy.org

Diocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration!

Contact: Marilyn Gibson 417.224.4043 marilyngibson@outlook.com



Adorers Needed

Wednesday 12 a.m. and Saturday Noon

To reach our goal of 2 people per an hour we need 65 Additional Adorers. Join our substitute list to experience the peace of adoration. Please call Marilyn Gibson 417-224-4043 to sign up for the Diocesan Perpetual Adoration.

> Holy Trinity Parish has security measures are in place for those with safety concerns,



1:00-4:00 P.M.

Check in time: 12:00 Noon, Bowl 1:00

Century Lane * Nixa, MO

This family friendly event makes a difference in the lives of homeless children, youth, veterans, families and individuals. This year the event will benefit three organizations: Catholic Charities of SW MO, Least of These, and The Kitchen. The goal is \$1 million! Your sponsorship, the bowlers and your donations will make this a success.

The fee is \$15 advanced; \$20 day of registration, per bowler covers the cost of bowling (3 games) plus shoes and bowling ball.



You can help by buying Raffle Tickets: Purchase raffle tickets for a two night stay and \$500 Visa Cash. \$5 per ticket or 5 tickets for \$20. Contact Linda Howard 417-818-6220 or John Clarke 417-880 -4292 for tickets or call 417-225-7415 to purchase.

This year, everyone is asked to bring a canned food and/or non-perishable item for those in need.

For more information and forms: https:// www.thekitcheninc.org/knights-striking-out/ For further information contact: John Clarke -417.880.4292 or Dean Arens - 417.844.1293

Volunteers Needed In Lifehouse



We are looking for volunteers to work in the

LifeHouse office, answering phones and assisting the staff with various tasks. We need you during business hours, and scheduling is flexible. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Jill Bryant at 417-720-4213 or ibryant@ccsomo.org.



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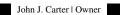
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