January 16, 2021 2nd 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

Relationships are hard to clarify. Determining whether people in our lives are simply acquaintances and associates or a deeper level of friend is a journey that takes time. Identifying and celebrating those people who really care about us is a lifelong adventure that involves both moments of intense elation and heartache. Some relationships are more easily definable than others. Two people who are in love must decide whether the love they share has the freedom and depth necessary for lifelong commitments. Other relationships may look like friendship but may harbor grave dysfunction and toxicity. Discernment is needed on all fronts. Our relationship with God also needs definition and discernment. God has taken creation as His spouse and human beings as His children. God delights in us and all that He has made. The wedding feast at Cana demonstrates God's investment in all of this, especially our happiness. Life is a time for celebration and great rejoicing!

Sharing Our Talent

Sunday, Jan. 23, 2022, 9:30 a.m. Liturgical Ministries

Littligical Ministries
Mass FacilitatorKris Morehead
SacristanDebbie Harris
Altar ServersAndrew Sehie Ari Baker Kenzie Baker
RosaryDon Schortgen
Children's LiturgyStacy Kindell
Children's AssistantAbby Muniz & Mason Kindell
Reader 1Karen McKnight
Reader 2 Suzanne West
Present Gifts Jeanine Bratcher & Debbie Harris
MusicDebbie Durham
Ushers/Greeters:
Kevin Heitland—Lead Jeanine Bratcher
Kathy Heitland Cliff Gorman
Hospitality: Ron & Brenda Pojar, Marc Truby, Mary Slaughter
Donut Hero: Chris & Melinda Johnmeyer
Money Counters Ministry:
Greg Eck Joel Lechner Darlene Campbell
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
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Liturgical Ministers ~ Saturday, Jan. 22, 5:30 p.m.
Mass Facilitator/Sacristan Chris Kahl
ServerDan Baltz
RosaryChan Family
Reader 1Jen Chan
Reader 2
Present Gifts Jeff & Angie Laurin
Ushers/Greeters Jeff & Angie Laurin
Music Jessica Durham



Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday

Each year on the third Monday of January, our country honors the birth, life and dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Dr. King was an American clergyman and civil-rights leader. In 1964, at the age of 35, he was the youngest man, and only the third black man, to be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. Please let us take this day,

among all others, to pray for unity and an end to the divisiveness in the world. Our Parish Office will be closed in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

January	y Sunday
16	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
	Monday
17	Martin Luther King Day 6:30 p.m. Book Study Meeting
	Tuesday
18	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity 12:00 p.m. Mass
	Wednesday
19	7:00 a.m. Early Risers 11:00 a.m. Castlewood 6:30 p.m. Mass 7:00 p.m. Parish Council Meeting 7:00—9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
	Thursday
20	9:00 a.m. Men's Fellowship 12:00 p.m. Mass 1:00 p.m. Loving Stitches
	Friday
21	12:00 p.m. Mass
	Saturday
22	Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children 7:00 a.m. Early Risers 5:00 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation 5:00 p.m. Rosary 5:30 p.m. Mass
	Sunday
23	3rd Sunday Ordinary Time 9:00 a.m. Rosary 9:30 a.m. Mass 11:00 a.m. Faith Formation Classes 1:00 p.m. Nixa March for Life Activities 4:30 p.m. RCIA



St. Francis of Assisi March For Life Start at 1:00 p.m.

We invite all who support a culture of life to join in a March for Life on Sunday, January 23. The March begins at St. Francis of Assisi at 1:00 p.m. Participants may also join the March at The Bridge Church/O'Reilly Auto parking lot at 2:00p.m. or Nixa Jr. High at approx. 2:30 p.m. The total route will stretch from St. Francis to Tracker Rd. (via Main Street) and back. March for 30 minutes or 1-3.5 hours. Dress warmly. Bring water or snack if you wish. EVERYONE WELCOME! Map with instructions available in gathering space.

Or if you wish, grab a lawn chair and hold a sign along the route. We have signs and we'll provide "crossing guards" at intersections. Join us in support of life from conception to natural death. God bless!

Want to participate but NOT WALK

Gather at St. Francis of Assisi for a Rosary dedicated to protecting the sanctity of Life at 1:15 p.m.

HELPERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to serve as "crossing guards" at intersections. Please contact Deacon Gary if you can help in this role. dre@stfrancisnixa.org

> Questions, contact Deacon Gary, dre@stfrancisnixa.org or 660-651-1779

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

The theme, taken from the second chapter of the Gospel Matthew, is the Epiphany. Each year in January, the Church recalls the visit of the Magi to Bethlehem, highlighting God's invitation to all of humanity to a new covenant in the Incarnation of Christ.

In the midst of humanity's darkness, the star from the East shone. The star's light was not only an illumination at the particular historical moment but it continues to shine and change the face of human history. Despite the changing circumstances, the Risen one continues to shine, moving within the flow of history like a beacon guiding all into this perfect light and overcoming the darkness which separates us from one another.

The desire to overcome the darkness that separates us compels us to pray and work for Christian unity.





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.

Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of **Unborn Children**

In all Dioceses of the United States, this is observed on January 22nd as a day of prayer for the full resto-

ration of the legal guarantee of the right to life and of penance for violations to the dignity of the human person



committed through acts of abortion. As individuals we are called to observe this day through penitential practices of prayer, fasting and/or giving alms. Other ways are to participate in a Parish event. At St. Francis of Assisi we will be observing the Day of Prayer in our March for Life on Sunday, Jan. 23rd at 1:00 p.m. See bulletin for details.



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 vote on your favorite recipe and favorite booth. Canned goods will be donated to Least of These Food Pantry.

Questions, contact Julie Clarke, jclarke109@live.com

Readings for Week of January 16, 2022 Sunday

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

1 Sm 15:16-23/Ps 50:8-9, 16-17, 21,23/Mk 2:18-22 **Tuesday**

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 89:20-22, 27-28/Mk 2:23-28 Wednesday

1 Sm 17:32-33,37,40-51/Ps 144:1-2, 9-10/Mk 3:1-6

Thursday

1 Sm 18:6-9; 19:1-7/Ps 56:2-3, 9-13/Mk 3:7-12

Friday

1 Sm 24:3-21/Ps 57:2-4, 6,11/Mk 3:13-19

Saturday

2 Sm 1:1-4, 11-12,19, 23-27/Ps 80:2-3,5-7/Mk 3:20-21

Next Sunday

Neh 8:2-6,8-10/Ps 19:8-10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 / Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21



Stewardship A Way of Life

In today's second reading, St. Paul tells the Corinthians (and us) that all of our gifts are from God and that they are given, not for ourselves alone, but for the common good. But the generosity of God knows no limits - the miracle at Cana reminds us that whenever we faithfully do as God asks, He can change our gifts of water into wine!

After Mass Come for Prayer Take a few minutes for Prayer

Saturday and 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.



Question of the Week Iohn 2:1-11

Key Passage: When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." Jesus replied, "Woman, how does this concern me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servers, "Do whatever he tells you."

Question: What role does Mary play in your faith

life?

Children: How important to you is Mary, mother of

Iesus?

Parish Monthly Eucharistic Adoration Wednesday, Jan. 19th



Prayer Shawl

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

Do You Know Someone who would like to receive a **Prayer Shawl?**

It's finally turned cold outside and with that, illnesses, and Covid, there are sure to be loved ones who could use an extra hug! The Prayer Shawl Ministry would like to share that we have many lovingly crocheted and knitted blankets available to pass out to people who could use one right now! Whether it's a loved one with a new baby, a friend battling cancer, or the homeless person you see on the street every day, we have something you can give them.

Please contact Jennifer Chan at 480-225-0857 (text or call) to find the right one. This special gift will let them know that they are not forgotten, by us or by our Loving Savior, Jesus! God bless you all!



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

Sunday, Jan. 23rd





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, STEUBENVILLE, 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

Youth Confirmation Service Project

"God Loves You Bags"

The confirmation youth are planning to make 60 "God Loves You" bags for the homeless. They will be distributed to three area agencies (Catholic Charities, The Kitchen, and O'Reilly Center for Hope).



Once again, we need your help. Over the next three weekends we will have a box in the gathering space to collect the following items:

gloves, socks, stocking caps, hand warmers, small hand sanitizers, Chap-Stick, Band Aids, cheese packs, chicken or tuna salad packets, Vienna sausage (pop top lids please), small packs of nuts, raisins or other dried fruits.

Please watch for expiration dates. Many of these items can be purchased from stores advertising items at \$1 or less. Financial contributions are welcome, as well.

Our confirmation youth will assembles these bags and we'll get them in the hands of the various agen-

You have been so very generous in the past. These three agencies received a few of our bags previously and were very appreciative.

This is a great way to share our love for our brothers and sisters. Once again, let's show our community how much St. Francis Cares!





Week of January 9, 2022

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Operating Fund

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Envelopes	
Plate	\$365
ACH	\$
Total	\$3,802
Monthly Receipts Needed	\$22,187
Received	\$7,982
Needed for Month	\$14,205
Building Fund	
Building Funds in checking	\$11,748
Building Trust Fund at Diocese	\$259,079
Total Building Funds	\$270.827

Vocational Prayer Families

Our parish wants to encourage and foster vocations to the religious life and especially the priesthood which is so vitally important for the ongoing sacramental life and health of the Catholic Church. We are passing a crucifix between families who have pledged to pray daily for the discernment of young men to the priesthood, for our seminarians, and for our clergy. We hope that your family will join us in that endeavor.

There are sign-up sheet in the gathering space. Please consider being part of this prayerful service to the Church. You may also sign up by contacting Deacon Gary dre@stfrancisnixa.org.

End-of-Year Statements

Contribution statements for 2021 have been mailed. If you do not receive a statement, or if you received a statement that you think is incorrect, please contact Sheri at Parish office, office@stfrancisnixa.org or 725-4260 (home)/838-7474 (cell).

If you made any contributions to DDF and/or the Diocesan Capital Campaign your tax statement will come for those from Diocese, contact Diocese for questions, 866-0841.

We Need Your Contributions!

PLEASE drop your contribution in the baskets in the gathering space as you enter or leave church.

Many parishioners are mailing contributions to the parish or donating through ACH. Thank you! You can set up recurring donations from your bank through ACH by contacting the Parish Office and WeShare is a service at our Parish website that you can use to donate. The Parish deeply appreciates your sacrifices in supporting our parish. May God

bless you for your generosity! Mail contributions to:

St. Francis of Assisi PO Box 1920 Nixa, MO 65714



Book for Prayer Request

to Prayer Network Team.

If you or someone you know is in need of prayer, write your name or the person's name in the Prayer request book <u>located on the</u>

<u>Usher's Stand</u> or email parish office. All request are emailed

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

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

COVID-19 Safety

We appreciate everyone working together and be mindful of planning your schedule to help promote social distancing. Thank you for practicing charity and consideration of others, especially the most vulnerable members in our parish.

Our parish is a mask friendly church and welcome you to wear a face mask. Please stay home if you show any symptoms of illness. Please follow quarantine guidelines by your healthcare professional and take all prevention measures very seriously. Stay home if you are ill.

Eucharistic ministers are required to wear face masks and use hand sanitizer.

Please continue to pray for the eradication of the Covid virus.

Least Of These, Inc. Christian County Food Pantry

Least of These provides Christian County clients food assistance, food-related resources, special evening hours for working clients and a mobile food pantry to Eastern Christian County.

In June, 2021 they served 822 households, 705 children, 960 adults, 511 seniors.

Current needs are: cereal, canned tuna, canned chicken, canned fruit, boxed potatoes, sugar-free jelly & syrup, 1lb pkgs rice or dried beans, tea bags, fruit juice, pasta, ramen noodles, mac & cheese, jelly, boxed pasta sides, canned vegetables. For more ideas visit leastofthesefoodpantry.org/donate.html

Please bring your donations & fill the food barrel in the gathering space. *Imagine how full it would be if EVERY Parishioner brought one can of food!!!*

Diocesan Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration!

Contact: Marilyn Gibson 417.224.4043 <u>marilyngibson@outlook.com</u>

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, especially overnight.



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, 2nd prize is a \$500 Visa gift card and



3rd Prize is \$250 gift card and 2 hours gift card for Big Shots Golf. \$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

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.



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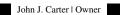
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