



ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CATHOLIC CHURCH

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March 30, 2025

Mission Statement: 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



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT



When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out,
he found him and said, "Do you believe in the
Son of Man?" - Jn 9:35

April 1:
Communal Penance
Service

April 17:
Holy Thursday
6:30 p.m.

April 18:
Good Friday
Passion of Christ
service 6:30 p.m.

April 19:
Easter Vigil 8 p.m.
Catholic Campus
Ministry MSU

April 20:
Easter
7 a.m., 9 a.m., and
10:30 a.m.

Mass Times
Saturday Vigil.....5:30 p.m.
Sunday.....10:30 a.m.

(Services held at St. Joseph the Worker, Ozark until further notice)

Confession
Saturday.....5:00-5:20 p.m.

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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.

March

Sunday

10:00 a.m. Rosary (in chapel)
 10:30 a.m. Mass - Second Scrutiny (OCIA)
 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. PSR Class / Adult Small Group

Monday

31

April

Lenten Penance Service

Tuesday

1 9:30 –11:30 a.m. Cornerstone— Msgr. Eftink Fellowship Room, St. Joseph the Worker
 6:30 p.m. NO OCIA Class
 7:00 p.m. Lenten Penance Service

Wednesday

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Thursday

3 9:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Group / Participating in SJW Bible Study

Friday

4 4:30-7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Fish Fry SFA

Saturday

5 5:00 p.m. Reconciliation
 5:00 p.m. Rosary (in chapel)
 5:30 p.m. Mass

Sunday

6 10:00 a.m. Rosary (in chapel)
 10:30 a.m. Mass –Third Scrutiny (OCIA)
 11:45 a.m.-12:15 p.m. PSR Class/ Adult Small Group

Tuesday, April 1st

Mass Intention: † Ron Geeser

Saturday, April 5th

Mass Intention: † Charles Bunnell

MASS Intentions

Week of March 30th Readings:

Sunday

1 Sm 16:1-13/Ps 23:1-6/Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41

Monday

Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2-13/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday

Ez 47:1-12/Ps 46:2-9/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday

Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-18/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday

Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-23/Jn 5:31-47

Friday

Wis 2:1-22/Ps 34:17-23/Jn 7:1--30

Saturday

Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday

Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-8 /Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45

Easter Flowers

If you wish to have Easter flowers in honor /memory of someone, place your donation in the Easter Flower envelope you received or an envelope marked Easter Flowers with your name. Be sure to note on the envelope in whose honor/ memory you are making the donation. Place your envelope in the collection basket by Sunday, April 6th. A list of the names will appear in the Easter bulletin.



Sharing Our Time & Talent **Saturday, April 5th 5:30 p.m.**

Mass Facilitator/Sacristan.....	Nancy Patterson
Server.....	Jeff Chan
Rosary	Dan Baltz
Reader 1.....	Lucy Sevcik
Reader 2.....	Barb Rogers
Extraordinary Ministers	Dr. James Lukavsky & Deb Harris
Presenter of Gifts.....	Terry & Linda Howard
Usher / Greeters	Jeff & Angie Laurin
Music.....	Debbie Durham

THANK YOU VERY MUCH



Grateful For Our Past... Preparing For Our Future



Our cash receipts continues to build and is currently at \$1,161,527. Our campaign total is \$2,217,651. We would encourage you to complete a pledge card if you have not yet done so.



Stewardship *A Way of Life*

The stewardship message in the parable of the Prodigal Son is that it is never too late to become a good steward. Blessed is the elder brother who had been a good steward all along, but blessed, too, is the prodigal who had to lose all he had in order to understand the value of what he'd been given.

Lenten Penance Service

St. Francis' Lenten Penance Service is **Tuesday April 1st at 7pm at SJW.**

Sharing Our Time & Talent **Sunday, April 6th 10:30 a.m.**

Mass Facilitator.....	Julie Clarke
Sacristan.....	Rosie Brookner
Altar Servers.....	Grayson Lechner, Gabriel Gale, Chelsea Kauffman
Reader 1	Dr. James Lukavsky
Reader 2	Kris Morehead
Children's Liturgy	Joy Steffes & Kristen Lantz
Children's Assistant:	Lucia Howe & Abby Muniz
Extraordinary Ministers:	Toni Eisenga , Cheryl Coffelt Jeanine Bratcher, Mary Ann Davis
Present Gifts	The Schmitz Family
Usher / Greeters:	Mark Schweiss—LEAD Regina Schweiss, Mark Mierkowski, Tom Nelson
Rosary	Carl Schimek
Ministers Of Care.....	Glenda Griest
Music	Debbie Durham
Hospitality.....	Kathy Seeman, Cheryl Coffelt, & Glenda Griest
Donut Hero	The Silvey Family
Liturgical Laundry	Virginia Pojar
Money Counters	Mike Ecker, Jeanine Bratcher, & Patty Marquez

PARISH NEWS

Living the Liturgy

The blind man showed great bravery by speaking of Christ's miracle in the face of the Pharisees' disdain. But then, how could he ignore the truth, once he had seen it? It would be a form of blindness worse than the absence of physical sight. To deny Christ would be a blindness he chose for himself.



EVERY FRIDAY during LENT—7:00 p.m. at SJW



Bishop Rice's March Prayer

May St. Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, watch over our diocese and families!

SHARING OUR TREASURE

Week Ending March 23rd

Operating Fund

Envelopes.....	\$4,898
Plate.....	\$418
WeShare.....	\$290
ACH.....	\$2,135
Total.....	\$7,740
Monthly Receipts Needed.....	\$29,647
Received.....	\$33,815

Needed for Month.....

Building Fund

Building Funds in checking.....	\$22,255
Building Trust Fund at Diocese.....	* \$362,646
Total Building Funds.....	\$384,901
Operating Trust.....	\$248,322

* - \$146,360.77 payment on construction contract



Online giving available through
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Weekly Lenten Fish Fry "Drive-Thru Only" Fridays 4:30-7 PM

Fried or Baked Fish, French Fries, Hush Puppy, Cole-slaw or Mac and Cheese, & two cookies !

Prices: \$12 adult, Family of four \$40, kids under 6\$6.

EUCARISTIC REFLECTION

"When Mass is over, you must remain with Jesus in thanksgiving. A soul that gives thanks to God after Communion loses none of the Heavenly treasures it has received."

—St. Padre Pio

Operation Rice Bowl

During Lent, try to have simple meals once or twice a week, giving the money saved to the Rice Bowl collection. Use any container at home to place your money or Rice Bowls are available at church. Catholic Relief Services works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world to end global poverty. Rice Bowls are to be returned Holy Thursday. Be sure to put your name on the box so we can post your donation. Place your rice bowl on table in gathering space. Or place your check/cash in envelope marked Rice Bowl and mail/return to church.



Parishioners in Need of Prayers

Ann Bunnell
Robert Haslag
Ben Caffee
Dean Seimer
John Staudt
Mary Eck
Marguerite Gorman-Fray



YOUTH NEWS

Lenten Program

This year our youth group is examining the question "Why are *you* Catholic?" In each class we will be delving into your questions about the Catholic faith. Come join us in the Divine Mercy Hall from 11:45-12:15 each Sunday to learn more about your Catholic faith!

Youth Lent Project

ELEVATE KIDS Includes a variety of programs and services to help young children have healthy meals and renew their mind, body and spirit. The money raised for this year's 2025 *Lenten Youth Project* will help to build a safe playground for them to play. The program will include basketball, climbing nets, swings, picnic tables, and slides. This will certainly put a smile on their faces.

The Funds raised during this 2025 *Lenten Youth Project*, along with prayer, will be a beautiful example of "children helping children" in our diocese. And next time you are in Branson, you can visit the ELEVATE KIDS playground!

THE AMENDMENT 3 FIGHT ISN'T OVER



Join us at the

2025 MIDWEST MARCH FOR LIFE

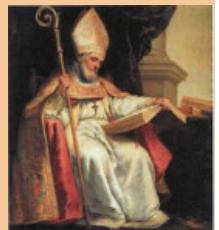


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Diocesan-chartered buses and mileage reimbursement available!

St. Isadore of Seville

St. Isadore of Seville was a Bishop who served in Spain during the 600s. Horribly abused as a child, St. Isadore grew up to be a kind and merciful Bishop who is considered to be one of the best Christian philosophers that the Church has had. He became very well known across Spain for his teaching ability. St. Isadore is the patron saint of the Internet. His feast day is on April 4th. St Isadore Seville, pray for us!



Question of the Week

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Key Passage: My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now, we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again, he was lost and has been found.

Adult: What is it that makes it so difficult to offer unconditional forgiveness to another?

Children: What are some ways you can show some



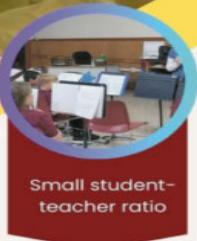
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EUCARISTIC REVIVAL



If souls but understood the treasure they possess in the divine Eucharist, it would be necessary to encircle the tabernacles with the strongest ramparts, for – in the delirium of a devouring holy hunger – they would press forward themselves to feed on the Bread of Angels. The churches would overflow with adorers consumed with love for the divine Person no less by night than by day.

Blessed Dina Belanger

~ Jennifer Chan



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You may have heard of him, the sneaker-wearing, computer-loving "gamer saint" of our time. But beyond the headlines and hashtags, the real story of Carlo is something deeper, something the world desperately needs to hear. Known for his deep love of God, devotion to the Eucharist, and quiet acts of charity, Carlo's life was a testament to everyday holiness.

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An offering from the  AUGUSTINE INSTITUTE

Prayers for OCIA

Please pray for the entire Elect as they prepare for Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation. Keep them in your prayers as they look forward to becoming members of our one, holy, Catholic, and apostolic Church.

Elect: Piper Cook, Sophia Felton, Amanda Floer, Christina Mann, Michael Merritt, Nikki Oates, Kyle Orr, and Landon Petersen

Candidates: Austin Bennett, Gavin Collyott, Emma Floer, Olivia Floer, Brian Jacobson, Courtney Jacobson, Zulma Jimenez, Candice Lohkamp, and Bill Williams.

Additionally, please pray for the OCIA support team.



PLEASE JOIN US
IN PRAYING FOR
OUR OCIA
ELECT AND
CANDIDATES!
AS WELL AS OUR AMAZING CATECHISTS!

OCIA Updates:

Save the Dates:

Third Scrutiny Rite, Mass – Sunday, **April 6th**

OCIA Easter Vigil Retreat - **April 12th** 9 a.m.– 2 p.m.

Holy Thursday- **April 17th** 6:30 p.m.

Good Friday- **April 18th** 6:30 p.m.

Easter Vigil will be **April 19th**- 8 p.m.

OCIA classes continue every Tuesday at 6:30 PM at St. Joseph the Worker Parish in Ozark, MO.

Easter Vigil will be held at Catholic Campus Ministry/ Newman Center, in Springfield.



April Birthdays

Toni Eisenga
 Richard Floer
 Derek Noble
 Madison Els-Smith
 Kelly Schmitz
 Marcus Mann
 Todd Pyle
 Reid Roberts
 Aiden Montagno
 Todd Patterson
 Brydget Snook
 Will Squires
 Mary De Carl
 Sara Walraven
 Mitchel Brake
 Andrew Sehie
 Lucia Howe
 Danny Marra
 Reagan Watkins
 Jerome Ballman
 Katie Bond
 Vivian Redington
 Dan Weskamp



If we missed your
 birthday, PLEASE
 LET US KNOW!

Shawna Price
 Hayden Young
 Trista Lukavsky
 Arlene Krebsbach
 Addison Squires
 Samantha McKnight
 Carter Chan
 Dawnielle Baker
 Renee Jay
 Joan Justiss
 Carolyn Himes
 Becky Magnuson
 Raelyn Eggleston
 Charles Ellis
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 Glenda Griest
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<https://www.applitrack.com/scspk/onlineapp>

66TH ANNUAL CATHOLIC WOMEN'S SPRING ASSEMBLY, SPONSORED BY THE DIOCESE COUNCIL OF CATHOLIC WOMEN

April 25 - 26, 2025

at the **DoubleTree Hotel** and Conference Center in Springfield, MO

KEYNOTE SPEAKER ALLEN EDWARDS

LEADERSHIP SPEAKER FR. ANDREW WILLIAMS

SPIRITUALITY SPEAKER LYNN MIELANDEZ

SERVICE SPEAKER MICHELE WATSON

Scan QR, Download PDF & Register

Lead me, O Lord!

Psalm 5:8

***Registration PDF download link: https://drive.google.com/file/d/1s6nPOWeZalmmC5hNCEv7OvbefQ1ibdC7/view?usp=drive_link

2025 DCCW Service Project Pregnancy Resource Center of West Plains

Springfield Catholic High School Presents: "Done of Death"

It is a murder mystery/comedy! The Shows are April 4th and 5th 7 p.m. and April 6th at 2 p.m. Scan the QR code for tickets!



Men's Leadership Summit April 12th

We're looking for a few good men. If you are on fire for your faith and are willing to respond to the critical needs of the Church, register for this summit today. It will be held on Saturday, April 12th, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and presented by John Edwards. This QR code will get you registered.



Reserve Your Spot Today!

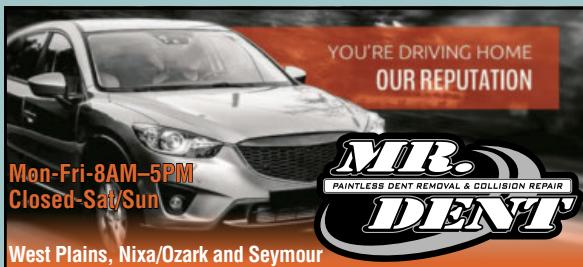
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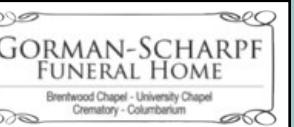
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