



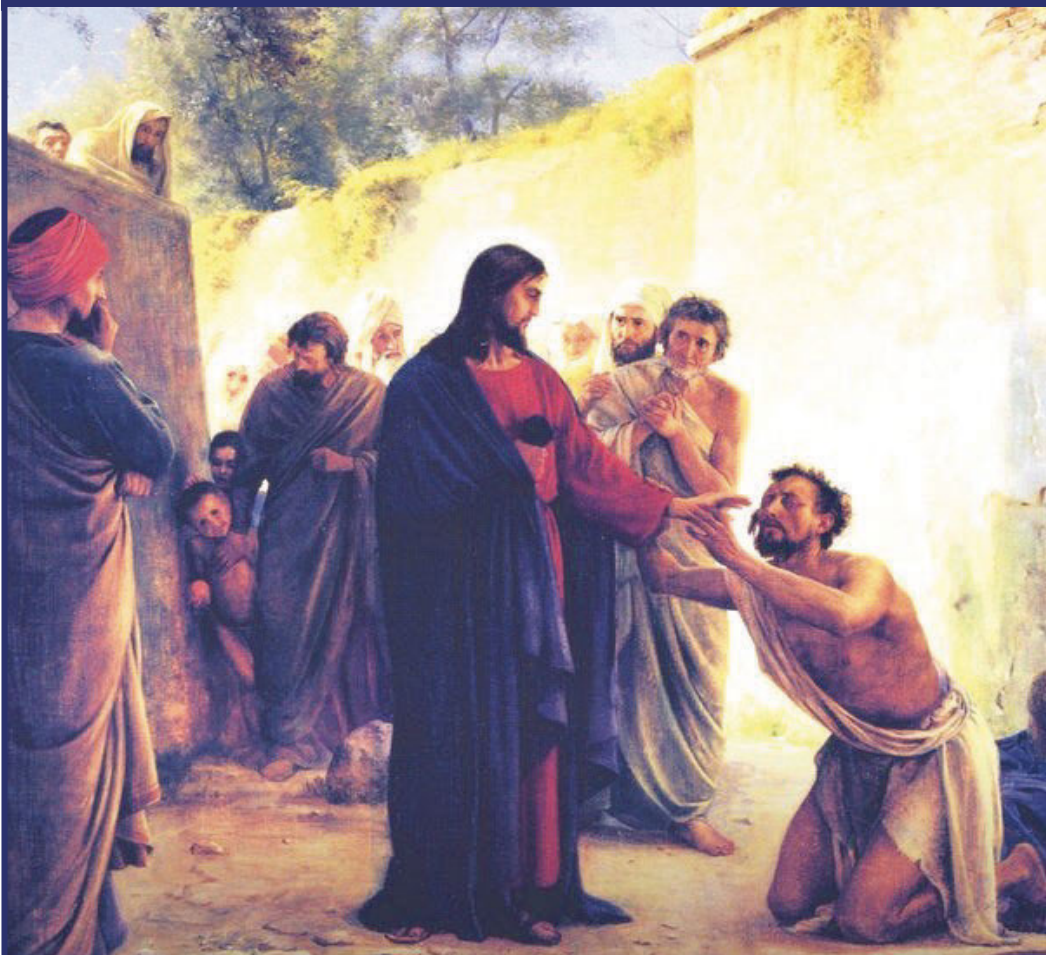
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**March 30, 2025**

**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



## 4<sup>TH</sup> 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.

### Confession

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

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

# ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI | MARCH 30TH, 2025

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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
30	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
2	
	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*

## MARCH 30TH, 2025

### 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

### **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.

### **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



### **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
<b>Total Building Funds.....</b>	<b>\$384,901</b>
<b>Operating Trust.....</b>	<b>\$248,322</b>

\* - \$146,360.77 payment on construction contract



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## Weekly Lenten Fish Fry "Drive-Thru Only"

**Fridays 4:30-7 PM**

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

## EUCCHARISTIC 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!

## 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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# EUCCHARISTIC REVIVAL



## *Eucharistic Miracles*



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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### The Boy from Milan | Trailer

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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### 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.



### 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.**





# NEWS

## 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  
Chris Johnmeyer  
Glenda Griest  
Cindy Steding  
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Abigail Wrinkle  
Bruce Bratcher  
Clayton Glenn  
Marlene Staudt  
Charlie Confer

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## 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 12<sup>th</sup>

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 12<sup>th</sup>, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton and presented by John Edwards. This QR code will get you registered.



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**Lead me, O Lord!**  
Psalm 58

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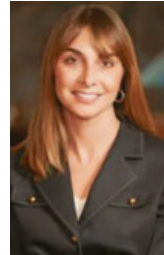
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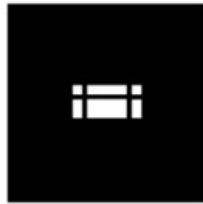
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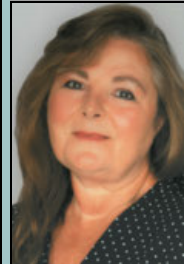
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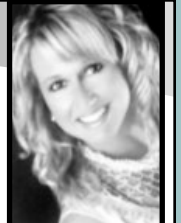
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