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Parish Announcements:

+++A Warm Welcome to all our guests. We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!! New to St. Francis Xavier Parish? Drop an envelope in the box with your information or call us at 374-8894 to register.

+++This week's Monday Mass will be at 5:30 PM instead of 7:00 AM.

++All Saints Day is a holy day of obligation. A Vigil Mass will be on Thursday, October 31 at 5:30 PM, followed by Adoration. Day Masses will be offered Friday, November 1st at 7:00 AM in Des Moines and 12:10 PM in Clayton.

+++Update on 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign

Please make pledges to contribute to this years's ACA Campaign. Your generosity assists the Archdiocese of Santa Fe with its charitable impact that Jesus asks of each of us. If you have made an ACA pledge and have not hyet paid the pledge in full, we encourage you to do so. The envelopes and covers are in the back of the church.Thank you for your continued support.

+++Our Parish needs more Altar Servers. The commitment of the altar is a great honor, a true Holy Service.

+++Six Eucharistic Ministers are still needed in order to offer the Precious Blood at Mass. Please sign up in the back of the church.

+++The bazaar raffle tickets are ready. The grand prize is \$1,000, 2nd prize is \$500, 3rd prize is a cross valued at \$500. Five additional prizes are \$100 each. If you would ike to donate toward the raffle prizes, please contact the parish office.

+++Donations are still being accepted for kitchen equipment. Again, thank you.

+++Daylight Savings Time ends next Sunday, November 3, 2024. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 2



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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www.sfxclayton.org

Parish Administrator

Fr. Joji Konkala

Parish Staff

Business manager: Theresa Gard
Secretary : Raymond Saccoccia
DRE: Rose Ramirez

Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Tuesday: 9:00am—1:00pm
Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm
Thursday: 9:00am—1:00pm

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am
weekday Mass: Monday 7am
Wednesday 12:10pm
Thursday 5:30pm
Friday 12:10pm
Confession: Saturday 4pm to 5pm
Adoration: Thursday 6pm to 7pm

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday Mass 8am (Oct 1 - May 31)
Confession: Sunday before 8am

St. Joseph, Folsom

Sunday Mass 8am (Jun 1 - Sept 30)
Confession: Sunday before 8am

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM—The Sacrament of Baptism classes are offered. Contact Fr. Joji
SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE—Couples must contact the parish office at least six months in advance of the desired wedding date. They must participate in a Weekend for Engaged Couples and attend an introductory class in Natural Family Planning.

SACRAMENT OF ANOINTING OF THE SICK— The Sacrament is administered upon request to those seriously ill, permanently handicapped, very elderly, and those undergoing major surgery.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK—Holy Communion will be brought to the home. Please call the rectory or the priest when someone is ill and unable to come to church. Prayers may be requested for the sick and the elderly. Also, call the rectory or the priest when someone is in the hospital.

Dear parishioners: Gospel Meditation from the Gospel of Mark 10:46-52 :

When we see God with true sincerity of heart and God passes us along our way, it is only then that we will be able to cry out, "Jesus, son of David, have pity on me!" We have to truly want to be healed by, and in union with, God in order for us to reach out to him. If God is only an abstract idea, theory, or someone found in the pages of a book, there is no motivation for a relationship and no desire to seek him. God needs to be real in order for faith to be real. It's all about the journey.

St. Augustine reminds us that "to fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek Him the greatest adventure; to find Him the greatest human achievement." We strive after many things and mercy is not always one of them. We think that we can find fulfillment and healing in other things only to discover that we are still short and empty. From the moment human beings were created, God has been calling us and seeking us. He has been walking right beside the human story from the minute He first breathed life into the

first human soul. Are we able to recognize God as He walks with us? At some point we have to realize that there is only one way to satisfy the deepest longings of the human heart and that is in relationship with our Creator. We are called to this. However, we make the huge error of thinking that what we are hearing is coming from somewhere else. We become confused. Every human being would certainly profit with wisdom if they realized Who calls them and to Whom they belong.

Then and only then will we realize that it is only our Divine Master who can give us true vision and heal us. Once we recognize and reach out for the merciful presence of our loving Maker, we will be able to see with our soul, understanding the true nature and depth of all things. God's mercy is always available. It doesn't matter how far we have strayed or how blind we become, God patiently waits to console us, guide us and heal us. All we need to do is desire Him. Once we reach out, we also realize that there is no greater love to be found than God's, no human adventure that comes even close to the thrill of a spiritual search, and no human achievement even remotely as satisfying as union with Him. This is where we belong. This is salvation.

Readings for the week

Monday: Eph 2: 19-22 Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4
Lk 6: 12-16

Tuesday: Ephesians 5:21-33 or 5:2a, 25-32/
Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [1a]/Luke 13:18-21

Wednesday: Ephesians 6:1-9/Ps 145:10-11,
12-13ab, 13cd-14/ Luke 13:22-30

Thursday: Revelations 7:2-4, 9-14/Ps 24:1-
2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 6]/1 John 3:1-3/Matthew 5:1-
12a

Friday: Wisdom 3:1-9/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5,
6 [1 or 4ab]/ Romans 5:5-11 or Romans 6:3-
9/John 6:37-40

Saturday: Philippians 1:18b-26/Ps 42:2, 3,
5cdef/ Luke 14:1, 7-11

Next Sunday: Deuteronomy 6:2-6/Ps 18:2-
3, 3-4, 47, 51 [2]/ Hebrews 7:23-28/Mark
12:28b-34

Masses offered October 2024

+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members

SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX

SI Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families

Sat, Oct 26

+Sam Britt by Chip & Sammie Wood

+Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt

+Dan & Mary Ann Moriarty by Ross & Shelley Carter

Sun, Oct 27, 8:00 A.M.

+Cecilia Bachicha by Dale & Angie Kissner

+Cecilia Bachicha by Benny Bachicha

+Sonia Roberts by Carlos&BernieFernandez

10:30 A.M.

+Jose Valdez by Rose Cardenas

+Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt

+Freddie/Agnes Archuleta by Sheila Archuleta

Mon, Oct 28 +Andres Romero by Debra Thelander

Fri, Nov 1 For the needs and intentions of our parishioners

Sat, Nov 2

+Clare Wood by Ross and Shelley Carter

+Michael Encinias by Stella Archuleta

+Emma Garcia by Stella Archuleta

Sun, Nov 3, 8:00 AM

+Cecilia Bachicha

10:30 AM

+Clare Wood by Ross and Shelley Carter

+Pita Maesta by Angela Montoya

November 1st: All Saints Day: Today is All Saints Day, a holy day recognized by the Catholic Church and, in various ways, by various Protestant denominations. Eastern Orthodox Christians celebrate the [Sunday of All Saints](#) on the week after Pentecost. This day offers a fine opportunity to thank God for those whose lives have honored him and made a difference to us. Yet, it's important to remember that the biblical sense of "saint" includes all of God's people, not just those who have excelled in discipleship. I thought it might be helpful for us to review what we learned about saints from [Ephesians 1:1](#). In the opening verse of this letter, Paul addresses the letter's recipients as "God's holy people." Traditionally, the Greek word *hagioi*, translated here as "God's holy people," is rendered "saints." Thus, the King James version reads, "To the saints which are at Ephesus." In fact, the English word "saint" comes from the Latin *sanctus*, which means "holy." So, saints are holy people, by definition. But what does it mean to be a holy person, a saint? From a biblical perspective, something is holy when it is set apart for God and God's purposes. So, an animal to be sacrificed to the Lord is holy because it is designated for this special function. In Exodus 19, God set apart the Israelites as his own "treasured possession" (19:5). They would be a "holy nation" (19:6) through which God would make himself known to the world. In the New Testament, believers in Jesus Christ are referred to as "saints" or "holy people" because they have inherited Israel's divinely conferred status as people set apart by God for him and for his saving purposes. Therefore, on All Saints Day, it is a perfect time to remember that God has made you special for him and his purposes, and that he has joined you into the eternal, worldwide fellowship of all his saints. Moreover, it's a good day to take seriously the fact that God wants to make himself known in this world through you as a member of the family of all saints.

October 19th & 20th, 2024

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2008.50

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$272.00



Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel:

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

"The time you spend with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the best time you will spend on earth. Each moment you spend with Jesus will deepen your union with Him, and make your soul everlastingly more glorious and beautiful in heaven, and will help bring about everlasting peace on earth."

- St. Teresa of Calcutta (Mother Teresa)

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Mr. Michael Barrera

Our sympathy is extended to his family and friends. Requiescat in Pace.

Lectors

Sat., October 26—Sammie Wood

Sun., October 27—Mike Diller

Fri., November 1—Sammie Wood

Sat., November 2—Ross Carter

Sun., November 3—Effie Walker

Sat., November 9—Britt Carter

Sun., November 10—Sandy Vaughn