

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ We have a new mailing address for Father Joseph Baltz:

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PSC 400 Box 8951
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- ◆ The **Youth Group**, for 8th grade through high school, meets on Sundays at 5:00 P.M. Please join us.
- ◆ **CHOOSING TO BELONG: ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?** Attending Mass and giving of your time, talent and treasure is an integral part of being Catholic. If you attend Mass here regularly we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. Registering in the parish is a declaration of your desire to be a part of the Catholic community and to make a commitment to the life and wellbeing of our parish. Stating your commitment brings many advantages, recognition and responsibility. A warm to all our guests. We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!! New to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish? Drop a Visitor envelope in the basket with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!

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**February 9, 2025
Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time**



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

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Parish Administrator

Fr. Joji Konkala

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Finance Manager: Theresa Gard
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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 & Friday 12:10pm
Thursday 5:30pm
Confession: Saturday 4pm to 5pm

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.

Gospel Reflection:

Looking back at our life, we may recognize a particular person or a specific experience that caused us to make a significant change or to go in a different direction than we would have otherwise. Hopefully, the change was good, enabling us to think bigger, do better things, and use our talents in a way that we had not considered before. This is what happens in today's readings. Isaiah is called by God to be his prophet (Isaiah 6: 1-8). In the beginning, Isaiah does not feel worthy of this call, but by the end of today's First Reading, he is responding with "Here I am, send me"! It is a similar experience for Simon in today's Gospel (Luke 5: 1-11). Simon and his fishing companions are getting out of their boats and washing their nets after having been fishing all night without catching anything. But by the end of this Gospel, the same fishermen have abandoned their boats, left everything, and followed Jesus. What a remarkable turnaround! This transformation in Simon did not begin with Jesus saying "follow me" from the very beginning. Instead, Jesus eases Simon and the others into discipleship.

He tells them to "Put out a short distance". This may have annoyed them at first as they were tired from having fished all night and were discouraged at having caught nothing. But Simon did take the boat a short distance from the shore, and he could, no doubt, hear Jesus as our Lord spoke to the crowds teaching them.

Then Jesus took Simon a second step, instructing him to "Put out into the deep water and lower your nets for a catch". At first, Simon objected, pointing out that they had worked all night and caught nothing, but then he agreed to do as Jesus had said, and they caught so many fish that their nets were in danger of tearing. Simon is astonished. By the time they return to shore with their large catch of fish, they leave everything and follow Jesus.

This encounter applies to our lives as well. Jesus doesn't necessarily ask us to leave everything right away. Sometimes he comes to us in ways that we can accept, bit by bit, just as he did with Simon. And just like Simon, we come to know Jesus better and better as we commit to following him more closely in our lives. Jesus will meet us where we are. Little by little he will invite us to take the next step toward becoming faithful disciples. It is not something we will accomplish on our own but only with the gift of God's grace. Little by little our lives will change, and our "catch" will be overflowing.

Masses offered January/February 2025 *+All the Departed Parishioners & Family Members* **SI All the Sponsors, Benefactors & Supporters of SFX** **SI Good Health & Well-Being of all Parishioners & Families**

Sat, Feb 8 +Viola Ruiz by Richy Maestas
+Samuel Gutierrez by Ross and Shelley Carter
+Gilbert Rael by Ross and Shelley Carter

Sun, Feb 9 +Melvin Barreras by Leoray and Lupe Gonzales
+Korae Konnelly Hall by Tim and Bonnie Donnelly
+Jose Valdez by Rose Cardenas

Sat, Feb 15 +Inez and Andres Romero by Debra Thelander
+Jim Doherty by Ross and Shelley Carter
S.I. Arlo Taylor by Rose Lee Garcia

Sun, Feb 16+Andrew Garcia by Brian and Andrea Lansford

Thu, Feb 20 Living and deceased members of Altar Society



Readings For the Week

Mon 10 St. Scholastica Gen 1:1-19/
Mk 6:53-56

Tue 11 Gen 1:20-2:4a/Mk 7:1-13

Wed 12 Gen 2:4b-9, 15-17/M 7:14-23

Thu 13 Gen 2:18-25/Mk 3:24-30

Fri 14 Sts Cyril and Methodius Gen 3:1-8/
Mk 7:31-37

Sat 15 Gen 3:9-24/Mk 8:1-10

February 1 and 2, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2187.00

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$753.00

Lectors

Saturday, February 8—Britt Fisk

Sunday, February 9—Sandy Vaughn

Saturday, February 15—Rosie DeHerrera

Sunday, February 16—Raymond Saccoccia

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, February 8—Britt and Andrea
Sunday, February 9—Sophie and Rosie

Saturday, February 15—Rosie and Andrea
Sunday, February 16—Raymond and Sophia

USHERS

Saturday, February 8

Maurillo Valdez & Andre Wat

Sunday, February 9

Robert Montoya & Deano Arellano

Saturday, February 15

Gus Wood & Jeremy Fisk

Sunday, February 16

Maurillo Valdez & Andre Wat

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
May the faith you have given us
In your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
And the flame of charity enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed hope
for the coming of your Kingdom.
May your grace transform us
Into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.
May those seeds transform from within
in both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.
May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us,
Pilgrims of Hope,
A yearning for the treasures of heaven.
May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.
To you our God, eternally blessed,
Be glory and praise for ever.
Amen.