

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- ◆ **A warm Welcome to all our guests.** We are so happy you are here to celebrate with us!! New to Our Catholic Church Parish? You will find forms at the back of the church, please Drop a form at the parish office with your information or call us at 575-374-8894 to register with us!
- ◆ **Month of May Rosary Devotion:** Throughout the month of May, we will be praying the Rosary in the church in honor of our Blessed Mother. We especially invite you to join us for the Rosary: Saturdays at 4:30 PM (before the evening Mass) & Sundays at 10:00 AM (before the morning Mass)
- ◆ Join us on Sunday, May 18, for the Blessing of the Kitchen, followed by a Potluck Lunch! The Ladies Altar Society will be providing Pulled Pork, Sausage, and drinks. Side dishes and Desserts are welcome. Everyone is warmly invited! Come and be part of this joyful celebration as we share fellowship together as a parish family.
- ◆ **Annual Catholic Appeal 2025:** Our parish goal is \$10,500 – and we need everyone's help to reach it. Please make your pledges and be part of this mission of love and service.
- ◆ First Holy Communion will be on Sunday, May 11th at the 8 a.m. Mass (In Des Moines)
- ◆ Fundraiser for the Ladies Altar Society for Kitchen equipment: They will be raffling off \$300 worth of lottery ticket scratchers. They are one ticket/\$10 or three tickets/\$20. Drawing will be held on Mother's Day, May 11th. Raffle tickets are available in the office through Thursday, May 8th.
- ◆ We are in need of ushers 18 years of age and older for weekend Masses and Holy Days of Obligation. Be the first to welcome our Parishioners and visitors to mass, assist with collections, and distribute weekly bulletins, especially Saturday, 5:00 PM and Sunday, 10:30 AM Masses.
- ◆ All those who are Volunteering in different ministries are requested to complete "Virtus" safe environment program. Log into the Archdiocese Website www.archdiosf.org
Also, if you completed the program in 2019 or earlier, the class will need to be repeated and updated.

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May 4, 2025
Third Sunday of Easter



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Parish Office Hours (CCD Building)

Monday: 10:00am—4:00pm

Tuesday: 10:00am —4:00pm

Wednesday: 1:00pm—5:00pm

Thursday: 10:00am—2:00pm

St. Francis Xavier, Clayton

Saturday Mass 5pm & Sunday 10:30am

Weekday Mass: Monday 7am

Wednesday & Friday 12:10pm

Thursday 5:30pm & Adoration

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 Reflections: Most of us have had at least one experience in which we were deeply hurt by another person – perhaps by someone we cared for very much. Our emotions can be very powerful at such a time and we can be consumed with feelings of hostility and resentment. If the hurt is deep enough, we may be tempted to give up on the relationship and avoid that person altogether, stubbornly refusing even the slightest move toward reconciliation, and speaking badly about the person to anyone else who will listen. When do we give up on others? We all know examples of parents, children, spouses and others who have given up on their loved ones. We’ve known family and friends who have given up on the Church, or religion in general, or even give up on God. God, however, never gives up on us, not even when we have turned our backs on him or betrayed him. That’s what today’s Gospel all about. In this Gospel, Peter and six of the disciples went fishing all night on the Sea of Tiberias (also known as the Sea of Galilee) but caught nothing. At dawn they saw a man on the shore who instructed them to cast their nets over the right side of the boat which they did and caught a huge number of fish. It was then that they realized that the man on the shore was the Risen Jesus. By the time they reached the shore, Jesus had a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it for breakfast. Jesus could have been filled with anger and resentment, for these were the very men who had abandoned him following the Last Supper, including Peter, who had denied three times that he even knew Jesus. But instead of anger and bitterness, Jesus showed mercy, and forgiveness, and compassion toward those who had hurt him. It was in this encounter on the shore that Jesus three times asked Peter “Do you love me?” to which Peter three times answered, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Peter’s triple denial of the Lord following Jesus’ arrest had to be acknowledged and faced, but Jesus faced it with loving forgiveness by allowing Peter the opportunity for his triple affirmation. This allowed Peter to forgive himself and he was freed from carrying around the guilt of the denials he had made. There is a wonderful freedom that flows from forgiveness and unconditional love. Without the gift of God’s grace, unconditional love is most likely impossible. But with God’s love and power, all things are possible – even loving others unconditionally, even not “giving up” on them or on ourselves.

Masses offered May 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, May 3 +Levinio & Carolina Lovato by Rose Alford
 +Inasita Padilla
 by PeeWee, Vivian, and Laura Padilla
 +Sharon Chosvig by the Chosvig Family

Sun, May 4+Felix & Adelina Montoya
 by Jerrah & Joe Vigil
 +Tina Craine & Joseph Vigil
 by Jerrah & Joe Vigil

Sat, May 10+Viola M. Ruiz by Ricky Maestas
 +Michael Alford by Rose Alford
 +Agnes Archuleta by Stella Archuleta

Sun, May 11+Lillie Barreras by the Ulibarri Family
 +Sharon Chosvig by the Chosvig Family

Quotable Saints

“The great threat in today’s world is the loneliness of hearts oppressed by greed.” Pope Francis

Thoughts on Stewardship: Jesus asks us to commit ourselves to be good stewards of the gifts entrusted to us; to share our time, our talent, and our treasure as an outward sign of the love and gratitude we have for Him.

Readings For the Week

5 Mon Easter Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
 6 Tue Easter Acts 7:51—8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
 7 Wed Easter Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
 8 Thu Easter Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
 9 Fri Easter Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
 10 Sat Easter [Saint John of Avila, Priest
 Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
 11 SUN FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER white
 Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/Jn 10:27-30

RESPECT FOR THE PRECIOUS BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

Many Catholics may not fully realize—or may have lost sight of—the profound truth that the Eucharist is not just a symbol, but the true presence of Jesus Christ: Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity. In every Mass, we encounter the living Christ, humbling Himself to be with us in the form of bread and wine. As St. John Vianney once said, “If we really understood the Mass, we would die of joy.” As we gather for the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, let us approach the Precious Body and Blood of Christ with deep reverence and love. Out of respect for the Eucharist, please refrain from chewing gum, using or chewing on toothpicks or other items during Mass, eating or drinking before Mass (in accordance with the Eucharistic fast), or engaging in casual conversation while in the sanctuary. Be mindful of turning off cell phones and maintaining a quiet, prayerful presence during sacred moments, especially during the Consecration. We encourage all to dress modestly, maintain a spirit of prayer, and prepare yourselves to receive Christ. After receiving Communion, please sit or kneel in silent thanksgiving, allowing the grace of this sacred encounter to settle in your heart. Let us remember: Christ now dwells within us— we should be in awe!

Prayer for the Conclave –for the Election of a New Pope

O God, Eternal Shepherd, Who govern Your flock with unfailing care, Grant in Your boundless fatherly love a pastor for Your Church who will please You by His holiness and to us show watchful care. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever. Amen. St. Peter, pray for us.”

April 26 and 27, 2025

St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2554.05

Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$478.00

Lectors

Saturday, May 3—Britt Fisk

Sunday, May 4—Mike Diller

Saturday, May 10—Sammie Wood

Sunday, May 11—Sandy Vaughn

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

Saturday, May 3—Rosie and Britt

Sunday, May 4— Sophie and Beverly

Saturday, May 10—Rosie and Britt

Sunday, May 11—Beverly and Janie

USHERS

Saturday, May 3

Jeremy Fisk & Gus Wood

Sunday, May 4

Andre Wat & Deano Arellano

Saturday May 10

Robert Montoya & Jeremy Fisk

Sunday May 11

Maurilio Valdez & Deano Arellano



Confirmation Class 2025– at NENM facility Clayton NM, Confirmed on April 27, 2025.