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**Parish Announcements:**

**+++CHOOSING TO BELONG—ARE YOU A REGISTERED PARISHIONER?**

Attending Mass and giving of your time, talent and treasure are an integral part of being Catholic. If you attend Mass here regularly, we encourage you to register as a member of our faith community. If you would like to register as a member of our parish, please call (575) 374-8894 or fill out a form in the back of the church; or we can send you a registration form.

**+++Update on 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal Campaign**

Please complete the pledges by the end of this year. Thank you for your generosity.

+++**The Youth Group** meets every Sunday at 5:00 P.M. Parents are encouraged to bring their children in grades 8 through 12 .

+++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. Please pick them up at the back of the church and return them to the office or in the collection basket.

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



**St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

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Missions: Des Moines, Folsom, Moses, NENM Detention Facility

[www.sfxclayton.org](http://www.sfxclayton.org)

**Parish Administrator**

Fr. Joji Konkala

**Parish Staff**

Finance 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 & Friday 12:10pm

Thursday 5:30pm

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:** This weekend, we will join other parishes of the Archdiocese of Santa Fe in renewing our commitment to sacrificial giving (“tithing”) as the means of financial stewardship within the parish. Many of our parishioners have embraced sacrificial giving and I am grateful for your commitment to God and to our parish. Your “Attitude of Gratitude” is a blessing to our parish and to your personal life as well. There is no doubt that we find ourselves in difficult economic times and many people are suffering the effects of unemployment or underemployment. Others have seen their retirement “nest egg” decline significantly. Still, there is much to be grateful for because despite the current economic hardships, we continue to have a much higher standard of living than most of the people of the world. Stewardship is based on the spiritual principles of the Old Testament and the teachings of Jesus. Stewardship is a way of life based on the premise that all that we have and all that we have come from God and, to thank God for all His blessings, we return a portion of the time, talent, and treasure that have been given to us. Stewardship encourages a spirituality that deepens our relationship with the Lord. Stewardship involves intentional, planned, and proportionate giving of our time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship addresses both individual parishioners and the parish as a whole.

The spiritual benefits of Sacrificial Giving (tithing) are many and include: (1) a sense of peace and satisfaction that comes from generosity; (2) an awareness that God comes first in our lives, even in decisions about money; (3) a deep sense of pride in our parish’s progress made possible through tithing; (4) an ability to distinguish between wants and needs; (5) a deeper awareness of society’s materialism and consumerism; (6) a keener appreciation of the world’s poor and how we can lessen their pain and poverty; and (7) a quiet confidence in the Lord’s protective care. In Sacrificial Giving we place ourselves confidently in God’s hands and are strengthened by the words revealed to Saint Faustina when Jesus gave to her the image of Divine Mercy – “Jesus, I trust in You!” Sacrificial Giving is essential for the financial well-being of the parish. Thank you for your participation in Sacrificial Giving, and your support to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Parish.

### *Masses offered November 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, Nov 9,** +Viola Ruiz by Ricky Maestas  
 +Michael Barrera by Ross and Shelley Carter  
 +Andrew Garcia by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sun, Nov 10,** +Ramon and Jose Ramon Navarez  
 by Maurilio and Silvia Valdez  
 +Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt  
 +Michael Berrera by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sat, Nov 16,** +Robert Rael by Joe and Rosie DeHerrera  
 +Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt  
 +Michael Barrera by Ross and Shelley Carter

**Sun, Nov 17,** +Geneva Benavidez by Judy Steen  
 +Eloisa Valdez by Judy Steen  
 +Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt

**Mon, Nov 18** +Sam Britt by Rosa Lee Britt

“Stay with me, Lord, for I desire to love you and always be in your company. Stay with me tonight, Jesus, in life with all its dangers. I need you. Amen”.—Padre Pio

#### **SPIRITUAL COMMUNION PRAYER:**

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things and I desire to receive you into my heart. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen

### Readings for the week

**11 Mon** Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop  
 Memorial Ti 1:1-9/Lk 17:1-6

**12 Tue** Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr  
 Memorial Ti 2:1-8, 11-14/Lk 17:7-10

**13 Wed** Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini, Virgin  
 Memorial Ti 3:1-7/Lk 17:11-19

**14 Thu** Weekday Phmn 7-20/Lk 17:20-25

**15 Fri** Weekday 2 Jn 4-9/Lk 17:26-37

**16 Sat** Weekday 3 Jn 5-8/Lk 18:1-8

November is traditionally a month dedicated to remembering our departed loved ones. Many visit their graves to offer prayers or request holy Masses for the dead. During this time, we continue to pray for those who have gone before us in faith, trusting they may be embraced by God. A significant day for commemorating the faithful departed is All Souls' Day (Nov. 2). However, the practice of praying for the dead is unfortunately declining in contemporary society, because people are unaware of the teachings of the Church in this regard. Someone asked during a recent seminar about the reasoning behind celebrating Masses and praying for the deceased. It is essential to understand and recognize the significance of these prayers, the effectiveness of holy Masses offered for the repose of souls, and the importance of praying for those in Purgatory.

Magisterium on Holy Mass/prayers for the Dead Offering Mass for the faithful departed is closely linked to our belief in Purgatory. We believe that if someone dies with faith in God, but still has venial sins, God's love and mercy will purify that soul. Once purified, the soul can attain the holiness necessary to share in the beatific vision in heaven. In the case of the deceased in Purgatory, any benefit is received passively, since the soul is no longer capable of performing new meritorious acts. While such a soul is already saved, it cannot increase in sanctity, but only purify those imperfections which impede its definitive entrance into glory. The practice of offering holy Mass for the deceased is not new.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC) asserts, "From the beginning, the Church has honoured the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them; above all, in the Eucharistic Sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God" (CCC 1032). This tradition has deep roots in the Old Testament. Judas Maccabees offered prayers and sacrifices for the Jewish soldiers who had died wearing pagan amulets, which were forbidden by the Law. II Maccabees reads, "They turned to prayer, beseeching that the sin which had been committed might be wholly blotted out" (12:42) and "Therefore, he (Judas Maccabees) made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (12:46).

### November 2 and 3, 2024

#### St. Francis Xavier

Saturday/Sunday collection: \$2622.50

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe, Des Moines

Sunday collection: \$413.00

### Lectors

Sat., November 9— Britt Carter  
 Sun., November 10—Sandy Vaughn  
 Sat., November 16—Shelley Carter  
 Sun., November 17—Pat Crisp  
 Sat., November 23—Ross Carter  
 Sun., November 24—Mike Diller  
 Thu., November 28—Raymond Saccoccia

#### **SICK AND HOSPITALIZED:**

Please continue to keep our sick parishioners and their caregivers in your prayers.

#### **PRAYER FOR HEALING:**

Loving and compassionate God, when your Son walked the earth he extended his healing hand toward the sick and cured those afflicted with every disease. We turn to you now in our need and ask you to care for those who are ill. Protect those who face surgery, and watch over those held bound by infirmity. Through the power of your healing love, free from every disease and suffering those who are beset by poor health. Guide with your wisdom all who provide care, and assist doctors, nurses, and medical workers so that they may effectively relieve suffering and bring health to all whom they treat. Amen.

#### **Eucharistic Ministers:**

Saturday, November 9—Rosie DeHerrera  
 Shelley Carter

Sunday, November 10—Beverly Reeser  
 Raymond Saccoccia

Saturday, November 16—Rosie DeHerrera  
 Shelley Carter

Sunday, November 17 — Beverly Reeser  
 Sophie Arguello