



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 2, 2023

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because the little one is a disciple--amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward." - Mt 10:42

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8:00 & 10 a.m.

***Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church!** We are glad that you came to join us for Mass. We hope that you feel welcome in our parish community. We are a Roman Catholic community dedicated to worshiping God, proclaiming the Gospel, teaching the faith, and serving our brothers and sisters. Whether you are just visiting or looking for a faith community to call home, we hope that you feel welcome with us. May God bless you!*

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SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.

or anytime by appointment.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Bill Vanderfeltz, President 690-4699; Ken Sandbothe, Vice President 644-4088; Tammy Sachse, Secretary 619-2562; Jean Decker, Social Concerns 619-0282; Debbie Backes 680-7804; Steve LePage 338-3909; Cindy Luebbering 291-2625; Kevin Prenger 645-0095; Tom Sanning 694-1241; Dan Sanning 619-8212; Linda Tobar 619-7306; Rick Wallis 395-3344; Josh Sandbothe, Property Manager 690-2861

MISSION STATEMENT: St. Francis Xavier Parish is an example of Christ's Love by educating, serving and celebrating our faith with others in our community.

Adopted by Parish Council Fall 1997

St. Francis Xavier School 7307 Rt. M, Jefferson City, MO 65101

Jordan Tobar - Principal Email: jtobar@sfxtaos.com

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School website: www.sfxtaos.com

- ✠ Pray the Rosary at 7:10 p.m. every first Wednesday of each month at the K of C Hall, Taos
- ✠ Pray the Rosary at Church before each Mass.
- ✠ Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet prior to Tuesday evening Mass at 6:40 p.m. in Church until 7:00p.m.
- ✠ **Baptism:** Contact Father regarding preparation sessions and scheduling.
- ✠ **Marriage:** Contact Father at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling.



Mass Intentions

"For the men and women in military uniform; that they may serve their country with honor and be kept safe, especially those serving in harm's way. We pray to the Lord."

Monday, July 3rd: No Mass

Tuesday, July 4th:

9:00 a.m. - Herb & Chris Verslues & Lisa Heislen

Wednesday, July 5th:

7:45 a.m. - Corrie Talken

Thursday, July 6th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Joe Rackers & Ashlea Hering

Friday, July 7th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Hoffmeyer & Schumacher Families

Saturday, July 8th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Ted & Mildred Struttman and Anton & Minnie Baumhoer

Sunday, July 9th:

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Albert & Regina Verslues

10:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

If you know of someone who no longer needs envelopes, please contact the parish office. This is a parish expense.

For those of you who have your offertory collection done electronically and do not receive monthly envelopes, the Special envelopes for June are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

mark your Calendar

July 3 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.

July 3 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level

July 4



July 4 9 a.m. Mass, no evening Mass

July 5 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

July 5 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall

July 7 Adoration and Benediction

July 10 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.

July 12 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

July 13 Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Commons Rm

July 17 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for June \$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)

June 3 & 4 \$ 18,148.75

June 10 & 11 \$ 10,759.00

June 17 & 18 \$ 8,564.00

June 24 & 25 Early to Print

ACH \$ 23,899.00

\$ 61,360.75

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

Goal thru May \$ 984,000.00

Actual thru May \$ 784,832.60

End of the Year \$ -125,167.40



Baptized in Christ: Emma June Walters was Baptized in our church on **Saturday, June 24, 2023.**

Baptized in Christ: Renlee Ann Clark was Baptized in our church on **Sunday, June 25, 2023.**

Liturgical Ministries			
July 8 & 9	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Sandbothe MB	Cara Sandbothe Shelle Sandbothe	Patty Verslues MB
Lector	Georgene Bernskoetter	Josh Sandbothe	Michael Winkler
Ushers	Carol Forck Tony Forck	Dan Sandbothe Dan Sanning Ron Talken	Cindy LePage Steve LePage
Servers	Volunteered Needed Volunteered Needed	Volunteered Needed Volunteered Needed	Ezra Yeager Chase Doerhoff
Musicians	Hood & Forbis Fam.	Kathy & Cheryl	Katnik

Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

Scrip will be sold in church every 1st and 3rd weekend except for Holiday weekends, then it will be the weekend after.

Parish now offers **Low-Gluten Hosts**. Come to the sacristy to make your request 15 minutes before Mass.

If you or someone you know is homebound and would like to receive communion or a visit, call the office at 395-4401.

Parish Prayer Line—Alma Sandbothe 573-395-4666 or Shirley Toeppen 573-619-0674.

For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401

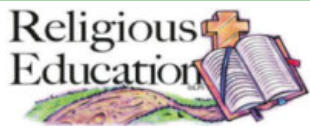
13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

As a boy my favorite board game was “Chutes and Ladders.” The players roll dice to move from the start to the finish, from the bottom of the board to the top. If you land on a chute, you slide back and down. It was a bummer. Land on a ladder, and you jump well up the board and near the goal. It was a thrill to find a ladder and draw closer to the goal. That’s life, isn’t it? At every moment, we’re either moving closer or farther from the goal of our lives.

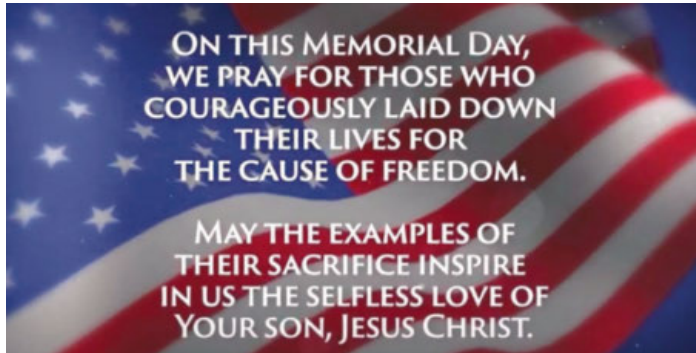
How do we win? Jesus tells us the secret of life’s chutes and ladders hinges on getting our loves rightly ordered. What we love in life is meant to be a ladder, drawing us up into God’s love — including our family, friends, work, play, food, and drink. Even to give your water to someone out of love for Christ leads to a sure reward.

But those ladders of our loves can become chutes. If we love even our family members more than Christ, we slide down and back. If we love the persons and things in our life for the sake of Christ, He says we **“surely will not lose our reward.”** The key difference between a chute and ladder, between our spiritual regression and advancement, is our willingness to renounce everything — even our own life — for the love of Jesus. To allow everything and everyone we love to draw us to love him more — that’s the difference between chutes and ladders.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



Cathy Singer, Director of Religious Education
573-395-4401 ext. 1003



Prayers for Parishioners: Please pray for **Aniya Chapman & Bryce Hickman**. Anyone wishing to have their name on the list, please call Jean Decker at 573-619-0282.

P23 DISCERNMENT CAMP

At Camp Jo-Ota which is located in Shelbina, MO

\$100

An epic vocation camp for junior high guys based on Psalm 23

July 20-22, 2023

DIocese of Jefferson City diojeffcity.org/camp-p23



COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



PUZZLE

Find and circle these words from today’s Gospel:

LOVE
CROSS
LIFE

GIVE
WELCOME
PROPHET

GOOD
REWARD
FOLLOWER

F	A	Y	I	O	E	U	O	L	U	V
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MISSION

Together as a family send a care package to a missionary family.

And whoever gives only a cup of cold water to one of these little ones to drink because he is a disciple—amen, I say to you, he will surely not lose his reward.

Matthew 10:42

As a disciple we are called to love one another as Christ loves us. Through the sacrament of baptism, we were each made disciples. We are called to serve and live out the gospel and our reward is the salvation of our souls.



KIDS ART: FUSE BEADS IN TAOS 

Join us for some crafty fun! Arrange Perler beads into patterns, and then melt them together to create works of art! A variety of patterns will be available.
Hosted by Missouri River Regional Library.
Friday, July 7 | 6:00-7:00PM | Taos Knights of Columbus

We're looking for you. 

We are looking for Parishioners to give a portion of their Time and Talent to assist in the building of our Church Ministers. Please pray on this because we are in need of some more help participating in our ministries at church, such as Eucharistic Minister, Liturgical Minister, Usher, and Musician. You do not have to do it every weekend and Lisa will work around your schedule. We have scheduled a training for **Aug. 23** for all minister's with commissioning for Eucharistic Ministers the weekend of **Sept. 16 & 17**. Please encourage friends and family to consider taking part in these ministries. Contact Laurie at the parish office if you're interested (573-395-4401). More info. to come.



To help those in need, our Parish is continuing to provide a meal for the Salvation Army on the **1st Thursday** of each month. If you are interested in helping prepare a meal, provide a Monetary donation or have any questions, you may contact one of the following: Mary Eiken, 338-0510, Rose Rackers, 690-7307 or Barb Hood, 301-5202.

HONORING OUR PAST

A MOMENT IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HISTORY

In my last article I spoke about the Depression years and the hardships that faced the parish during the years 1926-1942 under the pastorate of Fr. Ebert. The next years were also met with trying times with the onset of World War II. Many young men were called to serve their country. Three of our young Parishioners were killed in action. Those include Quinten Koetting, Alfred Eiken and Frederick Grothoff. Richard Thessen also died due to a tank accident while serving in France. Some years later a new communion rail was added to the church and was funded by families of WWII servicemen in their honor.

- The successor to Father Ebert was Father Francis X. Reker. He was born in St. Louis in 1874 and ordained at Kenrick Seminary in 1897. Fr. Reker served several parishes in St. Louis before coming to St. Francis Xavier Parish in 1942.
- During his time at SFX he turned his attention to repairing the century old convent, which was first the home of Fr. Helias and then the parsonage for the priests until a new rectory was built in 1923. He also made plans to build a new convent. (This didn't come to fruition however until 1958.)
- Father Reker was instrumental in starting the hot lunch program for the school. It was funded by government aid and a fee of 10 cents per meal was charged.
- Also during his time at SFX, the high school building (known as the little brown schoolhouse) became too small. Because of this, in 1949, Fr. Reker had the school closed and the district paid tuition for the high school students to receive their high school education in Westphalia. The school later became known as Fatima High School.
- Father Reker had the 13 register pipe organ restored. It had been installed in the church in 1898. He also had the sacristy enlarged. It was later dedicated in his name and we know it today as Reker Hall.
- The parish helped him celebrate the 50th. Anniversary of his ordination on May 25, 1947.
- Rev. A.J. Stevens served as an assistant pastor to Fr. Reker during his time in our parish. While assisting in our parish, Fr. Stevens also served as Chaplain at the Alcoa Correctional Center.
- Father Reker's tenure ended at SFX in 1949. He had ministered to our parish for 7 years. Some of our older parishioners still remember him as being kind and well liked by everyone. One parishioner remembers him as being a very tall man and also told of how he liked to visit each family's home-stand. He died at the age of 78 in 1953. He is buried in St. Louis. (Written by Kathy Rackers of the Museum Committee with information taken from the [History of SFX Church 1838-1988.](#))

"There is only one thing to do with failure: learn from it, turn your failure into a beginning of success. Back up and start over. Often, the fastest way ahead is to go back."

PETER KREEFT
Making Sense Out Of Suffering

 **DynamicCatholic.com**

upcomingEVENTS

St. Cecilia Parish Picnic (Meta, MO): Sunday, July 9th at Citizen's Civic League Park. Serving buffet style/dine in or carry out. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$8), and 5 & under (Free). All carry outs (\$15). Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, cole slaw, bread, and pie. Serving from 11-6 p.m. Quilt & Dessert Auction at 4 p.m. Bingo, games, Kettle Corn, Beer Garden, Country Store, Sandwich Stand and Toyland.

St. Martin Parish Picnic (St. Martin, MO): Sunday, July 9th. Serving fried chicken and roast beef, cafeteria style from 11-6 p.m. Carry-out dinners available in the gym from 11:30-6:30 p.m. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$6), and 5 & Under (Free). Quilt Auction (in gym begins at 6 p.m.) they can be viewed at stmartin.diojeffcity.org and available from baby to king size. Raffle, Kiddie Tractor Pull (register by 2p.m. & pull at 3 p.m.), Live Music by Bluegrass Martins 7-9 p.m.

Men of Signum Crucis: We gather the **3rd Wednesday** of each month, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Helias Catholic High School. Chaplain is Father Paul Clark. **Next gathering: July 19th.** Call Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088 for directions or more info.

Mid-life Singles: Are you looking for a renewed sense of purpose & belonging? Register today for a life-changing REFLECT weekend retreat at La Salle Retreat Center, Wildwood, MO (35 min from downtown St. Louis), on **July 21-23, 2023.** Take a chance and get involved... you won't regret it! Early bird cost is \$240 (\$250 after July 7th) including meals and a single room. Visit www.ReflectRetreat.com, email reflect.stlouis@gmail.com, or call (314) 283-0044 for details.

St. Elizabeth Picnic (St. Elizabeth, MO): Sunday, July 23. Smorgasbord dinner! All you can eat. Serving from 11-6:30 p.m. Roast Beef & Fried Chicken (gluten free). Adults (\$15), Children 6-10 (\$7) and 5 & under (Free). Carry outs available (\$15). Quilt auction at 5 p.m. can be viewed www.stetv.net.

A Reflection on the Venerable Father Augustus Tolton



Featuring: Cheryl Shockley

Cheryl Shockley, is a wife, mother, and grandmother, and a life-long resident of Indianapolis who converted to Catholicism in 1992 and became a secular Carmelite in 1994. Following the loss of her younger son to gun violence in August 2020, Cheryl and her husband founded the Jack Shockley Warriors for Peace, whose mission is to bring peaceful change to the world, one life at a time.

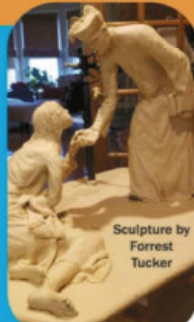
& Forrest Tucker

Forrest Tucker is a Secular Discalced Carmelite who lives with his wife Dawn (46yrs.) in Danville, Indiana. They are members of Mary Queen of Peace parish Danville, (43yrs) of the Archdiocese of Indianapolis. Forrest is a sculptor who works with various elements such as aluminum, steel, stone and glass but mainly works in bronze. Forrest has worked with various metals as a welder/fabricator which includes the casting of bronze, aluminum and steel for 45+years and is a former welder/fabricator for the Indianapolis Motor Speedway, retiring in 2021. Forrest's studies include 6 years with the masters in the steel and stone sculpture department at the Indianapolis Art Center, Lincoln School of Motorsports, Cleveland, Ohio. He holds multiple certificates from a number of institutions and is a violinist in the Adult Strings ensemble at Butler University, Indianapolis.

Friday, July 7th at 7:00 pm
OR
Saturday, July 8th at 10:00 am

Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church
2411 Bagnell Dam Boulevard
Lake Ozark

All are welcome!



Sculpture by
Forrest
Tucker

The Pink Star Foundation
Please join us as we celebrate
Corrie's Birthday Bash23
DINNER, LIVE AUCTION AND SILENT AUCTION

Saturday, August 19, 2023
Wardsville Lions Club

Doors open at 3:00 p.m.
Festivities begin at 4:00 p.m.
Dinner begins at 5:00 p.m.

Tickets: \$55 per person

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The PINK STAR FOUNDATION
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

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HELP!**

CHURCH CLEANING POLICY: If you are unable to work on your assigned date, let your coordinator know and turn in your **\$15** to the parish office. **Coordinators listed below.** Students who are seeking service hours are welcome to help clean. Please contact the weekly coordinator to verify when you will be there (1-2 hours Saturday morning, or occasionally a Friday evening).

Week 1: July 3 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: July 9 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: July 16 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week 4: July 23 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	Week 5: July 30 Nora Sprenger 395-3130
Rebecca Lane, Tracie Langendoerfer, Tina Lansford, Christina Lear, Patty LeComte	Brenda LeCure, Deb LeCuru, Brenda Lee, Kori LePage, Natalie LePage	Cynthia LePage, Maureen LeRoy, Angela LeRoy, Doris Lewis, Shelly Libbert	Connie Linhardt, Shelly Linhardt, Barbara Linnenbrink, Libby Lock, Cecilia Lock	Mayra Long, Jony Lootens, Kristy Lootens, Johanna Lootens, Tammy Lootens

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