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SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

14TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest." - Mt 11:28

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

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- 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.



" 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 10th: No Mass

Tuesday, July 11th:

7:00 p.m. - Paul & Margaret Forck & Jane Riddle

Wednesday, July 12th:

7:45 a.m. - Joe & Ronnie Vieth and Eleanor Weavers

Thursday, July 13th:

7:45 a.m. - Lawrence & Lillian Falter

Friday, July 14th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Don & Leo Bernskoetter and George

Bisges Families

Saturday, July 15th:

5:00 p.m. - Walter & Catherine Bock, Kathy Paschal and

Donald Prenger

Sunday, July 16th:

8:00 a.m. - Bernard & Laurine Heet

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 July are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Diocesan Mission and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

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

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.

July 19 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

July 20 & 21 NO MORNING MASS

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

Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. K of C Hall July 26

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	\$ 11,935.50
ACH	\$ 23,899.00
	\$ 73.306.25

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

Goal thru May \$ 984,000.00 **Actual thru May** \$ 784,832.60 **End of the Year** \$ -125,167.40

Thank The family of Jeron Sandbothe would like to thank the St. Francis Xavier community for their kind expressions of sympathy at his passing May 13, 2023. Your thoughtfulness will not be forgotten. Shirley Sandbothe

The Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday, July 26th at 11:30 a.m. at the Knight of Columbus. Please RSVP to Evelyn

Borgmeyer 690-1332, Jean Pinnell 694-2111, Jane Knaebel 680-6158. or Janet Klebba 680-9925 by Wednesday, July 19th.



St. Francis Xavier **Weekend Mass Count for June**

Grand Total for Month 2,044

Date/Time	5pm	8am	10am	Total
June 3-4	125	177	170	472
June 10-11	128	186	238	552
June 17-18	183	187	183	553
June 24-24	156	217	186	559



Liturgical Ministries					
July 15 & 16	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Backes Sharon Forck	Glenda Vanderfeltz MB	Linda Distler MB		
Lector	Jean Decker	Tom Sanning	Jeff Kempker		
Ushers	Tom Henke Rita Lipskoch	Bill Vanderfeltz Wayne Verslues Matt Forck	Alan Cortvrient Steve Distler		
Servers			Claire Kempker Colten Allen		
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Kathy & Cheryl	Children's Choir		



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 Toebben 573-619-0674. For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

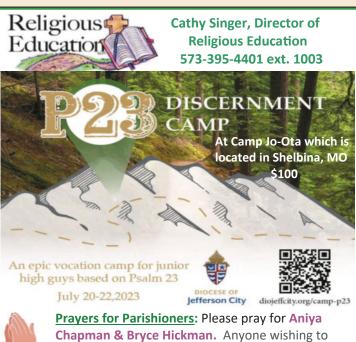
Do you ever feel restless? I certainly do. Daily tasks and challenges, but also the more basic demand of simply existing — sooner or later, this can all feel crushing and tire us out.

Which is why Jesus' words are such stunningly good news: "Come to me all you who labor and are burdened and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). How vastly weird that this man speaks as though he is capable of giving us the deep repose we desire. Is his claim the height of absurd grandiosity? No, because next he immediately proclaims that he is "meek and humble of heart." We here touch a mystery: Jesus is capable of giving us rest because he is the one who forever reposes in the heart of God the Father. He is "yoked" to the Father in his divinity. But he is humbly "yoked" to us, sharing in our humanity.

The good news, my fellow tired-out friends: we don't have to despair in our burdens and exhaustion, no matter how heavy they feel. This week, join me in opening our hearts to hear him say to us, "Come! I will give you rest." We come to him in the Church, Eucharist, the Scriptures, prayer, in the poor. There he will give us rest.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

at 573-619-0282.



have their name on the list, please call Jean Decker

Prayer for Rain

O God, our Creator, you are the source of all life. It is through your divine providence and infinite power that the wonder and splendour of all creation surround us: "How majestic is your name in all the earth."

We pray to you who calms the raging waters and commands the wind, to provide us with sufficient rain to meet our needs.

During this time of drought, we are mindful of our dependence on you for all that sustains us, body and soul.

We pray for the cooling, gentle rain that will once again bring life to the fields and crops that feed us, restore the colourful rainbow of flowers and the shade of trees.

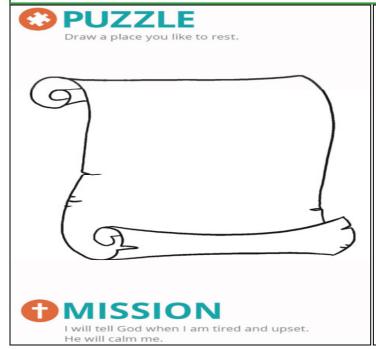
We also pray for all those who are suffering from other natural disasters. May they look to you for the strength to restore their lives and heal their wounded lands.

Help us to always be good stewards of your creation and care for the many resources of this earth.

May your grace refresh our souls.

We ask for these blessings through the intercession of Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth.

Amen.





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.

"Many times when we think we got nothing, we may just have it all. When we let things settle, answers come. When we rest, our vision is clear. When we pray, good things happen."

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Come unto me, all ye labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.



Thanks to all who participated in the Memorial Day ceremonies and helped to make our cemetery look beautiful with the display of flowers, flags, etc. Also, thanks to those who removed the rocks, gravel, plants, etc. in front of and around their family members' graves. This has made a much needed improvement along with the repairs that have recently been made to approximately 100 of our older broken, leaning, and damaged tombstones. This is an expensive process and we hope to continue repairing stones in the future. To those families who failed to remove the rocks, gravel, etc. in front of the tombstones, we ask that you remove them. If there are no longer family members living in the parish and may not have seen the announcement, we ask that, if you know them, that you advise them of this. If this is not taken care of within the next month, the Committee will have them removed.

Flowers placed on the ground should also be removed now. Normally we allow them to stay for a 7 day period for the major holidays. Flower vases can be purchased from many of the monument companies and attached to most of the tombstones to keep them up from the grounds for a minimal fee. Floral saddles can also be purchased locally and placed on top of the tombstone. Once these are attached to the tombstones, the flowers may remain on the grave for a longer period.

Thanks again for your cooperation to help keep our loved ones' final resting place neat and beautiful.



Congratulations to Penne Eiken for receiving the Daisy Award for excellence from Capital Region Medical Center. Penne has been a RN for 13.5 years at CRMC and is hailed as a caring and compassionate nurse who goes above and beyond to take care of her patients and looks out for her coworkers. Way to go Penne!!!



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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 strategy 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.

RUMMAGE

St. John's Annual Rummage: Sale Friday, July 14 & Saturday, July 15, 2023. Friday 7-6:00 p.m., Saturday 8-12 Noon.

Compass Health and IC Health Ministry: will be sponsoring a "Mental Health First Aid" event on July 18, 2023 @ Pleus Hall, Immaculate Conception, Jefferson City. It will be held from 8-5:00 p.m. Registration is required by July 15. Please call 573-301-8496 to register or for further information

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.

As Catholics we are united by our faith in God and our sharing of gifts. Through this collection we are helping needy people in the home dioceses of the mission priests serving us.

Inspired by God's mercy, please enclose your gift in this envelope, then place the envelope in your parish's collection basket or give it to your local parish office.

Thank you for your generous support of our missions!

Name:

Envelope **

Please make your check payable to your local parish and place the check in this envelope.

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! Cost is \$250 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.

BBQ Benefit for Lori Burnell: Tuesday, July 25 at Wardsville Lions Club from 4:30-7 p.m. Drive Through for Pork steak, beans, cole slaw, homemade roll, & dessert. Tickets call Julie Mertens 573-690-9014, Lori Schenewerk 573-680-4625 or venmo to Lori Burnell - Benefit



WE NEED YOUR 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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