



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, JULY 16, 2023**

# 15<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"The seed sown on rich soil is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields a hundred or sixty or thirtyfold." - Mt 13:23

# *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!*

**Email:** [sfxchurch1@embargmail.com](mailto:sfxchurch1@embargmail.com)

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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](mailto:jtobar@sfxtaos.com)

**Office:** 573.395.4612 **Fax:** 573.395.4017

**School website:** [www.sfxtaos.com](http://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 17th: No Mass**

**Tuesday, July 18th:**

7:00 p.m. - Clarence, Esther & Jackson Fromme

**Wednesday, July 19th:**

7:45 a.m. - Winnie Lewis

**Thursday, July 20th:**

**7:45 a.m. - NO MASS**

**Friday, July 21st:**

**7:45 a.m. - NO MASS**

**Saturday, July 22nd:**

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Edwin & Veronica Toeppen and Joe & Marie Holtmeyer

**Sunday, July 23rd:**

8:00 a.m. - Lawrence & Louise Moeller

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.

## mark your Calendar

**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 MASSES**

**July 24 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.**

**July 26 Wed. Walk** with the Lord after morning Mass

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

**July 26 Stewardship Committee Mtg** 5:30 p.m. at School

**July 31 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.**

**Aug 2 Wed. Walk** with the Lord after morning Mass

**Aug 2 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall**

**Aug 3 Fr. Helias Birthday 1796**

**Aug 4 Adoration with Benediction**

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

**Aug 7 Women's Coffee Group** 9 a.m. K of C upper level

**Aug 9 Wed. Walk** with the Lord after morning Mass

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Goal for July \$ N/A (5 Sundays)**

**July 1 & 2 \$ 10,261.00**

**July 8 & 9 \$ Early to Print**

**ACH \$ 24,684.00**

**\$ 34,945.00**

### Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

**Goal thru June \$1,066,000.00**

**Actual thru June \$ 932,138.85**

**End of the Year \$ -133,861.15**

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 22 & 23	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		Brian Roling MB	Debra Backes MB	Laurie Herzing MB
<b>Lector</b>		Keith Henke	Wayne Verslues	Lisa Reinke
<b>Ushers</b>		Jim Radmacher Ruby Radmacher	Karl Lootens Robbie Lootens	John Prenger Chris Reinke
<b>Servers</b>		<b>Volunteered Needed</b> <b>Volunteered Needed</b>	<b>Volunteered Needed</b> <b>Volunteered Needed</b>	Nathan Forbis Tyler Sandbothe
<b>Musicians</b>		Katnik	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Hood & Forbis Fam.



*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.**

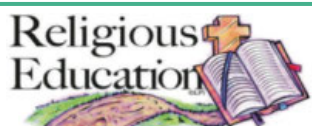
Parish Prayer Line—Alma Sandbothe 573-395-4666 or Shirley Toeppen 573-619-0674.

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

**15<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** It's not uncommon to hear people complain that we Catholics often fail in communicating our faith. Fair enough. We can and should improve there. But it's interesting to notice that Jesus himself was implicitly accused by his disciples of a similar failure. This week in Matthew's gospel they are perplexed that he speaks to the crowds in ambiguous parables. The Lord's riddles leave many people more confused than before. He responds by pointing out that his parables have an intentional dual purpose: to hide (for some) and to reveal (for others) his Gospel: "Because knowledge of the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven has been granted to you, but to them it has not been granted" (Matthew 13:11). Is Jesus being unnecessarily difficult, obscurantist, or, worse, elitist?

No. We have to remember that all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge lie hidden in him (c.f., Col. 2:3). He is the word of God from heaven to be planted in the earth of our humanity to bear great fruit. However, like a lover delicately pursuing his beloved, we're dealing with a *relationship*, not new data. When we aren't willing to personally accept Jesus into our lives, the "info" of the Gospel will simply not make sense to us. It'll seem bizarre, esoteric, or like incoherent religious-speak. But when we are willing to accept Jesus into our lives, everything else starts to make sense. When others don't understand the Church or the Lord, let's be patient. Love is patient. Sometimes it has to hide before it is revealed.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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



**PSR Registration** forms will be available in the back of church and on our website starting the weekend of July 22-23.

**P23 DISCERNMENT CAMP**  
At Camp Jo-Ota which is located in Shelby, 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



**June Rosary count 469**



**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.

**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.

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**WOMEN'S MINISTRY FALL EVENTS**  
SPEAKER TERESA TOMEO  
organized by Diocese of Jefferson City Women's Ministry

Ladies Night Out Oct 6th 2023 Doors open at 6:00	Fall Retreat October 7th Doors open at 9:00
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Cana Hall  
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For more info & to register go to [diojeffcity.org/wmfallevent](http://diojeffcity.org/wmfallevent)





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 information to come.

"It takes courage to explore our questions,  
it takes patience to wait on the answers,  
and it takes wisdom to live  
the answers we receive."

From Matthew Kelly's Book  
**THE ROCKING CHAIR PROPHET**

The Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO, is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on our waitlist for USDA or MHDC units. The Osage Senior Center is close to St. Stan Catholic Church, two places to eat, gas stations and a Dollar General Store. For more information call the office at 573-632-2712 and leave a message or email at [osageseniorcenter@gmail.com](mailto:osageseniorcenter@gmail.com).



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.

"Everything changes the minute that we confess and profess that Jesus is Lord. Only in Jesus does pain and suffering have a purpose. Only in God is our future filled with hope and peace."

MARK HART  
*Blessed Are The Bored In Spirit*

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**MONDAY, September 11, 2023**

Jefferson City Country Club | Osage National Golf Resort  
Meadow Lake Acres Country Club

**Young Crusaders TOURNAMENT**

**FRIDAY, September 8, 2023**  
(Ages 21 - 40)



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## upcomingEVENTS

**WKCS Fall soccer** : sign ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Monday evening, **July 17th** from 3:30-6:30 PM. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/23) welcome. Email [wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com](mailto:wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com) with any questions .

**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.

**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](http://www.ReflectRetreat.com), email [reflect.stlouis@gmail.com](mailto: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](http://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



**St. Thomas Parish Picnic (St. Thomas, MO): Sunday, Aug. 20** from 11-7 p.m. Serving Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, kraut, bread, and pies. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$7), and 5 & under (Free). Quilt Auction at 5 p.m., bingo, country store, kidsville, bounce house, kettle corn, craft stand, beer garden & Gin Rickies. Live music from 1-5 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

## SIGN UP NOW

### COCOMO LIVING FLAME 1 PROGRAM



The Living Flame Program is a seven session offering of in-depth spiritual study and enrichment, presented over a seven month period. It is designed to heighten the awareness of the dynamics of Centering Prayer in the context of the spiritual journey.

This extraordinary program for Contemplative Outreach chapters and groups includes seven full-day offerings of in-depth spiritual study:

Each session is presented on Zoom in a retreat-like format. The program includes: two periods of Centering Prayer, two presentation periods and small group sharing along with personal and lunch breaks. This hybrid offering is for small groups gathered in community, or for individuals in their homes.

An established Centering Prayer practice and familiarity with the books of Father Thomas Keating, particularly *Open Mind, Open Heart* will allow full participation.

#### Daily Schedule 9 am - 2 pm CT Agenda Sent Before Session

10/21/23 Deepening Our Centering Prayer Practice  
11/18/23 Lectio Divina  
1/20/24 Soul Friending  
2/17/24 The Human Condition  
3/18/24 Divine Therapy  
4/20/24 The Dark Night of Sense  
5/18/24 The Welcoming Prayer



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<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cocomo-hybrid-living-flame-1-program-tickets-623091642877>



#### A Message from Father Matt:

This hybrid approach to the Living Flame program makes it possible for the contemplative community around the state of MO to participate and bond in Spirit, while the presenter and program are being zoomed into in-person group meetings or individuals homes ... all of which now makes this program very practical, flexible and affordable.

*I think the Living Flame Program is a masterful offering for those who are seriously drawn to a life of contemplation ... that, and the daily practice of CP.*

**The Pink Star Foundation**

**Please join us as we celebrate**

**Connie's Birthday Bash 23**

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

To order tickets, send a check made payable to:  
**The PINK STAR FOUNDATION**  
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Jefferson City, MO 65102

**BYOB**

## 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).

<b>Week 1: July 3</b> Elaine Callaway 690-8966	<b>Week 2: July 9</b> Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	<b>Week 3: July 16</b> Jean Pinnell 694-2111	<b>Week 4: July 23</b> Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	<b>Week 5: July 30</b> 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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