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SUNDAY, JULY 23, 2023

16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." - Mt 13:43a

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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

<u>Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church!</u> 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

Office: 573.395.4612 Fax: 573.395.4017

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.

"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 24th: No Mass

Tuesday, July 25th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Louis Eiken Family

Wednesday, July 26th:

7:45 a.m. - Bui Van Bang, Bui Van Hai, Bui Thi Thoi, Le Thi Het, Bui Van Phuong, Bui Van Trang, Bui Van Su, Bill Lipskoch, Selma Lipskoch, Beulah Lipskoch, Charles Andrew Scheppers, Rosemary C. Scheppers & Fr. Richard Cronin

Thursday, July 27th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Gary Wieberg Family

Friday, July 28th:

7:45 a.m. - Walter & Catherine Bock, Kathy Paschal & **Donald Prenger**

Saturday, July 29th:

5:00 p.m. - Stan & Delores Farris Family

Sunday, July 30th:

8:00 a.m. - Elmer & Norma Jean Eisterhold

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 our

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

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.

Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass Aug 2

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

Aug 3 Fr. Helias Birthday 1796

Adoration with Benediction Aug 4

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

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

Aug 9 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m. Aug 14

Aug 14 **Back to School Barbeque**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for July \$ N/A (5 Sundays) July 1 & 2 \$ 10,261.00 July 8 & 9 \$ 11,457.00 July 15 & 16 \$ 12,796.00 ACH \$ 24,624.00 \$ 59,138.00

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

Looking for a companion to sit with individual for 2 days a week for a few hours. You will be paid depending on experience. Please call Alice Gathright at 291-3491 or email to alicegathright@gmail.com 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.





The Family of Lester Kempker would like to thank everyone who assisted with the funeral, prepared and served the meal. All your kindness was much appreciated.

> Thank you, The Kempker's

Liturgical Ministries					
July 29 & 30	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	K of C	Charles Callaway Elaine Callaway	Brian Werdehausen Cindy Werdehausen		
Lector	K of C	Debra Backes	Rick Wallis		
Ushers	K of C	Joe Otto Nyla Cartmell Andi Riley Taylor Riley	Robin Reinkemeyer Ross Reinkemeyer		
Servers	K of C	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed		
Musicians	Hoffmeyer & Branum	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 Toebben 573-619-0674. For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Patience is rooted in Hope (an image of a bush filled with birds would be great) Life, like the church, is often burdened with evil, smallness, and impurities. The Lord's parables give us a hope-filled perspective on all three.

Evil: in Jesus' parable about the good farmer whose enemy plants weeds at night, Jesus tells us that God is not the cause of evil but permits evil to exist with good out of his patient love. He will finally deal with it, but his love lets things stay messy for a time.

Smallness: It's funny that Jesus says his kingdom looks like ... wait for it ... a bush. What a letdown! Yet this little shrub still somehow has room for all the birds of the sky. The smallness of the Church, and even our own little lives, still provides plenty of room for all whom God sends.

Impurities: divisions and hypocrisies in the Church and our own hearts exasperate us. Recall that Jesus compares his kingdom to a lump of dough with impure leaven eating away at it and therefore making it expand. It's the secret of the Cross. Not how we'd prefer it. But finally, great news.

The field, the bush, the loaf: all three parables invite us to embrace a patience rooted in hope: one day the field will be weeded, the bush filled with birds, and the risen loaf leaven-free.

Father John Muir ©LPi



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

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 fain 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.

"Life is about saying yes to the things that help you become the-best-version-of-yourself and no to the things that don't. It is not more complicated than that."

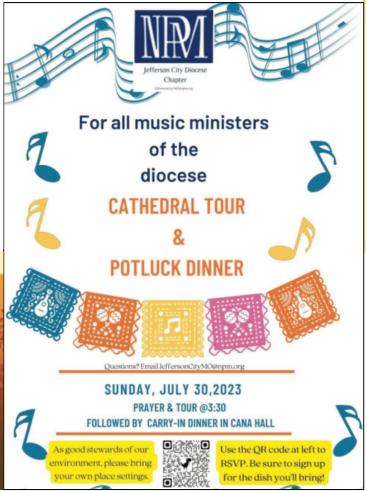




PSR Registration forms will be available in the back of church and on our website starting the PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION weekend of July 22-23.



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





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 (new & returning). The breakdown is as follows; Ushers (6-6:30p.m.), Lectors (6:45-7:15p.m.), and Eucharistic Minister (7:30-8p.m.). You can participate in more than one training.

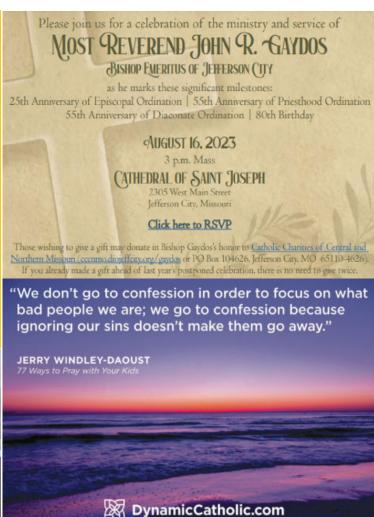
Commissioning for all Eucharistic Ministers will take place the weekend of **Sept. 16 & 17**. Please encourage friends and family to consider taking part in these ministries. Contact Laurie at the parish office if you're interested (573-395-4401).



COVENANT

Summer is in full bloom! As we enjoy the blossoms in summer-

time, may we reflect on the garden of our Faith with its many blessings. Cultivating a beautiful garden takes some time and effort. Likewise, tending to the gardens our Faith will be enriched by tuning in often to Covenant Network Catholic radio. Our programming, which includes daily Holy Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet, live call-in shows and much more, will help nourish the garden of your Faith. Listen to FM 88.1 or on the Covenant Network app or anytime at OurCatholicRadio.org.



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.



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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 venmo roll, & dessert. Tickets call Julie Mertens 573-690-9014, Lori Schenewerk 573-680-4625 or venmo to Lori Burnell - Benefit

St. Margaret of Antioch Picnic (Osage Bend, MO): Sunday, Aug. 6th. Family style fried chicken and roast beef. Serving from 11-6:30 p.m. Dine in and Carry Outs available. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$8), and 5 & Under (FREE). Quilt Auction at 5 p.m. Quilts can be viewed on https:// stmargaret.diojeffcity.org/quilts-2023/. Mass on picnic day

is at 9:00 a.m. he Pink Star Foundation irthday 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 PO Box 1163 Jefferson City, MO 65102

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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

3/16/24 Divine Therapy

4/20/24 The Dark Night of Sense

5/18/24 The Welcoming Prayer



LICK HERE FOR DETAILS & REGISTRATION



Or use:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/cocemo-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.

Are you an attorney? Samaritan Center Legal Care is offering a parttime job helping poor persons with legal problems.

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https://midmosamaritan.org/wp-content/ uploads/2023/07/legalcarejob.pdf

Or call (573) 634-7776.



BYOB

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,	Brenda LeCure,	Cynthia LePage,	Connie Linhardt,	Mayra Long,
Tracie Langendoerfer,	Deb LeCuru,	Maureen LeRoy,	Shelly Linhardt,	Jony Lootens,
Tina Lansford,	Brenda Lee,	Angela LeRoy,	Barbara Linnenbrink,	Kristy Lootens,
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