

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2023

17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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"The kingdom of heaven is like a treasure buried in a field, which a person finds and hides again, and out of joy goes and sells all that he has and buys that field." - Mt 13:44

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.
- **Baptism:** Contact Father regarding preparation sessions and scheduling.
- † Marriage: Contact Father at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling.
- † Interested in Joining the Catholic Faith? Contact Cathy Singer at the parish office.



" 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 31st: No Mass

Tuesday, Aug 1st:

7:00 p.m. - Corrie Talken

Wednesday, Aug 2nd:

7:45 a.m. - Joe & Ronnie Vieth

Thursday, Aug 3rd:

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

Bisges Families Friday, Aug 4th:

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

Saturday, Aug 5th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of August Forck Family

Sunday, Aug 6th:

8:00 a.m. - Bob Eichholz

Looking for a companion

days a week for a few

hours. You will be paid

at 291-3491 or email to

alicegathright@gmail.com

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 Aug are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

to sit with individual for 2 To those who continue to provide depending on experience. meals for the Salvation Army! Please call Alice Gathright

Your continued help is greatly

appreciated!

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

Aug 2 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

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

Fr. Helias Birthday 1796 Aug 3

Adoration with Benediction Aug 4

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

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

Aug 9 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

Aug 10 School Advisory Council 5:30 p.m. Commons Rm

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

Aug 14 **Back to School Barbeque**

Aug 15 Assumption Masses 7:45 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Aug 16 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for July \$ N/A (5 Sundays) \$ 10.261.00 July 1 & 2 July 8 & 9 \$ 11,457.00 July 15 & 16 \$ 12,796.00 July 22 & 23 \$ 11,354.08 ACH

\$ 24,624.00 \$ 70,492.08

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

\$1,066,000.00 **Goal thru June** Actual thru June \$ 932,138.85 **End of the Year** \$ -133,861.15

> "If we could only be where we are and allow ourselves to become intoxicated by the love of God in that moment, how much more of life we would take in and how much happier we would be."

MATTHEW KELLY

Liturgical Ministries				
Aug 5 & 6	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers	Mary Jane Forck	Eddy Davis	Mayra Long	
	MB	Tina Davis	MB	
Lector	MB	Penne Eiken	Michael Winkler	
Ushers	Jim Radmacher Ruby Radmacher	Dan Sandbothe Dan Sanning Ron Talken	James Singer DeWayne Sprenger	
Servers	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Elle Kleffner Gentry Wegman	Aubrey Forck Kiptyn Thessen	
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Katnik	



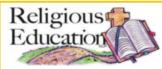
Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

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.



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



PSR Registration forms and schedules are now in the back of church and on our website for those students who will be PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION entering K-8th grades. Please

turn in forms with payment to the parish office by September 1st. Due to increased class costs, fees have gone up to \$35 per family. Please note that classes will be from **6:45pm to 8pm** this year and will start with an opening Mass followed by a meet and greet on Wednesday, September 6.



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.

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.

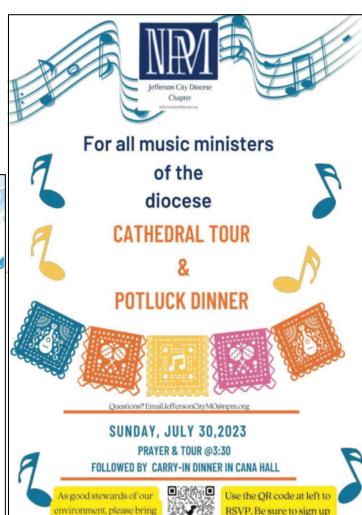
Coming this Fall

*The second Season of The Chosen *Second tour of Parishes founded by Father Helias

*Pilgrimage to the National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal with Father Kelechi in Perryville, MO

on November 13th

*Watch the bulletins for further details



for the dish you'll bring!

your own place settings.



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).

Holy Communion

We are excited to once again start offering communion under both species at the weekend

masses. This will begin after the commissioning of The Extraordinary Minister of Communion In September.





HONORING OUR PAST

A MOMENT IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HISTORY The Pastorate of the Rev. Bernard Mers 1949 - 1961

- Father Mers was born in St. Louis and ordained on June 10, 1933 at St. Louis Cathedral. He gives credit to Fr. Francis X. Brand who was born in Taos and ordained in 1885. He was the pastor at St. Aloysius Church in St. Louis at the time Fr. Mers was a young boy. Fr. Brand encouraged and guided him which led him to become a priest.
- Father Mers' first assignment was as an assistant under Msgr. John Pleus at Immaculate Conception Parish in Jefferson City. He served there for 8 years. Msgr. Pleus was also a Taos native and was ordained in 1899.
- So it seems Fr. Mers was destined to minister to the people at Taos after being around two well-known priests who knew so much about SFX Parish!
- Before coming to SFX parish, however he was sent to be the assistant pastor at St. Boniface Church in St. Louis under Fr. Reker. (Fr. Reker became the pastor of SFX from 1942 1949.) Fr. Mers had other plans!
- In 1942, Fr. Mers was compelled to serve his country in WWII. He enlisted and became a Navy Captain until the end of the war.
- After returning to civilian life, Fr. Mers spent 18 months as pastor of St. Louis Church in Bonnots Mill. Then finally, he was assigned to SFX parish taking the place of his friend Fr. Reker. A parish he had heard so much about from Fr. Brand and Msgr. Pleus.
- Father Mers served as pastor of SFX from 1949-1961. Below is a list of his accomplishments during those years:
 - *An addition of bathrooms, stairwells, and a teachers' lounge was made to the school in 1950.
 - *In 1952, he steered the transition of the grade school from public back to parochial. (Fr. Ebert saw the advantage to having SFX School become public in 1935 because of the depression gripping the area.)
 - *A side entrance to the church was also added in 1952.
 - *In 1955 restoration and redecoration of the church took place. The parish raised \$72,000 to accomplish this.
 - *A badly needed convent (which is now the parish office) was finally built in 1958 from money bequeathed by a parishioner, Henry Brenneke.
 - *The Statue of Our Lady, Patron of the Missions was erected in the side church yard in memory of Henry Brenneke (1874-1956).
 - *Also during Fr. Mers pastorate, the playground was graded down and the retaining wall was built.
- Father Mers was transferred to a different parish in 1949. He was well-liked by the people of the parish and they were sad to see him leave.
- He died April 8, 1984.

(Written by Kathy Rackers of the Museum Committee with information taken from the History of SFX Church 1838-1988.)

upcoming_{EVENTS}

9th Annual Argyle K of C Car Show & Bar-B-Que: Saturday, Aug. 5 at Argyle Knights of Columbus Hall, Argyle MO. Cars, Trucks, bikes, and Tractors. Serving from 11-4 p.m. Pork Steaks, Pork Burgers, Hot Dogs, and Soft Served Ice Cream.

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

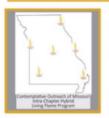
St. Thomas Parish Picnic (St. Thomas, MO): Sunday, Aug. 20 from 11-7 p.m. Serving Fried Chicken, Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, kraut, bread, and pies. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$7), and 5 & under (Free). Quilt Auction at 5 p.m., bingo, country store, kidsville, bounce house,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



Sacred Heart Parish Picnic (Rich Fountain, MO): Sunday,

Aug. 13. Serving Drive-Thru & Carry-Outs only 11-7 p.m. German Pot Roast, Grilled Sausage, Mashed Potatoes w/ gravy, green beans, Coleslaw, Bread, and Dessert. Meal Price (\$15). Kiddie Tractor Pull 4 p.m. and Quilt Auction 6 p.m. Quilts can be viewed at www.sacredheartrf.com.

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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





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.

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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.



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: Aug 6 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: Aug 13 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Aug 20 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week: 4 Aug 27 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154
Kim Luadzers,	Hayley Maasen, Karla Mantle,	Charlene Mitchem,	Maria Muenks, Jean Muenks,
Cindy Luebbering,	Kathryn Martellaro,	Donna Moore,	April Muenks,
Angela Luebbering,	Marlene Matthews, Melissa	Mandie Morriss, Robin Moses,	Traci Murray,
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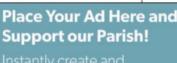


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