

SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

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Jesus took Peter, James, and his brother, John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. - Mt 17:1-2

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.
- **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 573-395-4401.



"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, Aug 7th: No Mass

Tuesday, Aug 8th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Andrew & Teresa Kloeppel & Jeron Sandbothe

Wednesday, Aug 9th:

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

Thursday, Aug 10th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Vincent & Adela Eiken Family

Friday, Aug 11th:

7:45 a.m. - Brad Verslues

Saturday, Aug 12th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of William Hake & Leonard Forck Fam.

Sunday, Aug 13th:

8:00 a.m. - 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 Aug are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

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your Calendar

Aug 7 Monday Morning	g with Mar	y (Taos Park)	7:30 a.m.
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Aug 7 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level

Aug 9 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

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

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

Aug 14 Back to School Barbeque

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

Aug 16 First Day of School

Aug 16 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

Aug 19 & 20 St. Barbara Wood Sales in Reker Hall

Aug 21 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.

Aug 22 No Tuesday Evening Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for July	\$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays)		
July 1 & 2	\$ 10,261.00		
July 8 & 9	\$ 11,457.00		
July 15 & 16	\$ 12,796.00		
July 22 & 23	\$ 11,354.08		
July 29 & 30	Early to Print		
ACH	\$ 24,624.00		
	\$ 68,529.97		

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

ATTENTION! FALL SUPPER NEWS!!

The Fall Supper Committee has met and plan to host our 2023 Fall Supper on **Sunday, November 5, 2023.** We would like to again offer **SWEET POTATOES & TURNIPS** with our meal. Will anyone have an abundance of turnips or sweet potatoes and be willing to donate for the fall supper? Thanks for your help!

Blair Oaks Class of 1973

is having a planning meeting for their **50th Class Reunion**. Class members please plan to attend **August 8th** at 6:30 pm in the SFX School Commons Room. Any questions, contact Linda Distler at 573-680-4959.

Liturgical Ministries			
Aug 12 & 13	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jean Decker	Dennis Forck	Lisa Reinke
	Sharon Forck	MB	MB
Lector	Georgene Bernskoetter	Ken Sandbothe	Linda Distler
Ushers	Carol Forck	Bill Vanderfeltz	SteveDistler
	Tony Forck	Wayne Verslues	John Prenger
		Tom Wieberg	Chris Reinke
Servers	Gabby Sandbothe	London Talken	Ezra Yeager
	Libby Sandbothe	Volunteer Needed	Julia Reinke
Musicians	Katnik	Kathy & Cheryl	Hood & Forbis Family



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

The Transfiguration of the Lord

What is Christianity finally about? These days if you ask almost anyone who doesn't know the Bible you'll probably hear an answer like this: "Being a good person" or "following the golden rule." No offense to the golden rule, but our faith is simply much stranger than that. This week's feast of the Transfiguration of the Lord is a luminous example of this. Jesus becomes radiantly and overwhelmingly beautiful. The glory of God literally shines forth from his body and even his clothes. Here we see that Christianity is not mainly a moral system, but a relationship with God in Christ, one that finally makes human beings gloriously beautiful.

Now we can see our good and bad deeds in a new and de-centered way. Our morality isn't about a heaven or hell scorecard. It's about lives open (or closed) to transfiguration, lives capable of revealing the glory of God in Christ to the world. Spouses, children, friends, co-workers, priests, consecrated women and men, and so on — we are all called to let the beauty of Jesus make our lives beautiful, little by little. His beauty in us is the center of our faith.

— Father John Muir ©LP



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 entering K-8th grades. Please turn in forms with payment to

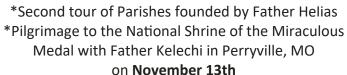
the parish office by **September 1st.** Due to increased class costs, fees have gone up to \$35 per family. Please note that classes will be from **6:45pm to 8pm** this year and will start with an opening Mass followed by a meet and greet on **Wednesday, September 6.**



<u>Prayers for Parishioners</u>: 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.

Coming this Fall





*Watch the bulletins for further details



We are happy to provide Children's Liturgy of the Word this year. Open house will be on Sunday, September 17th after the 10am Mass. Class will then start with the 10am Mass on Sunday, September 24th.

Please join us for a celebration of the ministry and service of

MOST REVEREND JOHN R. GAYDOS Bishop Emeritus of Jefferson City

as he marks these significant milestones

25th Anniversary of Episcopal Ordination | 55th Anniversary
of Priesthood Ordination | 55th Anniversary of Diaconate

Ordination | 80th Birthday

August 16, 2023 3 p.m. Mass

Cathedral of Saint Joseph

2305 West Main Street

Jefferson City, Missouri

Those wishing to give a gift may donate in Bishop Gaydos's honor to Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri (cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/gaydos or PO Box 104626, Jefferson City, MO 65110-4626).

If you already made a gift ahead of last year's postponed celebration, there is no need to give twice.

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.

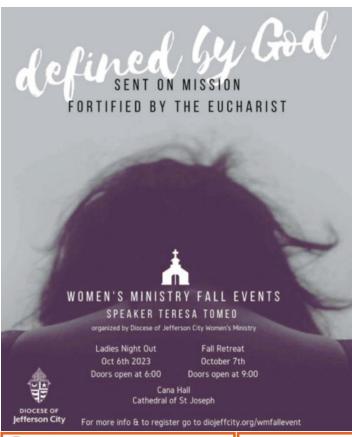
We also pray for all those who are suffering from other natural disasters. May they look to you for the strength to restore their lives and heal their wounded lands.

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 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.

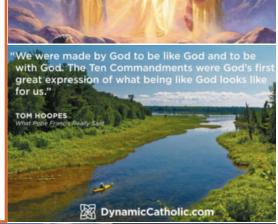


This will begin after the commissioning of The Extraordinary Minister of Communion In September.





Peter, James and John a preview of the risen Jesus, the Jesus they would see again one day. Jesus glowed brightly. Moses and Elijah came to talk with Jesus. Then a great cloud covered everyone, and God sa lesus was his Son, lesus was the Savior







FRIDAY,

(Ages 21 - 40)

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upcoming_{EVENTS}

St. Margaret of Antioch Picnic (Osage Bend, MO): Sunday,

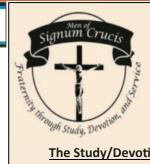
Aug. 6th. Family style fried chicken and roast beef. Serving from 11-6:30 p.m. Dine in and Carry Outs available. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$8), and 5 & Under (FREE). Quilt Auction at 5 p.m. Quilts can be viewed on https://stmargaret.diojeffcity.org/quilts-2023/. Mass on picnic day is at 9:00 a.m.

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 <u>www.sacredheartrf.com</u>.





Men of the Jefferson City Area: You are invited to the August gathering of the Men of Signum Crucis, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, in the St. Pius X Chapel at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m.

The Study/Devotion portion of our evening will be led by recent college graduate Jacob Ceglenski on the history of and devotion to the Brown Scapular.

Following the presentation, we will move to the Helias Commons for fraternity while we enjoy refreshments. As always, our evening will conclude with the Litany of St. Joseph at 7:55 p.m.

<u>In September</u>, we will follow up with an enrollment ceremony for all men who plan to maintain the disciplines of the Brown Scapular as prescribed by the Blessed Virgin Mary. This ceremony will take place in conjunction with the celebration of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in the St. Pius X Chapel at Helias Catholic.

We especially encourage men to bring sons or fathers–since many sons are home from school during these summer months, these monthly gatherings are a great opportunity to bring your son (or grandson) with you.

The mission of the Men of *Signum Crucis* is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to sharpen ourselves to meet the challenges of our day.

For more information, contact Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.



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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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	Week 2: Aug 13 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Aug 20	Week: 4 Aug 27
Elaine Callaway		Jean Pinnell	Sue Sandbothe
690-8966		694-2111	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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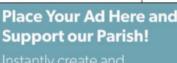


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