



## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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**SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023**

## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"I will give you the keys to the kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." - Mt 16:19

# *St. Francis Xavier Parish*

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

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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)**

**Facebook: [St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church](#)**

**Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302**



**Parish Website: [www.sfxtaos.com](http://www.sfxtaos.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**

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**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.
- ✚ **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.



## Mass Intentions

*"For student, parents and teachers as another school year begins; may our Catholic community provide the proper environment and resources for our young people to thrive and excel in their formation as disciples of Christ, and sons and daughter of our Catholic Church. We pray to the Lord."*

**Monday, Aug 28th: No Mass**

**Tuesday, Aug 29th:**

7:00 p.m. - Mary Selva

**Wednesday, Aug 30th:**

7:45 a.m. - Ed Sandbothe

**Thursday, Aug 31st:**

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

**Friday, Sept 1st:**

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

**Saturday, Sept 2nd:**

5:00 p.m. - Marina Schnieders

**Sunday, Sept 3rd:**

8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. - L&D of Alvin & Ester Talken Family

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

## mark your Calendar

**Aug 28 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.**

**Aug 29** Quilting 8 a.m. & **Aug 31 after a.m. Mass**

**Aug 30 Wed. Walk** with the Lord after morning Mass

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

**Sept 1 Adoration with Benediction**

**Sept 4 Happy Labor Day!!**

**Sept 4 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.**

**Sept 5** Quilting 8 a.m. & **Sept. 7 after a.m. Mass**

**Sept 6 Wed. Walk** with the Lord after morning Mass

**Sept 6 Opening Mass for PSR 7 p.m.** with Meet & Greet after mass in Reker Hall

**Sept 6** K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall

**Sept 11 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.**

**Sept 11 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level**

**Sept 11** Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

**Goal for Aug** \$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)

**Aug 5 & 6** \$ 11,772.75

**Aug 12 & 13** \$ 9,556.35

**Aug 19 & 20** \$ 12,938.00

**ACH** \$ 23,954.00

\$ 58,221.10

### Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

**Goal thru July** \$ 102,500.00

**Actual thru July** \$ 78,438.18

**End of the Year** \$ -24,061.82



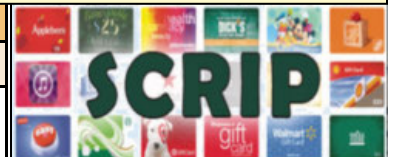
**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN JOINING THE CATHOLIC CHURCH** or would you like to learn more about the possibility or know someone you would like to invite to share our faith? Inquiry sessions begin the process for those who want to join the Catholic Church. An Inquiry Session will be held on **Wed., Sept. 20th at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Office**. Come to the front door, 7319 Route M, across the street from the church and rectory. Please feel free to call Cathy or Laurie at the Parish Office if you have any questions 573-395-4401.

The Lunch Bunch will meet **Wednesday, Aug 30th** 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, Aug 23rd**.



### Liturgical Ministries

	Sept 2 & 3	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>		Brian Roling MB	Ken Sandbothe Shelle Sandbothe	Patty Verslues MB
<b>Lector</b>		Keith Henke	Tom Sanning	Kathy Rackers
<b>Ushers</b>		Carol Forck Tony Forck	Dan Sandbothe Dan Sanning Ron Talken	DeWayne Sprenger Alan Cortvrient
<b>Servers</b>		<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>
<b>Musicians</b>		Hood & Forbis Fam.	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.**

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

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

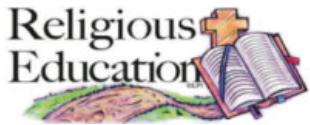
## 21<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it a bit weird that Catholics call the Pope "papa," father? This Sunday provides us with essential Scriptural background on the papacy, the petrine office. Jesus gives Peter the "keys to the kingdom of heaven," after witnessing to the special grace Peter has to know Jesus' true identity. Many have pointed out that the "keys" refer back to the figure of Eliakim, King David's prime minister. True enough. But notice this is not mere authority or power. It's a family relationship. The Lord says to Eliakim, "He shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem" (Isaiah 22:21). David's prime minister was a spiritual *father* to the family of Israel. Peter, and his successors, will be spiritual fathers in the family of the Church.

This means we have a serious obligation to not only recognize the Pope's authority, but also to love him with the affection of children for their papa. We should never speak about him with disrespect or rancor. We should listen to him with trusting hearts, and ignore the slander thrown at him in various media. When we show the world we are loving and obedient to our Holy Papa, perhaps they'll see more clearly that the Church is indeed God's beloved family.

— Father John Muir

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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 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**.



Flowers Girls Club is just what you're looking for! We will be

Have you ever wanted to grow your faith alongside your daughter in a fun social setting? If your daughter is in grades K-8, the SFX Little

starting our second year of deep-diving into our Catholic virtues alongside the saints on **Sept. 17th** from 1-3pm. Come check us out, we have a lot of fun while learning about our faith and would love to have you join us! Call Lisa Reinke at 261-0242 to let us know you're coming or ask any questions.



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.

**Holy Communion:** We are excited to once again start offering communion under both species at the weekend masses. This will begin the weekend of **Sept. 30/Oct. 1st**.



**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.

## PLANTING THE SEED AND WATCHING IT GROW

Join us for a brief presentation and listening session. Learn how joining with other women in our diocese can help support growth in your faith life and your parish women's ministry. Share with us how we can better help you on this journey.

Choose the location and time that works best for you.

AUGUST 30TH 6:30 TO 7:30 ST MICHAEL RUSSELVILLE PARISH OFFICE	SEPTEMBER 5TH 6:30 TO 7:30 ST THOMAS PARISH CENTER	SEPTEMBER 11TH 6:30 TO 7:30 ST ANDREWS HOLTS SUMMIT GATHERING SPACE
SEPTEMBER 12TH 6:30 TO 7:30 ST FRANCES XAVIER TAOS CAFETERIA	SEPTEMBER 20TH 6:30 TO 7:00 ST JOSEPH CATHEDRAL MARY'S ROOM	



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## Women's Ministry Fall 2023 Events

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Ladies Night Out  
Friday, Oct 6th  
Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Fall Retreat  
Saturday, October 7th  
Doors open at 9:00 a.m.

Cana Hall  
Cathedral of St Joseph  
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For more info & to register go to  
[diojeffcity.org/wmfallevent](http://diojeffcity.org/wmfallevent)



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A huge thank you to the Pink Star Foundation! They are such great supporters of our school and community. For the second year in a row they donated the cost of school supplies for our k-8 students. And this past week they purchased two AED's for our school! We are blessed to have the support of such a wonderful organization. A special thank you to Ron and Peggy for all of their support.

Our online apparel store is now closed. If you ordered some spirit wear or S.F.X. apparel we will be sure to let you know when it comes in so that you can pick it up. Hopefully we will have it delivered in the next few weeks.

For those of you interested in purchasing a mum you have till August 30th to place your order! Contact a S.F.X. student or contact the school office if you would like to buy some mums.. Thank you for supporting our Home & School Committee on their annual fundraiser.

If you are interested in keeping up with the latest school news be sure to grab a copy of our weekly Tiger Tales newsletter in the back of church each week. You can also subscribe to receive the weekly newsletter via email by contacting Mr. Tobar.

### Upcoming School Events

**Friday, 9/1** - Spirit Day

**Monday, 9/4** - No School

**Wednesday - 9/6** - LIFE Runners

**Friday, 9/8** - Spirit Day

**Wednesday 9/13** - Home & School Meeting @ 6:30pm

**Thursday 9/14** - Picture Day

**Friday 9/15** - Grandparent's Day  
Blessings,

**Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal**

[jtobar@sfxtaos.com](mailto:jtobar@sfxtaos.com)

### JOIN OUR TEAM

The Blair Oaks R-II School District has an immediate opening for a **Full-Time Cook**. The position will remain open until filled. Inquiries should be submitted to the Blair Oaks District Office. 573-636-2020 Located at 6124 Falcon Lane Wardsville, MO 65101

## HONORING OUR PAST

### A MOMENT IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HISTORY

Years 1961-1964

In these 3 years SFX Parish was ministered by two priests: Father Carly Green and Msgr. Gerald Poelker..

- Father Carly Green was the pastor from 1961-1963. He was born in St Louis, MO in 1909. He was ordained into the priesthood in St. Joseph, MO on May 26, 1935.

- Father Green was assigned to SFX Parish in 1961. He succeeded Rev. Bernard Mers, who had been the pastor since 1949. There isn't much information recorded about him in our history books.

- His stay at St. Francis was short-lived. He was sent to Assumption Parish in Morrison, MO in 1963. He died only 3 months later on June 21, 1963 at the age of 54.

- Msgr. Gerald Poelker also had a brief stay as pastor, 1963-1964. He was born in St. Louis on Sept. 1, 1917. He graduated from Kenrick Seminary and was ordained in 1942 by the late Cardinal Glennon.

- Msgr. Poelker worked in the Chancery and served as Diocesan Superintendent of Schools while serving as pastor of several parishes.

- While his stay at SFX was short, he was instrumental in helping design a four room addition to the school as well as a new gathering area which became known as Helias Hall.

- Msgr. Poelker also oversaw the exhumation of the body of Father Helias on Feb. 29, 1964 under the direction of Dulle Funeral Home. The new burial site was designed for the vestibule of the church. Father Helias was re-entombed on Memorial Day, 1964.

- During 1963-64, SFX parish was grateful to also have an assistant pastor. His name was Father Henry Reichert.

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

Seasons come and seasons go but it is always in season to focus on our faith life in Christ Jesus. **Covenant Network Catholic radio** helps by drawing us into the beautiful spirituality of our Catholic prayers and devotions. Even the current events, seen through a Catholic prism, keep us attentive to the things that matter for our salvation. Tune into **KHJR 88.1 FM** or listen on the **Covenant Network app** or anytime at [OurCatholicRadio.org](http://OurCatholicRadio.org).

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CONTINUING THE LEGACY

**HELIAS FOUNDATION GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**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)

**OAK HILLS GOLF CENTER**  
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## upcomingEVENTS

**Holy Family Parish Picnic (Freeburg, MO): Sunday, Sept. 3rd** from 11:30-7 p.m. Serving Chicken, Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, gravy, corn, green beans, applesauce, cole slaw, bread, cookies, Apple, Cherry & Peach Pie). **Carryout's only.** \$15 per dinner. Outdoor and indoor dining available (no table service). Quilt Auction 5 p.m. View quilts at [www.holyfamilyfreeburg.com](http://www.holyfamilyfreeburg.com). Live music Broken Arrow Band 2-5 p.m. Shiloh from 8-12 midnight. Kid games at 1p.m.



**The Cathedral** will host "A Walk Through The Mass" with Fr. Paul Clark on **Wednesday, September 6**, at 5:30 p.m. in the Cathedral with dinner in Cana Hall. Please consider attending this presentation to get a clearer view of what happens at the highest form of prayer with our Lord: The Eucharist. All are welcome.



**Ducks Unlimited 40th Annual Banquet (Osage Chapter): Saturday, Sept. 9th** at Loose Creek Community Center. Smoked Prime Rib Dinner (includes drink). \$260/Sponsor (2 tickets, DU Pin, Recognition) \$80/Couple - \$55 per person \$25/Greenwing (under 18). Table package \$350. Contact Jeff Mertens at 573-680-2205 for details.

**St. Anthony Parish (Folk, MO): Fall Festival Sunday, Sept. 10.** Roast Beef & Whole Hog Sausage Dinners. Meals are \$15

each. Drive Thru & Carry Outs from 11-6p.m. Indoor air-conditioned seating will be available. Raffle Drawing 6:30 p.m. \$1,000 First Place. Classic Car Cruise-In 11-6:30 p.m. Parade by Parish at 2 p.m. Shooting Match starting at 12 p.m. Quilt Auction and Pie/Dessert Auction 5 p.m.

**Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows (Starkenburg, MO):** Annual Fall Pilgrimage **Sunday, Sept. 10th** starting at 10 a.m. Followed by a Traditional Dinner. Serving from 11-1 p.m. 12:30 Confessions, 1 p.m. Benediction, & 2 p.m. Outdoor Mass. Located 197 Hwy, P Rhineland, MO 65069. \$15 per meal. Fried Chicken and Roast Beef dinners.

**St. Louis of France Parish Fall Festival (Bonnots Mill, MO): Sunday, Sept. 17th** from 12-6 p.m. Serving Fried Chicken & Bone-In Ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, slaw, and homemade desserts. To-Go Plates with indoor seating available. \$15 per plate. Live Auction at 4 p.m. 50/50, raffle, Country Store, Sandwich Stand, Beer & Gin Rickey.

**Wardsville Walk For Life: Sunday, September 10th** following 10:30 a.m. Mass. 1.7 mile Walk starting in front of St. Stan Church. Bus transportation available to and from event. Refreshment served at Lions Hall after walk. All proceeds go to Missouri Right for Life, Life Runners, Pregnancy Help Center & PROLIFE Across America. Apporx. 12-2 p.m.



The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization here in the parish and we are looking for new members. If you or someone you know is over 18 years old and a practicing Catholic, you are eligible to join the Knights. Whether you are a man or woman, new to the parish, or have lived here your whole life, we would love to talk to you about the Knights of Columbus or the Knights of Columbus Ladies Aux. For more information, please contact: Grand Knight, Alan Cortvrient 573-619-3633 or Ladies Auxiliary President, or Debbie Borgmeyer 573-680-0716.

Booking For Mass  
Intentions Will Open On  
**September 21, 2023**  
at 9:00 a.m.

New Parish Website:  
**www.sfxtaos.com**  
We are now the same  
as School.

"Love is a choice. When we choose love,  
our spirit expands. When we choose  
not to love, our spirit shrivels."

MATTHEW KELLY  
*The Seven Levels of Intimacy*



**Fall Supper:** 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? Please contact Cecilia at 573-395-4401 if you do. **Thank You!!**

**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: Sept 2</b> Elaine Callaway 690-8966	<b>Week 2: Sept 9</b> Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	<b>Week 3: Sept 16</b> Jean Pinnell 694-2111	<b>Week 4: Sept 23</b> Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	<b>Week 5: Sept 30</b> Nora Sprenger 395-3130
Lisa Norment, Jean Ortals, Jennifer Ortmeier, Tanna Ortmeier, Donna Ortmeier	Nyla Cartmell, Molly Prenger, Vicki Phillips, Madison Pinnell, Courtney Pleus	Jodi Pleus, Betty Pohl, Emily Pointer, JoAnn Pointer, Mary Kay Pope	Phyllis Prenger, Angeline Prenger, Britney Prenger, Carol Prenger, Linda Prenger	Glenda Prenger, Donna Prenger, Janet Prenger, Viola Prenger, Theresa Prenger

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