



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2023

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



"Are you envious because I am generous?" Thus, the last will be first, and the first will be last." - Mt 20:15-16

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

Jordan Tobar - Principal Email: jtobar@sfxtaos.com

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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 573-395-4401.



Mass Intentions

"For the police, fire and EMS workers serving their communities in uniform; may all first responders be preserved from harm as they serve to keep us safe. We pray to the Lord."

Monday, Sept 25th: No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 26th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Anton & Agatha Haselhorst Family

Wednesday, Sept 27th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Bob & Mary Gratz Family

Thursday, Sept 28th:

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

Friday, Sept 29th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Bill & Adelaide Decker and Fred & Meg Verslues Family

Saturday, Sept 30th:

5:00 p.m. - Walter & Catherine Bock, Kathy Paschal & Donald Prenger

Sunday, Oct 1st: 8:00 a.m. - Corrie Talken

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

mark your Calendar

Sept 25 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.

Sept 26 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., **Sept. 28 after Mass**

Sept 27 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

Sept 27 Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. K of C Hall

Sept 27 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Sept 30 Wine back at Mass

Oct 1 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass

Oct 2 Monday Morning with Mary (Taos Park) 7:30 a.m.

Oct 4 Wed. Walk with the Lord after morning Mass

Oct 4 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Oct 4 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

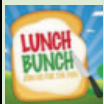
Goal for Sept.	\$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)
Sept 2 & 3	\$ 11,169.85
Sept 10 & 11	\$ 10,085.00
Sept 16 & 17	\$ 10,754.60
ACH	\$ 25,309.00
	\$ 57,318.45

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

Goal thru Aug	\$ 184,500.00
Actual thru Aug	\$ 153,262.33
End of the Year	\$ -31,237.67



Married in Christ: Austin Moreland and Shianne Walther were married in our church on **Saturday, Sept. 9th, 2023**



The Lunch Bunch will meet **Wed., Sept 27th** 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, Sept 20th.**

Day of Health and Healing: to be held on **Sunday, October 22** at the K of C Hall after the 10 a.m. Mass. Attendees do not need to be Catholic, anyone who would benefit from this may attend. A meal will be served, ham and turkey. This will take the place of the October Lunch Bunch. Please call Debbie Borgmeyer 573-680-9748 or Jean Decker 573-619-0282 in order to be included for the meal. Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Liturgical Ministries

Sept 30 & Oct 1	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Angeline Prenger Mary Jane Forck Jo Lootens Jean Pinnell	Brenda Brenneke Charles Callaway Elaine Callaway Dennis Forck	Michael Winkler Linda Distler Andrea Forck Lisa Reinke
Lector	Doris Schnieder	Tina Davis	Linda Distler
Ushers	John Bassett Brad Bruemmer Carol Forck Tony Forck	Dan Sanning Ron Talking Wayne Verslues Ken Sandbothe	Steve Distler Cindy LePage Steve LePage John Prenger
Servers	Volunteers Needed Volunteers Needed	Elle Kleffner Volunteers Needed	Liam Meyer Julia Reinke
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Katnik

New Parish Website for School & Church
www.sfxtaos.com



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.

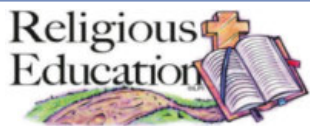
Parish Prayer Line—Alma Sandbothe 573-395-4666 or Shirley Toebben 573-619-0674.

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

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is *unmerited* favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we *have* to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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

Guidelines for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and Ushers are in the back of church.



September 24th is Priesthood Sunday! Please say an extra thank you to Father this weekend and keep him in your prayers.



Coming this Fall

Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

Resuming Communion Under Both Species

The Chalice will be Reintroduced beginning on the weekend of September 30/October 1st.



SAVE THE DATE!

November 13, Pilgrimage to Perryville with Father Kelechi
December 3rd and 4th, Tim Francis on Eucharistic Miracles



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.

Rosary Coast to Coast

Prayer rally on south lawn State Capital.



A gathering of people united in prayer for our Country.

When:
Saturday, October 7th
Starts: 10:00 a.m.
Ends: 11:00 a.m.

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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
2305 W Main St, Jefferson City MO

For more info & to register go to
diojeffcity.org/wmfallevent



DIocese of Jefferson City



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 Cortvriant 573-619-3633 or Ladies Auxiliary President, or Debbie Borgmeyer 573-680-0716.

"Drive for Persons With Developmental Disabilities"

Missouri State Council
51st Annual Drive

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Knights of Columbus



October
7 & 8, 2023

Perpetual Adoration Chapel
Open Hours (Wardsville):

Friday morning 2-3 a.m.
(every other)

Friday 11-12 Noon (2,4,5)

Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you are interested in joining our chapel program.

Cemetery News: Several weeks ago we asked people to remove any items that were not attached to the tombstone or base. Thanks to the people that did remove these items.

We have now removed other items not attached to the stone or base. These items such as in ground flowers vases, statues, plaques, landscaping blocks, solar lights, rocks, and Shepard's hooks. The items removed are located along the fence in the upper part of the new cemetery section.

Please take any items you wish to keep. These items will be left there for several weeks. Any items left after this will be disposed of.

The Cemetery Committee



1 Faith
1 Family
1 SFX

Last Friday we celebrated Grandparents Day at S.F.X. I was shocked when I walked into the back of the church and saw how full it was with our wonderful grandparents. It was great seeing such a great turnout for our afternoon celebrating this wonderful group of people. There were so many smiles and laughs throughout the afternoon as we shared some of our favorite things about our grandparents, played bingo, and ate some yummy cookies. Thank you to all of our grandparents for your love and support. You have all done an outstanding job of helping raise our students to be the outstanding young individuals they are today.

Thank you to all of our parents that attended our Home & School Meeting on September 13th. We had 44 families in attendance to hear about all the happenings taking place at St. Francis Xavier. Thank you to our jr. high students and Mrs. Pabst for providing child care for our little kiddos whose parents were at the meeting. We appreciate your help in making it possible for all of our parents to attend the meeting!

Achievement testing is coming up the week of October 2-6. Students in grades 3-8 will be doing online testing this year in all of the subject areas. Be sure to make sure students get lots of rest throughout the week. Also be sure that all students eat a good breakfast each morning. Their brains are going to be hard at work and they are going to need the energy!

Upcoming School Events

Monday, 9/25 - No School

Friday, 9/29 - All School Rosary @ 2:15pm

Saturday, 9/30 - Volleyball Host Date

Monday, 10/2-10/6 - Achievement Testing

Wednesday, 10/4 - Life Runners

Friday, 10/6 - Pet Blessing

Wednesday, 10/11 - Therapy Paws Presentation

Friday, 10/13 - End of 1st Quarter

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal

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HONORING OUR PAST A MOMENT IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HISTORY

In the early to mid 1960's, the Diocese was changing priests often in our area. From 1961-1966 our parish's spiritual leadership changed 3 times in five years! This month you will learn about the third priest during this time, his name was Rev. Jerome Jaworski. ● Father Jaworski was our pastor from 1964-1966 ● All of our previous priests had come from Belgium and Germany in the early years and then beginning in 1917 all were from the St. Louis area. Father Jaworski, however, was born in Pittsburgh, PA. ● His stay in our parish was only a year and a half. During this time, two important dedications took place. ● With the completion of the Helias Memorial, a dedication ceremony was held on May 31, 1965. (The work had begun a year earlier when Fr. Helias' body was exhumed and re-entombed in the back of the church.) ● Also dedicated on that same date was the new 4 room addition to the school and hall which had begun the previous year under the guidance of Msgr. Poelker. ● These two dedications were performed by Most Rev. Joseph M. Marling, the first bishop of the Jefferson City Diocese. ● Fr. Jaworski was transferred to St. George's Parish in Linn in 1966. ● His final assignment was at St. Anthony's Parish in St. Anthony. ● He died on March 11, 1979 and is buried in his hometown of Pittsburgh, PA. During this year and a half, Father Ralph Keyes served as the assistant pastor during Fr. Jaworski's pastorate. ● Fr. Keyes was the first priest that was assigned to our parish that was born in Ireland. He was ordained specifically for the Diocese of Jefferson City, as were many other seminarians from Ireland during that time. ● In 1966, he was transferred to St. Peter's Cathedral, in Jefferson City as an assistant pastor. ● In 1967, he responded to Bishop Marling's call to serve as a missionary to the newly formed mission in Peru. ● In the 1960's and 70's there was much political strife and conflict in this poor country. ● Fr. Keyes was dedicated to the needs of the people he served. He was the Coordinator of the Mission Team and served in the Peruvian Missions for 35 years with much bravery and distinction. ● When he returned to priestly service within the Jefferson City Diocese in 2002, he was assigned to parishes in Camdenton, Climax Springs and Hermitage. ● Fr. Keyes was pastor at these parishes until his death on July 14, 2012. He is buried in Ireland.

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


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upcomingEVENTS

Lady KNIGHTS

BASKETBALL TRYOUTS

GRADES 5TH-8TH

SEPTEMBER 24TH-25TH
HELIAS CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL
AUXILIARY GYM AND FIELDHOUSE

⚙ Skills Development
Sunday, September 24th
6-8 pm

⚙ Tryouts
Monday, September 25th
6-8 pm

For questions, contact Garrett Wiggans:
gwiggans@heliascatholic.com

Fall Festival Our Lady, Help of Christian Parish

(Frankenstein, MO): Sept. 24 from 11-6 p.m. Whole Baked Turkey & Country Sausage with stuffing, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut and beans, slaw, bread, and dessert—\$15. Serving Cafeteria Style & To Go Meals. Dessert & Specialty Items Auction 3:30 p.m. Free Bingo 12-3p.m. Music on the grounds.

Visitation Catholic Church Fall Festival (Vienna, MO):

Sunday, Sept. 24th 11-5:30 p.m. Fresh Sausage & Fried Chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, coleslaw, & dessert. Carryout outdoor & indoor seating. Drive through-enter from Highway 63 onto 8th street and follow the signs. Country story, Kettle corn, margaritas, beer and gin rickey. KC Hall 206 6th St.

St. George Parish Fall Festival (Linn, MO): Sunday, Oct. 1st. New! Bingo, Ponhaus Demo and Kiddie Tractor Pull. Serving

Sausage, Turkey, Dressing, Dessert, & Bread. \$15 per meal from 11-6 p.m. Dessert Auction 4 p.m.

St. Aloysius & St. Boniface Fall Festival (Argyle, MO):

Sunday, Oct. 1st. Serving 11-6 p.m. at the Argyle K of C. \$14 per plate. Serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, slaw, applesauce & dessert. Dine in or Carry Out. Live Auction at 5 p.m.

Guardian Angels Parish (Brinktown, MO): Annual Fall Dinner

Sunday, October 8, from 11- 5 p.m. This will be a Dine In and Carry Out Dinner serving Whole Hog Sausage, Fried Chicken, Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Green Beans, Sweet Potatoes, Sauerkraut, Cole Slaw, & Dessert. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$7), 5 & Under (Free) and Carry Outs (\$15) per plate. There will also be a Quilt & Dessert Auction at 2:30 & Country Store, Raffle, Kettle Corn, Ice Cream, and Beer & Soda.

St. Stanislaus Fall Supper (Wardsville, MO): Sunday, Oct. 8

from 11-6 p.m. serving fried chicken, sausage, mashed potatoes, gravy, sauerkraut, green beans, fried apples, & desserts. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$7), 5 & under (FREE). Serving cafeteria style & Carry Outs.

Backroads Poker Run: Sunday, October 8th at the St Louis of France Parish Hall, Bonnots Mill - Registration starts at 11 a.m. - \$20 per Hand, Concession Stand, 50/50 Raffle, Go Fish Card Challenge for the youngsters - Proceeds support the Osage County National Catholic Youth Conference attendees going to Indianapolis in November.

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!!**

"One drop of the precious blood of Jesus is enough to save the world. And one crumb of the body of Jesus is enough to save the world...He gives His whole self to me. I cannot but give my whole self to Him."

FR. MIKE SCHMITZ
Beautiful Eucharist

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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).

Week 1: Sept 2 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: Sept 9 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Sept 16 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week 4: Sept 23 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	Week 5: Sept 30 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 (Ed), Viola Prenger, Theresa Prenger

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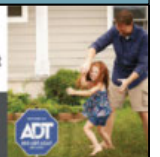
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