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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 2023** 

### OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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"'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" - Mt 25:34

# 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: Ken Sandbothe, President 644-4088;

Steve LePage, Vice President 338-3909; Tammy Sachse, Secretary 619-2562; Jean Decker, Social Concerns 619-0282; Debbie Backes 680-7804; Randy Kempker 619-8230; Maureen LeRoy 694-4487; Cindy Luebbering 291-2625; Tom Sanning 694-1241; Linda Tobar 619-7306; Kristen Wegman 619-1202; Diana Wekenborg 694-6707; 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

- 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 our family, friends and benefactors of our community who have passed from this world to the next; may they attain a share in eternal happiness through our Lord Jesus Christ risen from the dead."

Monday, Nov 27th: No Mass

**Tuesday, Nov 28th:** 7:00 p.m. - Willemina Trachsel

Wednesday, Nov 29th:

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

Thursday, Nov 30th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Ted & Mildred Struttman and Anton

& Minnie Baumhoer

Friday, Dec 1st:

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

Saturday, Dec 2nd:

5:00 p.m. - Herb & Chris Verslues and Lisa Heislen

Sunday, Dec 3rd:

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

10:00 a.m. - L&D of Dominic & Mary Selva 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 Nov. are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.



The Lunch Bunch will meet Wednesday, Nov. 29th 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, Nov.

22nd. This will be the last Lunch Bunch until March 2024.



### our

Nov 27 Contemporary Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Nov 28 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Nov 30 after a.m. Mass

Nov 29 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Nov 29 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Nov 30 1st Reconciliation for SFX & PSR students 6:30p.m.

**Adoration with Benediction** Dec 1

Dec 1 Advent Wreath Making 6:00 p.m. Cafeteria

Dec 2 December Anniversary Blessing at Masses

Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass Dec 3

Dec 3 & 4 Miracles with Tim Frances @ St. Francis Church

Dec 4 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** 

\$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays) Goal for Nov.

Nov 4 & 5 \$ 11,967.75 Nov 11 & 12 \$ 11,408.00 Nov 18 & 19 **Early to Print** ACH \$ 26,346.00

\$ 49,721.75

**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023** 

Goal thru Oct. \$ 369,000.00 Actual thru Oct. \$ 323,544.78 End of the Year \$ -45,455.22



Baptized in Christ: Milly Jo Jorgenson was Baptized in our church on Tuesday, Nov. 14th, 2023.



If your family would like to donate toward a Christmas Gift for Father Kelechi and or Deacon Michael, please put it in an envelope marked Christmas gift and drop in the collection basket by December 20th.

Liturgical Ministries			Immaculate Con.	
Dec 2 & 3	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	12/8 5:30 p.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Lisa Berendzen	Charles Callaway	Chip Long	Sarah Boss
	Jean Decker	Elaine Callaway	Mayra Long	Jean Pinnell
	Mary Jane Forck	Debbie Borgmeyer	Kathy Rackers	Lisa Berendzen
	MB	MB	Nick Rackers	MB
Lector	Georgene Bernskoetter	Wayne Verslues	Stephanie Cortvrient	Stephanie Cortvrient
Ushers	Tom Henke	Ken Sandbothe	Alan Cortvrient	Alan Cortvrient
	Rita Lipskoch	Dan Sanning	James Singer	Volunteer Needed
	Jo Lootens	Carson Sanning	DeWayne Sprenger	
	John Bassett	Tom Sanning	Jim Thessen	
Servers	Ashton Verslues	Ayla Sanning	Chase Doerhoff	Volunteer Needed
	Riley Verslues	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Julia Reinke	Volunteer Needed
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Kathy & Cheryl	Katnik	



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

#### **2023 ADVENT Penance Services**

Thursday, Dec. 7 St. Francis Xavier 10-12 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 14 St. Francis Xavier 6-8 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 15 St. Stanislaus (Wardsville) 6-8 p.m.

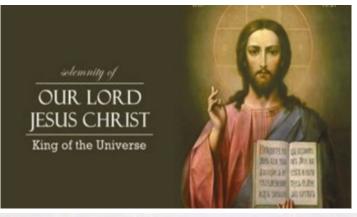
"As Christ comes into the world, so God peers into the very depths of our condition. He knows the worldly desires that prevent us from seeing ourselves as we truly are."

FR. GARY CASTER





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





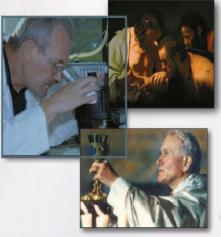
Anyone interested in helping with the "Miracles" event please contact Cathy Singer at 573-690-1491. Those interested in helping to cover the cost, may put a donation in an envelope marked "Miracles" and place it in the collection basket or take it to the parish office.

# DO YOU BELIEVE IN MIRACLES?

~ SEEING IS BELIEVING ~

SUNDAY DECEMBER 3RD 1:00 PM - 3:30 PM (WITH INTERMISSION)

MONDAY DECEMBER 4TH 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM (WITH INTERMISSION)



# Can miracles stand up to the test of science?

- Exclusive film footage of a stigmatist who bleeds from her hands, feet, and head. Are these the wounds of Christ? What does science have to say?
- A consecrated Communion Host becomes living flesh and blood. Is it heart tissue? What does science have to say?
- A scientist (former atheist), an attorney and a famous TV Journalist witness statue of Jesus weeping real tears and shedding real blood. Are these claims true? What does science have to say?

St. Francis Xavier is hosting an EVENT for everyone in the area. If you have an "I will believe it when I see it" attitude, don't miss this event!

"Put it this way-this is either the biggest hoax of the 20th Century, in which case it would have to be a fairly huge conspiracy, or the most important moment of the century, <u>if not the whole millennium."</u>

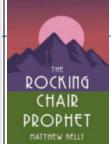
Alastair Thompson
New Zealand journalist

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For detailed information go to www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/Francis

# COMING SOON

# Christmas Book Give Away You will get to choose from:







The Rocking Chair Prophet is a transformational story about reclaiming that voice and the unmitigated joy that comes from following it. After an unspeakable tragedy devastates his life, Daniel, a thirty-three-year-old suburban man, disappears into the mountains.

**Beautiful Eucharist** is an invitation to encounter the life-giving presence of Jesus in the Eucharist so you can be a life-giving presence in the world.

Holy Moments are the profoundly simple and astonishingly practical way to collaborate with God, moment by moment, for the rest of your life. Master your power to create Holy Moments and you will discover the life of extraordinary meaning and divine purpose God made you for!



1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

A big thank you to everyone who helped support our school through our first S.F.X. Online Silent Auction! For our first year it went better than I think anyone could have expected. Thank you for everyone who bid on items and to everyone who helped spread the word about our auction. A very special thank you to all the ladies on the committee who helped make the event possible: Sarah Sanning, Libby Lock, Cara Sandbothe, Andrea Forck, Lacy Green, and Megan Tobar. We appreciate your time and effort into making this event such a success.

The school Christmas Concert is quickly approaching. Just a reminder that the date for the concert has been moved to **Tuesday, December 19th**. We will be communicating the times for the afternoon and evening showings soon! Hope to see you there.

Please keep the 2nd graders of our parish in your prayers as they will be celebrating their First Reconciliation on November 30th. We will be praying for you Emma A., Emma B., Shannon B., Lawrence B., Nevaeh D., Millie Jo J., Madi L., Cooper M., Wyatt P., Allison R., Harrison S., Caiden T., Brady F., Lilly V., Delilah H., Reece B., Skylla M., Jace S., and Kamryn D.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

Tuesday, 11/28 - Student Council Adopt-A-Family **Shopping Night** 

Thursday, 11/30 - Last Day for Shorts (Tentative) Tuesday, 12/5 - School Confessions Thursday, 12/7 - Expressions Choir to the Capitol Wednesday, 12/13 - December B-Day Celebration Tuesday, 12/19 - Christmas Program and Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale

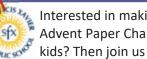
Wednesday, 12/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:30 (Christmas Break Begins)

> Blessings, Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal jtobar@sfxtaos.com



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 KNIGHTS to join the Knights. Whether you are a of columbus 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.



Interested in making an Advent Wreath or an Advent Paper Chain Countdown Calendar for the kids? Then join us Friday,

**December 1**<sup>st</sup> in the SFX school cafeteria at 6pm. Please RSVP to Sheri Prenger at 573.291.3325. Supplies limited to 20 participants.

Holiday Memorials: are a great way to remember those who have died. If you would like to make a donation in the memory of a loved one, his or her name will appear in the holiday bulletin. A suggested offering would be \$15. This offering will go toward the upkeep and decorating of our beautiful church. Must be received by Tuesday, December 12th to get in the Christmas bulletin as it goes to print early due to the holidays.



**Giving Tree:** All gifts purchased need to be wrapped with their ornament attached and returned to Reker Hall by 8 p.m. Saturday, **December 16th.** Thank you for your support of the adoption program. In some cases this may be the only Christmas they may have. The families are very appreciative of the gifts they receive. If you have questions regarding the

Giving Tree, please call Jane Haslag @ 690-6101 or Parish Office @ 395-4401. Thank you for all you do to improve the lives of these families.



**BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER:** Our parish will be having a shower for Birthright during the Advent Season. Birthright

is in need of new and used baby items. We especially can use diapers and baby clothing. We will have a crib on display by the altar for you to place your gifts. This is just a good way for our parish to reach out and help the less fortunate. Let's continue praying for Birthright volunteers and mothers. If you have any questions, you can call Kathy Hayes at 694-4289.

#### ARISE WOMEN'S MINISTRY PRESENTS

#### Seasons of Christmas

HOPE, PEACE, JOY AND LOVE

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TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 2023 6PM ST. PETER CHURCH, SELINGER CENTER 216 BROADWAY STREET, JEFFERSON CITY, MISSOURI

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Speakers: Millie Aulbur, Stephanie Rankin, LeAnn Korsmeyer

> REGISTRATION DEADLINE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20 Email: RegisterAriseEvent@gmail.com Call or Text: Diana (573) 645-2040 LeAnn (573) 690-2881

DOORS OPEN AT 5:00PM \$5 COLLECTED AT DOOR/CASH OR VENMO L WOMEN OF FAITH ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

# **upcoming**<sub>EVENTS</sub>



Dr. Mary Healy is professor of Scripture at Sacred Heart Major Seminary in Detroit and a 5:00 pm bestselling author and international speaker. She is one of the first three women ever to serve on the Pontifical Biblical Commission and is a consultor to the Dicastery for Divine

#### Dr. Mary Healy Biblical Healing, Then and Now

Sunday | December 3, 2023 | 1 PM - 4:30 PM

St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish 602 Turner Avenue, Columbia, MO

1:00 - 1:50 pm - Talk #1 (Church)

1:50 pm - Break (refreshments in the Gathering Space)

2:00 - 2:50 pm - Talk #2 (Church)

2:50 pm - Break (refreshments in the Gathering Space)

3:00 - 4:30 pm - Healing Prayer Service (Church)

- Mass



Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments. Scan the QR code to register!

Taos Wreaths for Heroes

Taos Wreaths for Heroes: Please join the Taos Wreaths for Heroes committee in the honoring our deceased veterans on Saturday, December 9th at 9 am in St Francis Xavier Church with wreath laying on veteran's graves to take place at the parish cemetery immediately following

the indoor program. The theme for this year's program will be "Serve and Succeed." Please help us honor veterans and their families this Christmas season and throughout the year. Family members and friends are especially encouraged to attend. Feel free to contact Dan or Charlotte Schnieders if you have any questions or comments at 573-635-2662 or dan.schnieders@yahoo.com .

> Rare opportunity to learn from an expert on the Holy Shroud of Turin in Jefferson City.

#### Wednesday, January 3

St. Joseph Cathedral, 2-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Please mark your calendar for Wednesday, Jan. 3, 2024, and plan to go to St. Joseph Cathedral in Jefferson City to watch Fr. Dalton in person. He will have two presentations at the Cathedral that day, the first from 2-4 p.m. and the second from 7 to 9 p.m. The earlier program is being made available for those who do not want to get out at night in the middle of the winter and so that more people will have an opportunity to attend. Please bring family members and friends.

"When life gets uncomfortable, unpredictable, when





The Saint Francis Xpressions youth choir: will be singing Christmas songs at the Missouri State Capitol Rotunda on Thursday, December 7th at 1:00pm. We

would love to have a big crowd of our parishioners there to sing to at this special event!



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: Dec 2 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: Dec 9 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Dec 16 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week 4: Dec 23 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	Week 5: Dec 30 Nora Sprenger 395-3130
Eileen Richter Renee Riley Denise Roach Janice Roark Shelly Robinson	LuAnn Rockelman Christina Rogers Judy Rohrbach Alicia Roling Dorothy Rotter	Dianne Ruettgers Becky Russell Janet Ruth Tammy Sachse Janice Samson	Elizabeth Sandbothe Amy Sandbothe Shirley Sandbothe Cara Sandbothe Shelle Sandbothe	Jennifer Sandbothe Kelsey Sandbothe Marilee Sandt Paula Sanning Sarah Sanning



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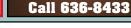


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