ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2023

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mk 13:33

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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REV. KELECHI UZUEGBU - PASTOR Email: kuzuegbu@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1004)

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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!

Email: <u>sfxchurch1@embarqmail.com</u> Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302 Parish Website: <u>www.sfxtaos.com</u>

Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002) Secretary - Laurie Herzing Email: lherzing@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1001) Religious Education Director - Cathy Singer Email: reled@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1003)

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 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.
- The Interested in Joining the Catholic Faith? Contact Cathy Singer at the parish office 573-395-4401.

Mass Intentions

"For the family; that all fathers, mothers and children of our community may follow the example of the Holy Family in practicing the virtues of family life and be bound more strongly together in the bonds of charity."

Monday, Dec 4th: No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 5th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Red & Laurine Verslues Family Wednesday, Dec 6th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Edwin & Veronica Toebben and Joe & Marie Holtmeyer Family

Thursday, Dec 7th:

7:45 a.m. - Ed Sandbothe

Friday, Dec 8th: Immaculate Conception

7:45 a.m. - Elmer Wankum Family

5:30 p.m. - People of the Parish

Saturday, Dec 9th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Joe and Frances Radmacher Family **Sunday, Dec 10th:** 8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. - Clarence, Esther & Jackson Fromme

For those of you who have your offertory collection done electronically and do not receive monthly envelopes, the Special envelopes for <u>Dec</u>. are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.



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.

Dec 3 Miracles with Tim Frances @ St. Francis Church 1 p.m. Dec 3 Miracles with Tim Frances @ St. Francis Church 6 p.m. Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level Dec 4 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Dec. 7 after a.m. Mass Dec 5 Dec 6 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX Church Dec 6 **NO RCIA** Dec 6 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall Dec 7 Confessions @ SFX 10 a.m. - 12 p.m. Dec 8 Immaculate Conception Mass 7:45 am & 5:30 pm Wreath for Hero's 9:00 a.m. Dec 9 Dec 10 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass Dec 11 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:00, K of C Hall Dec 12 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Dec. 14 after a.m. Mass **OFFERTORY COLLECTION** Goal for Nov. \$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays) Nov 4 & 5 \$ 11,967.75 Nov 11 & 12 \$ 11,408.00 Nov 18 & 19 \$ 20,895.35 Nov 25 & 26 \$ 11,255.00 ACH \$ 26,346.00 \$ 81,872.10

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Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

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

The family of Herman Grothoff would like to express heartfelt thanks to everyone for their overwhelming support and prayers during this difficult time. We would

especially like to thank everyone who provided beautiful music at the funeral, provided food and helped at the funeral meal, or aided in any way. Your kindness will never be forgotten.

Litur	gical Ministries		
Dec 9 & 10	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m. 10:00 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah Boss	Eddy Davis	Lisa Reinke
	Sharon Forck	Tina Davis	Tammy Sachse
	Linda Heckman	Dennis Forck	Lisa Scheulen
	MB	Gerard Forck	MB
Lector	Jean Decker	Justin Wegman	Julie Grimshaw
Ushers	Jim Radmacher	Ron Talken	Cindy LePage
	Ruby Radmacher	Bill Vanderfeltz	Steve LePage
	Carol Forck	Wayne Verslues	John Prenger
	Tony Forck	Justin Wegman	Chris Reinke
Servers	Ezra Yeager	Gabby Sandbothe	Tyler Sandbothe
	Zoey Prenger	Libby Sandbothe	Volunteer Needed
Musicians	Kathy & Cheryl	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Hood & Forbis Fam.



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

Planning Study FAQ

Over the past two weeks, every parish family should have received information about the planning study for our proposed projects along with a survey requesting your opinions and input. Below are some frequently asked questions:

Q. What is the purpose of the planning study? Have the projects already been decided?

A. A planning study is an assessment used to gauge support for a capital campaign that would address some or all of the needs identified in the fact sheet. The study will tell us which projects you – our parishioners – believe are the most important and will help guide the direction of our parish and school now and in our future.

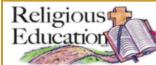
Funding these projects will require an extraordinary effort, and so we are considering a major capital campaign. The planning study will measure our ability to accomplish some or all of these projects and our ability to move forward with a capital campaign.

Q. What percentage of our total income from the campaign will be given to the diocese?

A. According to the stewardship guidelines of the diocese, the 10% stewardship tithe is modified for capital campaigns for expansion, restoration and beautification. Of the total amount raised, 95% of our campaign funds will remain in our parish, and 5% will be given to one of four charities, designated by Fr. Kelechi. The charities are: 1. Low-income parishes in our diocese; 2. Education of seminarians and priests; 3. Care for infirmed and retired priests; 4. Catholic Missions. The diocese will not retain any funds raised for our capital campaign.

Q. What do you expect of me?

A. At this time, we ask only for your feedback and your prayers. Please review the fact sheet detailing our projects and develop your thoughts and opinions about our church's needs and proposals. Your ideas, participation and support will help us make prudent decisions as we move forward.



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

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.

Christmas Book Give Away

Thanks to a generous donations of some parishioners, you are able to choose from :



They are available at the entrances of church.

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!



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



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 bave 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 bave 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 fa huge conspiracy, or the most important moment of the century, <u>if not the whole millennium.</u>"

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



We will have a large display of 1st and 2nd degree relics with **Dr. Gregory Mary Thompson.**



I hope you all had a wonderful Thanksgiving that was filled with lots of yummy food, but more importantly, filled with time surrounded by family and friends. I want each of you to know that I am thankful for all that you do for our parish, our community, and our school. We are blessed at St. Francis Xavier School because we have outstanding faculty, staff, and students who are all supported by you, the parishioners. Thanks again for all that you do and for supporting our wonderful school and parish. God bless!

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 have an afternoon showing at 1:30pm and an evening showing at 6:30pm.

Upcoming School Events

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 (Showings at 1:30pm and 6:30pm) and Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale Wednesday, 12/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:30 (Christmas Break Begins), Christmas Parties at 11:15am, No Aftercare Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal jtobar@sfxtaos.com

"For all time, Jesus empties himself in love for you and for me, at the same time longing and thirsting for some small return."

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ANNE COSTA Healing Promises: The Essential Guide to the Sacred Heart



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. If you have questions regarding the Giving Tree, please call Jane Haslag @ 690-6101 or Parish Office @ 395-4401.



<u>BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER</u>: 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, wipes and baby clothing (Infant—24 months). 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**.

HONORING OUR PAST

A MOMENT IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HISTORY

The Pastorate of Rev. William Flanagan 1970-1977

Father William Flanagan was born in Ireland and ordained to the priesthood in June 1964. He served as the associate pastor of several central Missouri parishes before he was assigned to our parish. These parishes included: St. Pius X - Moberly, St. Peters, Jefferson City, and SS Peter and Paul, Boonville. Below are some of the highlights that happened during Father Flanagan's time at SFX.

• A new Parish Council form of organization was initiated and took the place of the Board of Trustees.

• A principal's office was added to the school along with the continual upgrading of parish facilities.

• The newly formed Parish Council formed a committee to investigate the pros and cons of incorporating the City of Taos. With a lot of interest from the community, the City was incorporated and the first election took place on April 3, 1973.

The first Parish Pictorial Directory was published in 1973.
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• New doors were installed on the church which replaced the old wooden ones.

• The choir loft was raised, giving it an auditorium-like feel.

• In 1974, the interior of the church was repainted and the sanctuary was carpeted. The labor for these improvements was donated by the parishioners.

Also in 1974, a celebration took place on Sept. 29th. commemorating the centennial of Father Helias' death. A Centennial book was published, highlighting the life of our great founder and the history of our parish. A marble slab in memory of Fr. Helias was erected in the church yard. It was placed at this site because many believe that is where the church bell was located that Fr. Helias rang several times a day to pray the Angelus. When the 6pm bell didn't ring, on that fateful day, some parishioners went to check on him. They found him dead outside of his residence presumably on his way to ring the bell. He died on August 11, 1874. This coming August will be the 150th anniversary of his death.
A new gymnasium was erected in 1975, which was also constructed with volunteer help from our parishioners.

• A new Reconciliation room in the church was completed in 1976.

• The Parish took part in the Jefferson City Bicentennial Parade by entering a float sponsored by the CYO. The float depicted a replica of our first log church. The late Tom Verslues, a young teen at the time, posed as Fr. Helias.

In July of 1977, Father Flanagan was transferred to SSPeter and Paul Church in Boonville. The priest stationed at Boonville became the new SFX pastor. His name was Father John Condit.
Fr. Flanagan passed away in 2014 at the age of 83. We are grateful for this Irish born priest who served so selflessly in our diocese for 50 years.

(Written by Kathy Rackers of the Museum Committee with information taken from the History of SFX Church 1838-1988, and the Father Helias Centennial Book .)

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December 7th at 1:00pm. We would love to have a big crowd of our parishioners there to sing to at this special event!

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 .



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 d Tuesday, December 12th to get in the Christmas bulletin as it goes to print early due to the holidays.

CHURCH CLEANING POLICY: If you are unable to work on your assigned date, let your IIR 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	LuAnn Rockelman	Dianne Ruettgers	Elizabeth Sandbothe	Jennifer Sandbothe
Renee Riley	Christina Rogers	Becky Russell	Amy Sandbothe	Kelsey Sandbothe
Denise Roach	Judy Rohrbach	Janet Ruth	Shirley Sandbothe	Marilee Sandt
Janice Roark	Alicia Roling	Tammy Sachse	Cara Sandbothe	Paula Sanning
Shelly Robinson	Dorothy Rotter	Janice Samson	Shelle Sandbothe	Sarah Sanning



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