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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2023

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Prepare the way of the Lord." - Mk 1:3

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;
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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.



" 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 11th: No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 12th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Fred Henke & Tom LeComte Families

Wednesday, Dec 13th:

7:45 a.m. - Lawrence & Norine Lage

Thursday, Dec 14th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D members of Eileen Cremer Family

Friday, Dec 15th:

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

Saturday, Dec 16th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Clarence & Gesina Stegeman Family

Sunday, Dec 17th:

8:00 a.m. - Virgil Prenger

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 Dec. are: First Offering, Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

mark our

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

Dec 13 Birthday Celebration at Mass

Dec 13 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Dec 13 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Dec 14 School Advisory Council 5:30 p.m. Commons Rm

Dec 14 Advent Penance Service 6-8 p.m. Taos

Dec 15 St. Stanislaus Penance Service 6-8 p.m. Wardsville

Dec 17 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass

Dec 19 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., **Dec. 21 after a.m. Mass**

Dec 19 SFX Christmas Program 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Dec 19 Ladies Auxiliary Bake Sale 1:30 & 6:30 p.m.

Dec 20 PSR Christmas Program at Church 7:00 p.m.

Dec 20 No RCIA class

Dec 24 Christmas Eve Masses 5 p.m. & 9 p.m.

Dec 25 Christmas Mass @ 9:00 a.m.

Dec 27 No PSR or RCIA classes

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Dec. \$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays)

Dec 2 & 3 \$ Early to Print

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

\$ 451,000.00 Goal thru Nov. Actual thru Nov. \$ 405,416.88 **End of the Year** \$ -45,583.12

If your family would like to donate toward a Christmas Gift for Father Kelechi and or Deacon Mike, please put it in an

envelope marked Christmas gift and drop in the collection basket by December 20th.

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

Liturgical Ministries					
Dec 16 & 17	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Angeline Prenger	Rhonda Rackers	Cathy Singer		
	Mary Jo Henke	Cara Sandbothe	Linda Tobar		
	Jean Pinnell	Ken Sandbothe	Patty Verslues		
	Debbie Backes	Shelle Sandbothe	Michael Winkler		
Lector	Keith Henke	Kristen Wegman	Linda Distler		
Ushers	Brad Bruemmer	Tom Wieberg	Robin Reinkemeyer		
	Art Greenbank	Karl Lootens	Ross Reinkemeyer		
	Tom Henke	Robbie Lootens	Rob Sachse		
	Rita Lipskoch	Dan Sandbothe	Tammy Sachse		
Servers	Ashton Verslues	Chase Ortmeyer	Stevie Howell		
	Riley Verslues	Audrey Verslues	Leah Rackers		
Musicians	Katnik	Jackie & Adult Choir	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.

2023 ADVENT Penance Services

Thursday, Dec. 14 St. Francis Xavier 6-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 15 St. Stanislaus (Wardsville) 6-8 p.m.

"Being thankful must become a holy discipline.
Thanksgiving is a choice, an act of will, especially
when you face unpleasant or distressing situations."

JEFF CAVINS

Praise God And Thank Him: Biblical Keys for a Joyful Life





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



Please join us for a Chaplet to **Our Lady of Guadalupe** on her feast day, **December 12th.@ 1pm.** Weather permitting, we will have it at her statue in the parking lot, otherwise we will have it in the church.

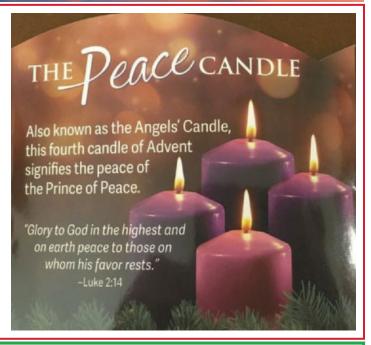


Thank you to all who helped make the Miracles event, parish apparel and First Reconciliation happen. We appreciate all your time and effort.



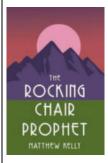
PARISH APPAREL HAS ARRIVED!

They will be available for pickup after masses this weekend or contact Cathy Singer at 690-1491 for other arrangements.



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!



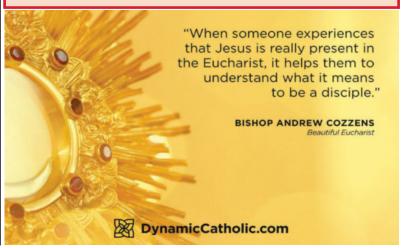
<u>Giving Tree</u>: All gifts purchased need to be wrapped with their ornament attached and returned to **Reker Hall by 8 p.m. Saturday, December 16th.** Thank you for your support of the adoption program. In some cases this may be the only Christmas they may have. If you have questions regarding the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

please call Jane Haslag @ 690-6101 or Parish Office @ 395-4401.



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, 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**.



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Come join us in Celebrating Christmas and a New Year!

Sunday, December 24th

Vigil Mass of Christmas 5:00 p.m.
Christmas Mass during the night 9:00 p.m.
Monday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass Sunday, December 31 at 5:30 p.m. New Year's Day Mass

Monday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.



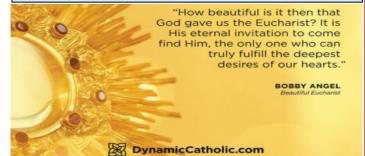
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The school Christmas Concert is quickly approaching. Just a reminder that the date for the concert has been moved to Tuesday, December 19th. We will have an afternoon showing at 1:30pm and an evening showing at 6:30pm.

Upcoming School Events

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



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.
- 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 .)



Men of Signum Crucis: We gather the 3rd Wednesday of each month, from 6:30-8 p.m. at Helias Catholic High School. Chaplain is Father Paul Clark. Next gathering: December 20th. Call Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088 for directions or more information.

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.



Winter Winnerland: Taos Knights of Columbus still has a few Winter Winnerland tickets available for **January 20, 2024**. Tickets are \$150.00 for two people with your choice of prime rib or chicken dinner. Beer, soda, and water also are provided. Call Matt Luadzers at 694-4684 for more info.

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Save the date: April 13, 2024 Diocesan Stewardship Conference. This one-day conference will feature speakers from around the country who will present on various aspects of the stewardship way of life aimed at showing the faithful and clergy of our diocese the importance and benefits of embracing and living the fullness of Christian Stewardship. We are encouraging participation from leaders from across the diocese, including clergy, stewardship council members, school leadership, pastoral council members, finance council members and others. *Where: The Cathedral of St Joseph – Cana Hall *Time: 9:00 a.m. – 4 p.m. (tentative)

Christmas Special Collection

During this holy time of giving - please remember our clergy.

Christ was born to share God's good news. Today, our Catholic clergy dedicate their lives to sharing this same message with the world.

Your gift will help us educate our seminarians and provide for the needs of our infirm priests.

The priests — and future priests — of the Diocese of Jefferson City thank you for your generosity!

Name:

Envelope#:

Please make your check payable to your local parish and place the check in this envelope.

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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: 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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