

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023

# 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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A man named John was sent from God. He came for testimony, to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. - Jn 1:6-7

# 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.



"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 18th: No Mass

**Tuesday, Dec 19th:** 7:00 p.m. - Bui Van Bang, Bui Van Hai, Bui Thi Thoi, Le Thi Het, Bui Van Phuong, Bui Van Trang, Bui Van Su, Bill Lipskoch, Selma Lipskoch, Beulah Lipskoch, Charles Andrew Scheppers, Rosemary C. Scheppers & Fr. Richard Cronin

Wednesday, Dec 20th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Tim Pinnell Family

Thursday, Dec 21st:

7:45 a.m. - Jerry Luebbert

Friday, Dec 22nd:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Don & Leo Bernskoetter George

**Bisges Families** 

Saturday, Dec 23rd:

5:00 p.m. - Rose Mary Prenger

Sunday, Dec 24th:

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Eva & Oscar Kliethermes Family

10:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

Sunday, Dec 24th: Christmas Eve Masses

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Fred & Florentine Hagenhoff

9:00 p.m. - People of the Parish

mark your Calenda

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 NO Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

Dec 25 MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

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

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

Dec 27 No PSR or RCIA classes

Dec 31 New Year Eve's Mass 5:30 p.m. Jan 1 New Year's Day Mass 9:00 a.m.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION** 

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

Dec 2 & 3 \$ 19,661.75

Dec 9 & 10 Early to Print

Dec 16 & 17 Early to Print

ACH \$ 26,526.00

\$ 46,187.75

**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023** 

 Goal thru Nov.
 \$ 451,000.00

 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.** 



The Knights of Columbus Ladies Auxiliary is having a Bake Sale on December 19th. It will be held in the School cafeteria after the Children's Christmas Programs at 1:30pm and 6:30pm. All bake sale proceeds go to SFX School. There will also be a raffle for a Christmas Basket.

Liturgical Ministries						
Dec 23 5 p.m.	Dec 24 8 a.m.	Dec 24 10 a.m.	Dec 24 5 p.m.	Dec 24 9 p.m.	Dec 25 9 a.m.	
Shirley Woehr	Shirley Toebben	Brian Werdehausen	Shirley Toebben	Volunteer Needed	Jean Pinnell	
Debbie Backes	Josh Sandbothe	Cindy Werdehausen	Michael Winkler	Volunteer Needed	Sue Sandbothe	
Lisa Berendzen	Debra Backes	Linda Distler	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
MB	MB	MB	MB	MB	MB	
Cecilia Lock	Debra Backes	Jeff Kempker	Volunteer Needed	Debbie Backes	Linda Distler	
Jo Lootens	Joe Otto	James Singer	John Bassett	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	
Jim Radmacher	Nyla Cartmell	DeWayne Sprenger	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
Ruby Radmacher	Andi Riley	Jim Thessen	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
John Bassett	Taylor Riley	Andrea Forck	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Volunteer Needed	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
Bode Wilde	Ayla Sanning	Gabby Sandbothe	Colten Allen	London Talken	<b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
Volunteer Needed	Jackson Kerperin	Libby Sandbothe	Tyler Sandbothe	Elizah Talken	Volunteer Needed	
Hoffmeyer & Branum	Kathy & Cheryl	Katnik	Children's Choir	Jackie/Adult Choir	SFXCE	

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



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





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

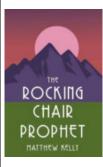


# **PSR Christmas Pageant**

Please join us Wednesday, **December 20th** at 7pm in the church.

# **Christmas Book Give Away**

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





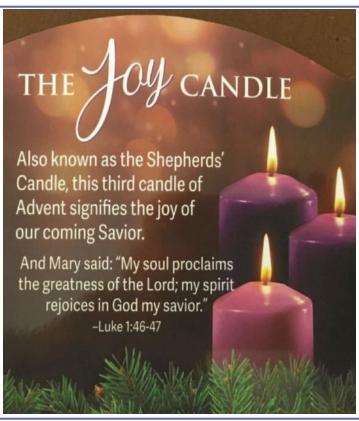


#### They are available at the entrances of church.

**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!



"When we meet at Mass, we're united in communion with Christ. We become one body, without distinctions between rich and poor or weak and strong. Each believer is equal at the Lord's table."

MIKE AQUILINA
Understanding The Mass: 100 Questions, 100 Answers



BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER: Our parish will be having a shower for Birthright during the Advent Season. Birthright is in need of new

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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.



1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

The school Christmas Concert is coming up this **Tuesday**, December 19th. We have a 1:30pm afternoon showing (doors open at 12:30pm) and a 6:30pm evening showing (doors open at 6:00pm). Hope to see you all there!

The Ladies Auxiliary will be having their annual bake sale this year on **December 19th.** They will be set up in the school cafeteria immediately following both the afternoon and evening showings of our school Christmas Concert! Be sure to stop by and purchase some of their delicious goodies.

Our Xpressions Youth Choir had a very busy week earlier this December. They sang at the Millard Family Chapel Tree Lighting ceremony, at Westphalia Hills nursing home, and at the Missouri State Capitol. We have great kids at St. Francis Xavier and these students represented us well many times throughout our community this month. Thank you for bringing people closer to God. A big shout out to Mrs. Kempker for all of her hard work in leading this ministry.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

Tuesday, 12/19 - Christmas Program (Showings at 1:30pm and 6:30pm) and Ladies Auxiliary

Bake Sale after each showing.

Wednesday, 12/20 - Early Dismissal at 12:30 (Christmas Break Begins), Christmas Parties at 11:15am, No Aftercare

Thursday, 1/4 - Classes Resume

Blessings, Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal itobar@sfxtaos.com



#### **Cemetery News**

The brick monument of Father Schmidt has been removed. A foundation was poured, and a concrete slab installed for the new monument that will be installed next spring. Thanks to Verslues Construction for the use of their equipment to remove the existing monument and concrete slab. Also, thanks to Cole County concrete for donating the concrete.

#### **Empty Glass Jars**

If anyone has empty pint or jelly size glass jars that you are going to just dispose of (in the trash or taking to be Recycled), a parishioner has asked if you could bring them to the parish office. She is in need of some glass jars. Thank you!



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

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.





Covenant Network Catholic radio fills the airways with inspirational and educational programming that will help prepare your heart and mind to welcome the Christ Child at Christmas. Listen to Catholic radio on KHJR 88.1 FM. You can also listen anytime on our Covenant Network App or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

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

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.



A Women's Silent Retreat weekend will be held March 8-10, 2024. Join your friends at the King's House at the National Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows in Belleville, Illinois. You must reserve a spot by December 22 by emailing Julie at julie.g@cathedraljc.org.

**SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION:** We are very pleased to announce that on **Wed., January 3,** Fr. Andrew Dalton will

be at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to give two presentations on the Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Both of these presentations will be held in Cana Hall and will contain the same information. There are two sessions being offered to give as many people as possible a chance to hear it and to allow for one session to be held during daylight hours. The first session will be held in Cana Hall from 2 - 4 p.m. The second session will be held in Cana Hall from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Fr. Dalton is an American priest who now teaches at the Pontifical University in Rome.

<u>Winter Winnerland</u>: 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.

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)



# 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: Dec 2	Week 2: Dec 9 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Dec 16	Week 4: Dec 23	Week 5: Dec 30
Elaine Callaway		Jean Pinnell	Sue Sandbothe	Nora Sprenger
690-8966		694-2111	230-3154	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 Paula Sanning Sarah Sanning



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