

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2023

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

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"Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus." - Lk 1:31

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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REV. KELECHI UZUEGBU - PASTOR

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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>
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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

- 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 25th: MERRY CHRISTMAS

9:00 a.m. - L&D William Hake & Leonard Forck Families

Tuesday, Dec 26th: 7:00 p.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, Dec 27th:

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

Thursday, Dec 28th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Red & Laurine Verslues Family

Friday, Dec 29th:

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

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Saturday, Dec 30th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Don Kerperin Family

Sunday, Dec 31st:

8:00 a.m. - Louise Moeller

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

New Year's Eve - 5:30 p.m. - Herman & Wilma Grothoff 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 your Calendar

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 Class

Dec 27 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Dec 31 New Year Eve's Mass 5:30 p.m.

Jan 1 New Year's Day Mass 9:00 a.m.

Jan 3 No PSR or RCIA

Jan 5 Adoration with Benediction

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Dec 2 & 3 \$ 19,661.75 Dec 9 & 10 \$ 11,087.75 Dec 16 & 17 Early to Print ACH \$ 26,526.00 \$ 57,275.50

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

 Goal thru Nov.
 \$ 451,000.00

 Actual thru Nov.
 \$ 405,416.88

 End of the Year
 \$ -45,583.12



<u>Baptized in Christ</u>: Alexander & Skylla Moayer were Baptized in our church on Tuesday, Dec. 12th, 2023.



To all the parishioners who have helped us in any way this year volunteering your free time. We truly appreciate each one of you and what you do for our parish!!



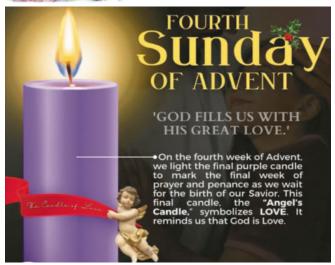
	Liturgical Ministries						
	Dec 30 5 p.m.	Dec 31 8 a.m.	Dec 31 10 a.m.	Dec 31 5:30 p.m.	Jan 1 9 a.m.		
Eucharistic Sarah Boss		Debbie Borgmeyer	Patty LeComte Jean Decker		Sue Sandbothe		
Ministers	Jean Decker	Brenda Brenneke	Chip Long	Volunteer Needed	Jean Pinnell		
	Carol Forck	Glenda Vanderfeltz	Mayra Long	Volunteer Needed	Rhonda Rackers		
	Mary Jane Forck	MB	MB	MB	MB		
Lector	Sue Sandbothe	Robin Bernskoetter	Mary Esther Prenger	Lisa Berendzen	Debbie Backes		
Usher	Brad Bruemmer	Ken Sandbothe	Cindy LePage	Volunteer Needed	Dan Sandbothe		
	Carol Forck	Dan Sanning	Steve LePage	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed		
Tony Forck		Ron Talken	John Prenger	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed		
	Art Greenbank	Bill Vanderfeltz	Chris Renke	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed		
Servers	Bode Wilde	Gentry Wegman	Liam Meyer	Volunteer Needed	Tyler Sandbothe		
	Owen Bruemmer	Elle Kleffner	Tyler Sandbothe	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed		
Musicians	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Kathy & Cheryl	Hood & Forbis Fam.	Jackie & Adult Choir	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.

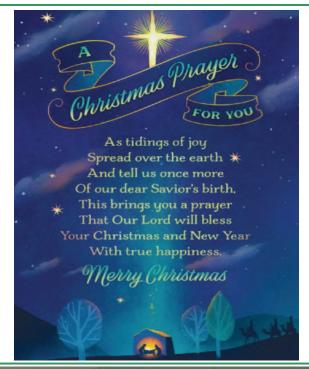
For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401



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



Rosary Count for November 606!



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!





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).

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	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 Paula Sanning Sarah Sanning	

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Taos

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

Thank you to all of our parish and community supporters that have helped make the first half of the school year one to remember. We had a great start to the school year filled with lots of learning, many laughs, and tons of memories that will last a lifetime. We have many blessings to be thankful for at St. Francis Xavier School, with your support being at the top of the list. Thank you for believing in Catholic education and thank you for your dedication to St. Francis Xavier School and parish. We couldn't continue to provide a quality, Catholic education without your generosity and your support. I hope that you all know how much you mean to our school and our community. Have a wonderful Christmas and I pray that you have the opportunity to enjoy the holiday season surrounded by family and friends.

While Fr. Kelechi is gone on vacation, we will be changing our school mass schedule slightly. On Wednesdays we will be having a prayer service at 7:45am in the church. All are welcome! We will still have our normal school masses on each Friday. This schedule will run from January 5th through February 9th. The birthday celebration for January will take place on Friday, January 19th. The birthday celebration for February will take place on Friday, February

9th. Upcoming School Events

Thursday, 1/4 - Classes Resume Wednesday, 1/10 - Report Cards Go Home Thursday, 1/11 - School Advisory Council Meeting Monday, 1/15 - No School (MLK)

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

Taos K of C Winterfest: Taos Knights of Columbus still has a few Winterfest 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 Forck at 690-5058 for more info.

Christmas Special Collection

for seminarian education and infirm priests

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.

> Look for your envelope in the December 15 issue of The Catholic Missourian







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.



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

COVENANT

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.



We are never really separated from our loved ones. They are as close to us as our thoughts and prayers. Please remember in your prayers those names listed below. May they rest in peace!

Christmas Flowers: Thank you to all who donated towards the purchase of poinsettias or who donated or sent flowers to church. Your donations help make our church beautiful throughout Christmas Time.

In Loving Memory

Ahlers, Chad Ahlers, Larry Ahlers, Leo & Emily Ahlers, Ron Alexander, Maurice Angenendt, Theodore & Nell Atnip, Alan & Garrett Bernskoetter, Don Family L/D Bernskoetter, Leo Family L/D Bisges, George & Cornelia Family L/D Bock, Walter & Catherine Boehmer, Frank & Rose Mary

Bollinger, Mary Bradley, Rod Braun, Charles & Mary Ann Brenneke, Bernard Brenneke, Vincent & Olga Bruemmer, Leon Mr. & Mrs. Bruemmer, Leonard Mr. & Mrs

Bollinger, John Anthony

Bui, Thi Thoi Bui, Van Bang Bui, Van Hai Bui, Van Phuong Bui, Van Su Bui, Van Trang Butler, Allen & Norma

Buschjost Family L/D Cassmeyer, Stanley Cassmeyer, Vincent & Ellanora Cleary, Charles J.

Cleary, Joan

Cleary, Mary "Tessie" Cortvrient, Ed & Teddy Cortvrient, Frank, Catherine &

Paul

Cronin, Fr. Richard Distler, Louis & Mary Distler, Pat

Dorge Family L/D Eichholz, Bob & Vicki

Eichholz, Clem & Bernadine

Eiken, Eddie Eiken, Louis

Eiken, Silver Family Forck, Lauren Hope

Forck, Linda K. Forck, Paul & Margaret Forck, Robert & Regina Futhy, August Fromme, Clarence & Esther Fromme, Jackson Graessle, Tom Gratz, Bob & Mary Hagenhoff, Roman, Alberta & Mike

Hagenhoff, Ronald & Jackie Haselhorst, Agatha **Heet, Bernard & Laurine** Heislen, Garrett Heislen, Lisa Henke, Fred, Mary Jane & Jim

Herigon, Dawn Herzing, Mildred Sue Holliday, William & Mary Holzem, Harry & Helen

Holzer, Alan Jurd, Donna, Ben & Agnes Kampeter, Josie

Kampeter, Mary Clair Kampeter, Roger

Kampeter, Roman Mr. & Mrs. Kampeter, Roman

Kerperin, August & Marcella Klebba, Anthony & Pauline Klebba Family L/D

Kliethermes, Oscar & Eva Knaebel Family L/D

Knaebel, James & Anna Marie

Kroll, Diane Lauf, Frank, Martha & Leona

Le, Thi Het LeComte, Tom

LeCuru, Kevin & Kathy Lewis, Winiford

Lipskoch, Beulah Lipskoch, Bill Lipskoch, Selma

Lock, Hugo & Mathilda Family

L/D Lock, Matt Lock, Melvin Long Families L/D Lootens, Bob

Lootens, Jerry & Carolyn

Lootens, Ronnie & Norine Lueckenhoff, Lawrence Mengwasser, Alfred Mertens Family L/D Meyer, Dorothy Michaelson, Teri

Niekamp, Albert & Frances Ortmeyer, Emil & Helen Paschal, Kathy

Peters Family L/D Pinnell, Tim

Pitts, Phyllis Pleus, Carol

Poettgen, Edwin & Emma Pope, Jim

Prenger, Bill, Edna & Martha Prenger, Carl & Cyrilla

Prenger, Edmund & Margaret

Prenger, Rosemary Prenger, Shirley Prenger, Stanley Prenger, Virgil Rackers, David

Prenger, Donald

Rackers, Frank, Sophie & John Alvin

Rackers, Mark Rackers, Vincent, Minnie &

Marcia Radmacher, Joe & Frances

Raithel, John Reinkemeyer, Leo & Teresa

Riddle, Jane

Sandberg, Ray & Jeanne Sandbothe, Edward & Dennis Sandbothe, Ben & Lena Sandbothe, Raymond &

Virginia Sanning, John Family L/D Sanning, Leonard, Ted &

Antonia Schenewerk, Bob & Ardie Schenewerk, David Schenewerk, Fred & Judie

Schenewerk, Harry & Frances Schenewerk, Margaret Schenewerk, Susan Schepker, Ed & Adelaide

Scheppers, Charles Andrew

Scheppers, Rosemary C. Schnieders, Oscar & Lorine

Schollmeyer, Joe Smith, Ross Smith, Tanner Smith, Tom

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Stiefermann, Mary Stratman, Judy Talken, Alvin & Esther

Talken, Corrie Talken, Charles Talken, Emily

Talken, Harry Mr. & Mrs.

Tebow, Joan

Thessen, William & Joann Toebben, Edwin, Veronica &

Bobby

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Verslues, Albert & Regina Verslues, Brad Verslues, Charles Verslues, Chuck

Verslues, Frank & Katherine Verslues, Fred, Meg & Tom

Verslues, Herb & Chris Verslues, Jim & Kay Verslues, Mike

Wankum, Carla Wankum, Elmer

Wankum, George & Louise Family L/D

Walther, Richard Wegman, Corbin

Wegman, Florian & Sophia Wegman, Ricky & Starla Wekenborg, Henry & Anna Wekenborg, Wm (Shorty) &

Grace

Whitley Families L/D Wibberg, Albert P & Rosemary

Wilbers, Deanna Wilbers, Leroy & Dean

Wolfe, Rita

Yancey, Charles & Delphine Yancey, Samuel

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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!





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