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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31, 2023

THE HOLY FAMILY

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The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him. - Lk 2:40

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, Jan 1st: Happy New Year!

9:00 a.m. - L&D of Anton & Augusta Grothoff

Tuesday, Jan 2nd:

No Mass

Wednesday, Jan 3rd:

No Mass

Thursday, Jan 4th:

7:45 a.m. - Frank & Katherine Verslues Family

Friday, Jan 5th:

7:45 a.m. - Alan & Garrett Atnip

Saturday, Jan 6th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Clayton & Jennifer Smith Family

Sunday, Jan 7th:

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

10:00 a.m. - Roman Scheulen

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

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

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

Jan 2 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Jan. 4 after a.m. Mass

Jan 3 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Jan 3 No RCIA

Adoration with Benediction Jan 5

Jan 6 & 7 Anniversary Masses

Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass Jan 7

Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level Jan 8

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Dec 2 & 3 \$ 19,661.75 \$ 11,087.75 Dec 9 & 10 Dec 16 & 17 \$ 12,155.50 Dec 23 & 24 \$ Early to Print ACH \$ 26,526.00

\$ 69,431.00

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

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



Baptized in Christ: Stetson Schroeder was Baptized in our church on Sunday, Dec. 24th, 2023.



To help those in need, our Parish is continuing to provide a meal for the Salvation Army on the 1st Thursday of each month. If you are interested in helping prepare a meal, provide a Monetary donation or have any

questions, you may contact one of the following: Mary Eiken, 338-0510, Rose Rackers, 690-7307 or Barb Hood, 301-5202.

Mass Intentions!

If you scheduled the below dates for your Mass Intentions please contact Laurie at the parish office. 395-4401.

April 5th, April 16th, or September 11th

Liturgical Ministries			
Jan 6 & 7	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Forck	Brenda Brenneke	Lisa Scheulen
	Linda Heckman	Charles Callaway	Nick Rackers
	Keith Henke	Elaine Callaway	Lisa Reinke
	MB	MB	Cathy Singer
Lector	Doris Schnieder	Tina Davis	Kathy Rackers
Ushers	Tom Henke	Wayne Verslues	Robin Reinkemeyer
	Rita Lipskoch	Justin Wegman	Ross Reinkemeyer
	Jo Lootens	Karl Lootens	Rob Sachse
	John Bassett	Robbie Lootens	Tammy Sachse
Servers	Zoey Prenger	Gentry Wegman	Volunteer Needed
	Ezra Yeager	Liam Meyer	Volunteer Needed
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Hood & Forbis Fam.	Katnik



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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph: I remember the first time my older sister asked me if I wanted to hold her newborn son. Terrified, I told her I didn't think it was a good idea. My résumé had nothing to suggest I would be a qualified baby holder. But she warmly told me, "I'll help you hold him." It struck me that she is baby's mother. She is the one who decides who is qualified to hold him. I took him in my arms and soon I began to feel comfortable with that tiny little warm cooing creature in my arms, and soon I no longer feared holding him. Now, twenty-seven nieces and nephews later, holding a newborn child is one of the great joys of my life.

Do we sometimes think that Jesus is given only to the highly qualified, special religious people? In the Gospel of Luke today we hear about the presentation of the Lord in the temple. The newborn son of God is passed around like a baton in a relay race, not guarded like a precious jewel or a breakable china dish. We can see him going from the arms of Mary to Joseph, then to the priest performing the ceremony, then to Simeon the old man, then to Anna the old widow. Each one receiving him and then handing him to the next. A tidal wave of joy and thanksgiving follows wherever he is placed.

Believe me, you are qualified to hold Jesus in your arms. How can I say that with such confidence? Because the mother decides who is qualified. The Blessed Virgin, embodied in the Church, holds him out to you and me. She rejoices to place him in our arms to hold, and to hand him on, too. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



journey towards a closer relationship with

many that have helped with programs such

as PSR, CLW, RCIA, Liturgical ministers, rosary

God and each other. There have been so

collection counters, Totus Tuus, Little Flower Girls club, Women's Ministry, Confirmation, First reconciliation, Health and Healing, the lunch bunch, picnic and fall supper workers including the quilters, special Masses such as Memorial day and All Souls day, First Communion, Bringing speakers in, offering parish apparel, trips such as Perryville and churches founded by Father Helias, Birthright, cemetery, the giving tree, museum, etc. All those who help with school, from the teachers, to the cooks, to prayer partners, after school care, scrip sales, coaching, secretaries, crossing guards, cleaning and volunteers. Our K of C and Ladies K of C for all their work and donations to the parish. Also a big shout out to those who work "behind the scenes taking care of our parish, The Prayer line, The rosary "walkers", Martha group, decorators, those who take care of the office, clean the church, wash altar linens, cut grass, take care of the plants, do repair work and remove snow among other things. And of course our Leaders, Father Kelechi, Deacon Mike, Mr. Tobar, and our councils and committees. I am very blessed to be a part of this parish and look forward to working with everyone for our continued spiritual journey. **Cathy Singer**

leaders, funeral luncheons, Samaritan center meals,



St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church, Taos

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.





We want to thank all that attended the Taos Wreaths for Heroes Program on December 9th. While we are a relatively small parish community, we are only a small part of a huge effort to HONOR our deceased veterans, RESPECT those that still serve and TEACH our

young people the value of Freedom. This past week wreaths were laid at 4,225 locations, with ceremonies in every state, including Puerto Rico, Guam and even American Samoa, as well as American cemeteries in Europe and at sea. Over 700 shipments in everything from tractor trailer trucks to giant aircraft were used to transport over 3 million wreaths to all the various locations, with 3 million people volunteering to get the job done on time before Christmas (a third of which were school age children). Our community can be very proud of how we treat veterans and their families. Isaiah 2:4 "And they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore."



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.

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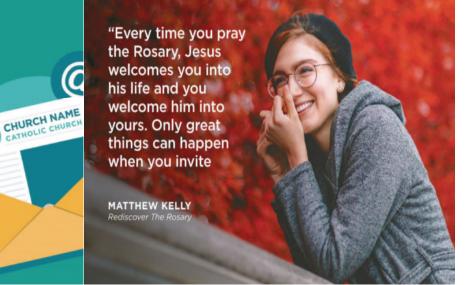
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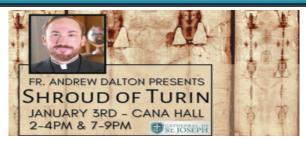


In Loving Memory

Chris Decker Tanner Lee Smith Tom Verslues

Happy New Year.

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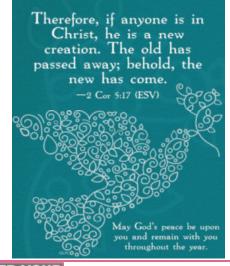
SHROUD OF TURIN PRESENTATION: We are very pleased to announce that on Wed., January 3, Fr. Andrew Dalton will be at the Cathedral of St. Joseph to give two presentations on the Shroud of Turin, the burial cloth of Jesus Christ. Both of these presentations will be held in Cana Hall and will contain the 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 - 9 p.m. Fr. Dalton is an American priest who now teaches at the Pontifical University in Rome.

<u>Taos K of C Winterfest</u>: 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.

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: Jan 7	Week 2: Jan 14	Week 3: Jan 21	Week: 4 Jan 28
Elaine Callaway	Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748	Jean Pinnell	Sue Sandbothe
690-8966	& Elaine Ready 619-6803	694-2111	230-3154
Rhonda Saucier,	Joan Schaefer, Viola Schaefer	Melissa Scheulen,	Elizabeth Schneider,
Traci Saucier,	Christy Schaefer,	Lisa Scheulen, Connie Schmidt,	Doris Schneider, Kristy
Darla Schaefer, Janet	Julie Schaefer,	Reagan Schmidt,	Schneider, Amanda Schneider,
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