ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

OVERJOYED AT SEEING THE STAR MATTHEW 2.10

St. Francis Xavier Parish

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

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

Mass Intentions

Mass Intentions	mark your	Calendar	
<i>"</i> For the gift of patience; may we embrace poverty of spirit when suffering the shortcomings of others and ourselves."	Jan 9 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Jan 11 after a.m. Mass		
Monday, Jan 8th: No Mass	Jan 10Wed Walk with the Lord after Morning MassJan 10PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School		
Tuesday, Jan 9th:	-	cil 5:30 p.m. Commons Rm	
7:00 p.m L&D of Edmund and Margaret Prenger Wednesday, Jan 10th:	Jan 14 Children Liturgy of the		
No Mass Thursday, Jan 11th:	-	p.m., Jan 18 after a.m. Mass	
7:45 a.m L&D of Don & Leo Bernskoetter & George Bisges Families	Jan 17 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. OFFERTORY COLLECTION	SFX School	
Friday, Jan 12th:	Goal for Dec Dec 2 & 3	\$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays) \$ 19,661.75	
7:45 a.m L&D of Alvin & Esther Talken Saturday, Jan 13th:	Dec 9 & 10	\$ 11,087.75	
5:00 p.m L&D of Don Bernskoetter Family Sunday, Jan 14th:	Dec 16 & 17 Dec 23 & 24	\$ 12,155.50 \$ 14,839.80	
8:00 a.m Ron Power 10:00 a.m People of the Parish	Dec 30 & 31 ACH	\$ Early to Print <u>\$ 26,526.00</u>	
For those of you who have your offertory collection done		\$ 84,270.80	
electronically and do not receive monthly envelopes, the Special envelopes for Jan. are: Solemnity of Mary Offering,	Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD Goal thru Nov	\$ 451,000.00	

Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/ Actual thru Nov 405,416.88 Repairs. End of the Year \$ -45,583.12 The family of Betty Stegeman would like to express a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful people of Taos for their generosity in giving their precious time to organize the meal, work in the kitchen and set up the hall. Thank you to all of the people who brought food for the funeral lunch. Thank you to Rev. Kelechi Uzuegbu for administering The Last Rites, and both he and Deacon Michael

Berendzen for the beautiful service, everyone who participated in the funeral service, the pianist & Adult Choir, as well as the parish staff for their assistance with the program and music. Mom had been away from the St. Francis Xavier Parish for several years, and all of you welcomed her and our family with open arms. Your kindness will never be forgotten. The Stegeman Family

Litur	gical Ministries				
Jan 13 & 14	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecilia Lock Angeline Prenger Sue Sandbothe MB	Eddy Davis Tina Davis Dennis Forck MB	Linda Tobar Patty Verslues Michael Winkler MB		
Lector Ushers	,	Josh Sandbothe Joe Otto Nyla Cartmell Andi Riley Taylor Riley	Lisa Reinke James Singer DeWayne Sprenger Jim Thessen Chris Reinke	Funny Name. Easy Fundraising Scrip will be sold in church every 1st and 3rd weekend except for Holiday	
Servers		Elle Kleffner Volunteer Needed Kathy & Cheryl	Tyler Sandbothe Liam Meyer Children's Choir	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 Epiphany of the Lord: A stranger in a foreign land, I was exhausted and homesick as my summer Spanish immersion ended in Guatemala. The rusty minivan arriving outside my small residence filled me with joyful hope. I was flying home to the U.S. and would be, at long last, completely happy. Or so I thought. After about half an hour of being home, I thought to myself, "This place is boring. I want to go somewhere." So, I hopped in my car and left to see my friends. As I drove, I wistfully wondered, "Where am I *truly* at home?"

The feast of Epiphany has a lot to do with our notion of home. Where is our origin? Where are we going? When is our wandering done? Saint Matthew tells us of the Magi, **"They were overjoyed at seeing the star."** This star will bring them *home*, to a place where their questing will end, and they will be satisfied. Their real home is neither in the East nor in the earthly Jerusalem. Somehow, their home is wherever this boy and his parents are.

If you're a teenager or older, you probably know by now that every physical home we have is temporary. So, we look up at the countless stars in our proverbial skies: things which bedazzle and beckon us to follow toward peace. The Gospel invites us to behold that — at long last — God has sent us a star to follow home, one that whispers, "Follow me! I will take you home!" Perhaps that star is your spouse. A friend. An opportunity. A cause. An intuition about a new direction. A prayer group. What is it for you? How will you know? It will lead you to Mary and Joseph and their son, and you will be home. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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

As we welcome 2024, let us embrace the new things the Lord has in store, trusting in His guidance and provision even in unexpected places.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert." -Isaiah 43:19



Thanking You for Your Thanks to all those who have helped on our Service to Our Parish journey towards a closer relationship with



God and each other. There have been so many that have helped with programs such as PSR, CLW, RCIA, Liturgical ministers, rosary leaders, funeral luncheons, Samaritan center

meals, 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

START GATHERING YOUR PALMS

We will be burning this past year's palms for ashes to be used for Ash Wednesday 2024. Baskets will be placed at the entrances of the church starting the weekend of **Jan 20/21**. The burning of palms will take place the weekend of **Feb 10/11**.

PRAYER DURING COLD WEATHER

God Our Father, you set the earth on its foundations and all elements of nature obey your command. Help us in this time of trouble calm the cold and wind that threaten us and turn our fear of your power into praise of your goodness. And guide us, all those we serve and those who serve us, in the days ahead. In your name we pray. Amen. "God invites us to know Him in mysterious ways. What matters isn't that we grasp why. What matters is whether or not we say 'yes.' There's no more powerful way to do that than to turn to Him in the Eucharist."

> SISTER HELENA BURNS Beautiful Eucharist



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

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.

Breaking the Silence of Abuse - As a diocese, we are committed to breaking the silence of abuse. When someone is reporting abuse, we must acknowledge their pain and how difficult it is to talk about it. False allegations are very rare. Our initial response to someone who is disclosing abuse for the first time must be compassionate. For those who need to report abuse, encourage them to contact our Victims Assistance Coordinator, Jacqueline Baldwin, (573-694-3199) and to make use of the appropriate State of Missouri hotline (1-800-392-3738) or the <u>Attorney General's clergy abuse online form</u>. All of this information is also on our website, under the 'report abuse' tab. For those who want information or want to convey a message to Bishop McKnight, please encourage them to write to us at <u>reportabuse@diojeffcity.org</u>.

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Upcoming_{EVENTS}

<u>Men of Signum Crucis</u>: 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: January 17th.** Call Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088 for directions or more information. 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.

2023 Fall Supper	Receipts	Expenses	Profits	DOUBLE FEATURE	WITH JASON EVERT	
Income Description					When a series	
Dinners	31,963.00	15,276.06	16,686.94			
Bingo	987.00	-	987.00	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·		
Country Store	1,627.50	-	1,627.50			
Raffle	7,945.00	2,740.00	5,205.00			
Sandwich/Soda	191.00	-	191.00			
Beer Garden/Bar	2,242.00	1,338.45	903.55			
Kitchen Sales	673.00	-	673.00	CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH		
Muffin Pan	127.25	-	127.25	2315 WEST MAIN STREET		
Sausage	1,251.72	-	1,251.72	JEFFERSON CITY, MO 65109		
Donations	300.00		300.00		NO TALKS \$25	
Total	47,307.47	19,354.51	27,952.96	ONE DAY - TWO TALKS \$25 FREE RESOURCES FOR EVERY ATTENDEE!		
General Expenses						
lce	-	-	-	PURIFIED A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 13+)	GENDER & THE THEOLOGY OF YOUR BODY (AGES 13+)	
Advertising	-	559.00	(559.00)	A LIFE-CHANGING EVENT FOR FAMILIES (AGES 131)	OF FOOR BODT (Adds 15*)	
Printing	-	90.00	(90.00)	SUNDAY	SUNDAY	
Stamps	-	273.24	(273.24)	March 3, 2024	March 3, 2024	
License	-	50.00	(50.00)	3:00 - 4:30 PM	5:30 - 6:30 PM	
Trash	-	-	-			
Special Events Ins	-	95.00	(95.00)	The innocence of the family is under attack like	What's the meaning of sex, gender, and the human body? The truth of masculinity and femininity are being questioned like never before. Discover how your body as a man or woman reveals your identity and calling.	
Misc	-	-	-	never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours. This chastity presentation is for teens, parents and adults.		
General Expense Total	-	1,067.24	(1,067.24)			
GRAND TOTAL	47,307.47	20,421.75	26,885.72		Purchase Tickets	
YEARLY TOTALS				Tickets: chastity.com/purified Source		
2023 Dinner Adults 2102	Kids 63	2023 Totals	26,885.72			
2022 Dinner Adults 1,994	Kids 63	2022 Totals	22,766.52			
2021 Dinner (Carry Out)		2021 Totals	13,002.41			
"It's not ignorant or				"Christians are people of ho So have courage, my friend		

death, or in a God who loves you. It's far more ignorant to believe that money, fame or the things of this world are all that this life has to offer."

So have courage, my friends, and together, let's set out to change the world as the first Christians did."

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MATTHEW KELLY The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity

MARK HART Blessed Are the Bored in Spirit

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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: 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,
Schaefer, Marsha Schaefer	Eleanor Schepers	Valerie Schmidt	Charlotte Schnieders



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