SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

BEHOLD, THE LAMB OF GOD.

JOHN 1:36 ----



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SUNDAY, JANUARY 14, 2024

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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!

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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;

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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 gift of patience; may we embrace poverty of spirit when suffering the shortcomings of others and ourselves."

Monday, Jan 15th: No Mass

Tuesday, Jan 16th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Albert & Regina Verslues

Wednesday, Jan 17th:

No Mass

Thursday, Jan 18th:

7:45 a.m. - Jason Schuemann

Friday, Jan 19th:

7:45 a.m. - Louis Eiken

Saturday, Jan 20th:

5:00 p.m. - Lawrence & Lillian Falter

Sunday, Jan 21st:

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

10:00 a.m. - Anthony & Virginia Taube Family

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 Jan. are: Solemnity of Mary Offering, Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/ Repairs.

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Jan 15 Martin Luther King Day (No School)

Jan 16 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Jan 18 after a.m. Mass

Jan 17 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Jan 17 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Jan 19 Birthday Celebration

Jan 20 Winter Wonderland

Jan 21 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass

Jan 23 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., **Jan 25 after a.m. Mass**

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	\$ 12,155.50
Dec 23 & 24	\$ 14,839.80
Dec 30 & 31	\$ 17,571.00
ACH	\$ 26,526.00
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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: Emmery Dudenhoeffer was Baptized in our church on Saturday, Jan. 6th, 2024.



Taos Friends! Sugie Vieth is turning 93! Please help us celebrate with an open house in the school cafeteria on

Sunday January 28th from 11 AM to 2 PM. PLEASE - NO GIFTS

Just your presence will mean the world to her!

To all the parishioners who participated in providing gifts for Birthright. Your gifts where appreciated and needed.



Thank you to all who provided meals for the Salvation Army and looking forward

to another good year of providing food in 2024.

Liturgical Ministries				
Jan 20 & 21	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers	Shirley Woehr	Gerard Forck	Brian Werdehausen	
	Debbie Backes	Rhonda Rackers	Cindy Werdehausen	
	Lisa Berendzen	Cara Sandbothe	Michael Winkler	
	Sarah Boss	Ken Sandbothe	Linda Distler	
Lector	Jean Decker	Shelle Sandbothe	Linda Tobar	
Ushers	Carol Forck	Dan Sandbothe	Alan Cortvrient	
	Tony Forck	Dan Sanning	Andrea Forck	
	Tom Henke	Carson Sanning	Cindy LePage	
	Rita Lipskoch	Tom Sanning	Steve LePage	
Servers	Zoey Prenger	Elizah Talken	Tyler Sandbothe	
	Kiptyn Thessen	London Talken	Aubrey Forck	
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Kathy & Cheryl	Katnik	



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.

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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time: As a priest, I'm amazed how happily married couples remember the tiniest details of their earliest encounters. They effortlessly report things like: "he wore a blue shirt," "we ordered brussels sprouts," "her hair was up in a bun," and "he spilled shrimp cocktail sauce at my family's open front door when it was ten degrees below zero," (that one's courtesy of my mom). We delight in remembering and speaking of when our new life of love began. The little details are glorious reminders that it's all *real*.

It's similar for John the Apostle. He tells us of the two disciples who followed Jesus into his house, "...they stayed with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon." Why does that tiny detail matter? Because that's the time of day when they encountered the love of Jesus the Messiah in their lives. Our religion is not primarily about abstract truths about God, no matter how true or sublime. It is about God meeting and saving us in our human nature. It's about a human relationship.

What was the time of day when you first recall encountering Christ and his Church? Who was there? What did you feel? How did things look and smell? What happened? Take some time to recall it in detail. For me, it was inside an old, rickety church on a hillside in Jerome, Arizona. It was about 9 p. m. on a Saturday evening. I was with my friends Jenny, Brad, and Laura. We were praying, singing, and laughing. When was it for you? Remembering the details isn't empty nostalgia. It reminds us now that God's love for us in our humanity is real. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

Rosary Count for December 501 Rosary Count for 2023 6,254

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 troubles 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.



SFX 2023 Year End Contributions

St. Francis Xavier thanks you for your financial generosity this past

year. If you would like a record of your financial support, please call the parish office after **January 15**, **2023**. We will notify you when the report is available to be picked up. 573-395-4401



Coming this Spring!



Watch the bulletin next week for more details.



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 before the Tuesday evening Mass on February 13th.



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



1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

January Birthday Celebration has been moved due to only having school masses on Fridays while Fr. Kelechi is back home in Nigeria. The birthday celebration for this month will be moved to **Friday**, **Jan 19th**. Honor Roll Mass will also be moved and that new date will be **Friday**, **January 26th**.

Our annual S.F.X. Chili Supper is coming up on **Saturday**, **January 27th** from 5:00pm to 7:30pm. Full chili meals are available for \$10, hot dog meals for \$5, and 4 cinnamon rolls for \$5. We will have pick up or dine in options available. Our 7th graders will also be having their annual desert auction from 5:00pm to 7:00pm that evening. Hope to see you all there.

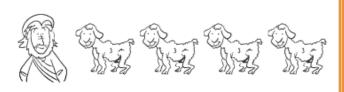
Upcoming School Events

Monday, 1/15 - No School (MLK)
Tuesday, 1/16 - 8th Grade NET Retreat
Wednesday, 1/17 - Prayer Service @ 7:45am in church
Friday, 1/19 - January Birthday Celebration

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



Circle the picture in each group that has more. Then color all the pictures.









I will tell others about how God has been good to me.



2024 St.FrancisXavier Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Th Grade Dessert Auction from 5:00-7:00 SUPPER

SATURDAY, Jan 27th 5:00p.m. - 7:30p.m

TICKETS:

Full Chili Meal: \$10

Unlimited Chili, Hot Dog, Veggies, Cinnamon Roll

Hot Dog Meal: \$5

Hot Dog, Veggles, Cinnamon Roll

4 Cinnamon Rolls: \$5

Pre-Purchase Recommended

Pick Up or Dine In



Pick Up – Lower Parking Lot Single Door Dine In – Cafeteria enter through Lower Lot Double

Doors

St. Francis students will have tickets available for purchase.

Meals will also be available for purchase at the door.



Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time • John 1:35-42

upcoming_{EVENTS}

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish: You are invited to the January gathering of the Men of Signum Crucis, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, January 17, at Helias Catholic High School. For men who would like to engage in a Study on our faith, you will be able to continue the Study of Church History, taught by Helias Theology Teacher and Coach Chris Hentges. For those who prefer to immerse themselves in a Devotion in our faith, Father Drew Clary, CSC, will join us from South Bend, Indiana, leading men in the Chaplet of Our Lady of Sorrows, a special devotion of the Congregation of Holy Cross. These concurrent sessions will run from 6:30 p.m. until approximately 7:15 p.m. Afterwards, we will all assemble in the Commons for brief concluding remarks, food and fellowship, and the Litany of St. Joseph at 7:55 p.m. to end the evening.

As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot to sign in. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel.

The presence of each man makes an impact on others in our fraternity. If you have not attended yet, be confident that your presence will make a difference to someone there—this is all part of God's plan. Join the 70+ men who consistently attend and make their mark on others in this fraternity of Catholic men of the Jefferson City area.

The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to help us become more Christ-like husbands, fathers, brothers, uncles, and friends. For more information, contact Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.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.



Looking for the perfect Valentine's gift for your spouse? Register now for the February 10-11 Marriage Encounter Weekend in Jefferson City! Closeness, comfort, fun, trust, a friend, and a helper - these are some of the blessings of marriage. Marriage Encounter provides the opportunity and the atmosphere for you to celebrate and renew these blessings in YOUR marriage. Don't let the busyness of life steal them away. While this event is not exclusive to the Catholic faith, it does focus on putting Christ at the center of your marriage. Celebrate this Valentine's Day by discovering a deeper level of satisfaction and joy in your marriage. Register today before the event fills up! Visit www.jeffcityme.com for more information and to register, or contact Harry & Cecilia Hentges at 573-619-7416.

WE NEED YOUR HFI PI

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 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Jan 21	Week: 4 Jan 28
Elaine Callaway		Jean Pinnell	Sue Sandbothe
690-8966		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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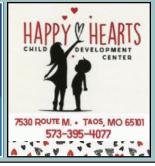


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