THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2024

## 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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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;

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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 22nd: No Mass

Tuesday, Jan 23rd:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Robert & Regina Forck Family

Wednesday, Jan 24th: No Mass

Thursday, Jan 25th: 7:45 a.m. - John Helmer

Friday, Jan 26th:

7:45 a.m. - Celeste Klebba

Saturday, Jan 27th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Fred & Mary Jane Henke Family &

Tom LeComte

Sunday, Jan 28th:

8:00 a.m. - Ron Power

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

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

Jan 24 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Jan 24 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Jan 26 Honor Roll Mass at Church

Jan 27 Catholic School Week Kick off at 5 p.m. Mass

Jan 27 SFX Chili Supper

Jan 28 NO Children Liturgy of the Word at 10 am Mass

Jan 30 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Feb 1 after a.m. Mass

Jan 31 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Jan 31 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Feb 1 All School Volunteers Mass 7:45 a.m.

Feb 2 Closing Mass for Catholic School Week 10 a.m.

Feb 2 Adoration with Benediction after 10 a.m. Mass

Feb 4 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass

Feb 5 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

**Goal for Jan** \$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)

Jan 6 &7 \$ 10,920.75 ACH \$ 29,066.00 \$ 39,986.75

#### Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

**Goal thru Dec** \$ 553,500.00 **Actual thru Nov** \$ 507,258.88 **End of the Year** \$ -46,241.12



Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 2 PM. PLEASE - NO GIFTS

Just your presence will mean the world to her!



January 27, 2024 to **February 3, 2024** 

Liturgical Ministries			
Jan 27 & 28	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	SFX School	Shirley Toebben	Laurie Herzing
		Glenda Vanderfeltz	Patty LeComte
		Debra Backes	Kathy Rackers
		MB	MB
Lector	SFX School	Dan Sanning	Rick Wallis
Ushers	SFX School	Ron Talken	John Prenger
		Bill Vanderfeltz	Chris Reinke
		Justin Wegman	Robin Reinkemeyer
		Tom Wieberg	Ross Reinkemeyer
Servers	SFX School	Volunteer Needed	Tyler Sandbothe
		Volunteer Needed	Liam Meyer
Musicians	Children's Choir	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Katnik



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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

3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: We start telling lies around the age of three, the experts tell us. It's understandable. Lying is a god-like power. Whatever I want, I need only say it, and the world rearranges itself accordingly. It's amazing at first. But soon reality snaps back and I'm faced with a dilemma. If I remain committed to my lie I start to fracture into pieces. My words and reality drift apart, and I find myself lost in a lonely world of further falsehoods and fear of being found out.

How marvelous, then, that Jesus begins his ministry by proclaiming: "Repent!" We tend to think it means "stop doing bad things" but it doesn't. It literally means "go beyond the mind you have." Think in a new way. It's painful to admit, but some portion of my mind is addicted to lie-telling, usually to protect my ego or make life easier. To repent means to admit this tendency, to say, "I'm done lying," and to move beyond my split mind into a complete commitment to the truth. Perhaps that's why at Mass we together proclaim, "I have sinned in my thoughts, and in my words..." Repentance and truth-telling work together.

Those who know the twelve-step process of addiction recovery know this process well. The fourth step requires radical truth-telling: listing our moral defects. This isn't being scrupulous. Rather it is freedom from falsehood, and entrance into the real world. This week, I invite you to join me in this practice. Get your phone or piece of paper. Answer the question: what are your true moral defects? Write them down. Remember, the Lord knows them already and loves you. We have a sacrament where this truth-telling is celebrated: Confession. Perhaps it is finally time to go beyond our childish lies. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

#### Respect for Life

God of life and love,

You created us in Your image and sent Your Son to bring us life.

Instill in us a respect for all life, from conception to natural death.

Empower us to work for justice for the poor.

Nourish us that we may bring food to the hungry.

Inspire us to cherish the fragile life of the unborn.

Strengthen us to bring comfort to the chronically ill.

Teach us to treat the aging with dignity and respect.

Bring us one day into the glory of everlasting life.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



#### **Coming this Spring!**

Introductory meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room on **Monday, February 5th** at 6:30pm so we can get started with a good book for

lent. If school is closed due to inclement weather, we will reschedule. Contact Cathy Singer with questions. 690-1491.



#### 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.



# Join us in Welcoming Home Father Kelechi Uzuegbu



### 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

#### **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

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1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

Our annual S.F.X. Chili Supper is next **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.

Catholic Schools Week is almost here. We have many wonderful events planned for our students, faculty, staff, and families throughout the week. We also have some very meaningful events planned such as our volunteer mass and breakfast on Thursday of Catholic Schools Week. Thank you all for your support of our school and we can't wait to share with you how great our Catholic Schools Week goes this year at St. Francis Xavier.

#### **Upcoming School Events**

**Saturday, 1/27** - Catholic Schools Week Kickoff Mass and *Chili Supper* 

Monday, 1/29 - 100th Day of School
Tuesday, 1/30 - Catholic Schools Week Games
Wednesday, 1/31 - Patriotic Rosary
Thursday, 2/1 - Volunteer Mass at 7:45am, Volunteer
Breakfast, 8th Grade vs. Staff Volleyball

Friday, 2/2 - S.F.X. Family Day, Mass at 10:00am, Early Out (NO AFTERCARE)

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal

jtobar@sfxtaos.com



### GOSPEL

Jesus will teach you to catch others for him. You can catch fish by putting food in front of them. People need soul food to be close to God. People want to go to heaven with God. Tell them that Jesus loves them and died on the cross for them. Tell them he wants everyone to do good. Then people will gladly come into his net. They will be at peace because Jesus will give them everything they need.







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.



Draw Andrew, Peter, James and John putting down their fishing nets to follow Jesus.

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

#### **CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS**

As many are aware, St. Francis Xavier is in the planning stages of a major capital campaign to repair and renovate our buildings and create additional meeting and storage space. To conduct a successful effort, we must assemble a strong volunteer team to reach out to parish families.

We are thankful that several members of the St. Francis Xavier community have agreed to help provide campaign leadership. The following parishioners said "yes" to an invitation from Fr. Kelechi to serve on our campaign committee: Deacon Mike Berendzen, Eric Bernskoetter, Josh Sandbothe, Linda Distler, Darren Heckman, Megan Prenger, Cindy Luebbering, Robin Bernskoetter and Wendy Sullivan.

In their role, the committee will oversee the effort and assist Fr. Kelechi in implementing a successful campaign. One of their first responsibilities is to recruit additional volunteers. Our committee members are reaching out to those who previously indicated a willingness to serve as a volunteer. If you would like to help, please email or call our Steier Group campaign manager, Joanna Gray. You may reach her at jgray@steiergroup.com or 636-699-6977. You can help make a difference for St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church and its future. Please consider lending your talent to this important cause!

St. Thomas K of C Pancake and Sausage Breakfast: January 21st, 8 -11:30 am, Adults (\$10), Kids (\$5), under 6 (Free). Serving pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, and biscuits.

Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish in Frankenstein: will be hosting a presentation by Gary Zimak entitled, "Give Up Worry for Lent" at 12:00 noon on Sunday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. Gary

Zimak is a Catholic speaker, author, and radio host. Gary's presentation will be based on his book, *Give Up Worry for Lent! 40 Days to Finding Peace in Christ*. There is no cost to attend, but his books will be available to purchase. We hope you can join us for this unique, Catholic experience!



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).

573.635.7991

<b>Week 1: Jan 7</b>	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
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