

## 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;

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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 29th:

#### **No Mass**

### Tuesday, Jan 30th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Andrew & Teresa Kloeppel, Jeron Sandbothe and Linda Forck

#### Wednesday, Jan 31st:

#### **No Mass**

### Thursday, Feb 1st:

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

### Friday, Feb 2nd:

7:45 a.m. - Rita Wolfe

### Saturday, Feb 3rd:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Paul & Millie Schnieders

### Sunday, Feb 4th:

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

10:00 a.m. - Tim Pinnell

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 Feb. are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

## mark your Calendar

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 Catholic School Week Closing Mass 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

Feb 7 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School

Feb 7 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Feb 7 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall

Feb 8 School Advisory Council 5:30 p.m. Commons Rm Feb 8 Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Commons Rm

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

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

Jan 6 & 7 \$ 10,920.75 Jan 13 & 14 \$ 13,484.25 Jan 20 & 21 \$ 7,474.75 ACH \$ 29,066.00 \$ 60,945.75

### **Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023**

 Goal thru Dec
 \$ 553,500.00

 Actual thru Nov
 \$ 507,258.88

 End of the Year
 \$ -46,241.12



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

Sunday January 28<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM to 2 PM.

PLEASE – NO GIFTS

Just your presence will mean the world to her!



The Picnic Committee is looking for someone to Chair the Kitchen Cleaning Up for the Picnic and Fall Supper. Please contact the parish office 395-4401 or Brian Talken 680-8065 if interested.

Liturgical Ministries			
Feb 3 & 4	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jean Decker	Brenda Brenneke	Nick Rackers
	Carol Forck	Charles Callaway	Lisa Reinke
	Mary Jane Forck	Elaine Callaway	Tammy Sachse
	MB	Dennis Forck	MB
Lector	Ava Kleffner	Tom Sanning	Michael Winkler
Ushers	John Bassett	Wayne Verslues	Rob Sachse
	Art Greenback	Matt Forck	James Singer
	Jim Radmacher	Karl Lootens	DeWayne Sprenger
	Ruby Radmacher	Robbie Lootens	Jim Thessen
Servers	Zoey Prenger	Volunteer Needed	Tyler Sandbothe
	Elle Kleffner	Volunteer Needed	Julia Reinke
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Hood & Forbis Family



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

4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: I love movies about exorcisms. Apparently, so do many others. The 2023 movie "Nefarious" features a possibly possessed inmate on death row. Critics were not impressed, but audiences scored it at 97% on the website Rotten Tomatoes. Most people have an appreciation for the demonic realm, even if cultural elites are generally embarrassed about it. As is standard in exorcism movies, the afflicted person (in this case, a man named Edward Brady) thinks and acts like *multiple* persons. He is someone besides himself. We know what that is like. We feel *fake* sometimes, not ourselves.

The same dynamic is on dramatic display this week in the Gospel. Jesus the Exorcist approaches a possessed man who utters, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth?" Notice the plural, us. The basic effect of the demonic is division. The man's identity is fractured, divided, and thus many. Jesus powerfully expels the spirit by saying, "Quiet! Come out of him!" Jesus' word has the power to restore the man's singularity — him — and indeed it does.

All this helps us to dismiss childish images of demons sporting red goat tails. Equally, it overcomes the cultured aloofness that dreams demons are mere metaphors for evil. We see instead that fallen angels are conscious and intelligent beings who orient their agency toward division. They bring about schism where there should be unity, e.g., in persons, families, communities, politics, and so on. Thankfully, Jesus commands demons to flee from all these places to restore wholeness and peace. What if we made room for his word where we need it? — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

#### Save the Dates

Welcome Father Home Feb. 11th Last Weekend to bring palms Feb. 10/11 Lenten Calendar in Bulletin Feb. 10/11 Burning of the palms Feb. 13th Mary of Nazareth Mar. 17th



Meeting will be held in the Fellowship Room on Monday, February 5th at :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.



Please join us on the 3rd Thursday of the month as we aspire to grow in faith, friendship, and service. Next meeting is **Feb. 15th** at 6:30 p.m. in the parish office.



## 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



## Missed Season 1???

Join us to binge Season 1 before we start Season 2 during Lent **Wed. Feb. 7th** at 11 a.m.

at Cathy Singer's House 6110 Helias. Bring a snack to share. RSVP 690-1491. Season 2 will be held the first 4 Sundays of Lent at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.



### START GATHERING YOUR PALMS

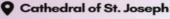
We will be burning this past year's palms for ashes to be used for Ash Wednesday 2024. Baskets are placed at the entrances of the church. The burning of palms will take place before the Tuesday evening Mass on **Feb. 13th.** 

# XLT ADORATION NIGHTS 2024

## January 11th February 8th March 14th April 11th May 9th

Second Thursday of Each Month

XLT (Exalt) Adoration is a night of prayer for the entire community, with worship, testimonies and exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Everyone is invited to adore our Lord!



7 - 8 P.M.

### Celebrating the Gift



### of Catholic Schools



1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

Catholic Schools Week is this week! 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**

Monday, 1/29 - 100th Day of School, Grades 5-8 heading to Stonebridge for a service project

**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

God of all growth,

We ask You to bless all students in
Catholic schools.

May they remain constantly
curious in their pursuit
of knowledge and truth,

May they use their gifts and talents
to spread Your light and love
throughout the earth,
And may all of their learning
ultimately draw them closer to
Your Son, Christ the Teacher.
We make this prayer
in Your Holy Name,
Amen.





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erinmsprenger@gmail.com 573-418-9265

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

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 4th. 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!

K of C Council 2027 Fish Fry (Loose Creek School): Friday, February 9th & Friday, March 8th from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Drive thru only! \$12 per meal. Fish, Hush Puppies, Parsley Potatoes, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans.

Westphalia Knights of Columbus Soccer Club: Spring soccer sign ups will be held at the Westphalia KC hall on Tuesday evening, February 13th from 4-6 PM. All kids ages 3-14 (on 8/1/23) welcome. Email wkcsoccerclub@gmail.com with any questions.

St. Anthony Knights of Columbus Breakfast: All you can eat Ham, Whole Hog Sausage, Biscuits and Gravy, Scrambled Eggs and Applesauce. **Sunday, February 18th** in the St. Anthony Parish Hall from 7:30 - 11:30 a.m. Adults (\$12), Children 6-12 (\$6) and 5 & Under (Free). Dine-in and Carry Outs Available.

Taos KCCC: will be having registration for summer league teeball, softball, & baseball on the following dates & times: Sunday, February 18th & 25th from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and Monday, February 26th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Taos Knights of Columbus Hall. Boys & girls ages 6-15 are eligible. Registration for Fun League teeball will also be held for boys & girls ages 4-6 on the dates listed.



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Dinner Break 4:30 - 5:30 PM

Tickets: chastity.com/purified Info: julie.g@cathedraljc.org



### 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, Sept 11th & Dec 8th

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.

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: Feb 4 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: Feb 11 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Feb 18 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week: 4 Feb 25 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154
Shawna Schnieders,	Diane Schuenemeyer,	Denise Schwartze,	Amanda Shockley,
Joyce Schnur,	Sheila Schulte, Leanna Schulte,	Elizabeth Schaeffer,	Donna Siebenek,
Dolores Schollmeyer, Sara	Edna Schulz,	Alex Shilkes, Kathy Shilkes,	Laura Simpson, Kathleen
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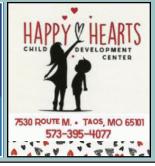


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