# SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2024

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

#### 7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

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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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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

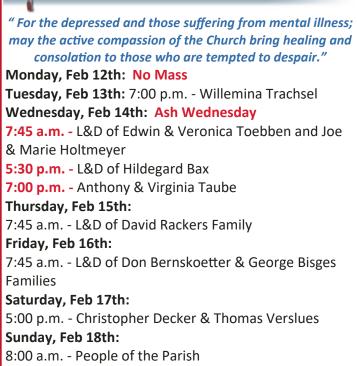
MISSION STATEMENT: St. Francis Xavier Parish is an example of Christ's Love by educating, serving and celebrating our faith with others in our community. Adopted by Parish Council Fall 1997

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

#### Mass Intentions



10:00 a.m. - Clarence, Esther & Jackson Fromme 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.

#### 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



- Feb 12 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall
- Feb 13 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Feb. 15 after a.m. Mass
- Feb 13 Burning of Palms before 7 p.m. Mass
- Feb 14 Ash Wednesday & Happy Valentine's Day
- Feb 14 No PSR or RCIA
- Feb 15 Women's Ministry Meeting 6:30 p.m. Office
- Feb 15 Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Commons Rm
- Feb 16 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 7:30 p.m.
- Feb 16 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

| Goal for Feb | \$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays) |
|--------------|--------------------------|
| Feb 3 & 4    | \$ 20,081.00             |
| ACH          | <u>\$ 28,401.00</u>      |
|              | \$ 48.482.00             |

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

| Goal thru Dec   | \$ 635,500.00        |
|-----------------|----------------------|
| Actual thru Nov | <u>\$ 578,629.63</u> |
| End of the Year | \$-56,870.37         |

#### **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



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.

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| Litur                        | Liturgical Ministries |                      |                     |  |  |
|------------------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|---------------------|--|--|
| Feb 17 & 18                  | 5:00 p.m.             | 8:00 a.m.            | 10:00 a.m.          |  |  |
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | Angeline Prenger      | Eddy Davis           | Brian Werdehausen   |  |  |
|                              | Shirley Woehr         | Tina Davis           | Cindy Werdehausen   |  |  |
|                              | Debbie Backes         | Dennis Forck         | Linda Distler       |  |  |
|                              | Sarah Boss            | Rhonda Rackers       | Kathy Rackers       |  |  |
| Lector                       | Sue Sandbothe         | Wayne Verslues       | Mary Esther Prenger |  |  |
| Ushers                       | Jim Radmacher         | Joe Otto             | Alan Cortvrient     |  |  |
|                              | Ruby Radmacher        | Nyla Cartmell        | Andrea Forck        |  |  |
|                              | John Bassett          | Andi Riley           | Robin Reinkemeyer   |  |  |
|                              | Brad Bruemmer         | Taylor Riley         | Ross Reinkemeyer    |  |  |
| Servers                      | Bode Wilde            | Ashton Verslues      | Aubrey Forck        |  |  |
|                              | Eli Wilson            | Nate Verslues        | Chase Doerhoff      |  |  |
| Musicians                    | Hoffmeyer & Branum    | Jackie & Adult Choir | 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

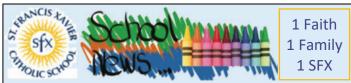
#### 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

Recently I had a skin rash, and it was awful. (Please don't tell anyone.) I am embarrassed to admit that I didn't handle it well. Complaining, whining, begging for sympathy, and crying were my responses to the merciless itching and burning. In the aftermath, a silver lining emerged. I feel a new heartfelt sympathy for all those vexed with chronic skin problems. If you've ever had a seemingly unending skin problem, you know how that sympathy flows up from deep inside.

This gut-level compassion is something like what the Gospel describes in Jesus when the sore-covered leper says, **"If you will it, you can make me clean."** At this, just before the healing, Jesus was **"moved with compassion."** The Greek word used here is strong and earthy, closer to "his bowels and guts trembled with the deepest emotions of sadness, pity, and love." In Jesus, God heals our infirmities not from a divine distance but by learning what it *feels like* to be us. He acquires first-hand experience of what it costs us to be afflicted and still be faithful to God. He sympathizes with the burning, itching, and blistering of human existence in the deepest, first-hand way. To discover that is to touch Jesus' heart.

What in your life, right now, is breaking out like diseased skin? What is getting worse the more you try to soothe it? Perhaps only you feel it. Or maybe it's exposed to all. A bad habit, broken relationship, loneliness, fear of failure, self-hatred? Name it, and then find a way to bring it confidently to Jesus who will *feel what we are feeling*, and thereby heal us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi





During Catholic Schools Week our school partnered up with other local schools in the diocese to support a mission in Nigeria. Our schools are raising money to help build a school in Uganda for children in need. Throughout the week our students brought in change and cash to donate to this cause. As a school we raised \$4,000! Our students and school far exceeded what I thought we would bring in. Thank you to everyone who helped support this wonderful cause to help out some who are less fortunate than ourselves.

A reminder that we will have another opportunity this **Sunday, February 11th** from 9am-11am for any former S.F.X. graduate to place their thumbprint on the mural at school. Please stop by the school cafeteria this Sunday morning if you would like to leave your mark on the mural!

#### **Upcoming School Events**

Monday, 2/12 - No School Wednesday, 2/14 - Ash Wednesday Monday, 2/19 - No School (President's Day) Thursday, 2/29 - Early Dismissal (12:30pm) Friday, 3/1 - Diocesan Science Fair at S.F.X.

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

## You are invited

to participate in a special session for the Synod on Synodality and

### **Shaping Our Future Together**

(our diocesan planning process) by responding to questions on the structures of our parishes and local Church

Tuesday, February 27 6:15 - 7:00 p.m. At five locations in the diocese or via Zoom

For locations, to RSVP,



and for more information, visit diojeffcity.org/27FebruaryRSVP Jefferson City



I want to thank each and every one of you who made my 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday a celebration to remember! I am still in awe of all the people who attended the open house, gave a gift or card

 (although it was not at all expected), sent a birthday card in the mail, called me or put a birthday wish for me on Facebook.
I can't tell you how much all of this meant to me. I have always felt so fortunate to have the family and friends I have, and this day made me feel even more grateful.
Love you all, Sugie

#### HONORING OUR PAST

#### A MOMENT IN ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HISTORY

Since many of us have been parishioners for a long time, you may remember the years that I will be writing about in the next few months. Whether you were a child or an adult at the time, I hope these articles will bring back fond memories. If you were not part of SFX parish during those years, I hope you enjoy learning about these years of our parish history. Below are the highlights of all the achievements that came about during the years 1977-1987. • Father John Condit became the pastor after Father William Flannagan. Father Condit remained as pastor until 1994 when he passed away from cancer. • The involvement of the laity was an important part of these years in the administration of the parish, through the Parish Council and the School Board. The laity also became important in the liturgical sense as well, with many becoming lectors and lay ministers. As always, the parishioners took great pride in their parish and volunteered time, talent and money to the church and school. • During these 10 years many improvements were made to the parish and school property. • In 1978, the Radio Mass began and was broadcast from St. Francis Xavier Church each Sunday morning. This was a much needed benefit for those who were sick, elderly or were shut-in. It had an estimated listening audience of 5,000. Many favorable letters and cards were received expressing appreciation and support from both Catholics and Non-Catholics. • Because of the increasing enrollment in the school, two new classrooms were added above the new gym which was built in 1975. The old gym became a social area and was renamed Helias Hall. The school restrooms and cafeteria were also updated. • In 1978 the talk of a parochial kindergarten began to unfold and in the fall of 1979 the first class of Kindergarteners were enrolled with a total of 29 students. • In 1983 a campaign was launched to raise money in part to prepare for a celebration in honor of the 100 anniversary of the building of our church as well as to make some needed renovations to the church and school. The Centennial Campaign Appeal set out to raise \$300,000. That goal was reached by July,1986. In early 1984, the church was completely renovated and redecorated with new Electrical and heating systems installed. A celebration Mass and a rededication was held on Sept.16, 1984 to commemorate the 100 anniversary of the building of SFX Church. • During 1985, an intercom system was installed in the principal's office so that all classrooms could be reached in case of emergencies etc. New storm windows and insulation were also installed. • 1986 was a busy year as the church was tuck pointed and the roof was replaced. All of the parish property was asphalted and the sidewalks and steps were replaced. Asbestos was removed from much of the school and all parish buildings were given a coordinating coat of paint. • Also in 1986 much needed improvements were made to the Cemetery. Old trees were removed and much needed landscaping was done. Many gravestones were leveled and repaired. A beautiful statue of Mary was added to the Cemetery to complete the beautification. • All of these projects came to fruition because of the combined efforts of the Parish Council, School Board, Centennial Committee and the stewardship of the parishioners.

(Written by Kathy Rackers of the Museum Committee with information taken from the History of SFX Church 1838-1988,)

# upcoming

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 K of C Council #6430 Fish Fry: Friday's Feb. 16 & 23 and March 8 & 22. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dine-In or Carry-Out. \$14.00 Fried fish or boiled shrimp, baked potato or fries, slaw, hushpuppies, baked beans, ice cream, tea and coffee. Kids burger & fries (\$6). Cash or check ONLY. K of C Hall, Taos.

Taos KCCC: 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.

Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C Fish Fry: Friday, March 1 at St. Stanislaus from 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. All you can eat \$14. Serving Fish, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, French Fries or Baked Potato, and Homemade Rolls.

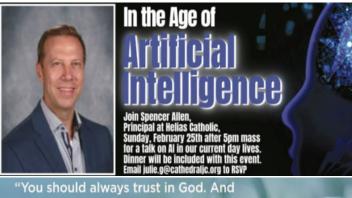
<u>St. Martin Fish Fry</u>: Friday, Mar. 1st & 15th. Serving Fried Fish, Homestyle Potato Chips, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Applesauce, and desserts from 4:30-7p.m. Adults (\$13), Children 6-12 (\$6) and 5 & under (Free). To-go orders (\$13) and available in the church basement.

Seafood Buffets (Chamois, MO): Friday, Mar. 1st & 15th at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church Hall. Serving fish, frog legs and shrimp. All you can eat! 4-7:30 p.m. Adults (\$20), 6-12 (\$10) and 5 & Under (Free).

K of C Council 2027 Fish Fry (Loose Creek School): 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 Spring Dinner and Dance: featuring Shiloh Country Band will be March 9th, 2024. Cost is \$25 per person. The fried chicken meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., 6:30pm, with the dance beginning at 8:30pm. For more information or for tickets contact Ron Berhorst 573-619-8213 or Russell Voss 573-619-1324.

#### Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish:

You are invited to the February gathering of the Men of Signum Crucis, which begins at 6:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. If you have been thinking about attending our gatherings but have not been able to "execute" just yet, this would be a great gathering to attend, as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in fraternity with the best men in our area. All men are invited to deepen their faith in fraternity with men who will gain from your spirituality. 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. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to sharpen ourselves to meet the challenges of our day. For more information, contact Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.



the best way to demonstrate that trust is to ask, 'Where is God with me in this?' Keep asking until the question is answered."

DICK & MARTHA LYLES

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**YOUR 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).

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| Week 1: Feb 4               | Week 2: Feb 11  | Week 3: Feb 18               | Week: 4 Feb 25          |  |  |
| Elaine Callaway             | Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748   | Jean Pinnell                 | Sue Sandbothe           |  |  |
| 690-8966                    | & Elaine Ready 619-6803   | 694-2111                     | 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 |  |  |
| Schroeder, Kallie Schroeder | Michelle Schulz   | Cindy Shiverdecker           | Simpson, Rita Singer    |  |  |



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