THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

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SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 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;

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

- 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 greater awareness of and respect for our common home in building an authentic human ecology: May we be good stewards of the gift of creation in defending all human life."

Monday, Apr 15th: No Mass

Tuesday, Apr 16th:

7:00 p.m. - Herman & Wilma Grothoff

Wednesday, Apr 17th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Vincent & Eleanora Cassmeyer and

Florian & Sophia Wegman Families

7:00 p.m. - Frank & Katherine Verslues (PSR Closing)

Thursday, Apr 18th:

7:45 a.m. - Louis Eiken

Friday, Apr 19th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Edmund & Margaret Prenger

Saturday, Apr 20th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of David Rackers Family

Sunday, Apr 21st:

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Albert & Regina Verslues

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

For those of you who have your offertory collection done electronically and do not receive monthly envelopes, the Special envelopes for Apr. are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

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#### Our Website has changed! Please visit us at: www.sfxtaos.com

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

**Apr 17** Birthday Celebration at Mass

Apr 17 PSR Closing Mass 7 p.m.

**Apr 20** First Communion Interviews

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

**Apr 22** Contemporary Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

**Apr 23** No Tuesday Evening Mass

Apr 23 Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. K of C Hall

Apr 28 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass

Apr 30 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., May 2 after a.m. Mass

May 3 Adoration with Benediction

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

Goal for Mar	\$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays)	
Mar 2 & 3	\$ 13,195.00	
Mar 9 & 10	\$ 12,137.00	
Mar 16 & 17	\$ 13,964.63	
Mar 23 & 24	\$ 30,854.75	
Mar 30 & 31	\$ 10,444.00	
ACH	<b>\$ 28,451.00</b>	
	\$ 109,046.38	



Baptized in Christ: Charles Buckland was Baptized in our church on Sunday, April 7th, 2024.

The Lunch Bunch: will meet Wednesday, Apr. 24th at 11:30 a.m. at the Knight of Columbus. Please RSVP to Evelyn Borgmeyer 690-1332,

Jean Pinnell 694-2111, Jane Knaebel 680-6158, or Janet Klebba 680-9925 by Wednesday, Apr. 17th.



food, served food,

To all who brought

said prayers or helped with the funeral for my husband John Decker. Thank you all. This parish has been a great support! Jean Decker

Liturgical Ministries			
Apr 20 & 21	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jean Pinnell	Dennis Forck	Kathy Rackers
	Angeline Prenger	Gerard Forck	Nick Rackers
	Lisa Berendzen	Rhonda Rackers	Lisa Reinke
	MB	MB	MB
Lector	Sarah Boss	Ken Sandbothe	Michael Winkler
Ushers	Jo Lootens	Joe Otto	Robin Reinkemeyer
	Jim Radmacher	Nyla Cartmell	Ross Reinkemeyer
	Ruby Radmacher	Andi Riley	Rob Sachse
	Brad Bruemmer	Taylor Riley	Tammy Sachse
Servers	Nate Verslues	Gentry Wegman	Tyler Sandbothe
	Riley Verslues	Volunteer Needed	Kiptyn Thessen
Musicians	Kathy & Cheryl	Jackie & Adult Choir	Katnik

The family of Cole Forck would like to thank everyone for their prayers, kind words, and help during this difficult time. We would especially like to thank everyone who brought food and helped with the memorial meal. Your kindness will never be forgotten.



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

**3**<sup>rd</sup> **Sunday of Easter:** When I was a kid, a friend at my home parish told me, "If you get to Mass by the Gospel reading, it counts!" As a lifelong late-arriver, it's something I have told myself many times, especially in my earlier years as a Catholic. If the "it counts" is justifiable on a pathetically minimal scale of liturgical legalism, then the Gospel reading today shows how insanely wrong-headed it is, and how helpful it is to re-think the Mass in its light.

The famous "Road to Emmaus" story recounts, on that first Sunday of the Resurrection, the basic two-fold structure of the Mass: Word, followed by Eucharist. Jesus spends a significant period of time with two dismayed disciples, as he connects a wide swath of the Hebrew scriptures with his own suffering, death, and resurrection. They would later report that this Liturgy of the Word touched their hearts with an inexplicable fire. This Word-induced flame alone is what leads the two disciples to discover Jesus' presence in the "breaking of the bread."

With this in mind, how can we possibly think that the Liturgy of the Word is unnecessary or incidental? The two disciples needed the Scriptures explained to them in order to experience Jesus alive in the eucharistic breaking of bread. Sure, we say, but they had the Risen Jesus. But that's precisely the point: Jesus is risen and accompanies us in both parts of the Mass. Imagine how much our experience of Jesus in the Eucharist would deepen if we (preachers and listeners) took even more seriously that Jesus himself sets our hearts ablaze with his Word so that we know him in the Eucharist. That Word-induced fire counts, too! -Father John Muir ©LPi



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





Want to know more? Informational meeting **April 24th** at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.



Please keep our 2nd graders in your prayers as They prepare for their First

Holy Communion on **May 5th**. Select a card with their name on, located in the back of church, and take it home with you to use as you pray for them.

#### **Heart of a Hero Men's Conference**

Cana Room, Cathedral of St. Joseph (Jefferson City) **April 19** (5:30pm-8:30pm) **April 20** (8:30am-3:30pm)







Join Father Kelechi and us on a National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO pilgrimage to the Monday, May 13th, 2024. We will be carpooling and leaving St. Francis at 5am.

Rosary at the grotto will be at 9am with a Mass at 12:10. Lunch provided. Cost \$20. Sign-ups at the church entrances.



We will once again have a graduation Mass for our parishioners who are graduating High School or College on Saturday, May 18th at the 5pm Mass. Please contact Cathy Singer at

573-690-1491 if you are graduating this year and from where so we can acknowledge you.

March Rosary Count: Our highest month yet 618!

### Save the Date

Friday, April 19th - Late Night for Eighth Graders
Sunday, April 21st - Life Teen (High School Students)
Sunday, May 12th - Coffee & Pastries after Masses
Monday, May 13th - Perryville with Fr. Kelechi
Saturday, May 18th - Graduation Mass
Saturday, May 18th - Wine & Cheese after Mass
Sunday, June 2nd - Coffee & Pastries after Masses
Sunday, June 23rd - Father's Birthday Celebration





Calling all crazy plant parents to take their love for gardening to the next level. If you have any duplicate plants, spare cuttings, plants unsuitable for your space, need to downsize or want to exchange for a wish list plant, this event is for you. Grow your selection by swapping plants for free and share your gardening obsession. SFX's Women's Ministry is hosting a Plant swap in the school parking lot on **Saturday, April 27th** from 9am to 10am. This is an exchange, no selling of plants.



1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

Last Tuesday we had storyteller Janice Katumbwa with us to tell our students in grades PreK-5 about one of her favorite stories. She got our students up and moving and involved them throughout the entire process. There was lot's of singing, dancing, and acting from the part of our students on Tuesday morning. Our students seemed to have a blast! Thank you to Missouri River Regional Library for making this event possible for us again this year.

St. Francis Xavier School is looking for a few new members to join our team for the 2024-2025 school year! We are needing a preschool teacher and a preschool aide. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us next year, please email <a href="mailtobar@sfxtaos.com">itobar@sfxtaos.com</a> or call the school office (573) 395-4612 for more information.

Enrollment for our 2024-2025 Preschool and Kindergarten classes are open! If you or someone you know has a child that you would like to enroll for the upcoming school year please contact the school office for more information. You can also use the <a href="Preschool Enrollment Form">Preschool Enrollment Form</a> or the <a href="Kindergarten">Kindergarten</a> <a href="Enrollment Form">Enrollment Form</a> to reserve your spot today.

### **Upcoming School Events**

Wednesday, 4/17 - April B-Day Celebration Friday, 4/19 - Field Trip to the Capital, Grades 4/5 Wednesday, 4/24 - Field Trip to Stark Caverns, Grades 2/3 Thursday, 4/25 - Early Dismissal, Mommy Makeover, & Sketch Day

Friday, 4/26 - No School

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal jtobar@sfxtaos.com

St. Stanislaus: is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to fill the position of Parish Secretary. The Parish Secretary plays a crucial role in supporting the administrative functions of the parish and should have computer knowledge. This position is benefit eligible. This includes medical, dental and vision coverage along with a retirement plan and other voluntary benefits. This position also qualifies for paid time off. Please submit your resume to <a href="mailto:ststansec@socket.net">ststansec@socket.net</a>. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at

#### 2024 Easter Memorials

(573) 636-4925.

As we celebrate the new life Christ has won for us through His cross and resurrection, let us remember in our prayers the following faithful departed. They continue to be remembered by all who love them and we pray that they are enjoying the fullness of life with the Risen Savior. Thank you for all the Easter Flower Memorial contributions!

Eddie Eiken & Teri Eiken Michaelson





Co-ed: June 9-14 Boys: June 16-21

Girls: July 7-11

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July 14-19

July 21-26

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COST: Evening program is FREI



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

The Helias Catholic Marching Crusaders present the

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Helias Catholic Band Trivia Night



### Celebrate the 50's!

Date: Friday April 19th

Doors open at 5:15 PM; Trivia starts at 6 PM

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Questions? Contact heliasbandtrivis@gmail.com

Men of Signum Crucis: 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:

April 17th. Call Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088 for directions or more information.

K of C Council 2027 Chicken Dinner Drive Thru: Friday, April 19th, from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Serving Fried Chicken, Baked Potato, Green Beans, Cole Slaw & Roll. Loose Creek School \$14 per meal. Drive Thru Only!

#### Spring Craft & Vendor Event American Legion Aux #544:

**Saturday, April 20th** from 9-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall 819 Hwy 63 South, Westphalia, MO. Come shop with local vendors! Pork Burger Sale & Concessions Available! More info call Mary Lee Berhorst 573.645.9949.

Fried Chicken & Baked Ham Dinner (St. Aloysius, Argyle & St. Boniface Chapel, Koeltztown): Sunday, April 21 serving from 11-5:30 p.m. They will have country fried chicken, baked ham, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, coleslaw, applesauce and assorted desserts. Dine in or Drive Thru - \$15 per meal. Raffle and Country Store Available. St. Boniface Annex Building Located behind St. Boniface Church

Koeltztown, MO

Ever wonder why so many people are displaying Jesus I trust in you Divine Mercy images and signs in their yards, vehicles and businesses? Join Michael McGlinn for a talk on Divine Mercy Miracles and you will understand why this image is spreading like wildfire! Michael is an international award winning film producer, musician, founder of Sistine Films and Face of Mercy, speaker for Catholic Athletes for Christ, former lineman, husband and father. He is dedicated to promoting the message of Jesus, The Divine Mercy message, and helping people become confident in God's goodness. Michael has produced films all over the world and original soundtracks for Catholic film productions. He is also a music recording artist who has worked with legendary musicians from Gloria Estefan & the Miami Sound Machine, The Allman Brothers Band, John Tesh and Genesis, Michael was an offensive lineman under legendary coach Lou Holtz and played in all four major bowl games in consecutive years: Orange, Sugar, Cotton and Fiesta.

St. Joseph Catholic Church, Westphalia MO, **May 1st**, 6pm St. Stanislaus Catholic Church, Wardsville MO, **May 2nd**, 6pm

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CHRISTOPHER WEST



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Week 1: Apr 7 Elaine Callaway 690-8966

Kelly Talken, Peggy Talken, Kim Temmen, Elsie Thessen Jaclyn Thessen Week 2: Apr 14
Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748
& Elaine Ready 619-6803

Beverly Thessen, Angelia Thessen, Holly Thomas, Sheila Thomas, Chelsea Thompson Week 3: Apr 21 Jean Pinnell 694-2111

Nikki Timmerman, Megan Tobar, Linda Tobar, Shirley Toebben, Judy Tripp Week: 4 Apr 28 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154

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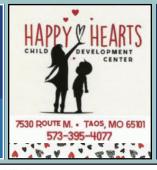


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