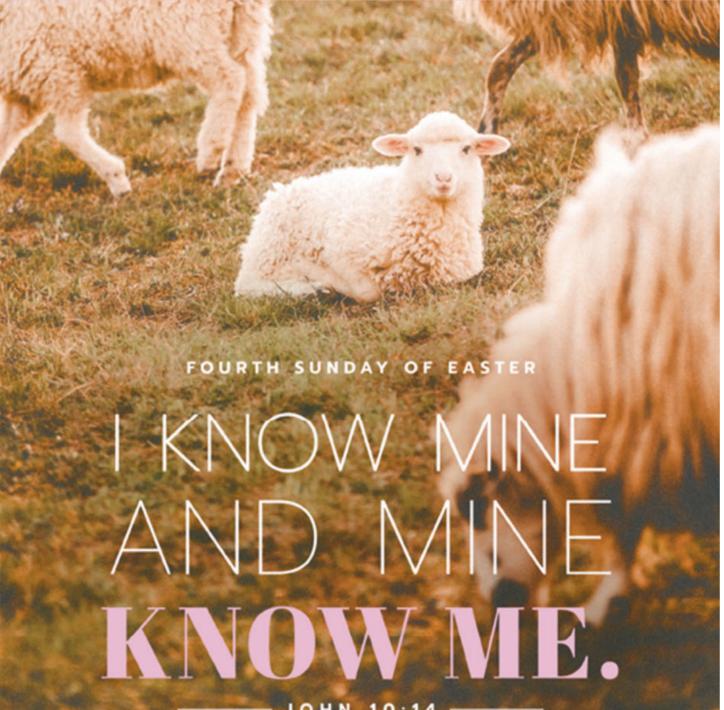
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SUNDAY, APRIL 21, 2024



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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!

Email: sfxchurch1@embarqmail.com
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Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302

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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

- 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 22nd: No Mass

Tuesday, Apr 23rd: 7:00 p.m. - No Mass Wednesday, Apr 24th: 7:45 a.m. - No Mass Thursday, Apr 25th: 7:45 a.m. - No Mass

Friday, Apr 26th:

7:45 a.m. - No Mass Saturday, Apr 27th:

5:00 p.m. - Paul & Margaret Forck and Jane Riddle

Sunday, Apr 28th:

8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish 10:00 a.m. - Jerry Luebbert

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

mark your Calendar

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

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

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

Apr 24 Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. K of C Hall

Apr 26 Spring Clean Up & Pick Up

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

May 4 May Anniversaries Celebrated at Masses

May 5 First Communion at the 10 a.m. Mass

May 6 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level

May 6 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall

May 7 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., May 9 after a.m. Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Apr 6 & 7 \$ 16,987.86 Apr 13 & 14 \$ 15,498.00 ACH \$ 29,371.00 \$ 61,856.86

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

 Goal thru Mar
 \$ 820,000.00

 Actual thru Mar
 \$ 767,843.76

 End of the Year
 \$ -52,156.24

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.**



Capital Campaign Envelopes

If you're needing envelopes to make a Capital Campaign payment we will have some labeled envelopes at both entrances of church. Please use these for your payment.

Liturgical Ministries			
Apr 27 & 28	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Shirley Woehr	Cara Sandbothe	Patty LeComte
	Debbie Backes	Ken Sandbothe	Tammy Sachse
	Sarah Boss	Shelle Sandbothe	Lisa Scheulen
	MB	MB	Linda Tobar
Lector	Jean Decker	Dan Sanning	Linda Distler
Ushers	John Bassett	Dan Sanning	DeWayne Sprenger
	Carol Forck	Josh Sandbothe	Jim Thessen
	Tony Forck	Carson Sanning	Steve Distler
	Art Greenbank	Tom Sanning	Andrea Forck
Servers	Ezra Yeager	Elle Kleffner	Aubrey Forck
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Audrey Verslues
Musicians	Hood & Forbis Family	Hoffmeyer & Branum	SFXCE



Please join us at an Open House on **Sunday, April 21**, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the SFX School Cafeteria to celebrate Shirley Ortbals' 97th birthday. Shirley was baptized at SFX and has been a member of the parish her entire life. She was joined in matrimony to Buddy Ortbals in 1946 and all four of their children were baptized in the church and attended the school. She is currently the oldest living member of SFX Parish!

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

4th Sunday of Easter: Recently I was with my little dog Libby at a retreat center in the Arizona desert. I sat in a chair near a ravine filled with shrubs. Unbeknownst to me, Libby wandered down there and disappeared. Suddenly an animal's wild shriek erupted from the area. Without thinking, I bolted down into the ravine fully expecting to see coyotes, javelinas, or rattlesnakes. I didn't care. I desperately wanted to get Libby out of there, without any self-regard. Before I could face whatever danger lay hidden, my dog blissfully trotted out from an entirely different area, utterly unaware that I had (quite heroically) just placed my life on the line.

When the adrenaline wore off, I thought to myself: how far would I have been willing to go to save her? I don't know. But I do know, if I had literally died, my friends and family would have certainly thought me insane for dying for a dog. No offense, Libby.

How passionately Jesus wants us to know him and his willingness to die for us! This week he says, "I know my own and my own know me," and "I lay down my life for the sheep." Here we encounter an insanely excessive love for us. Christianity is a relationship and not simply a religion or ethical code. In Jesus, God rescues and saves us. He laid down his life for you and me — and he has taken it up again. So often we are like Libby — blissfully ignorant of the reality of both our spiritual danger and his saving love. This Easter season, the risen Jesus calls us to be more conscious than ever before about his love. He never ceases to lay down his life for us. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

God's Spring Prayer

Spring is a breath of fresh air, cool — not cold, gentle — not bold. Its life sprouting up from the ground, the birds and insect sounds. A reminder of renewal, a marvel from You. Your gift to me is deserving of all the thanks and praise I can offer. Blessed are You, Creator of seasons.



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.



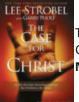
Join Father Kelechi and us on a National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO pilgrimage to the Monday, May 13th, 2024. We will be carpooling and leaving St. Francis at 5am.

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.



The **BOOK CLUB** will be reading the Case For Christ this Month. The next meeting will be **Monday, May 20th** at 5pm at the Parish Office.

Save the Date

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.



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Last week I had my Thursday full of meetings. After school I had a faculty meeting with my staff, where we kicked back and enjoyed one another's company while playing some fun staff trivia. Later that evening I had my School Advisory Council meeting where we discussed some of the great things taking place this time of year. I finished the night with a Parish Council meeting where we discussed all of the items taking place right now in our parish. I wanted to give a big shout out to my staff and all of the individuals on these councils for giving up their time and energy to help make our school and our parish successful. We are blessed to have such wonderful people leading our school and our community.

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 itobar@sfxtaos.com 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 Preschool Enrollment Form or the Kindergarten Enrollment Form to reserve your spot today.

Upcoming School Events

Wednesday, 4/24 - Field Trip to Stark Caverns 2/3 Grade, 1st Grade Presenting to the Lunch Bunch

Thursday, 4/25 - Early Dismissal, Mommy Makeover, & Sketch Day

Friday, 4/26 - No School

Wednesday, 5/1 - LIFE Runners, Vocation Day for 6th Grade Thursday, 5/2 - 8th Grade Mass @ St. Joseph Cathedral

Friday, 5/3 - 8th Grade Class Trip

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal

jtobar@sfxtaos.com

SEASONS OF HOPE



A free program designed for those suffering grief from the loss of a loved one. The Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter Grief Support Group offers to walk with you through your grief in a group or individual setting. New session will begin in April 2024 and will be held on Tuesdays at 6:15 pm. Start date April 30 - June 4, 2024. Please register by April 28, 2024.

Please call the Parish Office at (573) 636-8159 to reserve a spot in this Christ-centered, grief sharing group designed to help you cope with your grief experience.



GRADERS!

Join us on Sunday nights for dinner, games, faith talks, and fellowship with other teens!

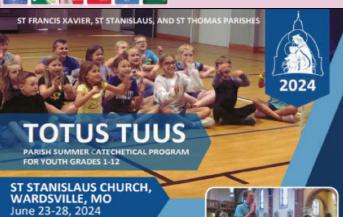
ST STANISLAUS PARISH CENTER

SUNDAY NIGHTS @7PM STARTING APRIL 21





Scrip will be sold in church every 1st and 3rd weekend except for Holiday weekends, then it will be the weekend after.



Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn

about the Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

DAY PROGRAM EVENING PROGRAM

- 8am 1:30pm
- Grades 1-6
- COST: \$25/child \$75 for 3 or more children
- · Monday Friday · Sunday Thursday
 - 6:30pm-8:00pm
 - Grades 7-12
 - COST: Evening program is FREE





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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

<u>El Puente Trivia Night</u>: Friday, May 3rd. Doors open at 6 p.m. Wear your best Wild West attire. Live Music, lots of fun, and Hispanic food. Cana Hall (Cathedral of St. Joseph) 2305 W. Main St. Jefferson City, MO 65109.



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Week 1: Apr 7	Week 2: Apr 14 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Apr 21	Week: 4 Apr 28
Elaine Callaway		Jean Pinnell	Sue Sandbothe
690-8966		694-2111	230-3154
Kelly Talken, Peggy Talken,	Beverly Thessen,	Nikki Timmerman,	Carla Trippensee,
Kim Temmen,	Angelia Thessen,	Megan Tobar, Linda Tobar,	Abbey Twehous, Linda
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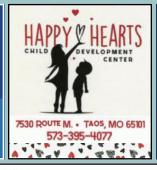


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