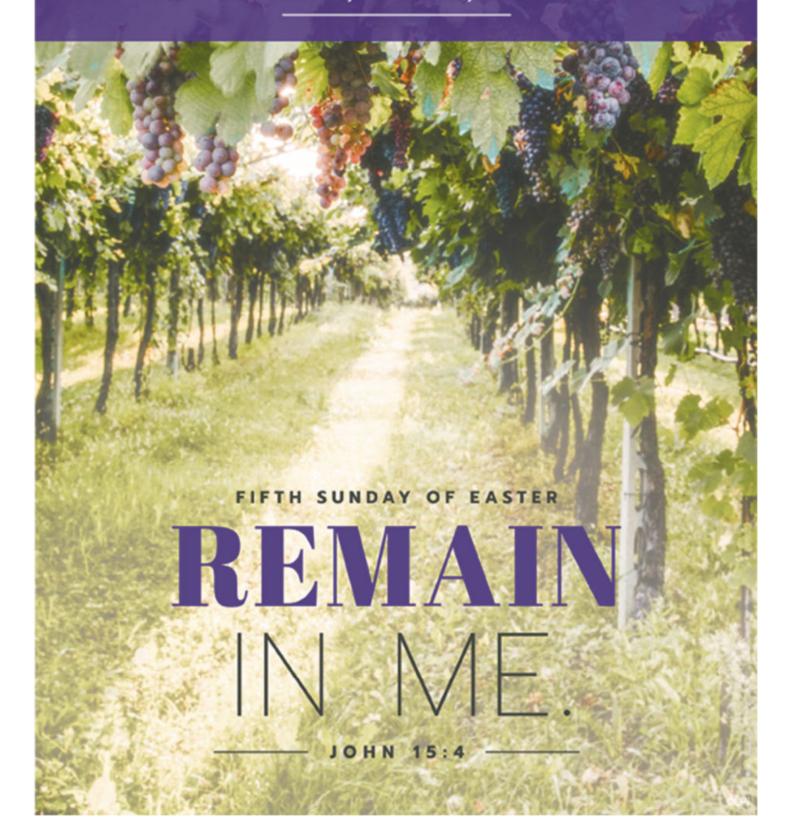
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SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2024



St. Francis Xavier Parish

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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!

Email: <u>sfxchurch1@embarqmail.com</u>
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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 a 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 29th: No Mass

Tuesday, Apr 30th: 7:00 p.m. - L&D of Andrew & Teresa Kloeppel, Jeron Sandbothe and Linda Forck

Wednesday, May 1st:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Vincent Eiken Family

Thursday, May 2nd:

7:45 a.m. - Ronnie Doggett

Friday, May 3rd:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Betty Stegeman Family

Saturday, May 4th:

5:00 p.m. - John & Rita Wolfe

Sunday, May 5th: First Communion @ 10am Mass

8:00 a.m. - Lucian, Laurine & Virginia Bias

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

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

May 8 Birthday Celebration at Mass

May 8 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall

May 9 8th Grade Graduation 7 p.m.

May 12 Happy Mother's Day

May 12 Coffee & Donuts

May 13 Trip to Perryville

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

Apr 6 & 7 \$ 16,987.86

Apr 13 & 14 \$ 15,498.00

Apr 20 & 21 \$ 12,758.10

ACH \$ 29,371.00

\$ 74,614.96

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

 Goal thru Mar
 \$ 820,000.00

 Actual thru Mar
 \$ 767,843.76

 End of the Year
 \$ -52,156.24

Please join us for our first Worship & Wine happy hour event on Saturday, May 18th following mass! Before heading to dinner, stop by the rectory lawn and enjoy a glass of wine and small bites. We will be offering four wine selections chosen by Matt Green from Bar Vino. Beer and water will also be available. (Please note, while this is an adult-focused event, children are welcome at parents' discretion). In case of inclement weather, an alternate location will be announced. Cheers!

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.

Litur	gical Ministries		
May 4 & 5	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Sandbothe	Shirley Toebben	First Communion Fam
	Jean Decker	Glenda Vanderfeltz	
	Mary Jane Forck	Debbie Borgmeyer	
	MB	Brenda Brenneke	MB
Lector	Ava Kleffner	Shelle Sandbothe	First Communion Fam
Ushers	Art Greenbank	Ron Talken	
	Tom Henke	Bill Vanderfeltz	First Communion Fam
	Rita Lipskoch	Wayne Verslues	
	Jo Lootens	Justin Wegman	
Servers	Elle Kleffner	Jackson Kerperin	Tyler Sandbothe
	Zoey Prenger	Volunteer Needed	1st Com. sibling
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Kathy & Cheryl	Hood & Forbis Family



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

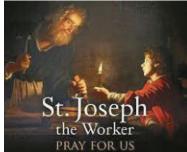
5th Sunday of Easter: My friend and fellow pastor, Father Paul, noticed unsightly, overgrown trees near his parish church. He asked the maintenance crew to cut back the growth, which they happily did, telling him the trees would be much healthier and even fuller after a good pruning. A few days later, Father Paul received a letter from an irate man in the neighborhood who wrote, "Jesus would never prune trees like that. He loves trees, unlike you."

I suspect that the neighbor was not familiar with this week's Gospel in which Jesus says of his Father, "He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit" (John 15:2) I don't mean to pick too much on that fellow. He was perhaps ignorant of arboriculture. But I'd wager his main confusion was the pruning and removing quality of God's love. That confusion afflicts us all to some degree, doesn't it? It is just so darn easy to react negatively when God cuts something out of our lives and assume it's not his work at all. In the moment, all we see is the loss, and not the loving desire for future flourishing.

The cross is the great pruning of Christ's body. Jesus' rising is the brand-new growth. It is God's promise to us that all the painful pruning in life is leading us somewhere beautiful. What has been cut back or out in your life? A friend, an opportunity, a sense of certainty, a job, health, a relationship? This week, offer those dry branches to the one who lovingly prunes us in order to make our lives burst with verdant growth. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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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.

The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization here in the parish and we are looking for new members. If you or someone you know is over 18 years old and a practicing

Catholic, you are eligible to join the Knights. Whether you are a man or woman, new to the parish, or have lived here your whole life, we would love to talk to you about the Knights of Columbus or the Knights of Columbus Ladies Aux. For more information, please contact: Grand Knight, Alan Cortvrient 573-619-3633 or Ladies Auxiliary President, or Debbie Borgmeyer 573-680-0716.



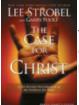
Join Father Kelechi and us on a National Shrine of the Miraculous Medal in Perryville, MO pilgrimage to the Monday, May 13th, 2024. We will be carpooling and leaving St. Francis at 5am.

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





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Our 2nd graders are busy preparing for their First Communion here in a week! Please keep them in your prayers as they prepare for this special sacrament in their lives. They are very excited about this big day when they get to receive Jesus for the first time! We are so proud of all of our 2nd graders and can't wait to celebrate with them on their big day next Sunday!

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 jtobar@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, 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 Monday, 5/6 - Jr. High Kickball @ Knights Tuesday, 5/7 - PreK Field Trip Wednesday, 5/8 - May/June B-Day Celebration Thursday, 5/9 - Graduation @ 7:00pm Tuesday, 5/14 - Play Day Wednesday, 5/15 - Last Day of School Blessings,

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

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

MidWest March For Life

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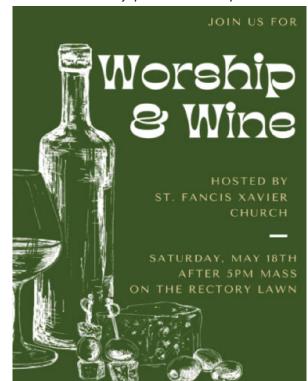
Fundraising lunch 11 am to 1 pm sponsored by Knights of Columbus • St. Peter Church • Fulton, MO

WEAR RED FOR LIFE!

El Puente Trivia Night: 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.

<u>"Visitation Parish in Vienna:</u> will be holding their Annual Spring Festival **Sunday, May 5**, from 11:00 AM to 5:30 PM at the Visitation Koerber KC Hall in Vienna. This will be a Full

Dine-In Service and Drive Through Carryout serving a 4-Piece Fried Chicken Dinner with Mashed Potatoes & Gravy, Corn, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Dessert for \$15. Activities include Country Store featuring live plants, hanging baskets, baked & canned goods, etc., Kettle Corn, Beer Garden, & Raffle. Please come out and enjoy a wonderful day with us."





WE NEED YOUR HELP!

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: May 5	Week 2: May 12 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: May 19	Week: 4 May 26
Elaine Callaway		Jean Pinnell	Sue Sandbothe
690-8966		694-2111	230-3154
Marsha Van Loo	Lisa Veltrop, Marilyn Verslues,	Karen Verslues,	Demitri Verslues,
Lauren Vanderfeltz, Glenda	Edith Verslues,	Kathy Verslues,	Patty Verslues,
Vanderfeltz, Mary Vaughan,	Donna Verslues,	Denise Verslues, Janet Verslues	Brenda Verslues (Wayne),
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