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SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER LIFTING UP HIS EYES TO HEAVEN, JESUS PRAYED. JOHN 17:1

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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;
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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 (Saturday 4:30 p.m., Sunday 7:30 & 9:30 a.m.)
- **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, May 13th: No Mass

Tuesday, May 14th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of Clayton & Jennifer Smith Family

Wednesday, May 15th:

9:30 a.m. - L&D of 8th Grade Class of 1958

Thursday, May 16th:

7:45 a.m. - Lawrence & Lillian Falter & Cole Forck

Friday, May 17th:

7:45 a.m. - Louis Eiken

Saturday, May 18th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Andrew & Teresa Kleppel, Jeron

Sandbothe and Linda Forck

Sunday, May 19th:

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

10:00 a.m. - L&D of Samuel Yancey & Sue Herzing

Families

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

inclement weather, an alternate location will be announced. Cheers!

mark your Calendar

May 12 Happy Mother's Day

May 12 Coffee & Donuts in the school cafeteria

May 13 Trip to Perryville

May 14 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., May 16 after a.m. Mass

May 18 Graduation Mass 5 p.m.

May 18 Wine & Cheese after 5 p.m. Mass

May 18 & 19 Voting for Parish Council & School Board

May 20 Contemporary Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

May 26 Last Mass at SFX church until construction is done

June 1 & 2 Mass will be in the school gymnasium

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

May 4 & 5 \$ 18,513.68 ACH \$ 28,471.00 \$ 46,984.68

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

 Goal thru Apr
 \$ 902,000.00

 Actual thru Apr
 \$ 855,932.72

 End of the Year
 \$ -46,067.28



Married in Christ: Jammie Sandbothe & Michael Bardwell were married in our church on Saturday, May 4th, 2024

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

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				
May 18 & 19	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Backes	Dennis Forck	Linda Distler	
	Sarah Boss	Gerard Forck	Laurie Herzing	
	Jean Decker	Rhonda Rackers	Nick Rackers	
	Jean Pinnell	Cara Sandbothe	Lisa Scheulen	
Lector	Sue Sandbothe	Glenda Vanderfeltz	Kathy Rackers	
Ushers	Art Greenbank	Joe Otto	Robin Reinkemeyer	
	Tom Henke	Nyla Cartmell	Ross Reinkemeyer	
	Rita Lipskoch	Andi Riley	Rob Sachse	
	Jo Lootens	Taylor Riley	Tammy Sachse	
Servers	Zoey Prenger	Nate Verslues	Julia Reinke	
	Bode Wilde	Riley Verslues	Volunteer Needed	
Musicians	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Kathy & Cheryl	Katnik	



would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and support during this difficult time. We are grateful for all of the help and to those that brought and served the food for the memorial gathering. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are much appreciated by the entire family.

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

7th Sunday of Easter: A few months ago, I had the singular privilege of a private meeting with Pope Francis. We were a small group of pastors, composed largely of non-Catholics. The Holy Father wished to discuss our work for Christian unity. The phrase I remember him saying with greatest frequency was: *Tutti dentro*. It means, "Everyone in." He clearly wanted us to emphasize that the Church is made for the whole human race, not a select few. At the center of his concern was unity. We are all brothers and sisters, he said multiple times. The Church's primary longing is for everyone to join Her.

This longing is at the heart of this Ascension feast day. We hear the longest recorded prayer of the one whom Pope Francis represents. Jesus' concern is unity, praying to the Father, "that they may be one, even as we are one" (John 17:11). The deep unity of all people in Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit is what Jesus most desires. It is what he ascends to accomplish.

Do we have this same burning desire in our hearts, too? Or do we see Christian unity as an unrealizable dream? Or worse, as something that threatens our own narrow tribal interests? This feast is a wonderful time to consider our attitude toward Christian unity, and to commit to do whatever we can to foster it. It is the Pope's desire because it is that of Jesus — and it should be ours, too. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

Mother's Day

Coffee and pastries May 12 in the cafeteria after Masses



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.







Volunteers Needed for LifeTeen Meals

Every Sunday night at our LifeTeen program for high schoolers, teens share a meal together before engaging in the nights activities of fun, faith, and fellowship. We would like to invite our parishioners to volunteer to provide the meals on Sunday nights as a way for the parish to share Christ's love with our teens. If you would like to provide a meal for LifeTeen, please sign up by scanning the QR code below, or by emailing Abby to ststandre@ststan. **net.** Of course, your prayers for the teens and LifeTeen leaders are always appreciated as well! Thank you so much for supporting this ministry!











At the end of my 5th year as principal of St. Francis Xavier School there is one word that comes to mind, BLESSED. Blessed to get to lead a school with such outstanding young children who come ready to learn and have fun each day. Blessed to have such a wonderful faculty and staff who do what it takes to give the students a positive learning environment. Blessed to have a wonderful group of parents who are supportive of the great things taking place at St. Francis Xavier. Blessed to be part of a community that has supported our school for so many years because they understand that we are raising the future of their parish! I am truly blessed, and maybe a little biased, but I know that St. Francis Xavier is a special place because of the people that are part of it. Thank you all for another year of support for our parish, our school, and our students. We truly appreciate all that you do for our school and please know that we couldn't do it without you!

This is always a tough time of year when we have to say good-bye to some of our outstanding students and staff members. Our 8th graders graduated this past Thursday and we are going to miss having them around our school dearly. We are also saying goodbye to a few of our staff members who have poured their hearts and souls into our school during their time at S.F.X. To Mrs. Barb, Mrs. Pleus, Mrs. Rehmert, and Mrs. Grothoff: you will be greatly missed next year but we wish you the best of luck in your new adventures! Thank you for giving up your time and talents to help make our school a better place during your time with us!

This **Wednesday, May 15th** is the last day of the 2023-2024 school year. The day will be one full of events with our Preschool Graduation taking place in the gym at 8:30am. At 9:30am we will have mass with Fr. Kelechi. Following mass will be our promotion ceremony with dismissal immediately following.

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

Tuesday, 5/14 - Play Day Wednesday, 5/15 - Last Day of School

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal jtobar@sfxtaos.com

I trust in God, so why should I be afraid?

Psalm 56:4

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Capital Campaign Necessitates Changes!

Please be aware that there will be significant changes coming due to work performed for the Capital Campaign.

Please make sure you stay informed by checking the bulletin, website and or Facebook.

- Thank you to all who have generously participated in the capital campaign to date.
- The last weekend of Masses in church will be Memorial Day weekend (Sunday, May 26th).
- Church will still be available for Mass on Memorial Day (Monday, May 27th) should it rain and need to be moved inside.
- Starting Tuesday, May 28 church will be unavailable to all until all work is done or a separate announcement is made.
- The following weekend June 1 & 2 Masses will be in the school gymnasium.
- Please allow anyone with mobility issues to use the lower parking lot so they can easily access the entrance to the hallway leading to the gym. Anyone who is able to maneuver the steps leading down to the playground/ parking lot please park on the street or in the church parking lot.
- Please remember to be patient and understanding during this time. These changes will be new and different for all. We are doing the best we can with what we have available to us and it may not always be perfect, so be gracious.
- Any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office 395-4401.



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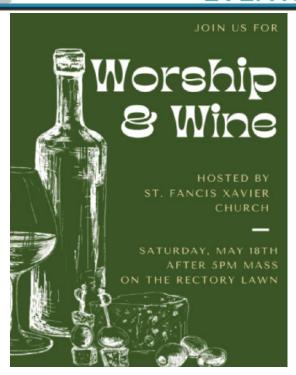








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The Knights of Columbus is a Catholic organization here in the parish and we are looking for new members. If you or someone you know is over 18 years old and a practicing Catholic, you are eligible to join the Knights.

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.



Boys: June 16-21 **REGISTRATION OPENS FEBRUARY 15** Girls: July 7-11





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: May 5 Elaine Callawa 690-8966	y Debbie B	eek 2: May 12 Sorgmeyer 680-9748 ne Ready 619-6803	Week 3: May 19 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week: 4 May 26 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	
Marsha Van Lo Lauren Vanderfeltz, O Vanderfeltz, Mary Va Charlene Veltro	Glenda Eo ughan, Do	op, Marilyn Verslues, dith Verslues, onna Verslues, acie Verslues	Karen Verslues, Kathy Verslues, Denise Verslues, Janet Verslues Brenda Verslues	Demitri Verslues, Patty Verslues, Brenda Verslues (Wayne), Sharon Vieth, Elizabeth Vieth	



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