

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

WHOEVER
BELIEVES HAS
ETERNAL LIFE.

— JOHN 6:47 —

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 11, 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 (2024-25): Steve LePage, President 338-3909;
Randy Kempker, Vice President 619-8230; Maureen LeRoy, Secretary 694-4487;
Jean Decker, Social Concerns 619-0282; Lacy Green 680-2321; Cindy Luebbering 291-2625;
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Wendy Sullivan 353-2191; 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

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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 (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.



Mass Intentions

“For a greater respect for the dignity of each and every human life in all public policies.”

Monday, Aug 12th: No Mass

Tuesday, Aug 13th:

7:00 p.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, Aug 14th: The Assumption of Mary

7:45 a.m. - No Mass

7:00 p.m. - William Hake & Leonard Forck Families

Thursday, Aug 15th: The Assumption of Mary

7:45 a.m. - People of the Parish

Friday, Aug 16th:

7:45 a.m. - No Mass

Saturday, Aug 17th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Raymond & Virginia Sandbothe Fam.

Sunday, Aug 18th:

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

10:00 a.m. - L&D of Joseph A. & Barbara Rackers Family

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



Please keep Fr. Penn and Cynthia Forck in your prayers and pray that each day that God will give them strength, determination, and healing.

Fall Super: If anyone can help us by donating turnips or sweet potatoes for the Fall Supper in November, please contact Brian and Emily Talken or Cecilia at the parish office. **Thank You!**



Dear Parishioners:
Please prayerfully consider giving of your time to coordinate removal of all church items from the gym after the 10am mass each Sunday during construction. This will begin on Sunday, August 18 through completion of our church renovations. It will not be required for you to be in person every Sunday, but rather to coordinate the effort.
It is expected that the removal of all items from the gym will take approximately 30 minutes. All items will be moved to closet space within the gym.
Once we have a coordinator, we will look to seek additional help for each weekend. This could be a great opportunity for a student seeking service hours.
Please reach out to **Eric Bernskoetter** (573-680-1945) if you are interested in helping, or if you have any questions.

mark your Calendar

- Aug 12 **Welcome Back To School Barbeque**
- Aug 14 **First Day of School**
- Aug 14 **Women’s Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Commons Rm**
- Aug 14 **Solemnity of the Assumption 7 p.m. Mass**
- Aug 15 **Solemnity of the Assumption 7:45 a.m. Mass**
- Aug 21 **Women’s Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Commons Rm**
- Aug 24 **Pilgrimage to Assumption Parish, Cedron, MO**
- Aug 28 **Women’s Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Commons Rm**
- Aug 31 **Liturgical Training at Our Lady of Lourdes, Columbia**

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

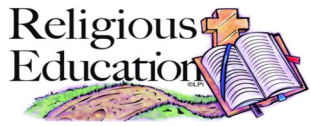
Goal for July	\$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)
July 6 & 7	\$ 12,058.00
July 13 & 14	\$ 9,916.00
July 20 & 21	\$ 11,692.00
July 27 & 28	\$ 16,478.50
ACH	\$ 28,611.00
	\$ 78,755.50

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

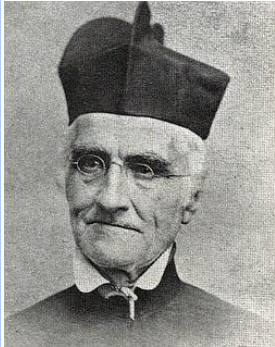
Goal thru June	\$ 1,066,000.00
Actual thru June	\$ 1,015,857.95
End of the Year	\$ -50,142.05

Liturgical Ministries			
Aug 17 & 18	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Lisa Berendzen Mary Jane Forck Jean Pinnell MB	Cara Sandbothe Josh Sandbothe Shirley Toebben MB	Lisa Scheulen Linda Tobar Michael Winkler MB
Lector	Jean Decker	Wayne Verslues	Kathy Rackers
Ushers	Art Greenbank Tom Henke Rita Lipskoch Joe Lootens	Carson Sanning Tom Sanning Justin Wegman Tom Wieberg	Robin Reinkemeyer Ross Reinkemeyer DeWayne Sprenger Jim Thessen
Servers	Zoey Prenger Elle Kleffner	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed
Musicians	Kathy & Cheryl	Jackie & Adult Choir	SFXCE

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



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



Rev. F. M. Helias van D'Huddghem, S. J.
1796-1874
Pastor at Taos 1838-1974
Founder of Parishes
Taos, St. Thomas.
Loose Creek,
Westphalia, Jefferson City,
Rich Fountain, & Cedron

Prayer

We adore you O Lord, and we thank you for the apostolic zeal which filled the heart of your Missionary, Father Helias, and assisted him to spread the Faith in central Missouri. Grant that we may imitate His love of You, his devotion to our Blessed Mother, his obedience to the church, and his zeal for souls.

Let it be Your holy Will to glorify your faithful servant even on earth. As we pray for his intercession, grant us the graces that we need for both body and soul. This we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, Who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, world without end.

Amen

Fr. Helias' Anniversary



Mass for Father Helias' 150th Anniversary of Death
August 11th at the
10:00 a.m. Mass

There will be a reception after Mass.

Shirts to commemorate the **150th Anniversary of Father Helias's Death** are here!!!
To order, contact Cathy Singer at reled@sfxtaos.com or text 573-690-1491 with name and size(s).



Commemorative Shirts
\$10

Honoring the "Apostle of Central MO"

August 11 marks the 150th anniversary of the death of Father Ferdinand Helias, a remarkable man, with great passion and zeal for helping bring the Word of God to us here in central MO. If you recall, in an earlier article I told of how Fr. Helias died as he was going out to ring the evening Angeles bell. When his neighbors didn't hear the bell ringing they went to check on him and found him dead in the churchyard of an apparent stroke. The date was August 11, 1874, Fr. Helias was 78 years old. He had given 36 years of his life to the people of this area.

Highlights of the life of Father Helias

- Father Helias was born on Aug. 4, 1796 in Ghent, Belgium.
- He was ordained a Jesuit priest on June 5, 1825 at the age of 29.
- His dream to become a Catholic missionary in America came true for him in 1833 when his Jesuit superiors in Europe sent him to America. He spent time in Maryland, Pennsylvania & was finally sent to Missouri where he taught at the Jesuit University & ministered to the German Catholics in St. Louis.
- In 1838 he was sent by Bishop Rosati of St Louis to the wilds of central MO to establish a Catholic Mission with Westphalia as its headquarters.
- Father Helias visited 11 counties in central MO, starting over 20 Catholic Missions.
- From 1838-1845, he established 7 Catholic parishes in central MO. Parishes in Westphalia, Taos, Rich Fountain, Jefferson City-St. Peters, Cedron, Loose Creek and St. Thomas were all founded by Fr. Helias.
- In 1842, Father Helias made St. Francis Xavier his home parish. He continued to travel and administer to other parishes until the mid 1840's when more priests became available.
- Father Helias spent the rest of his years as the pastor of St. Francis as well as continuing to visit other missions that he had founded.
- His death in 1874, was mourned by many people throughout the central MO area. He was beloved by both Catholics and non-Catholics alike and his funeral was largely attended.
- Fr. Helias was buried in the old Taos cemetery until 1964 when a more fitting memorial was made for him. Under the direction of Dulle Funeral Home, his body was exhumed and then re-entombed in the vestibule of SFX church on Memorial Day in 1964.
- Many other parishes along with the Helias Council of the Knights of Columbus helped to defray the cost of this beautiful memorial.

- In 1974, 100 years after Fr. Helias' death, a centennial celebration took place in our parish to honor this great priest for his spiritual commitment, bravery and determination to bring the Catholic faith to central MO. A memorial in the side yard of the SFX church was erected and then dedicated at this celebration on the spot where most believed he died as he went to ring the Angelus bell on the evening of Aug. 11, 1874.

SFX parish is proud to share Fr. Helias' life and legacy with others in the diocese. We can still feel his presence today as he watches over us and reminds us of the importance of being part of a strong Catholic community. **A special Mass in honor of Fr. Helias will be held on Sun. 8/11 at the 10:00 Mass on the 150 anniversary of his death.**

(Written by Kathy Rackers of the Museum Committee with information taken from the History of SFX Church 1838-1988 and the Father Helias Centennial Book .)



1 Faith
1 Family
1 SFX

Tomorrow night, **Monday, August 12th** we will be having our third annual Back to School Family Night! We will be serving hot dogs and chips for all school families who attend this event. This is a great opportunity for parents to get a few minutes to meet and to chat with their children's teachers. Hope to see you all there.

Volunteers Needed: If you are looking for an opportunity to volunteer with the kids, we would love to welcome you into our school building. We have a few new volunteer opportunities planned this year so be on the lookout for more information coming soon! If you are interested in volunteering in any way please contact Mr. Tobar.

This Wednesday we get to welcome back our students and staff for the 2024-2025 academic year. It is with great excitement and anticipation that we open our doors to our wonderful students and our hard-working staff. We are excited for you, the S.F.X. parish community to be on this journey with our school, and we are so grateful for your loving support and your generosity. May this year be filled with learning, faith, and the blessings of togetherness as we strive to help our students on their journeys to becoming Christ-centered learners, leaders, and stewards.

Coming Up at S.F.X.

- **Monday, 8/12** - Back to School Family Night
 - **Wednesday, 8/14** - 1st Day of School
 - **Monday, 9/2** - No School (Labor Day)
 - **Wednesday, 9/4** - Life Runners

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal
jtobar@sfxtaos.com



OCIA, formally RCIA will start this fall. If you or someone you know is interested in learning about

our Catholic Faith, we would love to have you come and explore with us. Registration forms are available on our website or at the "church" entrance to school.



SFX WOMEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY:

Join the women of the parish on

Wednesday, Aug. 14th for Bible Study discussing the Bible & The Virgin Mary. We will meet

Wednesdays in the Commons Room at School from 5:30-6:30 p.m. **No Bible Study on Sept. 4th.**

Want more info contact Sarah Boss at (573) 821-2395 or email sarahbeth1125@gmail.com.



Opening Mass and Meet & Greet
Wednesday, September 4th at 7:00 p.m.



Pilgrimage of Churches Founded by Fr. Helias Assumption Parish, Cedron, MO

We will celebrate Mass on
Saturday, August 24th @ 4 p.m.

Assumption was one of Fr. Ferdinand Helias' original 7 parishes and was closed in the 1990's. It is now under the care of Annunciation Parish in California and only offers Mass twice a year. It will be the second parish we visit on our pilgrimage of visiting Father Helias's churches.

The Catholic parishes of the Jefferson City area sponsor an on-going grief support program for those who have lost a loved one. **'Seasons of Hope'** is a unique program that invites those who mourn to accompany one another to meet Christ through scripture, prayer and reflection with the aim of offering comfort and aid in fostering healing and spiritual growth. The program is offered at both St. Martin and St. Peter parishes.

St. Martin's next session will begin **Wednesday, September 4** at 2pm. The sessions will be held in the church basement. **St. Peter's** next session will begin on **Tuesday, October 3** at 6:15pm and sessions will be held in the Fr. Ahrens room. For more information and to register for the sessions, please contact St. Martin parish office 573/893-2923 or St. Peter parish office 573/636-8159.

upcomingEVENTS

Sacred Heart Parish Picnic (Rich Fountain, MO): Sunday, Aug. 11th. Serving all you can eat buffet style and carry-outs from 11-7 p.m. Adults (\$16), Kids ages 5-10 (\$10) and under 4 (Free). Raffle, 50/50, Kiddie Tractor Pull 4 p.m., & Quilt Auction at 6 p.m. Feel free to bring a chair and quilts will be on display at church until 5 p.m.



St. Thomas Parish Picnic (St. Thomas, MO): Sunday, Aug. 18th. Serving cafeteria style from 11-7p.m. Carry-Outs and Drive Thru. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$7) and 5 & Under (Free). Kiddie tractor pull 3-4:30 p.m. Hope to see you there!

“What we need isn’t to create good self-images for everyone but to believe that everyone is created in God’s image.”

SCOTT HAHN
A Father Who Keeps His Promises

 DynamicCatholic.com

Overwhelmed, looking for the Calm in Life? Would you like some tools to cultivate a growing faith in yourself and your family? Would you like to commit some time now, to be able to instill the faith to your children, to share God’s Love and Joy to all those in your circle of life? CURSILLO begins with a weekend where Catholic men or women gather, led by a team of trained laity and a Priest/Deacon/Religious member. Daily Mass, Reconciliation, short talks and fellowship are major elements of the Weekend. If you are interested in making your Weekend, reach out to anyone in the Cursillo movement or contact Lisa Berendzen Parish Rep. at lisaberendzen@gmail.com / 573-694-4917 or Becky Sander, Diocesan Rep at jeffcity.diocese.cursillo@gmail.com / 573-808-3758. **Upcoming Cursillo Weekends:**

Men’s: September 19-22, 2024 Edina, MO; June 5-8, 2025, Columbia, MO **Women’s:** October 10-13, 2024 Edina, MO; June 12-15, 2025, Columbia, MO

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish: You are invited to join the Men of Signum Crucis at our next gathering, which begins at 6:30 p.m. on **Wednesday, August 21**, at **Helias Catholic High School**. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. Our topic this month is “Catholicism and the Culture,” presented by Mark Rehagen. Come to learn how to deal with and lead your families through the shifting culture. 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 many challenges of our day. For more information, contact Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.

Liturgical Ministries Training

Hosted by The Diocesan Liturgical Commission

August 31, 2024

Our Lady of Lourdes
903 Bernadette Dr.
Columbia, MO

Gather in the Church @ 9:40 am



10:00 am Welcome and Prayer

10:05 am Keynote by Fr. Dan

- What is Liturgy?
- What are the postures used during the Liturgy and when?
- What does it mean to be a minister of the Liturgy?

10:30 am Breakout Sessions

- Lectors
- Sacristans
- Musicians
- EMHCs
(VIRTUS trainer available throughout)

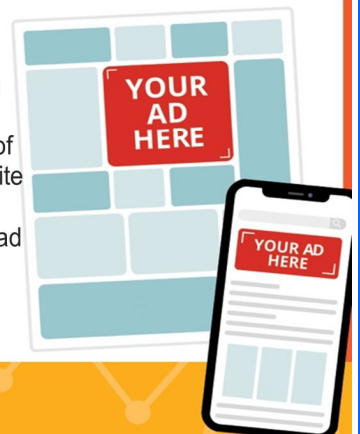
12:00 pm Sharing of the Wealth & Questions


12:15 pm Closing Prayer

AVAILABLE NOW! PRINT & DIGITAL AD SPACES

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Cami Fox from LPi, our bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our church in the coming weeks. As a valuable member of the business community, we invite you to expand your reach and grow your business with a print ad in our parish bulletin and/or a digital ad featured on ParishesOnline.com.



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