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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1, 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!

NEW Email: info@sfxtaos.com

Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church & St. Francis Xavier Parish Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302 Parish Website: www.sfxtaos.com

Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002) 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 (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; Russell Richter 291-3745; Tom Sanning 694-1241; Stacy Strope 291-4323; 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 Jordan Tobar - Principal Email: jtobar@sfxtaos.com 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.
- The 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, Sept 2nd: No Mass Tuesday, Sept 3rd:

7:00 p.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, Sept 4th: PSR Opening Mass 7:45 a.m. - L&D of Alvin & Ester Talken 7:00 p.m. - L&D of Fred & Mary Jane Henke

Thursday, Sept 5th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Clarence & Gisina Stegeman Friday, Sept 6th:

7:45 a.m. - Herman & Wilma Grothoff

Saturday, Sept 7th:

5:00 p.m. –Alfred Mengwasser

Sunday, Sept 8th:

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

The family of Joe Heet would like to thank all those who showed an outpouring of love for us during this most difficult time. Those who visited, prayed for us, brought food, worked the luncheon, participated in the mass, shared memories of Joe, or were pallbearers we thank you for your kindness.

The Heet's - Katie, Daryl and Mary, Jeff, Cheryl and Hudson

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Sept 2 Happy Labor Day! Sept 3 Diocese Deanery Meeting 6:30 p.m. Sept 4 Opening Mass & Meet & Greet for PSR 7 p.m. Sept 4 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall Sept 6 Adoration Sept 6 Mum Pick up at church 3-6 p.m. Sept 7 September Anniversary Blessings at Masses Sept 8 Confirmation Swim Party Sept 9 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level Sept 11 Women's Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Commons Rm Sept 11 Home & School Mtg. 6:30 p.m. in School Cafeteria Sept 11 Confirmation Meeting after Home & School

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Aug	\$	82,000.00 (4 Sundays)		
Aug 3 & 4	\$	15,694.00		
Aug 10 & 11	\$	9,654.00		
Aug 17 & 18	\$	9,111.00		
Aug 24 & 25	\$	14,735.00		
ACH	<u>\$</u>	27,771.00		
	\$	762965.00		

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024

Goal thru July	\$ 82,000.00
Actual thru July	\$ 62,230.00
End of the Year	\$ -62,148.00

St. Francis Xavier parishioners are very generous-both of their talents and financially. You are appreciated! Please remember to write a separate check for anything outside of Sunday giving i.e. Samaritan Center, St. Ann's, Candles, etc. Thank you as this makes processing of your financial gifts easier.

Litur	gical Ministries			- P-P.I
Sept 7 & 8	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	Thank you
Eucharistic Ministers	S S	Glenda Vanderfeltz	Lisa Scheulen Cathy Singer Brian Werdehausen Cindy Werdehausen	The family of Delphine Wolken would like to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers and support at the recent passing of our mom. We are grateful for all the help, and want to say thank you to all those that brought food and served during the memorial luncheon. Your thoughtfulness and generosity are greatly appreciated by the entire family.
Lector Ushers	Art Greenbank Jo Lootens	Penne Eiken Ron Talken Bill Vanderfeltz Wayne Verslues	Stephanie Cortvrient Rob Sachse Tammy Sachse DeWayne Sprenger Jim Singer	
Servers Musicians		Gabby Sandbothe Libby Sandbothe Kathy & Cheryl	Volunteer Needed Volunteer Needed Katnik	

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

<u>22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>: Purity isn't popular at the moment. Or is it? Look at a rack of health magazines or at popular podcasts. You'll see an infinite ocean of regulations and rituals of diets, intermittent fasting, morning sun rituals, intense juice detox practices, lists of dangerous foods, mental practices, as well as long lists of dos and don'ts for the proper cleaning of clothes, dishes, cars, houses, pets, and children. Like it or not, we long to be pure, clean, and without blemish.

This question of purity haunted people in Jesus' day, too. The Pharisees and scribes (the leading purity authorities of the day) criticize Jesus, asking, "Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?" (Mark 7:5). Jesus responds by saying, "There is nothing outside the person that can defile him if it goes into him; but the things that come out of the person are what defile the person" (Mark 7:15). What does he mean, and how can it help us be pure?

We've probably all heard the somewhat shopworn interpretation that Jesus replaces the ritual, exterior notion of purity with a moral, interior one. Christianity is thus seen as a kind of moral re-tooling, as if religion doesn't make us pure. Good moral intentions do. But this doesn't take the rest of Jesus' ministry seriously enough, nor our obsession with purity. The better reading is that Jesus audaciously offers himself as the ultimate source of human purity — from *within* each human heart. Both our religious ritual practices and our moral actions are meant to flow from this encounter with Jesus the Lord. When we are in friendship with him, everything becomes pure for us. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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

LABOR DAY POUR OUT AGAIN YOUR BLESSING AND STRENGTH ON ALL WHO WORK TO MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR OTHERS TO HAVE A BETTER LIFE!

LORD, THIS





SFX WOMEN'S GROUP BIBLE STUDY:

Join the women of the parish on Wednesday, Sept. 11th 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.



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.

OCIA SPONSORS

We are looking for sponsors for our OCIA. Each OCIA inquirer should be given a sponsor from the parish to walk with them through the OCIA process. The sponsor is there to help the inquirer "become familiar with the practice of the Christian life." This person is not necessarily the godparent for Confirmation. If interested, please contact Cathy Singer at the parish office. We would love to have a mixture of married, single, parents, ages etc. to be able to offer the inquirer someone that will be comfortable with.



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



Calling all confirmation candidates to come and get to know each other at a pool party on **Sunday, September 8th** from 2-4pm at the home of Haze and Leah Wright 6515 Helias Drive.



Mary & Elizabeth Group

The Mary & Elizabeth Group was active in our parish before Covid. We have had interest in bringing it back. The goal of the group is to recognize and support motherhood in our parish and to celebrate the feast days of our Mother Mary. Here are some of the things they did in the past. * Placing

flowers at Mary's statue on feast days * Passing out muffins to Moms on Mother's Day * Holding a bunco party for Mother's night out *Providing cards for baptisms.

Please join us for an informational meeting on Monday, September 23rd @ 7 p.m. in the Commons Room at School



Please keep Fr. Penn, Cynthia Forck and Grant

Lamb in your prayers and pray that each day that God will give them strength, determination, and healing.



ONLINE SILENT AUCTION...Be on the lookout for more detailed information regarding our 2nd annual S.F.X. Online Silent Auction. Tentative dates for the auction are Nov. 3rd-Nov. 9th. We are still looking for items to put in the online auction, especially items such as sports/event/concert tickets and Airbnb stays. Here's to an amazing 2nd auction!

Tiger Tuesdays kicks off this week. Any parents, grandparents, or parishioners are welcome to sign up for a Tuesday morning to greet our students as they come into the school building. This is a great way to help get our students' day started out on a positive note and with a big smile. If you are interested in helping out please sign up using the link below! https://forms.gle/C5M2bKNRmP9po2hg6

Coming Up at S.F.X.

- Monday, 9/2 No School (Labor Dav)
 - Wednesday, 9/4 Life Runners
 - Friday 9/6 Mum Pick Up
- Wednesday 9/11 Home & School Meeting 6:30pm
- Thursday 9/12 Picture Day, Faculty Meeting, & School Advisory Council Meeting
 - Friday 9/13 Progress Reports
 - Friday 9/20 Grandparents Day

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



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, Ross Temmen 573-619-6568 or Ladies Auxiliary President, or Linda Distler 573-680-4959.



Can you believe that Summer is waning and Fall schedules are on the horizon. Seasons

come and go, but the love of the Lord remains. Our focus must be to remain in His love through daily prayer and deepening our knowledge of our Faith. Covenant Network Catholic radio can help in our struggle to stay focused. Our excellent programming will remind you daily of the things that really matter in life. Come pray with us and learn more about our Catholic Faith by tuning into KHJR 88.1 FM, or listen anytime on our **Covenant Network app** or at OurCatholicRadio.org.

St. Francis Xavier Church Taos, MO

LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB

Growing Holier, One Virtue at a Time

Who Are We?

A social group for the Catholic girl who wants to learn more!

- All girls in grades K-8 are welcome to join us.
- We look deeper into our Catholic faith by learning about the virtues & finding out how to apply these teachings into our daily life.
- We do this with games, music & crafts. It is \$25 for the year.
- We meet once a month & learn about a new female saint to go with our virtue.
- We complete tasks at home to earn a patch to place on our sash.
- We comlete at least one service project as a group per year.
- Our first meeting will be September 22nd from 1-3pm in the school meeting room next to aftercare. Our meetings end in May.



We are starting our third year soon, come check us out! Contact Lisa Reinke at 573.261.0242 to learn more!

JEFFERSON CITY, MO - Amendment 3, which will appear on Missouri's November 2024 ballot, is an extreme constitutional amendment that legalizes abortion at any stage of pregnancy with no protections for the preborn child, even when the child is capable of feeling pain. The amendment would effectively repeal long-standing health and safety standards for women. These include basic health and safety requirements for clinics where abortions are performed, requiring a physician to perform abortions, informed consent requirements, laws prohibiting public funding of abortion, and parental consent requirements before a minor's abortion.

JOIN US FOR

HOSTED BY CHURCH

TURDAY, OCTOBER 12TH AFTER 5PM MASS SCHOOL PARKING LOT (LOWER LEVEL, WEATHER PERMITTING)

Worship & Wing

upcoming

Our Lady of Snows Mary's Home Parish Picnic: Sunday, Sept. 1st serving from 11-7p.m. Fried Chicken & (Gluten Free) Roast Beef Dinner. Adults (\$15), Children 6-12 (\$7) and 5 yrs & Under (Free). All you can eat served cafeteria style. Carry-out Meals available.

<u>St. Anthony of Padua Fall Festival (Folk, MO)</u>: Sunday, Sept. 8th from 11-6pm. Serving Roast Beef & Whole Hog Sausage Dinners. Drive Thru & Carry-outs. Meals \$16 each. Classic Car Cruise-In 11-6:30pm, Raffle drawing 6:30pm (\$1,000 First Prize), Shooting Match starting at 12pm, and Quilt and Pie Auction at 5pm.

Join

Sterling Jaquith Author of Catholic Mom Calm and Barb Prasad

Ministry on the Move!

Women's Ministry



We are coming to parishes near you



Dates:

Sept. 5–St. Patrick Parish Laurie, MO at 10:00 am Sept. 6– St. Martin Parish Jefferson City, MO at 6:30 pm Sept. 7– Mary Immaculate Parish Kirksville, MO 10:00 am Sept. 8– St. Joseph Parish Salisbury, MO 11:30 am

For full details go to: diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-upcoming-events/

10 ANNUAL NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE FOR ABORTED

CHILDREN: Please mark your calendar to join us at 9 am for Holy Mass celebrated by Fr Chris Cordes at St Andrew Parish, 400 St Andrew in Holts Summit on **Saturday, September 14**, to honor the memory of those children lost to abortion. At 9:45 am, we will process to the Memorial Stone in front of the Church for a memorial service, with each participant placing a flower on the memorial stone. Flowers will be provided, and light refreshments will follow. For more details, Kathy Forck at 573 821 5130 or <u>Kathy@midwest</u> marchforlife.com

St. Louis of France Parish Fall Festival (Bonnots Mill, MO): Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Bonnots Mill Parish Hall serving from 12-6 p.m. Fried Chicken & Bone-In-Ham. \$15 a plate. County

Store, sandwich stand, and raffle. Live Auction at 4 p.m.

Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish (Frankenstein, MO): Sunday, Sept. 22 serving from 11-6 p.m. Whole Baked Turkey & Country Sausage Dinner. Serving cafeteria style & To Go Meals. Partial Indoor Seating/Covered Pavilion/Picnic Tables. Dessert & Specialty Items Auction at 3:30 p.m. Free Bingo 12-3p.m. Music on the grounds, Putters Popcorn, Fly Wheel Ice Cream, Sandwich Stand, Beer & Gin Rickeys, Country Store, Splatter Cards, Craft Store, Raffle & Kid Games.





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