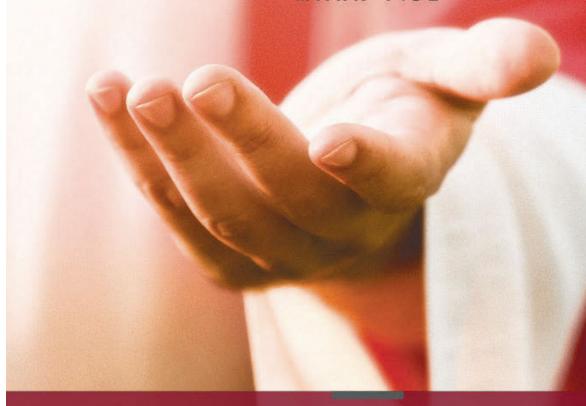
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**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2024** 

# 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!

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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; 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

- 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 respect for the dignity of each and every human life in all public policies."

Monday, Sept 9th: No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 10thd: 7:00 p.m. - Winnie Lewis Wednesday, Sept 11th: 7:45 a.m. - Cole Forck Thursday, Sept 12th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Stanley Cassmeyer Family

Friday, Sept 13th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Lawrence & Adele Luekenhoff

Saturday, Sept 14th:

5:00 p.m. – Donald Prenger, Catherine Bock & Kathy

**Paschal** 

Sunday, Sept 15th:

Musicians

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Albert & Regina Verslues

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 Sept. are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Capital Improvements/Repairs and St. Ann's (\$15).

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## your Calendar

Sept 8 Confirmation Swim Party 2-4 p.m.

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

Sept 11 PSR Class 7-8 p.m. SFX School

Sept 12 Quilting will begin, Taos Countryside Park Office 8am

Sept 12 Picture Day at School

Sept 12 School Advisory Council 5:30 p.m. Commons Rm

Sept 12 Pastoral Council Meeting 7 p.m. in Commons Rm

Sept 15 Energize Our Parish Invite a Friend Sunday - Coffee & Donuts after the 8 a.m. & 10 a.m. Mass

Sept 16 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall

#### **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	\$	15,620.00	
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#### **Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024**

 Goal thru July
 \$ 82,000.00

 Actual thru July
 \$ 78,755.50

 End of the Year
 \$ -3,244.50

<u>Payments</u>: 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.

Kathy & Cheryl

**Fall Supper:** 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!** 

Liturgical Ministries				
Sept 14 & 15	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cecilia Lock	Charles Callaway	Michael Winkler	
	Sarah Boss	Elaine Callaway	Linda Distler	
	Jean Decker	Shirley Toebben	Laurie Herzing	
	Sharon Forck	Debbie Borgmeyer	Mayra Long	
Lector	Sue Sandbothe	Kristin Wegman	Linda Tobar	
Ushers	Art Greenbank	Tom Wieberg	Alan Cortvrient	
	Tom Henke	Matt Forck	Steve Distler	
	Rita Lipskoch	Karl Lootens	Andrea Forck	
	Jo Lootens	Robbie Lootens	John Prenger	
Servers	Elle Kleffner	Volunteer Needed	Tyler Sandbothe	
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Chase Doerhoff	



The Lunch Bunch: will meet Wednesday, Sept. 25th 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, Sept. 18th.



Funny Name, Easy Fundraising.

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.

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For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401

**23**<sup>rd</sup> **Sunday in Ordinary Time:** One of the most touching YouTube videos I've ever seen is one in which a deaf woman receives new technology to heal her hearing. She hears her husband's voice for the first time — and her own, too — and bursts into tears of overwhelming joy. It must have been like an immovable wall between her and her loved ones came tumbling down.

We are all like this woman, to some degree. We believe in the presence of God's love, but we can't hear Him. We can't speak well about Him. The deaf man who can't speak properly in the Gospel today is an image of what God wants us to experience again and again. Jesus takes the man aside to a private place away from the crowd, touches his ears and tongue, and says, "Ephphata!" The man's ears are opened, and he speaks clearly. Contact with Christ has this effect on us.

This experience happens to us in our baptism, almost exactly. It happens to us in the liturgy. It happens in our private prayer. It happens when we hear the voice of God in our conscience. The more we engage these privileged channels of Jesus' healing, the more we are empowered to hear and speak of the presence of God's perfect love. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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





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.



Public school confirmation will begin on **Wednesday, Sept. 11th** with a parent/student

Meeting at 7pm in Ms. Perkins/Prenger classroom in 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.



#### 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, Sept. 23rd @ 7 p.m. in the Commons Room at School





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**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.

- Wednesday 9/11 Home & School Meeting
- Thursday 9/12 Picture Day, Faculty Meeting, & School **Advisory Council Meeting** 
  - Friday 9/13 Progress Reports
  - Friday 9/20 Grandparents Day
  - Monday 9/30 NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD)

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal jtobar@sfxtaos.com

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#### LITTLE FLOWERS GIRLS CLUB

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#### 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!

#### **ATTENTION QUILTERS!**

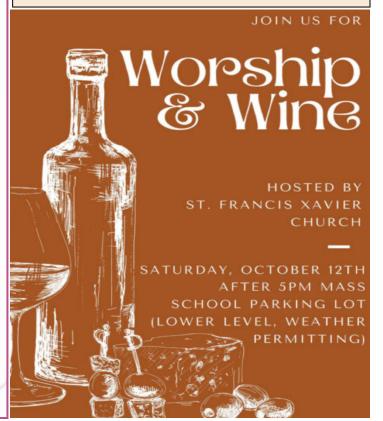
We will start quilting on **Thursday, September 12th** at the Taos Countryside Park office (back side of the concession stand). We will begin at 8:00 a.m. with a short meeting. New quilters are welcome! We plan to quilt on Tuesdays and Thursdays as usual.

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.



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.



# upcoming<sub>EVENTS</sub>

St. Anthony of Padua Fall Festival (Folk, MO): 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.

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 Kathy@midwest marchforlife.com

#### ENERGIZE! **Our Parish:**

**INVITE A FRIEND SUNDAY AT 10AM NEXT SUNDAY (Sept. 15th)** 

Next Sunday our 10AM Mass will be "Invite a Friend" Sunday so please, bring someone with you. We'll also have drinks and refreshments after both the 8AM & 10AM Masses, so we look forward to seeing you!

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.

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, 2024, Columbia, MO.

#### 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.



#### The Cathedral of St Joseph is hiring a **Facilities Coordinator**

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at pastor@cathedralic.org



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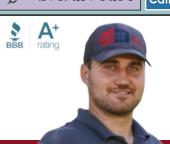






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