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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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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;

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

Monday, Sept 23rd:

No Mass

Tuesday, Sept 24th:

7:00 p.m. - L&D of August Forck Family

Wednesday, Sept 25th:

7:45 a.m. - Gene & Martha Stegeman

Thursday, Sept 26th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Anton & Hilda Lage

Friday, Sept 27th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Chip Long Family

Saturday, Sept 28th:

5:00 p.m. – L&D of Mike "Pee Wee" Forck

Sunday, Sept 29th:

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

10:00 a.m. - Lawrence Lage

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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^{cour} Calendar

Sept 23 Mary & Elizabeth Meeting 7 p.m. Commons

Sept 24 & Sept 26 Quilting 8 a.m. Taos Park Office

Sept 25 Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. K of C Hall

Sept 25 Women's Bible Study 5:30-6:30 p.m. Commons Rm

Sept 25 PSR Class & Confirmation 7 p.m. SFX School

Sept 25 OCIA 7 p.m. Parish Office

Sept 26 Women's Ministry Meeting 5:30 p.m. Parish Office

Sept 29 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass Cafeteria

Oct 1 & Oct 3 Quilting 8 a.m. Taos Park Office Oct 2 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Sept \$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays)

Aug 31 & Sept 1 \$ 15,850.00 Sept 7 & 8 \$ 10,557.10 Sept 14 & 15 \$ 8,177.00 ACH \$ 28,806.00 \$ 63,390.10

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024

 Goal thru Aug
 \$ 164,000.00

 Actual thru Aug
 \$ 156,605.50

 End of the Year
 \$ -7,394.50

Booking for Mass Intention will open on Thursday, October 3rd at 9:00 a.m.

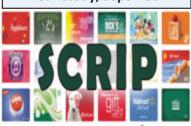
Payments: St. Francis Xavier parishioners are very generous-both of their talents and financially. You are appreciated! Please remember to write a separate check for anything outside of Sunday giving i.e. Samaritan Center, St. Ann's, Candles, etc. Thank you, as this makes processing of your financial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

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 28 & 29	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sarah Boss		Patty LeComte
	Jean Decker	Knights of Columbus	Lisa Scheulen
	Carol Forck		Cathy Singer
	MB		MB
Lector	Lisa Berendzen	Knights of Columbus	Lisa Reinke
Ushers	Art Greenbank		Chris Reinke
	Tom Henke	Knights of Columbus	Rob Sachse
	Rita Lipskoch		Tammy Sachse
	Jo Lootens		James Singer
Servers	Zoey Prenger	Knights of Columbus	Chase Doerhoff
	Aidreu Verslues		Julia Reinke
Musicians	Katnik	Kathy & Cheryl	Hoffmever & Branum



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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time: When I was a wet-behind-the-ears seminarian, I was sent for an immersion with the poor. For one month, I lived in a home for adults with developmental disabilities. It was a challenge for me because the residents had significant communication issues. A 30-year-old man there named Robin was totally deaf and mute. He had Down's Syndrome. He looked like a Viking, with a shock of red hair and a fine beard. But I felt awkward and disconnected from him. All my normal ways of interacting failed. I resigned myself to the fact that we'd never connect.

Then one morning something amazing happened. He was on the living room floor quietly playing with toys. Watching him from a chair, I sensed Jesus' words float into my mind, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me" (Mark 9:37). I thought, "Jesus, you must somehow be in Robin." I sheepishly made sure no one else was in the room, and then I spoke in a clear voice: "Jesus, are you there?" Robin did not turn to me and say, "Hi, John. Yes, it's me, Jesus." He kept playing with his toys in silence.

But something changed in me. From that moment on, it was easier to just be with Robin, to joke around with him, to try sign-language with him, to let him be himself, and for me to be myself. His "disabilities" were no longer obstacles to overcome. He became just Robin, my friend.

Who in your life seems awkwardly distant or uncomfortable to be with? Next time you see him or her, quietly invoke the name of Jesus, and see how the barriers disappear in you. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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





Wednesday, Sept. 25th (last one)



BONFIRE SOCIAL Fishing * Bonfire * Hotdogs Saturday, October 5th 5:30-9 pm 7100 St. Francis Trail



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



OCIA will start on **Wednesday**, **September 25th** at 7 p.m. in the Parish Office. All are welcome! If

you are already Catholic and just want to know about your faith, if you were baptized but have not received any of the other sacraments or if you are interested in joining the Catholic Church, this meeting is for you.

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.



Children's Liturgy of the Word will be held during the 10am Masses on Sunday's. There is no need to register. It will take place in the cafeteria.





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This past Monday we welcomed our superintendent Dr. Vader to S.F.X. She visited almost all the classrooms and answered all sorts of questions from the students. We always love when Dr. Vader takes time out of her busy schedule to come see the great things taking place at our school!

This year at St. Francis Xavier we are bringing back after school clubs! Students are able to participate in four different clubs which include CHOIR, FITNESS, BOARD GAME, and KINDNESS. We can't wait to share pictures and details of how these clubs go for our students who signed up to participate this year!

Tiger Pride Assemblies are new to the calendar this year. As a school we will be focusing on one character trait each month that we will celebrate at our end of the month assembly. We will also be celebrating our birthdays at each of these assemblies since we are no longer having our birthday celebrations after school masses each month. Be on the lookout for more info regarding dates and times!

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!

For anyone still interested in helping greet our students and staff on Tuesday mornings, please use the following form to sign up for dates. You can also contact the school office for more info. https://forms.gle/C5M2bKNRmP9po2hg6

Coming Up at S.F.X.

- Tuesday 9/24 Fitness Club
- Thursday 9/26 Tiger Pride Assembly
- Monday 9/30 NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD)
 - Wednesday 10/2 Life Runners
 - . Friday 10/4 Pet Blessing

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal itobar@sfxtaos.com





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

What would Amendment 3 actually do? Prohibit any regulation of abortion

Amendment 3 would invalidate any existing laws and prohibit new laws that voters on both sides of the abortion issue support, including health and safety laws that protect women.





Safeguard them both

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Helias Latin class pilgrimage to Rome Sock Religious fundraiser! Scan the code to shop and support! Orders direct ship and students receive 50% of sales! Thank you!





Liturgical Ministries Training

Hosted by The Diocesan Liturgical Commission

10:05 am Keynote by Fr. Dan

What is Liturgy?

10:00 am Welcome and Prayer

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

10:30 am Breakout Sessions

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

12:00 pm Sharing of the Wealth & Questions

12:15 pm Closing Prayer



October 5, 2024

St. Joseph Cathedral

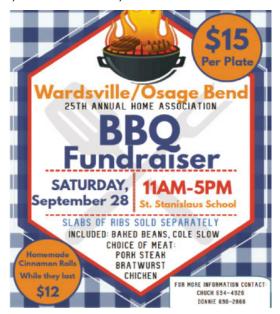
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upcoming_{EVENTS}

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.

OPENING RALLY 40 DAYS FOR LIFE: 40 Days will open its 16th year on the sidewalk in front of Columbia Planned Parenthood with a rally on September 24 at Our Lady of Lourdes, 903 Bernadette, Columbia, at 6 pm with remarks from Matt Britton, National Team Member of 40 Days, and Stephanie Jacobsen, who will share her abortion experience. Light refreshments will be served, and we will then caravan at 7 pm to Columbia Planned Parenthood, 711 N Providence, for a candlelight vigil with prayer until 8 pm. The 40 Days will kick off its first day on Wednesday, **September 25**, from 8 am to 5 pm daily except Sundays through **Saturday**, **November 2**. Trained core members will greet those who come to offer their time in prayer with Jesus during these hours. To sign up, go to www.40daysforlife. com/columbiamo or call Doris at 573 999 5209. Mark your calendar for the Closing Rally Dinner on **November 9** at St Andrew, 400 St Andrew Dr, Holts Summit.



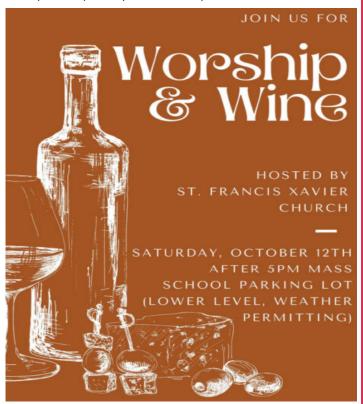
Women's Retreat Starkenburg (The Shrine of Our Lady of Sorrows: Friday, October 4th 8:30-3 p.m. Retreat with Fr. Joseph. Lunch in Hermann. RSVP to Julie.g@cathedraljc.org

St. Aloysius & St. Boniface Fall Festival (Argyle, MO):
Sunday, October 6 serving from 11-6p.m. at the Argyle K of C Hall. \$15 a plate, serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, applesauce & dessert. Dine In & Carry Out. Entertainment from 11-7 p.m. Owen Kloeppel and Broken Arrow. Live auction at 4 p.m.

St. Andrew Parish Fall Festival (Holts Summit, MO): Food, drinks, Silent Auction, Quilt Auction, and Kids Games.

Sunday, October 6 from 11-4 p.m. Menu: Chili, Beef Stew, Tomato Soup, Hot Dog, Grilled Cheese, Cornbread & Dessert. Adults (\$10), Kids 6-12 (\$7).

St George Parish Fall Festival (Linn, MO): Sunday, Oct. 6
Serving from 11-6 p.m. Whole hog sausage and turkey with dressing, dessert and bread. \$15 per meal. Dine In and Carry Out. Dessert Auction at 4 p.m. Sandwich stand, Country Store, Games, Raffle, Beer Garden, Sweet Bee's Shaved Ice.





Want to have fun with friends?
Learn by doing things?

JOIN THE TAOS CLOVERS 4-H CLUB

The next meeting is Sunday, October
13th at 11:00 am at the KC Hall
basement. Bring a friend and have
some fun!

The 13th Annual Frankenstein 5K Run/Walk: will take place on Saturday, October 19th. Check in time is 4:30 pm with Race time at 5:30 pm. Registration is open September 3rd thru October 4th. Register online at https://stores.inksoft.com/frankenstein 5K/shop/home.





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