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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 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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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;

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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 30th: No Mass

Tuesday, Oct 1st:

7:00 p.m. - John Iven & Veronica Iven Jenkins

Wednesday, Oct 2nd:

7:45 a.m. - Louis Eiken Thursday, Oct 3rd:

7:45 a.m. - Tom LeComte

Friday, Oct 4th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Members of the Schumacker Family

Saturday, Oct 5th:

5:00 p.m. - Matt & Melvin Lock

Sunday, Oct 6th:

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Elmer & George Wankum and August

Kerperin Families

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 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

Oct 2 PSR Class 7-8 p.m. SFX School (No Confirmation)

Oct 4 Adoration with Benediction

Oct 5 Anniversary Blessing for October at all Masses

Oct 5 Liturgical Training at Cathedral of St. Joseph 10 a.m.

Oct 5 Confirmation Bonfire 5:30 p.m.

Oct 6 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass Cafeteria

Oct 6 Rosary Walk w/ Mary & Plant Sale 1 p.m. Taos Park

Oct 6 Dedication of Taos City Hall at 2 p.m.

Oct 7 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level

Oct 7 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, 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
Sept 21 & 22	\$ 7,186.50
ACH	<u>\$ 28,806.00</u>
	\$ 70,576.60

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024

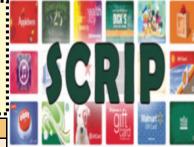
 Goal thru Aug
 \$ 164,000.00

 Actual thru Aug
 \$ 156,605.50

 End of the Year
 \$ -7,394.50



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



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising

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.

Liturgical Ministries			
Oct 5 & 6	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sharon Forck	Ken Sandbothe	Linda Tobar
	Jean Pinnell	Shelle Sandbothe	Brian Werdehausen
	Angeline Prenger	Shirley Toebben	Cindy Werdehausen
	Shirley Woehr	Debbie Borgmeyer	Linda Distler
Lector	Ava Kleffner	Tom Sanning	Stephanie Cortvrient
Ushers	Art Greenbank	Josh Sandbothe	Alan Cortvrient
	Tom Henke	Dan Sanning	Steve Distler
	Carol Forck	Carson Sanning	Andrea Forck
	Tony Forck	Ron Talken	John Prenger
Servers	Zoey Prenger	Kiptyn Thessen	Ezra Yeager
	Elle Kleffner	Jackson Kerperin	Tyler Sandbothe
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Kathy & Cheryl	Hood & Forbis 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

<u>26th Sunday in Ordinary Time</u>: Maggots, grubs, worms. When I imagine one or many of these nasty slimy buggers living inside my body — unseen, feeding off my flesh, slowly rotting me out — I feel deeply disgusted. If I knew I had a worm, I would do anything to remove the alien invader, and fast. But what if I couldn't ever get it out?

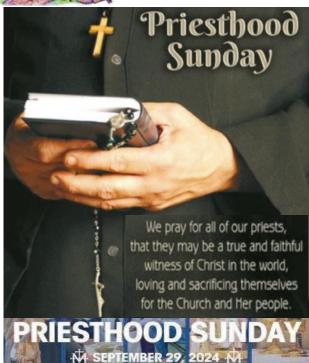
This is precisely the image Jesus uses to describe those who cause others to sin and fail to cut out what leads them to sin. He contrasts the kingdom of God with Gehenna, "where the worm does not die." If we can stomach it for a moment, there is much wisdom in this nauseating metaphor.

First, sin is always parasitic. It feeds on what is good like a worm in a host. It's not symbiotic or additive, as virtue and love always are. Sin invades, devours, and damages the sinner. Second, sin is always social. No matter how hidden, it quietly eats away at others — usually the most poor and vulnerable, the "little ones," as the Lord says. How healthy it is for us to acknowledge this! Our gossiping, greed, over-indulgence, lying, pride, laziness, lust for power and reputation, and so on ... they do not add anything to life. They are worms eating away at others and ourselves.

We cut out these filthy parasites through genuine repentance and bold action. Imagine the peace and relief that follows the removal of a sickening worm from your body. How much greater is the peace we enjoy when the spiritual worms are gone for good. We'd never wait to act against physical parasites. Neither should we with the worms of sin. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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



Thank you Fr. Kelechi Uzuegbu

Rosary count July 390 August 413



BONFIRE SOCIAL
Fishing * Bonfire * Hotdogs
Saturday, October 5th
5:30-9 pm
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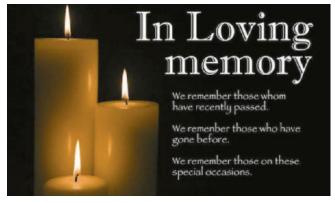
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ALL SOULS MASS OF REMEMBRANCE

Saturday, November 2nd at 8am at the
Knights of Columbus Hall

If you have lost a loved one (spouse, parent, child, sibling, grandparent, grandchild) between October 1st 2023 and September 30, 2024 and would like to have them remembered during our All Souls Mass, please text

Cathy Singer at 573-690-1491



1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

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!

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.

- Monday 9/30 NO SCHOOL (Teacher PD)
 - Wednesday 10/2 Life Runners
 - Friday 10/4 Pet Blessing 2:15 p.m.
 - Monday 10/7-10/11 Testing Week
 - Tuesday 10/8 Kindness Club
- Thursday 10/10 Early Dismissal @ 12:30, Safety Kids @ 10:15, Teacher Meetings

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal jtobar@sfxtaos.com

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What would Amendment 3 actually do? Shield negligent health care professionals

Amendment 3 prohibits any person from being penalized or prosecuted, regardless of the outcome of actions associated with "reproductive" health.

A health care professional could be directly responsible for the harm or death of a woman during an abortion, or the harm or death of a wanted child during delivery, and not be held liable for their actions. Women and families would not be allowed to sue the negligent person or organization, nor could the government prosecute them.



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Liturgical Ministries Training

Hosted by The Diocesan Liturgical Commission

October 5, 2024

St. Joseph Cathedral 2305 W. Main St. Jefferson City, MO 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
- EMUC

(VIRTUS trainer available throughout)

12:00 pm Sharing of the Wealth & Questions

12:15 pm Closing Prayer

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"Come to the quiet. God speaks in the silence. If you yearn to hear his voice, increase the amount of time you spend in silence each day, and wait patiently for him to speak to you."



upcoming_{EVENTS}

Visitation Parish Fall Festival (Vienna, MO): Sunday, Sept.

29, from 11-5:00 PM at the Visitation-Koerber Knights of Columbus Hall. This will be a Full Dine-In Service and a Drive-Thru Carry-Out Dinner serving a Fresh Sausage and Fried Chicken Dinner for \$15 (Kids \$7.50-Dine-In Only). Also includes a Country Store, Raffle, Kettle Corn, Beer Garden with Gin Rickey & Margaritas, and a Soda, Water, & Cherry Slushies Stand."



PROTECT YOUNG EYES: All parents are welcome to attend a free presentation on Monday, September **30th** at St. Joseph Cathedral from 6-7:30pm. The

presentation, from Protect Young Eyes, will help you learn how to create a tech-ready home that will help keep your children safe.

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.



Fundraiser for Mid MO Rebels Baseball 2025 Season

SFX Students Chase Doerhoff & Liam Meyer Saturday, October 19th from 5-7 p.m.

To Go Dinners

\$15 Pork Steak, BBQ beans, slaw, chips \$8 Hotdog, BBQ, bean, slaw, chips

PRE PURCHASE OPTION/ RSVP (to help us know how many to have on hand) until Oct 1st with Venmo at @midmorebels. Purchase at time of arrival is available as well and we will serve until we run out. Thanks for the community support!



Bingo - Country Store Raffle - Muffin Pan **Kids Games - Beer Stand**

MENU

Turkey, Sausage Mashed Potatoes, Gravy, Heritage Dressing, Green Beans, Fried Apples **Sweet Potatoes, Turnips** Homemade Breads, Desserts

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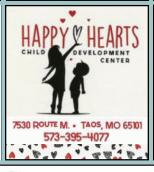


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