

THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# THE LORD

OUR GOD IS  
LORD ALONE.

— MARK 12:29 —



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**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 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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**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**

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- ✠ 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 conversation of hearts to God who loves us so much; that in living the stewardship way of life, we may avoid any sense of entitlement in our relationships with God and one another.”*

**Monday, Nov 4th: No Mass**

**Tuesday, Nov 5th:**

7:00 p.m. – Charlene Green

**Wednesday, Nov 6th:**

7:45 a.m. – Matt & Melvin Lock

**Thursday, Nov 7th:**

7:45 a.m. – L&D of Bob & Mary Gratz

**Friday, Nov 8th:**

7:45 a.m. – Herman & Wilma Grothoff

**Saturday, Nov 9th:**

5:00 p.m. – L&D of Bob & Mary Gratz

**Sunday, Nov 10th:**

8:00 a.m. - Louis Eiken

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 **Oct.** are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Capital Improvements/Repairs, and All Souls Day.

# mark your Calendar

- Nov 4 **Women’s Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level**
- Nov 4 Contemporary Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. **Reker Hall**
- Nov 4 **Patriotic Rosary 7:00 p.m.** in the school gym
- Nov 5 & 7 Quilting 8 a.m. Taos Park Office
- Nov 6 **OCIA** 6:30 p.m. Parish Office
- Nov 6 **PSR Class & Confirmation** 7 p.m. SFX School
- Nov 6 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall
- Nov 7 **Mary & Elizabeth Meeting** 6:30 p.m. Commons Rm
- Nov 10 **Children Liturgy of the Word** 10 a.m. Mass Cafeteria

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Oct	\$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)
Oct 5 & 6	\$ 13,574.00
Oct 12 & 13	\$ 13,302.00
Oct 19 & 20	\$ 7,279.00
Oct 26 & 27	\$ 18,066.00
ACH	\$ 28,091.00
	\$ 80,312.00

## Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024

Goal thru Sept	\$ 266,500.00
Actual thru Sept	\$ 236,955.10
End of the Year	\$ -29,544.90



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



**St. John’s Lutheran Church (Schubert)**  
**Chili Supper**  
4409 St. John’s Road  
Jefferson City, MO 65101  
Sunday, November 10th, 2024  
3:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

## Liturgical Ministries

	Nov 9 & 10	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Jean Decker Jean Pinnell Shirley Woehr Linda Heckman	Glenda Vanderfelt Dennis Forck Charles Callaway Elaine Callaway	Patty LeComte Mayra Long Kathy Rackers Nick Rackers	
<b>Lector</b>	Doris Schnieder	Penne Eiken	Lisa Reinke	
<b>Ushers</b>	Art Greenbank Tom Henke Jim Radmacher Ruby Radmacher	Bill Vanderfelt Wayne Verslues Justin Wegman Tom Wieberg	James Singer DeWayne Springer Jim Thessen Steve Dislter	
<b>Servers</b>	Bode Wilde <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	
<b>Musicians</b>	Hood & Forbis Family	Kathy & Cheryl	SFXCE	



**The Lunch Bunch:** the last one of the year will meet **Wednesday, Nov. 20th** 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, Nov. 13th.**

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.

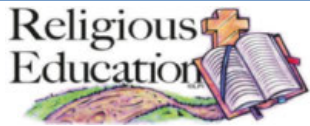
For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401

**31<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time:** Americans have long been fascinated with public debates. Farmers stood in muddy fields for hours to hear Lincoln and Douglas dispute each other in the 1860 presidential run-up. The televised debate between Kennedy and Nixon in 1960 fascinated the nation. These days, cable news outlets and social media parse every word spoken by candidates. We still love seeing public, rational disputes in the service of our nation.

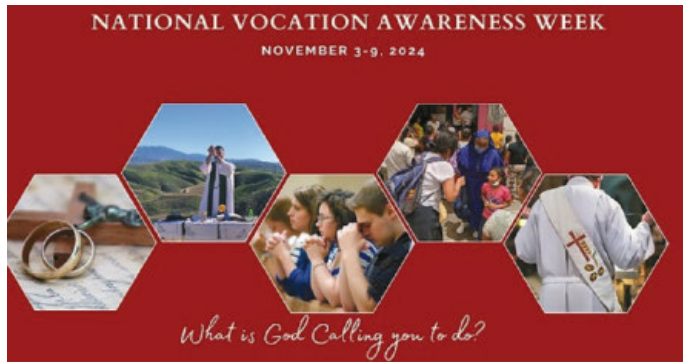
In his day, Jesus also captured attention as a public debater. Mark tells us, **“And one of the scribes came up and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, asked him, ‘Which commandment is the first of all?’”** Jesus’ brief but all-encompassing response is the double command to love God and neighbor. Notice that he includes the importance of loving God with **“all your mind.”** Loving God is not simply a question of affection, loyalty, good deeds, and religious dedication. It demands honest and intense intellectual engagement — just like an accomplished debater.

How do we do this practically? One simple way is by embracing ourselves as life-long learners. Setting aside time for reading, book studies, online classes, and, perhaps most difficult, engaging in open, honest, and curious conversation with those who think differently from us. These are all great ways to love God with our minds. Our country and our Church depend greatly on souls who love God in this way with their minds. Let’s commit to loving God with all our minds in tireless pursuit of truth.

— Father John Muir ©LPi



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



Anyone interested in helping to start a vocation ministry in our parish should contact the office or Cathy Singer at 690-1491.

## Prayer for Vocations

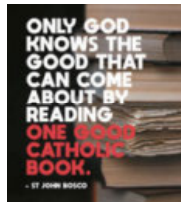
Heavenly Father, We ask you to bless our diocese with selfless hearts that are willing to serve You, by serving Your Church.

Lord Jesus raise up from our homes those called by the Father: courageous and humble men to the Priesthood, faithful people to Consecrated Life and holy men and women to the sacrament of Marriage.

Holy Spirit, help us to live our universal vocation to holiness, by listening to the Father’s voice and responding with a sacrificial love.

Holy Mary, Model of Vocations, teach us to hear and follow your Son. Holy Mary, Queen of Priests, sanctify our priests and obtain for us many more. Holy Mary, Mother of the Church, pray for our families and intercede for our children.

Amen



## SFX Book Club

Join us **Monday, November 4th** at 2pm in the Parish Office. All are Welcome as we choose our first book of the fall to read.



We urge you to join us for an election vigil Patriotic Rosary especially for the defeat of Amendment 3 on **Monday, November 4th at 7 p.m.**



*St. Francis Xavier  
Mary & Elizabeth  
Mothers' Group*



All mothers and mothers at heart are welcomed. Come join us as we share in all of its joys and struggles. The goal of this group is to recognize and support motherhood in our parish and to develop intergenerational relationships drawing from each other through our Mother Mary. Our next meeting is **Thursday, November 7th** at 6:30pm in the Commons room at school.

**Rosary counts:** July 391, August 413 and September 426



## Mass for Deceased Priests

November 6 | 11:00 a.m.

Cathedral of St. Joseph, Jefferson City

Join Bishop W. Shawn McKnight and our diocesan priests for a special Mass commemorating the priests who have gone before us



## XLT Adoration



- September 4th
- October 2nd
- November 6th

Please note the Cathedral will have confessions on Wednesdays from 5:00pm-5:45pm and additional confession will be available from 6:00-7:00pm during XLT Adoration



1 Faith  
1 Family  
1 SFX

**ONLINE SILENT AUCTION...**kicks off today and runs through November 9th. Be sure to check out the website for your chance at some KC Chiefs tickets, a trip to Breckenridge, a fish fry for 20 people, reserved pews at mass, and tons of other items! A huge thank you to everyone who donated items to our auction. We definitely couldn't have done this without your generosity and your support.

**On November 11th** we will be celebrating **Veterans Day** at St. Francis Xavier. We invite all veterans and their families to join us for mass in the gym at 7:45am followed by breakfast in the cafeteria. **Please email or call the school office to RSVP if you plan to attend.**

The St. Francis Xavier **Christmas Program** is scheduled for **Thursday, December 19th** in the school gymnasium. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you all there.

**Coming Up at S.F.X.**

- **Monday 11/4** - No School (Teacher Professional Development)
- **Wednesday 11/6** - LIFE Runners, UPLIFT (6th Grade)
- **Monday 11/11** - Veterans Day Mass and Breakfast
  - **Wednesday 11/13** - Home & School Meeting
  - **Friday 11/15** - Progress Reports

Blessings,  
**Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal**  
[jtobar@sfxtaos.com](mailto:jtobar@sfxtaos.com)

**What would Amendment 3 actually do?**  
**Open the door to taxpayer-funded abortions**

Should Amendment 3 be enshrined in the Missouri constitution, well-funded, out-of-state groups could sue Missouri to force taxpayer funding of abortions, which is already occurring in Michigan.

**VOTE NO ON AMENDMENT 3**

*Safeguard them both*

Learn more at [diojeffcity.org/amendment3](http://diojeffcity.org/amendment3)  
Paid for by the Diocese of Jefferson City,  
Bishop W. Shawn McKnight, 2207 West Main Street, Jefferson City, MO 65109-0914

**DIocese of Jefferson City**



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER IS CELEBRATING **VETERANS DAY**

Join us for a special mass and breakfast to honor the veterans in our community and school families.

**PLEASE SHARE TO HELP US INVITE THE VETERANS IN OUR COMMUNITY**

Monday, November 11  
Veterans Day Mass at 7:45 a.m. in the school gym.  
Reception for the veterans immediately following mass in the school cafeteria.

Please RSVP with the provided link or call the school office.

**PRE-SEASON TRAINING**

**Room at the Inn**

PICK ONE  
**NOVEMBER 14**  
**NOVEMBER 19**


**6:30PM**

**FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL**

Questions? [jeffcityrati@gmail.com](mailto:jeffcityrati@gmail.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**.



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**NOVEMBER 10TH**  
**DECEMBER 8TH TBA**

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# upcomingEVENTS



**The Blair Oaks R-11 School District:** will be having its annual Veterans Day celebration on **Friday, November 8, 2024** at 8:30 am in the High School gymnasium. The District takes great pride in this event and looks forward to honoring all those who have served or are serving our country. The Celebration is open to the public.

Breakfast will be served to our community veterans and their families in the High School cafeteria at 7:45 am. If you are a veteran and/or a family member of a veteran and would like to join us for breakfast, please RSVP by Thursday, October 31st by calling the High School office at (573) 635-8514 or email Kathy Verslues at [kverslues@blairoaks.org](mailto:kverslues@blairoaks.org).



**40 Days for Life Dinner: Saturday, Nov. 9** at St. Andrew Church 400 St. Andrew Dr. Holts Summit, MO 65043. 5:30-Mass, 6:00-Doors Open, 7:00-Fried Chicken Dinner provided by Knights of Columbus 8400. 7:30-Speaker Dan Smedra pictured with Fr. Anthony Wieck, whose post abortive healing ministry aided Dan while on retreat. For reservations: Kathy Forck [kathythebo@hotmail.com](mailto:kathythebo@hotmail.com) or 573-821-5130.

## MEN'S NIGHT OF REFLECTION

### THE HISTORY OF OUR DIOCESE

with Msgr. Robert A. Kurwicky

When: **Nov. 14th** @ 6:30-7:30p.m.  
Where: Cana Hall



NEW DATE!

**86th Annual St. Andrews Thanksgiving Festival (Tipton, MO): Thursday, November 28th.** Dinner served from 11-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Adults (\$15), Children 5-12 (\$6), and Under 5 (Free), and Carryout's (\$15 per meal). Carryout's available in the school cafeteria 10:30-1:30 p.m. Sandwiches after 4 p.m. in the school cafeteria. Turkey & Burgers' Baked Ham with all the Trimmings. Live auction at 2 p.m. & 6 p.m. Silent Auction and Bingo beginning at 12 p.m. Due to renovations at St. Andrew, Mass will be at 8 a.m. at Annunciation Catholic Church in California, MO.

**The 2025 Taos K of C Winterfest:** will be held on **January 18th, 2025**. Tickets are \$150, which includes dinner for two, drinks, 50/50 raffle tickets, and a bingo card. We will also have auction items to bid on this year. Please contact Matt Forck at 573-690-5058 for details, or email Jeff Pleus at [jpleus@hotmail.com](mailto:jpleus@hotmail.com) for an order form.

## Taos Parishioners Picnic Information

If anyone is not listed on the Fall Supper worklist and would like to work, please call Julie Graessle at 573-690-9645.

**We could use more help!**

**Remember each family** has a responsible for 1 loaf of bread and 2 homemade pies or desserts that do not need refrigeration. Please bring to the concession room next to the gym on Sunday. Don't forget to turn in your raffle tickets.

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER FALL SUPPER *Taos, Missouri*

**11AM - 6PM SUNDAY NOVEMBER 3, 2024**

**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**

**Adults \$16 Ages 6-12 \$7 5 & under FREE  
Dinners to Go \$16**

**Mass at 8:00 & 9:30am @ KofC Hall**

Hosted by: St. Francis Xavier  
Fundraising Committee

## 2024 S.F.X. ONLINE SILENT AUCTION

Join us for the St. Francis Xavier Catholic School Online Silent Auction, a unique opportunity to support our beloved school. Your contributions will directly benefit the school, ensuring a brighter future for our students. Your generosity will help us continue our mission of providing quality education. Together, we can make a profound impact.

### IMPORTANT INFO

#### Specific Items Needed

Sports tickets, autographed items, VRBO or AirBnB rentals, handmade porch swing, fire pit, concert tickets etc.

#### Monetary Donations

No items to donate? no worries! you can give a monetary donation & the committee will buy items on your behalf.

#### Contact Us

If you are able to donate any of the above items or make a monetary donation please email us at:  
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