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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24, 2024



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MY VOICE.

JOHN 18:37 ---

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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Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002)
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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;

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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 spirit of unity and Thanksgiving to be cultivated in our lives and in our nation. That we may see God's light reflected in the blessings of our family, friends and community."

Monday, Nov 25th: NO MASS

Tuesday, Nov 26th:

7:00 p.m. – Maxelinda Reinkemeyer Cleveland

Wednesday, Nov 27th: 7:45 a.m. – Winnie Lewis

Thursday, Nov 28th: Thanksgiving Mass

9:00 a.m. – Donald Prenger, Walter & Catherine Bock,

and Kathy Paschal

Friday, Nov 29th: NO MASS

Saturday, Nov 30th:

5:00 p.m. – L&D of Fred & Florentine Hagenhoff

Sunday, Dec 1st:

8:00 a.m. - Glenn Knaebel

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

mark

your Calendar

Nov 25 Faith & Fellowship Meeting 1 p.m. Parish Office

Nov 25 Contemporary Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.

Nov 26 Quilting 8 a.m. Taos Park Office

Nov 27 No PSR, Confirmation or OCIA classes

Dec 1 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass Cafeteria

Dec 2 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level

Dec 2 Book Club 2 p.m. Parish Office

Dec 2 Contemporary Choir Practice 6:30 p.m. Cafeteria

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Nov \$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)

Nov 2 & 3 \$ 13,411.00 Nov 9 & 10 \$ 12,548.00 Nov 16 & 17 Early to Print ACH \$ 27,841.00 \$ 53,800.00

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024

 Goal thru Oct
 \$ 348,500.00

 Actual thru Oct
 \$ 318,239.60

 End of the Year
 \$ -30,260.40



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



BIRTHRIGHT SHOWER: Our parish will be having a shower for Birthright during the Advent Season. Birthright is in need of new and used baby items. We especially can use diapers and baby clothing. We will have a crib on display by the altar for you to place your gifts. This is just a

good way for our parish to reach out and help the less fortunate. Let's continue praying for Birthright volunteers and mothers. If you have any questions, you can call **Kathy Hayes at 694-4289**.



Liturgical Ministries			
Nov 30 & Dec 1	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Backes	Shelle Sandbothe	Brian Werdehausen
	Jean Decker	Shirley Toebben	Cindy Werdehausen
	Sharon Forck	Glenda Vanerfeltz	Patty LeComte
	Jean Pinnell	MB	Mayra Long
Lector	Lisa Berendzen	Dan Sanning	Jeff Kempker
Ushers	Carol Forck	Josh Sandbothe	Rob Sachse
	Tony Forck	Ken Sandbothe	Tammy Sachse
	Art Greenbank	Carson Sanning	DeWayne Sprenger
	Tom Henke	Tom Sanning	Jim Thessen
Servers	Volunteer Needed	Tyler Sandbothe	Volunteer Needed
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed
Musicians	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Kathy & Cheryl	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

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe: When I was a young boy in Burlington, Vermont, my dad had a good friend named Phil who owned a sporting goods store. I loved sports, so meandering the treasure-filled aisles was an unmitigated joy. One afternoon, we were shopping for a baseball glove. Dad said to me, "Hey Johnny, see that man who just walked into the store? That's Phil." I remember being fascinated and a little terrified. I recall thinking, "That man right there is in charge of everything in this store!" He reigned over every ball, sneaker, jersey, and sweatsuit. Phil became a family friend. And he was a good owner. The store flourished, and I found myself even more at peace every time I went there. I felt a new hope and even responsibility for the store to flourish.

To say that Christ is the King of the Universe means that Jesus has absolute authority over everything in it. It should fill us with awe and fascination. He is in charge. The world and everything in it are finally his. Knowing that he knows and loves us should make us also feel a deep peace at being a part of his universe. This leads us to want his kingdom to flourish, to play some responsible role in it.

We advance his kingdom by promoting the truth. **"Everyone who is of the truth hears my voice,"** Christ the King proclaims. In Phil's store, it was about the truth of athletics. In our world, it's all about the truth of all creation, especially the dignity of the human person, made by and for our loving God. Let's rejoice that we know the true king and commit to the flourishing of his kingdom. — Father John Muir ©LPi



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

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Thankşgiving Prayer

O God, when I have food,

help me to remember the hungry;

When I have work,

help me to remember the jobless;

When I have a home,

help me to remember those who have no home at all;

When I am without pain,

help me to remember those who suffer,

And remembering,

help me to destroy my complacency;

be concerned enough to help;

By word and deed,

those who cry out for what we take for granted.

Amen.

VOCATION MINISTRY

"We all have a vocation. We believe that **God** has placed us in this life to fill a special need that no one else can" St. Francis De Sales. If you are interested in helping to start a vocation ministry in our parish to pray for and help support the Catholic vocations of priesthood, marriage, consecrated life and singlehood, please contact Cathy Singer at the Parish office.

<u>Faith and Fellowship</u>: Will meet **Monday, Nov. 25th** at 1 p.m. in the parish office. Come join us as we make plans for our Parish Mission next year.

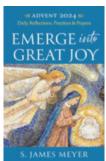


Book Club: SFX November Book Selection, Quo Vadis, is a historical fiction novel set in the time of St. Peter in ancient Rome. We will meet to discuss it on Monday, December 2nd at 2pm in the Parish Office.



Thursday, December 5th 5:30pm in the parish office. Join us as we plan activities for women in our Parish.





Advent devotional and calendars will be available next weekend after masses.



For more information, contact:

of the Beatitudes

Religious Ed. Director: Cathy Singer 573-395-4401



Giving Tree: Our parish has adopted 10 families from the Samaritan Center for Christmas. All gifts purchased need to be wrapped with their ornament attached and returned to parish office or gym by 6 p.m. Saturday, December 14th. Thank you for your support of the adoption program. In some cases this may be the only Christmas they may have. The families are very appreciative of the gifts they receive. If you

have questions regarding the Giving Tree, please call Jane Haslag @ 690-6101 or Andrea Forck @ 694-3316. Thank you for all you do to improve the lives of these families.



Our **StuCO** members have been hard at work collecting money from dress down days and from their annual trail mix sale. They have raised almost \$950 that they plan to use to support families in need in our community. They have adopted two families this Christmas season and some of the members plan to go shopping and pick out items off of each family's lists. We are so proud of our **StuCO** members for leading by example and putting those in our community first and foremost during this season of giving.

St. Francis Xavier School will be hosting the **Wreaths for Heroes** this year. On **December 13th** at 9:00am we invite anyone who would like to join us to meet in the school gym for this wonderful event.

Mark your calendars for **Thursday, December 19th!** This is the date for our annual **Christmas Concert** in the school gym! The Ladies Auxiliary will also be holding their annual bake sale at both the afternoon and evening showings. Can't wait to see everyone there.

Coming Up at S.F.X.

- 11/27-11/29 Thanksgiving Break
- Tuesday 12/3 School Reconciliation
 - Wednesday 12/4 Life Runners
- Thursday 12/5 Choir at the Capitol

Blessings,

Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal <u>itobar@sfxtaos.com</u>

Penance Dates, Time & Locations

Dec. 10th St. Francis Xavier Church (Reker Hall): 10 a.m. Fr. Kelechi & Msgr. Cox

Dec. 11th St. Francis Xavier School (Cafeteria): 6 p.m. Fr. Kelechi, Msgr. Cox, Fr. Cordes, & Fr. Flatley Dec. 12th St. Stanislaus Church 6 p.m.

Holiday Mass Times

Tuesday, December 24th

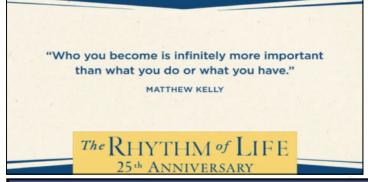
Vigil Mass of Christmas 5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass during the Night 9:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 25th

The Nativity of the Lord 9:00 a.m.

New Year's Eve Mass
Tuesday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.
New Year's Day Mass
Wednesday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.

Job Opportunity, Parish Bookkeeper: St Francis Xavier Catholic Church in Taos, Missouri seeks to hire a part-time bookkeeper. This position involves Payroll & HR Duties, General Ledger Duties (Accts Rec & Accts Payables), School HL Program, Capital Campaign Duties, and Parish Collection Duties. Position will be required to work 20-25 hours per week. It is possible that duties could be shared. For an application and job description or for further information, contact Fr. Kelechi Uzuegbu, St Francis Xavier Catholic Church, 7319 Route M, Jefferson City, MO 65101, 573-395-4401, kuzuegbu@sfxtaos.com.







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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.



Sunday Morning Coffee and Pastries: December 8th

After 8am & 10am Masses Bring a friend and come

ENERGIZE!

our Parish.





Holiday Memorials: are a great way to remember those who have died. If you would like to make a donation in the memory of a loved one, his or her name will appear in the holiday bulletin. A suggested offering would be \$15. This offering will go toward the upkeep and decorating of our beautiful church. Must be received by Tuesday, December 10th to get in the Christmas bulletin as it goes to print early due to the holidays.

The 2025 Taos Knights of Columbus 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
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