# THAT YOU HAVE STRENGTH.

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024

## St. Francis Xavier Parish

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#### **REV. KELECHI UZUEGBU - PASTOR** Email: kuzuegbu@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1004)

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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!

#### Email: info@sfxtaos.com

Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church & St. Francis Xavier Parish Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302 Parish Website: www.sfxtaos.com

Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002) 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; 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 Office: 573.395.4612 Fax: 573.395.4017 School website: www.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.
- The **Interested in Joining the Catholic Faith?** Contact Cathy Singer at the parish office 573-395-4401.

#### Mass Intentions

" For a spirit of unity and Thanksgiving to be cultivated in Dec 2 our lives and in our nation. That we may see God's light reflected in the blessings of our family, friends and community." Dec 4

#### Monday, Dec 2nd: NO MASS

Tuesday, Dec 3rd:

7:00 p.m. – L&D of Oscar & Eva Kliethermes

#### Wednesday, Dec 4th:

7:45 a.m. – Elmer Wankum

#### Thursday, Dec 5th:

7:45 a.m. – L&D of Lock & Bisges Families

#### Friday, Dec 6th:

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

#### Saturday, Dec 7th:

5:00 p.m. – L&D of Joe & Frances Radmacher

Sunday, Dec 8th:

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Gary Wieberg Family 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 <u>Dec.</u> are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

**Liturgical Ministries** 

5:00 p.m.

Angeline Prenger

Sue Sandbothe

Mary Jane Forck

Sarah Boss

Jo Lootens

Carol Forck

Tony Forck

Bode Wilde

Zoey Prenger

Jackie & Adult Choir

Rita Lipskoch



#### ec 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
- Dec 4 PSR Class 7-8 p.m. SFX School
- Dec 4 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall
- Dec 5 Women in Faith Meeting 5:30 p.m. Office
- Dec 6 Adoration with Benediction

10:00 a.m.

Mary Esther Prenger

Linda Distler

Nick Rackers

Steve Distler

Andrea Forck

Cindy LePage

Steve LePage

Ezra Yeager

SFXCE

Tyler Sandbothe

MB

Kathy Rackers

#### **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	\$ 9,474.00
Nov 23 & 24	Early to Print
ACH	<u>\$ 27,841.00</u>
	\$ 63,274.00
Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024	
Goal thru Oct	\$ 348,500.00
Actual thru Oct	\$ 318,239.60



End of the Year

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.

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Dec 7 & 8

Lector

Ushers

Servers

Musicians

Eucharistic Ministers Jean Pinnell

**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

8:00 a.m.

Debbie Borgmeyer

Brenda Brenneke

Gerard Forck

Tom Sanning

Dan Sanning

Wayne Verslues

Gabby Sandbothe

Libby Sandbothe

Hood & Forbis Family

Tom Wieberg

Ron Talken

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**.

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#### **Attention Quilters!**

"The quilters are in need of a volunteer to bind quilts for us. It would be appreciated very much. Also, if you know how or would like to learn to quilt we are in need of quilters." Contact Janet @ janetprenger@gmail.com

Looking for a large flower pot to replant our big Piece Lilly in church. If anyone has one contact the parish office.

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 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent: When I was a young priest, about one year after ordination, I was called to the hospital to anoint a dying mother of three young children. She had a painful, terminal cancer. After celebrating Last Rites with her, I said, "Don't be afraid." She looked me square in the eye from her hospital bed and said, "Oh Father, I am in a lot of pain, but I am not afraid. Something wonderful is about to happen." A few days later she died.

Christians face the ending of our personal various "worlds" in a totally unique way. This first Sunday of Advent, Jesus says that when people see their world falling apart, they find themselves **"fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world"** (Luke 21:26). In our fear, our natural response is to check out, to hide our heads in drunkenness, distraction, and false securities. But Jesus commands us to **"look up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."** He then compares what's coming to a lovely summer in full bloom. That's what the cross and resurrection empower us to do, as strange as it may seem.

Advent challenge: What world in your life is collapsing? A relationship, a dream, a work opportunity? Maybe you're troubled by a crumbling world in the political or economic sphere. Or maybe someone you love is seriously ill or dying. Name that world or worlds. Then pray: "Lord, help me to not faint with fear. Help me to raise my head and see your redemption coming." — Father John Muir ©LPi



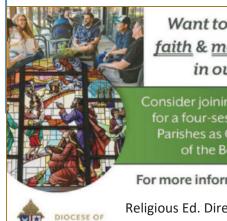
Cathy Singer, Director of Religious Education 573-395-4401 ext. 1003

#### December 1 1st Sunday of Advent

Lord God, only you can see into my heart and know that under all the busy-ness of my life, there is a deep longing to make this Advent one that welcomes you more deeply into my own life. Help me to be aware and keep alert. Remind me to be watchful of You, God. I wait in Hope. 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.



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Want to <u>deepen your</u> <u>faith</u> & <u>meet new people</u> in our parish?

Consider joining a small group for a four-session series on Parishes as Communities of the Beatitudes

For more information, contact:

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



**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.

#### Women in Faith



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



Sunday Morning Coffee and Pastries: December 8th After 8am & 10am Masses Bring a friend and come ENERGIZE! our Parish.



Join us on **December 12th** after morning Mass to pray the Chaplet of our Lady of Guadalupe. Weather permitting, we will go outside to her statue.

"The desire to sacrifice so another can be blessed is very much a part of what it means to truly love."

CHRIS PADGETT I'm Not OK. You're Not OK. But It's OK.

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

Our annual Christmas Program will be taking place on **Thursday, December 19th.** We will have an afternoon showing at 1:30pm and an evening showing at 6:30pm. 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.

Tuesday 12/3 - School Reconciliation

 Wednesday 12/4 - Life Runners
 Thursday 12/5 - Choir at the Capitol

 Monday 12/9 - Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass

 @ 7:45am
 Friday 12/13 - Wreaths For Heroes @ 9:00am

Blessings, Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal jtobar@sfxtaos.com

#### 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.



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

vears 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, **Linda Distler 573-680-4959.** 

#### 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 jpleus@hotmail.com for an order form.

#### **SFX Parishioners!**

You have TWO opportunities to hear the **SFXpressions** youth choir!

On **Thursday December 5th** they will be performing Christmas songs in the Capitol Rotunda from 12:45-1:00p.m.

They are also scheduled to sing at the 5pm **Christmas Eve mass**!

You won't want to miss these angel voices!

#### 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.

Wardsville Perpetual Adoration Chapel Hours Available:

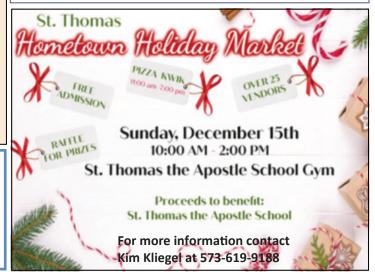
Thursday morning 12:00 midnight - 1:00 a.m.

Saturday 10:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Saturday 1:00 - 2:00 a.m. (every other Saturday)

Sunday 2:00 - 3:00 a.m. (1st & 3rd)

Call Donna at 680-1470 if interested



## upcoming

### ENERGIZE! Our Parish:

NEXT SUNDAY (Dec. 8th)

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





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.



Taos Wreaths for Heroes: Please join the Taos Wreaths for Heroes committee in the honoring our deceased veterans on Friday, December 13th at 9 am in St Francis Xavier School Gymnasium (moved due to church

renovation) with wreath laying on veteran's graves to take place at the parish cemetery immediately following the indoor program. The students of SFX Grade School will be significant players in this year's program which has the theme "Live with Purpose." Please help us honor veterans and their families this Christmas season and throughout the year. Family members and friends are especially encouraged to attend. Feel free to contact Dan or Charlotte Schnieders if you have any questions or comments at 573-635-2662 or <u>dan.schnieders@yahoo.com</u>.





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.



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