

# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 5, 2025

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THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

THEY WERE OVERJOYED  
AT SEEING THE

**STAR.**

— MATTHEW 2:10 —

# *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!*

Email: [info@sfxtaos.com](mailto:info@sfxtaos.com) Parish Website: [www.sfxtaos.com](http://www.sfxtaos.com)

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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;

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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](mailto:jtobar@sfxtaos.com)**

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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 our civic leaders, that they may be guided by wisdom and integrity in their decisions. May they seek the common good, foster unity in our communities, and lead with compassion and justice.”*

**Monday, Jan 6th: No Mass**

**Tuesday, Jan 7th :**

7:00 p.m. – Patricia Sanchez

**Wednesday, Jan 8th: No Mass**

**Thursday, Jan 9th:**

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Gary Wieberg Family

**Friday, Jan 10th:**

7:45 a.m. – Herman & Wilma Grothoff

**Saturday, Jan 11th:**

5:00 p.m. – David Rackers

**Sunday, Jan 12th:**

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

10:00 a.m. - L&D of Alvin & Ester Talken

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

# mark your Calendar

- Jan 6 **Women’s Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level**
- Jan 6 Book Club 2 p.m. Parish Office
- Jan 6 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall
- Jan 7 & 9 Quilting 8 a.m. Taos Park Office
- Jan 8 **PSR Class & Confirmation** 7 p.m. SFX School
- Jan 9 School Advisory Council 5:30 p.m. Commons Rm
- Jan 9 Mary Elizabeth & Women of Faith Meeting 6:30 p.m. Commons Rm
- Jan 12 **Children Liturgy of the Word** 10 a.m. Mass

## OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Dec	\$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays)
Nov 30 & Dec 1	\$ 12,332.00
Dec 7 & 8	\$ 21,961.00
Dec 14 & 15	\$ 10,674.00
Dec 21 & 22	\$ 12,710.00
ACH	\$ 28,576.00
	\$ 86,253.00

## Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2024

Goal thru Nov	\$ 430,500.00
Actual thru Nov	\$ 395,985.60
End of the Year	\$ -34,514.40

**Attention Quilters!** We quilt every Tuesday and Thursday weather permitting. All are welcome to join us.



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, & healing.

## The RHYTHM of LIFE 25<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY

“There is no faster way to happen upon the purpose of your life than to embrace life’s daily opportunities to serve those around you.”

MATTHEW KELLY

### Liturgical Ministries

Dec 11 & 12	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
<b>Eucharistic Ministers</b>	Cecilia Lock Angeline Prenger Sue Sandbothe MB	Eddy Davis Tina Davis Dennis Forck MB	Tammy Sachse Cathy Singer Linda Tobar MB
<b>Lector</b>	Melissa Bruemmer	Debra Backes	Michael Winkler
<b>Ushers</b>	Brad Bruemmer Owen Bruemmer Carol Forck Tony Forck	Wayne Verslues Justen Wegman Tom Wieberg Matt Forck	Rob Sachse James Singer DeWayne Sprenger Jim Thessen
<b>Servers</b>	Bode Wilde Kiptyn Thessen	<b>Volunteer Needed</b> <b>Volunteer Needed</b>	Tyler Sandbothe Ezra Yeager
<b>Musicians</b>	Hood & Forbis Family	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Katnik



Would anyone be available to help us pick up a refrigerator from a parishioners house and dispose of the one in the parish office? Call the office if you can help us out.  
**Thank you!**

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

**The Epiphany of the Lord, Matthew 2:1-12:** Have you ever wondered *why* the magi had gold, frankincense, and myrrh? Matthew's Gospel tells us, **"Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh"** (Matt. 2:11). Why are these things their "treasures"? One possible answer is they were magicians and astrologers, and these three items were the tools of their questionable trade. In offering them to Christ, they demonstrate that they will cease using such items to predict or control life. They place this baby-king, the God of Israel, at the center of their lives, and not their own devices of control, manipulation and prediction.

Isn't that what we need to do, too? Consider, for example, the magical power of money, symbolized by the magi's gold. Seemingly whatever we ask of money, it does. It wields a god-like power over the world. It can predict the future by guaranteeing better outcomes for us — which is why it is such a tempting alternative to trusting in God. The problem is such absolute trust in money enslaves us to the economic forces that make money so powerful. In paying homage to Jesus with "gold" (i.e., tithing), we participate in his authority over (and therefore freedom from) the magical sway of money.

What things in your life do you use to predict or control your future? What in your life seems to give you power over the world? Those are your treasures. Are you tired of feeling enslaved to them? Find a way to open them and give them to Christ, and you will be freer. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi

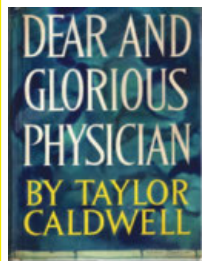


**Cathy Singer, Director of Religious Education**  
573-395-4401 ext. 1003

**A prayer of hope**

God, our loving Father,  
in this Jubilee Year,  
you remind us of our call to love creation.  
Help us to work together  
to replant, repair, and renew.

**Guide us on our journey  
as pilgrims of hope.**



SFX December Book club pick is "Dear and Glorious Physician" This novel tells the story of St. Luke, called herein Lucanus, from childhood, adoption by a kindly Roman patrician as the latter's son, medical studies in Alexandria, to his wanderings to serve the poor. We will meet on **Jan. 6th** at 2pm in the office to discuss *pick the next book.*



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



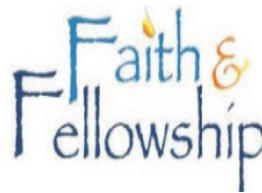
**Women in Faith**  
**Love. Grow. Serve.**

**Inviting all women of the Parish!**

The Mary and Elizabeth group and the Women in Faith will meet together to see how we can collaborate on ministering to the women of our parish. Between them, a few of the things they are working on are Women's Bible studies, supporting mom's such as sending cards for things like Baptisms and illnesses, ladies Nite out. We will meet on **January 9, 2025** at 6:30 p.m. in the Commons Room. Come and share your thoughts and suggestions on how we can better support all the women of our parish.

**Sunday Coffee & Pastries**

has been canceled on **Sunday, January 12th**



All are invited to join us on **Monday, January 13th** in the parish office at **1pm** as we prepare for the upcoming parish mission and plan Faith and Fellowship opportunities for St. Francis Xavier for 2025.

Please come and share your suggestions for the coming year.



- Jan. 19** 2pm Confirmation Retreat in the Cafeteria
- Feb. 27- March 1** Parish Mission
- Mar. 25** 7pm Confirmation
- Apr. 27** 12pm First Communion
- June 22-27** Totus Tuus



**PARISH MISSION**

**February 27**

To

**March 2**

**DAUGHTERS OF ST. PAUL**  
A Presence of Hope in Today's World




**Prayer for Vocations**

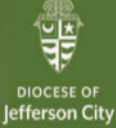


Oh Jesus, eternal Shepherd of souls! Deign to look with eyes of mercy on your beloved flock. Lord, we need a greater number of priests and consecrated men and women. We ask this by the intercession of our Lady of Guadalupe, your sweet and Holy Mother. Oh Jesus, give us priests and religious according to your heart. AMEN.

**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](mailto: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 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, **Linda Distler 573-680-4959**.

**Seasons of Hope**  
Grief Support Group

   DIOCESE OF Jefferson City

The parishes of the See City Deanery offer to walk with you through your grief in a group or individual setting.

**All are welcome!**

Join us at one of the following parishes:

**St. Martin Parish, St. Martins**  
Afternoon sessions  
in the St. Martin School Cafeteria



**Proto-Cathedral of St. Peter, Jefferson City**  
Evening sessions

For more information and to save your spot, contact the parish office at 573-893-2923 or email [receptionist@stmartinjtc.org](mailto:receptionist@stmartinjtc.org)

For more information and to save your spot, contact the parish office at 573-636-8159

**"In our frailty we are frantically trying to lessen or decrease suffering/chaos whenever it appears in our life. The goal is not to make the chaos go away. The goal is to learn how to be calm in the midst of the chaos."**

DR. GREGORY BOTTARO  
& BARBRA BOTTARO  
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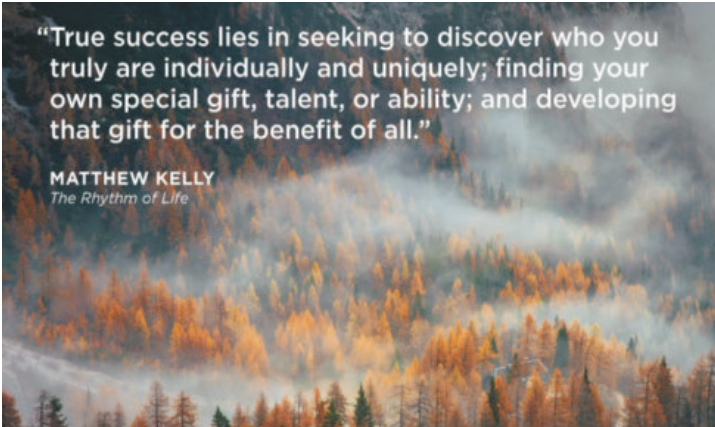
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MATTHEW KELLY  
*The Rhythm of Life*



 **JUBILEE 2025**  
**PILGRIMS OF HOPE**



**WHAT IS A JUBILEE?**

This holy year of Jubilee invites the faithful to embrace the spirit of hope. A Jubilee Year is an important occasion in the tradition of our Church, focused on promoting spiritual renewal through reconciliation and unity among believers. The Jubilee Year of 2025 will provide opportunities to experience grace, including by participating in special Jubilee Masses or joining a pilgrimage.

# UPCOMING EVENTS



be hosting a blood drive on **January 9th** 10 in the High School auditorium. Chance to win a ticket. Scan QR for more information.

## Healing Mass

For anyone who has been divorced or separated, has been negatively impacted by divorce, and all those who wish to show support.

### IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CATHOLIC CHURCH

6:30 PM 1206 E. McCarty St Jefferson City, MO

**JANUARY 16TH**

**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](mailto:jpleus@hotmail.com) for an order form.

## 12 STEP SUPPORT GROUP RECOVERY MEETINGS



Meetings held at Immaculate Conception Church in The Emmaus Room

### WEDNESDAYS 7:00-8:00 PM

Alcoholics Anonymous downstairs; Al-Anon upstairs. Both meetings are closed, which means they are open only to those who acknowledge they are alcoholic or co-dependent. All those in recovery are welcome.

### SATURDAYS 9:00-10:00 AM

An Open 11th Step meeting. All are welcome. Those who are in any 12 step program, and or, those who simply want to learn more. This meeting includes 10 minutes of silent prayer/meditation.

Enter in the back of the rectory under the blue awning. Look for sign.

## Perpetual Adoration Chapel (Wardsville) Hours Available

Thursday morning 12:00 Midnight-1:00 a.m.  
Saturdays 1:00-2:00 a.m. (every other Saturday)  
Sundays 2:00-3:00 a.m. (1st and 3rd Sundays)  
Sunday 10:00-11:00 p.m. (2nd and 4th)

**Please call Donna at 680-1470 if you are interested in joining our Perpetual Adoration Chapel Program.**

Join Musicians and Composers

Kathleen Basi  
and  
Katie Wills

For a Time of  
Music & Reflection

Women of God:  
Uniquely Gifted, Uniquely Called



SCAN TO SIGN UP

### Dates

Jan 31 - Immaculate Conception  
Loose Creek MO, at 5:45 PM

Feb 1 - Holy Family Parish  
Hannibal, MO at 9:00 AM

Feb 2 - Our Lady of Lourdes  
Columbia MO at 1:30 PM

Feb 3 - St Patrick Parish  
Rolla MO at 5:30 PM

## Ministry on the Move!



full details and registration at:  
[diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-upcoming-events](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry-upcoming-events)

## MARRIAGE RETREAT

Living in the Trinity with Mary

**MARCH 14-15, 2025**

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