A leper came to Jesus and begged him: "If you wish, you can make me clean." Jesus stretched out his hand, touched him, and said, "I do will it. Be made clean." The leprosy left him immediately.

MARK 1:40-42
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!

**St. Francis Xavier Parish**

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

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Email: mpenn@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1004)

DEACON MICHAEL BERENDZEN  573.694.4916
Email: mwberendzen@gmail.com

**WEEKEND MASSES:** Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8:00 & 10 a.m.

- Email: sfxchurch1@embarqmail.com
- Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
- Office: 573.395.4401   Fax:  573.395.4302
- Parish Website: www.sfxtaosmo.org

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- Secretary - Laurie Herzing Email: lherzing@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1001)
- Religious Education Director - Shelle Sandbothe Email: reled@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1003)

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**   Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
  or anytime by appointment.

**PASTORAL COUNCIL:** Mark Wankum, President 573-808-5070 ; DeWayne Sprenger, Vice President 690-3683 ; Sara Kerperin, Secretary 230-1112; Janet Klebba, Social Concerns 680-9925; Bill Buschman 659-1583; Jana Forck 690-5668; Kevin Prenger 645-0095; Tim Riley 291-3991; Sarah Twelhus 528-7208; Bill Vanderfeltz 690-4699; Rick Wallis 395-3344; Julie Wilbers 291-6893; 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: jtober@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.
- Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet prior to Tuesday evening Mass at 6:40 p.m. in Church until 7:00p.m.
- **Baptism:** Contact Father regarding preparation sessions and scheduling.
- **Marriage:** Contact Father at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling.
“For parents: may they have the spiritual and material resources they need to provide their children a home in which charity and mercy are practiced, and knowledge of our faith is shared.”

Monday, Feb 15th: No Mass
Tuesday, Feb 16th:
7 p.m. - Paul & Margaret Forck
Wednesday, Feb 17th: Ash Wednesday
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Samuel Yancey Family (SFX Students)
5:30 p.m. - L&D of Edwin & Veronica Toebben Family
7:00 p.m. - Shirley Prenger
Thursday, Feb 18th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Margie Stegeman
Friday, Feb 19th:
8:00 a.m. - Norine lage
Saturday, Feb 20th:
5:00 p.m. - L&D of Edmund & Margaret Prenger Family
Sunday, Feb 21st:
8:00 a.m. - Jim & Dolores Forck
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 Feb are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

HELP WANTED We are looking for a care companion for our Mother beginning February, preferably live in. Private quarters available. Call Becky at 573-694-7792 for more information.

Important Anointing of the Sick: Due to hospitals’ strict protocols, it is important to seek the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation prior to going to the hospital. Most hospitals only allow a priest to provide the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick if the patient has been placed on comfort care (hospice) or is nearing death.

Liturgical Ministries

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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.


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

2021 Mass Intensions are now open for booking

St. Francis Xavier School: We are looking to purchase more Chromebooks for our students. We want to ensure that we have extras if needed, and we would like to put together Chromebook cart for our younger grades. If you would like to donate money toward our new Chromebook purchase, please contact Mr. Tobar. Thanks for your support!

Quilters
We are quilting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Josh Sandbothes house. Call Georgene 573-619-4610 if you have any questions. Can quilt daytime or evening. Please come join us!
**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

This **Wednesday, February 17th**, is **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of the penitential Season of Lent. Masses for parish attendance will be celebrated at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. **The 8:00 a.m. Mass is for the school students only.** Due to the pandemic, the Imposition of Ashes will be different than what you are accustomed to. Rather than placing the ashes on the forehead of the individual with the admonition, the minister will sprinkle the ashes on the head without saying anything.

**Ash Wednesday is a day of fast and abstinence.** Abstinence is for all persons who have celebrated their fourteenth birthday meaning they are bound to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday, all Fridays of Lent and Good Friday. **Fast is for everyone from the celebration of their eighteenth birthday to their fifty-ninth birthday meaning only one full meal on this day. Two other partial meals, sufficient to maintain strength may be taken, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids are allowed.** If you have any questions regarding this or any other matter, do not hesitate to give me a call.

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**Religious Education**

Shelle Sandbothe, Director of Religious Education
573-395-4401 ext.1003

**Prayer for Communion of Desire**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to you. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You. **Amen**

**2021 Confirmation for St. Francis Xavier**

will be on April 20th at St. Joseph Cathedral at 6:30 p.m.

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**Parishes are encouraged to pray the Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the Protection from the Coronavirus at the end of each Mass.**

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**Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri**

**WE'RE HIRING!**

Are you interested in applying?

Housing Counselor applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Alissa Marlow, Director of Community Services at amarlow@cccnmo.org

Learn more about what it means to be an AmeriCorps Member and find applications for this position at the AmeriCorps Website. Find the link on the CCCNMO Career Opportunities webpage.

Learn more: [cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers](http://cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers)

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**Purified: April 21, 2021.** A Life-Changing Event for Families (Ages 13+). The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours with Jason Evert. Event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, from 6-8 p.m., tickets are $25, and can be purchased at [cathedral.diojeffcity.org](http://cathedral.diojeffcity.org).

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**O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick.** At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. **Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need.** **We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial.**

Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us:

He who taught us to “love one another, as I have loved you” took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection.

Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

**V.** We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

**R.** Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. **Amen.**

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**PRAY FOR US!**

The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns.

carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com
31920 State Highway P, Clyde MO 64432
### Pre-Kindergarten Registration

Pre-Kindergarten Registration has begun! If your child has turned 3 years old by Dec. 31, 2020, and you are interested in enrolling, please call the school office at 395-4612 for registration information.

**Kindergarten Registration** will be on **Sunday, March 21** in school. Registration will include tour, registration packet, and meet and greet with our Kindergarten teacher.

### Women's Ministry Video Series

Women’s Ministry Video Series: The Women’s Ministry of Jefferson City was established to help the women of our diocese connect with each other so that we can support each other in our spiritual journeys. We find inspiration and comfort in praying with each other, in talking with each other, and in sharing the stories of our faith journeys. Some of the women of our diocese have shared their stories in podcasts. These stories ([diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/ reflections-from-within/](http://diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/reflections-from-within/)) are from ordinary women doing the best they can to serve their families, their parishes, their communities and, above all, their God. Their experiences tell our story, too, about times of sorrow, challenges, hope, faith, love and joy. Each week, there will be a new podcast on this website. Let us go to our favorite resting places with our favorite beverages and spend some time with our sisters in Christ by listening to these podcasts.

### God's Word for Children

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Paul told the Corinthians something we need to keep in mind for our everyday living.

To find out what it was, use the number code provided.

Some letters have already been written in.

If you need help, read 1 Corinthians 10:31 in your Bible.

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15=Y  4=G  1=V  18=D  13=N
7=I  10=E  19=L  2=R  11=T
20=H  12=F  9=O
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### SFX 2019 Year End Contributions

St. Francis Xavier thanks you for your financial generosity this past year. All 2020 contributions must be at the parish office by **Dec. 31**. Any contributions received after that date will be counted as 2021 contributions. If you would like a record of your financial support, please call the parish office after **Jan. 19, 2021**. We will notify you when the report is available to be picked up.

### Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri

My name is Rebecca Jennings and I work with Catholic Charities of Central and Northern MO, as a member of the Health and Nutrition Services Department. We are currently expanding our program and volunteer needs, as we prepare to staff our soon to be renovated client-choice food pantry. I am reaching out to you, in hopes that you can pass on my request for volunteers to your congregation. Right now our main volunteer need is help in distributing our senior food boxes to seniors who live in the Jefferson City area. The client-choice food pantry will not be completed until late summer of 2021, so if individuals would rather work on site there, then they could note that and I will set their name aside until we are closer to the food pantry being open. I thank you for your time and consideration. If individuals would like to know more or sign up to volunteer, please have them email me at rjennings@cccnmo.org. Thank you!

### Jesus Healed a Man

Jesus healed a man with a terrible disease called leprosy. He told him not to tell anyone.

But the man spread the news about it anyway.

Count the number of times this man has shouted, “Healed!”

Then write that number inside the bandage roll at the bottom.
College Scholarship: Applications for the 2021-2022 Simon Scholarship are being accepted through March 31, 2021. Applications can be acquired through the pastor or parish life collaborator or may be downloaded at diojeffcity.org/scholarship or available at the Parish Office.

The Osage Senior Center
Located in Wardsville, MO, is looking for interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on our waitlist for USDA or MHDC units. For more information call the office at 573-632-2712 and leave a message or email us at osageseniorcenter@gmail.com. The Center is now under local management to better serve our residents.

Employment Opportunities with the Diocese of Jefferson City
Payroll Specialist, Director of Religious Education and Youth/Young Adult Ministry, two Administrative Assistants, Bi-lingual Administrative Assistant.

www.diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment

The Center is now under local management to better serve our residents.

We Need Your Help!
Church Cleaning Policy: If you are unable to work on your assigned date, let your coordinator know and turn in your $15 to the parish office. Coordinators Listed Below. Students who are seeking service hours are welcome to help clean. Please contact the weekly coordinator to verify when you will be there (1-2 hours Saturday morning, or occasionally a Friday evening).

Week 1: Feb 6
Elaine Callaway 690-8966
Lacy Green, Julie Grimshaw, Tina Grothoff, Agnes Grothoff, Jackie Hagenhoff

Week 2: Feb 13
Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803
Dinah Hagner, Sheila Hair, Carol Hake, Nicole Hall, Jessica Hammacher

Week 3: Feb 20
Jean Pinnell 694-2111
Caitlin Hamilton, Kelly Hanna Patricia Haselhorst, Kathy Haselhorst, Jane Haslag

Week 4: Feb 27
Sue Sandbothe 230-3154
Angie Haslag, Lee Ann Haslag Kathy Hays, Amy Heckman, Angela Heckman

FREE Books & Lots of Other Information:
Located in the vestibule facing school where you enter through the handicapped door are many books, pamphlets and other reading materials FREE for you to look at, read, or share with others.

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