Jesus said, “Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

MATTHEW 18:20
St. Francis Xavier Parish
7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

REV. MICHAEL W. PENN - PASTOR
Email: mpenn@sfxtaos.com

DEACON MICHAEL BERENDZEN 573.694.4916
Email: mwberendzen@gmail.com

WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 7, 8:30, & 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: sfxchurch1@embarqmail.com
Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302
Parish Website: www.sfxtaosmo.org

Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002)
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: Jason Hoffmeyer, President 395-4305; Mark Wankum, Vice President 573-808-5070; Sara Kerperin, Secretary 230-1112; Janet Klebba, Social Concerns 680-9925; Jody Bennett 353-4410; Bill Buschman 659-1583; Dale Heckman 645-1905; Jeff Pleus 395-4428; Tim Riley 291-3991; DeWayne Sprenger 690-3683; Sarah Twehus 528-7208; 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: 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.
† 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.
**Mass Intentions**

“For children deprived of a safe and healthy home, that they experience the love of God through the care and concern shown by Catholics.”

**Monday, Sept 7th:** No Mass  *(Happy Labor Day)*

**Tuesday, Sept 8th:**
7:00 p.m. - No Mass

**Wednesday, Sept 9th:**
8:00 a.m. - No Mass

**Thursday, Sept 10th:**
8:00 a.m. - No Mass

**Friday, Sept 11th:**
8:00 a.m. - No Mass

**Saturday Sept 12th:**
5:00 p.m. - Bernard & Laurine Heet

**Sunday, Sept 13th:**
7:00 a.m. - Anna Marie Knaebel
8:30 a.m. - L&D of Albert & Rosemary Wibberg Family
10:00 a.m. - Clarence & Esther Fromme

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 Sept are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Capital Improvements/Repairs, and St. Ann’s Quilting Group $10.00.

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**Perpetual Adoration Chapel open hours (Wardsville):**
Although the chapel isn’t open yet (except Adoration in church M-F, 8-6—and optional for the other times outside those hours) here are the hours that will be available when it does open.

Saturday morning 4:00-5:00 a.m.,
Saturday morning 10-11 a.m., Sunday morning 1-2 a.m.
Sunday morning 2:00-3:00 a.m. *(2nd Sunday only)*
Monday morning 1-2 a.m., Monday morning 3-4 a.m.

Please call Donna if you would like to sign up for any of these hours. 680-1470 or 635-2095, Thank you!

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**Mark Your Calendar**

**Sept 8** Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall
*(this meeting has been moved to Tuesday evening due to the holiday on Monday.)*

**Sept 12 & 13** Collection for Capital Improvements/Repairs

**Sept 16** 2021 Mass Intentions open for scheduling at 9 a.m.

**Sept 19** K of C Fish Fry 3 - 8 p.m.

**Sept. 20** Catechetical Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mass

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

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**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021**

| Goal thru July   | $ 72,549.00 |
| Actual thru July | $ 74,771.00 |
| End of the Year  | $ +2,222.00 |

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**Mass Intentions**

will be accepted beginning

**Wednesday, September 16 at the Parish Office starting at 9:00 a.m.**

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**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

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Will be held **Sept. 15**, 7-9:30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tickets are limited due to social distancing. Purchase tickets at [http://corproject.com/jeffersonicity/](http://corproject.com/jeffersonicity/); contact Julie Gramlich at julie.g@cathedraljc.org or 573-635-7991 for more information.
Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

All our labors, all our works, are to glorify the Lord. All efforts to the contrary are in vain. As His people we are to unite ourselves in the building up and the promotion of God’s Kingdom. We do this by conforming our words and actions to those of Jesus: by glorifying God in all we do and not making ourselves the center of attention or building ourselves up for worldly recognition. To do what is contrary to God and His law is sinful. Let us always seek to do what God desires of us and labor diligently to accomplish what God has chosen us to do. Then our labors and our works will not be in vain; will not be useless.

Tomorrow, September 7th, is Labor Day. In observation of this national holiday the Parish Office will be closed. There will be no Mass celebrated in the church, as is customary on Mondays.

Bishop McKnight’s new Decree on Pastoral Activities in the Diocese of Jefferson City takes effect this Saturday, September 12th. I request if you have not yet read this Episcopal Decree please do so before next weekend. The use of face masks is once again required to enter the church and to be worn during the Communion procession and leaving the church. If social distancing cannot be maintained in the pews, then the wearing of masks is obligatory in the pews.

Be mindful that for those who wish to continue the practice of Communion on the tongue, you may continue to do so, but only in my line, as there are necessary precautions to be taken. Communion on the tongue is not allowed in another Communion minister’s line or in the choir.

Parish protocols will be established for weddings, funerals, baptisms, devotions, catechetical activities, social gatherings, sporting activities and meetings as well as school events.

The new decree will be posted on the church doors. If there are any questions regarding this, contact me at the parish office. I am grateful to all of you for your support, cooperation and understanding.

We Need Your Help

Please pray about some excellent opportunities to use your talents to help out the parish.

1. PSR teacher for the 2020/2021 school year.
2. Confirmation leaders for grades 9th, 10th, and 11th grade.

If you are interested, please contact Shelle Sandbothe at the parish office, 394-4401.

Introducing Totus Tuus at Home: a fun, prayerful, and catechetical resource for parish kids and families. Taking inspiration from the 2020 curriculum, Totus Tuus at Home offers an array of child-friendly videos exploring the 10 Commandments and the Glorious Mysteries of the Rosary. The videos were created, filmed, edited, and produced by our 2020 missionary team. We hope these videos might be a resource to your parish families seeking some solid faith-formation for their kids at home. And for those kids that may have missed out on Totus Tuus this year, we pray this will bring a little bit of the Totus Tuus spirit into their lives in a fun and socially-distanced way! Totus Tuus Maria!

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

PSR: Forms are now available in the back of church or on the parish web site. All forms are due by Sept. 13th. PSR registration is for grades K-8th. 7th and 8th graders will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION: Confirmation preparation will begin this fall for those students entering 7th-11th grade. Students attending St. Francis will get their instruction at school. Registration forms are in the back of church and on the parish website. All forms are due by Sept. 13th.

All Registration Forms can be turned in at the Parish Office.

Are you interested in joining the Catholic Church? or would you like to learn more about the possibility? Inquiry Sessions begin the process for those who want to join the Catholic Church. An Inquiry Session will be held in September sometime. Date to be announced. Please feel free to call Fr. Michael Penn at the Parish Office if you have any questions 573-395-4401.

I am there in the midst of them.

Believe

8th Annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children: The eighth annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be recognized on Sept. 12, at a 10 a.m. Mass celebrated by Father Anthony Viviano, diocesan pro-life moderator, at St. Andrew Parish in Holts Summit. After Mass, a brief prayer service will be held at the St Andrew Memorial Stone for a short prayer service. Please wear a mask and observe social distance during the Mass and prayer service. For more information, contact Kathy Forck, St Andrew pro-life coordinator, 573-821-5130.
One On One Technology Instruction at the Osage County Library:
Mondays 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Are you interested in learning how to better navigate the internet, become comfortable with computers or learn how to use a software program? We're here to help. The Osage County Library now offers one on one technology instruction with an information technology specialist. No prior computer skills necessary. Reservations are required and time slots are limited to 45 minute sessions starting at 9:00, 10:00 and 11:00 a.m. Please call the branch at 573-897-2951 to make a reservation or email gudermuthc@mrl.org.

Mark your CALENDARS! Taos Knights of Columbus will be having two upcoming Drive - Thru Fish Fry’s!
Change of date Friday, September 18th
Serving 3 p.m. - 8 p.m.
Fish or Shrimp - $12
Choice of Baked Potato or French Fries
Beans, Cole Slaw, & Hush Puppies
Raffle tickets will be available for purchase.
All proceeds benefit St. Francis Xavier School

PREVENTING SCAMS! Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the USA. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one’s pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTunes cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is https://www.ic3.gov.

Job Opportunities:
- St. Peter Parish in Jefferson City: announces a new employment opportunity: Communications and Outreach Coordinator. This position is full time (30-40 hours per week) with a comprehensive benefits package. Pay will be contingent on experience and skill. Key responsibilities: Create and manage communications and publications for St. Peter Parish and for St. Peter Interparish School in Jefferson City, MO, Create and manage outreach opportunities/activities on the school, parish and community level, Manage and promote social and electronic media presence of both parish and school, and welcome and serve all parish visitors as needed, including those who speak Spanish.
- St. Peter Catholic Church announces an immediate opening for Campus Custodian: Key responsibilities: maintain the cleanliness, safety and upkeep of the St. Peter Parish campus facilities and grounds as directed and provide maintenance and facility support. Hours: full time (30-40 hours/week), some weekend hours might be required. Wage: $12-$13 per hour to start, plus comprehensive benefits package. Successful applicants will have: experience in maintenance and custodial work, a strong work ethic, some mechanical / equipment repair experience, the physical ability to complete the maintenance and custodial tasks assigned, respect for the Catholic faith, heritage and practice, work with a flexible schedule, work well with the pastor, parish and school staff. Background check and Safe Environment training required. To apply, call Michelle, 636-8159 for a job description / application, and submit to: St. Peter Catholic Church, 216 Broadway, Jefferson City, MO 65101 by August 21, 2020.
- Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking a bi-lingual (Spanish/English) administrative assistant: to support the Executive Director of Faith Formation and Hispanic Ministry as well as clerical support for our Vocations Department. This individual will be expected to take minutes of meetings, compose letters, and will organize events in coordination with our Events Coordinator.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Taos Parks & Rec Fall Soccer sign ups:** will be September 7th from 4-6pm and September 8th from 6-8pm at the Taos Countryside Park upper pavilion. Ages are for boys and girls currently in Pre-K, K, and 1st grade. Registration fee is $20, and you must supply your own shin guards and size 4 soccer ball. Games will be held on Sunday afternoons starting September 27th.

**St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus ladies auxiliary:** is sponsoring a Red Cross Blood Drive Wednesday, September 9th from 2:30 to 6:30pm at the Knights of Columbus hall in Taos. The Red Cross is offering a free Covid-19 antibody test to all of their donors. The cutoff date to donate if you have previously donated is July 15th. Please support this worthy cause.

**Osage Ducks Unlimited Banquet:** The Osage Ducks Unlimited Banquet, will be held on Saturday September 12, at the Loose Creek Community Center. Prime Rib dinner. Doors open at 5 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 P.M. Tickets available from Jeff Mertens 573-680-2205 or Dale Williams 573-690-9676 or at www.ducks.org/events to purchase online.

**St. Anthony Parish (Folk, MO) Fall Festival:** Sunday, Sept. 13th! Drive-thru only. Roast beef and whole hog sausage dinners. Serving family style 11 a.m.—6 p.m. $12.00. Raffle at 6 p.m., kettle corn and raw sausage sales.

**Wardsville/Osage Bend Knights of Columbus Bar-b-Que:** on Saturday, September 19, 2020. Serving pork steak, chicken, bratwurst, baked beans, cole slaw for $10.00 per plate, slab of ribs $18.00, cinnamon rolls $10.00 from 11:00am to 5:00pm in the St. Stanislaus School Cafeteria. Classic Car Cruise in 11 a.m. - 6 p.m.

**St. Michael Catholic Church (Russellville, MO):** Drive-thru dinner, Sunday, Sept. 20 from 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. Serving: Rope Sausage, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Coleslaw, Bread, Applesauce and Brownie ($12). Child’s Meal: hotdog w/ bun, Chips, Applesauce, and Brownie ($5). Bottle drinks ($1), Rope Sausage will be available for sale and 50/50 Raffle $5 each or 5 for $20. Online Quilt Auction at www.stmichaelauctions.com. United States Veterans: Register to win a Free Valor Quilt, must be present to register.

**Frankenstein 9th Annual 5K RUN/WALK:** St. Mary Home & School Association will be having a VIRTUAL 5K run/walk the month of October. Registration is $20. Register by September 25th to guarantee a shirt. Please visit https://ourladyofhelp.wordpress.com/ for a registration form.

**Loose Creek 175th Anniversary Celebration:** of Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek is cancelled due to COVID-19. It is rescheduled for Oct 9, 2021. The parish is selling commemorative books (including 715 family histories of people that settled in the town) for $55. Also for sale is Vol. I,II, III of the Growing of Loose Creek. Complete set is $200. Will ship or arrange pickup. Contact Janice at 573-619-8149 or Joan at 573-680-1897.

**St. Stanislaus in Wardsville Fall Supper:** Drive through only, will be on Sunday October 11, 2020. Serving fried chicken, whole hog sausage, real mashed potatoes, green beans and sauerkraut from 11:00am to 6:00pm. Cost is $12.00.

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**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 credit 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).

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Barbara Bish, Jennifer Bish, Roseann Boehm, Donna Borgmeyer, Evelyn Borgmeyer
Sarah Boss, Debbie Bradley, Elaine Branch, Anita Brand, Janice Brand
Anita Branum, Justa Brendel, Jeriane Brenneke, Janette Brenneke, Brenda Brenneke
Melissa Bruemmer, Jennifer Bruns, Lisa Buhr, Tammy Burlbaw, Beverly Burlbaw

**Area Churches - Every 1st and 3rd Monday,** at St. Stanislaus Church, prayer service for an end to, and truth regarding Covid-19. 7-7:30 p.m.

A Patriotic Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 11 in Holy Family Church, 104 Oliver Street, Freeburg. It will include the Rosary and the singing of patriotic songs.

The eight annual National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children will be recognized at 10:00 a.m. Mass on Saturday, Sept 12 in St. Andrew Church, 400 St. Andrews Drive, off Center Street in Holts Summit. After Mass, a brief prayer service will be held at the St. Andrew Memorial Stone.

St. Joseph parish in Westphalia will hold a Patriotic prayer service at 6 p.m. one Sunday each month. Dates include Sept 13, Oct 11, Nov. 15 and Dec. 13.

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**God Hears Prayer**

Please continue to pray for healing and recovery for Father Michal W. Penn!