Watch therefore; you do not know when the Lord of the house is coming, whether in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or in the morning.

Mark 13:35
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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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

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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.
† 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 a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.”

Monday, Nov 30th:
No Mass

Tuesday, Dec 1st:
7:00 p.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, Dec 2nd: (School Mass Only)
10:00 a.m. - Norine Lage

Thursday, Dec 3rd:
8:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Mike

Friday, Dec 4th:
8:00 a.m. - No Mass

Saturday, Dec 5th:
5:00 p.m. - L&D of Edwin & Veronica Toebben Family

Sunday, Dec 6th:
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Stanley & Betty Rackers Family
10:00 a.m. - Jackson 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 offering collection done electronically and do not receive monthly envelopes, the special envelopes for Dec are: First Offering, Samaritan Center, Immaculate Conception, Parish School, Capital Improvements/Repairs, Christmas Offering, and Seminarian Formation & Priests Retirement.

Helias Catholic High School: is seeking a Theology Teacher full or part-time beginning in January. For the full job description, please go to the Helias website at www.heliascatholic.com/AboutUs/EmploymentOpportunities or contact the office at 573-635-6139.

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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Quilters!!!!
We have begun quilting, Josh Sandbothe has offered us his basement. Quilting Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. Call Georgene (619-4610) if you have any questions. Can quilt daytime or evening. Please come join us!

Baptized in Christ: Rennen Layne Pinnell was baptized in our church on Saturday, Nov. 21, 2020.

HOPE

JESUS IS COMING

Romans 15: 12-13

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.
First Sunday of Advent

You just never know. Most of us rely on schedules. We schedule this, that or the other thing and when all goes according to the schedule, we feel comfortable and in charge of things. However, sometimes life and its schedule does not go according to our plan or desire. It opposes what we thought best and we find ourselves frustrated and sometimes even lost. We did not anticipate this change. You just never know.

Complacency is dangerous. We exist in a false contentment that we are the master of our time and space. As Christians, nothing could be further from the truth. We are not the master; we are stewards who are to live in anticipation for the return of the Lord. Is His return immediate? You just never know.

Our plan and our desire are submission to the plan of God, to be watchful and ready for His return. As we enter this Advent Season may we live as He calls us to live and be always prepared for His Coming as it will be the next moment. You just never know.

Prayer for Communion of Desire

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

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

NUTRITION COUNSELING

JOIN THIS FREE 8-WEEK SESSION
5-6 PM ON TUESDAYS AT THE LINC
DECEMBER 8TH - JANUARY 26TH

Would you like help changing your food & health attitudes and behaviors?

Come to the Linc to learn how to incorporate healthy cooking skills and new food knowledge into your lifestyle. Classes are led by a Registered Dietitian using the Healthy for Life Program created by the American Heart Association & Aramark.

Due to COVID we are limiting the class size to 12 participants, and asking all participants to wear masks during the class. You can sign up at the Linc at (573) 634-6482, by visiting the Linc at 1299 Lafayette Street in Jefferson City, MO, or online at https://www.jcparcsregistration.com/wbwsc/webtrac.wsc/search.html. Registration is open until max participation is met, so feel free to join at any time!

Together, we can create safe environments for all.

You can receive the robust, cohesive, easy-to-access training that equips each of our parishioners to create a safe environment for our parish. To learn more about the program or begin training online, visit: diojeffcity.org/safe-environment.

Be watchful - the grace of God appears suddenly. It comes without warning to an open heart.
Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As I enter my third year as Bishop of the Diocese of Jefferson City, I am extremely grateful for your generosity and commitment to our Catholic faith. This year’s theme is, “For I know well the plans I have in mind for you, plans for your welfare and not for woe, so as to give you a future of hope.” JEREMIAH 29:11

I have watched our community grow stronger in faith even during these uncertain times we are experiencing. I ask that you continue to help me carry out the mission and work of the church by prayerfully considering supporting the annual Catholic Stewardship Appeal through a sacrificial gift.

May God bless you for your generosity, and may Christ’s peace be with you. I am,

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight
Bishop of Jefferson City

The prophet Isaiah prays, “We are the clay and you the potter” (Isaiah 64:7). That means God works to make us into the people we were created to be. Match each of the pottery pieces to its outline. Then decorate them with colorful designs!

Stay very
Keep and steady...
So when Jesus returns, He'll find you are ready!

First Sunday of Advent
No one knows when Jesus will return. Because we don’t know, Jesus urges his disciples to be two things. Use the shape code to find what they are.

The Diocese of Jefferson City Women’s Ministry is partnering with the Jefferson City Salvation Army to Feed the Hungry.

Until further notice - COVID-19 Changes:
Drop-off of meals at SA 4:30pm on your confirmed date.
Service trays and containers are already at SA.
Service for approximately 60 people.
Large serving quantities are requested due to no 2nds or refills.
Community Homeless will pick up their meal as a to-go item.
With your meal please include a couple of flats of bottled water and other bottled drinks (tea, gatorade, lemonade, etc.).

The need is real, the need is now!

All Are Welcome To Join Us
Families
Co-workers
Friends

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.
Matthew 25:35

If you are interested in being a part of this beautiful opportunity to serve others, please contact Virginia Shoester
(375) 619-0104 or email vibranvty@gmail.com

Catholic STEWARDSHIP APPEAL
Guest speaker this year will be the State Representative for the 60th District, Congressman David Griffith and the theme for the program is “Be an American Worth Fighting For.” Please help us honor veterans and their families this Christmas season. Family members and friends are especially encouraged to attend. Please feel free to contact Dan or Charlotte Schnieders if you have any questions or comments at 573-635-2662 or dan.schnieders@yahoo.com. The ceremony will require adherence to current COVID social distance and mask requirements.

St. Francis Xavier’s Giving Tree has been cancelled this year, but you can still help the Samaritan Center by getting involved in one of the two programs listed below. All information is on their website. www.midmosamaritan.org. Thank you!

**Santa’s Workshop**

Samaritan Center is in need of gifts for Santa’s Workshop. Toys in the range of a minimum of $10-$15 each, for ages from newborn to age 12. We do offer smaller items as bonus gifts when available. Examples are coloring books, story books, crayons, sticker books, new hats and gloves, etc. Toys can be combined. Examples-two packages of hot wheels or a doll and clothes put together as one gift. For older ages items like makeup, nail polish, curling iron, blow dryer, basketballs, footballs, cologne, body sprays, etc. are acceptable.

If you have any questions, please contact Amber or Denise at 573-634-7776. **Program runs Dec. 1st - 10th.**

**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.**

St. Joseph parish in Westphalia will hold a Patriotic prayer service at 6 p.m. one Sunday each month. Date Dec. 13.

###.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).

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