Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God:
“This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel.”

Mark 1:14-15
St. Francis Xavier Parish

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

REV. MICHAEL W. PENN - PASTOR
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.

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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Parish Website: www.sfxtaosmo.org
Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock  Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002)
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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 Twethus 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: 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 those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.”

Monday, Jan 25th:
No Mass

Tuesday, Jan 26th:
7 p.m. - Arrow Osborne

Wednesday, Jan 27th: (School Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Alfred Wittkopf

Thursday, Jan 28th: (School Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Bernard & Laurine Heet

Friday, Jan 29th:
8:00 a.m. - Evelyn Hendricks

Saturday, Jan 30th:
5:00 p.m. - Leonard Kolb & Eno & Clara Wolters

Sunday, Jan 31st:
8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - Joann Thessen

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: Solemnity of Mary, New Year’s Day, 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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Quilters We are quilting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Josh Sandbothe’s house. Call Georgene 573-619-4610 if you have any questions. Can quilt daytime or evening. Please come join us!

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.

Calendar

Jan 27 PSR 7-8 p.m. SFX School
Jan 30 Catholic School Week Begins at 5 p.m. Mass
Jan 31 Sunday Confirmation Class 6 p.m.
Feb 3 St. Blaise Mass for blessing of throats 7 p.m.
Feb 3 Wednesday Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.
Feb 3 PSR 7-8 p.m. SFX School
Feb 4 Adoration 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Feb 11 School Board 5:30 p.m.
Feb 14 Happy Valentine’s Day
Feb 15 President Day

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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**Pastor’s Corner**

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Our vocational call to holiness is answered by each person by how they authentically live their lives. A person cannot claim to be a follower of Jesus yet act contrary to His teaching. Our nature was mired in darkness, error and sin until the Word made flesh entered in our history. With His entrance came a special Call to follow Him, to live like Him, to die to ourselves and our sin, in order that we might live with Him for all eternity. We hear in today’s gospel to reform our lives. May we listen to God’s holy Word, be transformed by His holy Word, and live our lives according to His holy Word. This is the authentic response to the Call to holiness.

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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

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**Catholic Charities**

**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

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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.

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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.**

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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**Helias’ Annual Open House**

for incoming freshmen is **Sat., Jan. 30, 2021** from 9 am - 1 pm. You must go to the Helias website and sign up for a time to attend - **www.heliascatholic.com.**

Freshman applications for the 2021/22 school year are also being accepted now on the website Admissions page. Once a student has applied and enrolled, they can select one of two nights to sign up for classes; **Tues. Feb. 9 from 4-7pm or Wed., Feb 10 from 4-6 pm.** Please contact the Helias Admissions Office with any questions 573-635-6139. We look forward to meeting the Class of 2025!
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/) 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.

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

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
God had a message for Jonah to tell.
Read the sentences. Then unscramble the last word in each to find out what happened. (If you need help, read Jonah 3:1-5, 10.)

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God sent Jonah to the city of ______________.

ewcikd
The people there were very ______________.

+ccaokhl
To show they were sorry they wore ______________.

ecmyr
God forgave them and showed them ______________.

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. 31st. 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.

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@cccnm.org. Thank you!
We hope you are able to join us on January 30 for the fundraiser. If you are able to donate an item/items for the auctions, please contact Loree at the number or email listed above. Thank you for your generosity!

**St. Thomas Virtual Winter Fantasy:** Saturday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. **Grand Prize $5,000!** 3 - $1,000 Winners, 4 - $500 Winners, and 10 - $100 Winners. Tickets $75 each. For tickets stop by Speedy B’s or contact Kim Kliegal at 619-9188. **Online Silent Auction - Jan. 31st - Feb. 6th.** Follow us on Facebook: St. Thomas the Apostle Church & our website: www.stthomaspastpole.net for updates (located under the website Events tab).

**St. Anthony Knights of Columbus:** Carry out breakfast at the St. Anthony Parish Hall in St. Anthony, MO on **Sunday, February 14** from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Serving whole hog sausage, biscuits and gravy, scrambled eggs, and applesauce. No drinks will be available. Raffle will be held - prizes are Savage 22 Long Rifle; $100 cash, $50 cash; and $25 cash. **Adults ($9), Children 6-12 ($4), & 5 and under Free**

**COLLAGE 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.

**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).

**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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