Simon Peter said to Jesus,

"You are the Christ, the Son of the living God."

~ Matthew 16:16
St. Francis Xavier Parish
7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

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Email: mpenn@sfxtaos.com

DEACON MICHAEL BERENDZEN 573.694.4916
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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!

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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: 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 7:00 p.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 our parish and school communities, that we may be bound by a spirit of unity to work together for the common good during the pandemic.”

Monday, Aug 24th: No Mass
Tuesday, Aug 25th:
7:00 p.m. - L&D of Alvin & Esther Talken

Wednesday, Aug 26th:
8:00 a.m. - L&D of George & Cornelia Bisges Family

Thursday, Aug 27th:
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Clarence & Gesina Stegeman Family

Friday, Aug 28th:
8:00 a.m. - Paul & Millie Schnieders

Saturday Aug 29th:
5:00 p.m. - Roman Brandt

Sunday, Aug 30th:
7:00 a.m. - Agatha Peitzmeyer
8:30 a.m. - People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - Diane Prenger

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 Aug are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Retirement Fund For Religious, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

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!

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.

mark your Calendar

Aug 29  K of C Fish Fry 3 - 8 p.m.
Sept 2  K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall
Sept 5 & 6  Collection for the Samaritan Center
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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Aug $ 90,686.00 (5 Sundays)
Aug 1 & 2 $ 10,707.00
Aug 8 & 9 $ 13,250.00
Aug 15 & 16 $ 9,281.01
ACH $ 22,993.00
Total to date for month $ 56,231.01

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021
Goal thru July $ 72,549.00
Actual thru July $ 74,771.00
End of the Year $ +2,222.00

Mass Intentions will be accepted beginning Wednesday, September 16 at the Parish Office starting at 9:00 a.m.

LIMITED TICKETS LEFT! PURCHASE YOURS NOW!

MADE FOR MORE VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND

Christopher West with Mike Mangione

Limited tickets left! Purchase your's now!

Will be held Sept. 15, 7:90 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tickets are limited due to social distancing. Purchase tickets at http://cor project.com/jeffersonicity/; contact Julie Gramlich at julie.g@cathedraljc.org or 573-635-7991 for more information.
**From the Pastor’s Desk**

**Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Who do you say the Son of Man is? If we believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God, why do we lack faith in Him? Why do we stumble in following Him? We come to know the Christ only through faith, and the stronger our faith, the stronger our relationship is with Him. Our human nature alone cannot come to know the Christ. It is our nature, cooperating with the gift of faith that comes from God Himself that we come to know the Christ. Knowing the Christ, we walk in His steps while accomplishing the Father’s Will. May we confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God by living holy lives and speaking the gospel truth.

God’s blessings upon the faculty, staff and students of our parish school that began their new academic year this past Wednesday. Let us pray that all of us, especially those of our parish school, will stay safe and healthy during this turbulent time. May all grow in the grace, wisdom and knowledge of God.

After the Labor Day holiday weekend, I will be seeking more members of the parish to serve as Extra-ordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. One must be a registered member of the parish, actively practicing their Faith and having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. This ministry will include distribution of Holy Communion at Mass as well as taking Holy Communion to the Sick and Homebound. If you have any questions, call me at the Parish Office (573) 395-4401.

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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

**PSR**

More information is forthcoming regarding PSR registration for grades K-8th. 7th and 8th graders will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation

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**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.

St. Stanislaus Legion of Mary is sponsoring a prayer service including Rosary, Novena, Chaplet of Divine Mercy and songs on the 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month. The intention is the end of the Coronavirus. Service begins at 7 p.m. and will be held in the church. If you can’t stay for the whole time (approximately one hour), please come and join us for whatever time you are available!

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**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 information will be coming out soon.

**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.

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**Speaking Event at St. Joseph Church, Westphalia**: Father Viviano will be starting the Fatima Five First Saturday Devotions at St. Josephs on **Saturday, September 5th**. We are blessed to be able to bring in a nationally recognized speaker, Barb Ernstner, the Communications Director and Editor for the World Apostolate of Fatima, USA to speak on the Miracle of Fatima! Barb was actually chosen to edit the English version of Sr. Lucia’s biography. The name of her talk is **The Miracle of Fatima and what it means for the times we are living**. The Fatima apparitions are a series of amazing miracles and are messages of hope and peace. It is never about fear. The messages do however contain a warning and a promise. Please join us on Monday evening August 31st at 6:30 pm in St. Joseph’s school gymnasium to hear her speak and to learn more. This is a free event and all are welcome. We will be taking a free will collection for future events. There will be books available for purchase. Questions, call 573-694-6319.

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**Congratulations to**

Cainin Chorenziak, Carter Stuenkel, & Bode Wilde

**For Receiving their First Communion**
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.

“If you do nothing else with your life, develop an amazing friendship with God. Become a man or woman of prayer. This friendship will change the way you see yourself and the world. It will rearrange your priorities, as love always does. It will give you clarity and a joy that nobody can take from you.”

MATTHEW KELLY
Taken from Rediscover the Saints

Job Opportunities: Our Lady of Lourdes Parish in Columbia is accepting applications for the position of Director of Adult Faith Formation. Commitment to the Catholic faith and faithful Mass attendance required. Some experience in religious education leadership preferred. Strong interpersonal skills, organizational skills, and willingness to work as a member of a team important. The core of the position is directing the RCIA process, with the coordination of Scripture studies, faith sharing and other smalls groups, and other aspects of adult faith formation included. Contact Father Chris Cordes at frchris@ourladyoflourdes.org or 573-445-7915 if interested.

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.
**UPCOMING EVENTS**

*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. 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.

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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 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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Jesus told Peter he would give him the keys to the kingdom of heaven (see Matthew 16:13-20). Count the number of keys in each box and circle that number.

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**Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

God loves and listens to us. Help the children find their way to the temple to worship. Read the words of praise from Psalm 138:1 as you travel. Is this something you do?