I am the good shepherd.  
A good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.  

John 10:11
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: 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 Twehus 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  
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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.
“Let us pray for a renewed understanding of our baptismal dignity as sons and daughters of God the Father, and a commitment to living in peace with our sisters and brothers in Christ.”

Monday, Apr 26th:
No Mass

Tuesday, Apr 27th:
7:00 p.m. - Paul & Margaret Forck & Jane Riddle

Wednesday, Apr 28th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - David & Esther Boeckman

Thursday, Apr 29th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Bernard & Laurine Heet

Friday, Apr 30th:
8:00 a.m. - William (Shorty) & Grace Wekenborg

Saturday, May 1st:
5:00 p.m. - Joe & Josephine Pleus Families

Sunday, May 2nd:
8:00 a.m. - Elmer Wankum
10:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

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The Catholic Home Mission Appeal primarily supports home mission dioceses, that is, those dioceses in the United States unable to offer their people the basic pastoral ministries of word, worship, and service without outside help. About 40 percent of U.S. dioceses are missionary territory, including the Diocese of Jefferson City. Last year, our diocese received $70,000 in a grant from the appeal to help support our Hispanic ministry office. The remaining funds were sent on to the national office to help support other rural dioceses. Bishops letter will be located on the SFX church web-site for this appeal.

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
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

Fourth Sunday of Easter
The Good Shepherd loves His sheep so much and is committed to them so much that He laid down His life for them—for us. We, as members of His flock, are called to image our Shepherd in laying down our life for Him and for one another. Indeed, this is challenging, yet it is what each of us are to do: setting aside our lives, as Jesus did for us, in order to gain an eternal dwelling with Him in the pasture of glory. Let us be faithful in our commitment to the Lord and with one another by setting aside all that hinders us in service and love and follow the works and model of the Good Shepherd.

This past Tuesday evening, one hundred, ten young people of our parish ranging in ages from seventh grade to Juniors in high school were Confirmed at the Cathedral by Bishop McNight. Let us keep these young people in our prayers and congratulate them on this wonderful occasion as they are confirmed in their faith-commitment and their service to the Lord and to His people.

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

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Congratulations to the 2021 Confirmation Candidates!

Prayer to the Holy Spirit
Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love! Renew in me the wisdom, understanding, judgement, courage, knowledge, reverence, and wonder that build my faith, my character, my life. Help me to accept God’s truths and shape my actions according to His ways. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, I pray always. Amen

Ellie Anderson Carter Kempker Brian Roark Clayton Temmen
Jonathan Bischoff Kaden Kempker Katie Roark Masyn Temmen
Holden Brand Kiara Kempker Mallorey Rogers Alyson Thessen
Addison Branum Brady Kerperin Mitchell Rogers Sophia Thessen
Hayden Brendel Samuel Kesel Alayna Roling Will Thoenen
Alexis Bruns Tanner Lalk Aivee Sandbothe Hayden Trippensee
Sawyer Burgess Payton Lamb Aubrey Sandbothe Megan Twehus
Madalynn Cain Harrison Lear Emma Sandbothe Braden Verslues
Drew Cavender Eden LePage Sarah Sandbothe Evan Verslues
Toby Edler Prosper (Polly) LePage Sophia Sandbothe Grace Verslues
Sabrina Eisterhold Dylan Limbach Carson Sanning Natalie Verslues
Lily Feltrop Sage Linhardt Avery Saucier Reagan Verslues
Allison Forbis Sarah Long Kendall Saucier Sophie Verslues
Lauren Forbis Quentin Maasen Jaelynn Schaefer Madelyn Vieth
Chelsi Forck Ben Miller Morgan Schaefer Alexa Wankum
Connor Forck Konnor Morriss Brandon Scheulen Kassidy Wankum
Emmit Gabelsberger Aleksa Ortmeyer Dalton Scheulen Erica Wansing
Kendall Gerling Kaelyn Ortmeyer Gracie Scheulen Wekenborg Anna
Dylan Hair Maggie Parris Trenton Singer Abbigail Wieberg
Montanah Hall Linley Pleus Macey Smith Alec Wieberg
Toni Haselhorst Anna Prenger Quentin Sprenger Abigail Wilbers
Scott Haslag Maddalen Prenger Austin Stanley Briana Wilbers
Abbey Heckman Russell Prenger Lynzee Stanley Connor Wilbers
Makeyla Heinrich Bailey Rackers Connor Strope Hannah Wilbers
Kendal Herzing Hannah Rackers Stella Struttman Alexandria Wilde
Amelia Holtmeyer Jaden Rackers Cole Stumpe Gage Wilde
Libby Juergensmeyer Clay Radmacher Griffon Talken
Cameron Kaiser Sam Radmacher Kannon Talken
1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

Over 2000 people attended the 12th annual MidWest March for Life on April 14. It was a beautiful day and we thank all in the diocese who helped to make it so special. Thank you to Monsignor Kurwicki for his remarks and opening prayer, to Father Anthony Viviano, the Prolife Moderator of the Diocese and all the wonderful parishioners and schools who attended and volunteers who made it such a success. We have heard nothing but praise for our welcoming and amazing prolife diocese led by our Bishop Shawn McKnight. The media and those who attended were amazed by the whole day-wonderful speakers including Jeanne Mancini, President of the March for Life DC. Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Precious Blood Council of St Peter Fulton and St Andrew Council 8400 who served over 600 people and donated all the funds to our cause. As Planned Parenthood disavows its founder, Margaret Sander this very week, we see the abortion giant beginning its death spiral. One sign said, “Missouri is the safest place for a baby in the womb”, and we see how God working through the legislature, the people and our prayers has made this a reality. No other state can claim such a low rate of abortions—39 in 2020, down from 20,000 a year at its highest. Thank you to our wonderful diocese, there is nothing we can say, but thank you. God is blessing our state! St Andrew ProLife 573-821-5130

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Jesus, our good shepherd, wants to gather all his sheep (people everywhere) to himself. He wants us to come to know and follow him! Lead Jesus to all the sheep and then to the pasture below

While Jesus was alive people didn’t realize that he would be the one to save them. Peter told them that Jesus was like a stone rejected by builders. But in the end, Jesus became the cornerstone!  I look at this stone wall Draw a line from each black hole to the stone that will fit in that space
Easter is more than just one day on the calendar. It is an entire season, 50 days of rejoicing in the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. You can always count on Covenant Network to present the very best in Catholic programming to keep you focused. Tune in to KHJR (88.1 FM) on the radio. Listen on the Covenant Network app on your phone or on our website: OurCatholicRadio.org.

Osage Senior Center: The Osage Senior Center, located in Wardsville, MO, is now under new local management. The Center is located close to St. Stanislaus Catholic Church and is needing interested seniors to fill possible vacancies and/or be placed on the wait list. If you are interested or know people who may be interested, call (573) 632-2712, leave a message and our manager will call you back.

St. Stanislaus Parish: would like to open the Perpetual Adoration chapel full-time in the next couple of months, but in order to do so, we need to have the open hours filled. We know that members of your parish have been active members of our Perpetual Adoration program, and we are deeply grateful for that commitment!

If anyone in your parish who does not have a Perpetual Adoration chapel hour would consider taking an hour—part-time, full-time or even for a month at a time, please call Donna at 680-1470. You could share an hour (take turns) with a friend, spouse or your children!

The open hours include:
- 12:00 midnight-1:00 a.m. Thursdays, 1:00-2:00 a.m. on Sunday and Tuesday, Noon-1:00 p.m. (every other) Friday, 6-7:00 p.m. Friday (1,2,4), 10-11:00 p.m. Friday (1,2,4), 12 noon-1:00 p.m. Saturday, 1:00-2:00 p.m. Saturday, 6-7:00 p.m. Saturday, and 9-10:00 p.m. Saturday (1,2,5).

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**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. **Coordinate 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: May 1**
Elaine Callaway
690-8966

Heather Kampeter
Mary Lou Katnik
Kristi Kemna
Karen Kempker
Courtney Kempker

Crystal Kempker
Sarah Kempker
Helen (Elmer) Kempker
Amy Kempker
Jaymee Kempker

Laura Kempker
Gayla Kempker
Rita Kempker
Suzy Kempker
Laurie Kempker

Andrea Kerperin
Sara Kerperin
Loretta Kerperin
Shauna Kerperin
Rita Kerperin

Carol Kerperin
Denice Kesel
Jessica Kever
Shari Kicker
Darla Klebba

**Week 2: May 8**
Debbie Borgmeyer
680-9748
& Elaine Ready 619-6803

**Week 3: May 15**
Jean Pinnell
694-2111

**Week 4: May 22**
Sue Sandbothe
230-3154

**Week 5: May 29**
Nora Sprenger
395-3130
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