As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts.

ISAIAH 55:9
St. Francis Xavier Parish

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

REV. MICHAEL W. PENN - PASTOR
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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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Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
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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 7:00 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 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 21st:**
No Mass

**Tuesday, Sept 22nd:**
7:00 p.m. - No Mass

**Wednesday, Sept 23rd:**
8:00 a.m. - Joe & Frances Radmacher (School Mass Only)

**Thursday, Sept 24th:**
8:00 a.m. - No Mass

**Friday, Sept 25th:**
8:00 a.m. - No Mass

**Saturday Sept 26th:**
5:00 p.m. - L&D of Samuel Yancey Family

**Sunday, Sept 27th:**
8:00 a.m. - Louise Moeller
10:00 a.m. - L&D of Frank & Katherine Verslues Family

*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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**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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**Calendar**

- **Sept 20** Dedication of SFX (1884)
- **Sept 20** Catechetical Sunday at 10:00 a.m. Mass
- **Sept 22** Autumn Begins
- **Oct 3 & 4** Collection for the Samaritan Center
- **Oct 7** Life Runners 7 a.m.
- **Oct 7** K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall
- **Oct 8** School Board 5:30 p.m.
- **Oct 10 & 11** Collection for Capital Improvements
- **Oct 10 & 11** Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale
- **Oct 12** Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

- **Goal for Sept** $ 72,549.00 (4 Sundays)
- **Sept 5 & 6** $ 10,274.00
- **Sept 12 &13** $ 11,578.00
- **ACH** $ 22,406.00
- **Total to date for month** $ 44,258.00

**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021**

- **Goal thru Aug** $ 163,235.00
- **Actual thru Aug** $ 149,633.01
- **End of the Year** $ -13,601.99

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**TOOTSIESTORE**

**Knights of Columbus Tootsie Roll Sale**

**October 10th & 11th after all Weekend Masses.**

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**GARAGE SALE**

Taos Area Fall Garage Sales will be on October 2nd and 3rd.
(Friday and Saturday ONLY )

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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.

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**COVID-19**

Stay Connected with the Diocese of Jefferson City
diojeffcity.org/public-health

Volunteer or request assistance
Updates from the diocese
General health directives/CDC updates
Communication tools
...and much more
Official Decree
Remember the effective date for a decree with updated instructions for parishes is Sept. 11. Abiding by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention recommendations, the use of face masks upon entering the church, during the celebration of Mass except when in place in the pew, during the Communion procession, and upon leaving the church is required. If social distancing cannot be maintained in the pew, then the wearing of face masks is obligatory even in the pew.

I have extended until Nov. 27, 2020 a dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sunday or a holy day for all the faithful of the diocese and all who are present within the diocese’s territorial boundaries. However, they are given further guidance on participating in a Mass being livestreamed or reciting specific prayers.

AUGUSTUS TOLTON PRAYER: O God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

Father in Heaven, Father Tolton’s suffering service sheds light upon our sorrows; we see them through the prism of your Son’s passion and death. If it be your Will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (mention your request) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

Complete what you have begun in us that we might work for the fulfillment of your kingdom. Not to us the glory, but glory to you O God, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord; Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are our God, living and reigning forever and ever.

Amen
2010 Bishop Joseph N. Perry
Imprimatur
Francis Cardinal George, OMI
Archdiocese of Chicago
To report any spiritual or physical favors granted through prayer in Father Tolton’s name, please write:
Office of the Cardinal
Archdiocese of Chicago
835 North Rush Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

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

CONFIRMATION: Be on the lookout for an email regarding start up dates and times.

We Need Your Help
We Are Still Looking for Helpers if you’re Available!
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.

Backyard Golf Tournament for Special Olympics:
Sponsored by Taos K of C, September 26, 2020 at Taos Countryside Park
with Shotgun start at 10 a.m. Sign-In starts at 9 a.m.
2-Person Scramble ($25 per person) ($50 per team). Lunch is provided, but BYOB. All proceeds go to Special Olympics Training for Life Campus. Send your information and money to: Bruce Temmen, 6220 St. Francis Drive, Jefferson City, MO 65101. 573-690-7232. The first 45 teams will be accepted. Spots will fill up quickly so please do not hesitate! Groups of teams can be placed together if specified when you send your money. Prizes awarded to Top 3 teams in A,B, & C Flights and Closest Pin.

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: will begin on Wednesday, September 30th at St. Francis Xavier School.
1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

America Needs Fatima Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 10, 2020
at 12:00 p.m. at the Break Time Overpass

In his letter to the Philippians, Paul talked about doing “fruitful labor” (Philippians 1:22). If we want our work for God to be fruitful, too, we have to combine two things—our willing heart and God’s guidance. Think of this as you draw a line from each fruit to its outline. Then say the words to make a delicious combination. You may even decide to make one of these things and share it with someone else.

Job Opportunities: St. Joseph in Fayette is hiring a part time DRE (Director of Religious Education) and community/campus outreach person. This person will be responsible to run our PSR, confirmation, and adult education programs. You will also need to have the skills to develop our electronic footprint (web page and social media), with a special focus on Central Methodist University students. All applicants must be Catholic and in good standing with the church. This position is 20 hours a week with starting pay $13.50 to $15.00 an hour, depending on qualifications. Contact Fr. Bill Peckman 573-338-0061.

The 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**

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**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](http://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/](http://https://ourladyofhelp.wordpress.com/) for a registration form.

**Visitation Catholic Church (Vienna, MO) Fall Festival:**

**Sunday, September 27, 2020** from 11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. Whole Hog Sausage & Fried Chicken Dinners served with mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans, sauerkraut, coleslaw, homemade pies. Meals are $12 each or 4 meals for $40.00. There will be 2 carryout lines in air-conditioned hall (no dine-in). Drive through-enter from Hwy 63 onto 9th Street and follow the signs. Cash or check only. Raffle with 55 prizes, kettle corn, country store, beer/gin rickey garden, and street fair & craft vendors (for a booth contact LeAnn Kloeppel at 573-619-3381.

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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).

**Week 1: Sept 5**
Elaine Callaway 690-8966
Barbara Bish, Jennifer Bish Roseann Boehm, Donna Borgmeyer, Evelyn Borgmeyer

**Week 2: Sept 12**
Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803
Sarah Boss, Debbie Bradley, Elaine Branch, Anita Brand, Janice Brand

**Week 3: Sept 19**
Jean Pinnell 694-2111
Anita Branum, Justa Brendel, Jeriane Brenneke, Janette Brenneke, Brenda Brenneke

**Week 4: Sept 26**
Sue Sandbothe 230-3154
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.**
St. Joseph parish in Westphalia will hold a Patriotic prayer service at 6 p.m. one Sunday each month. Dates include **Oct 11, Nov. 15** and **Dec. 13.**

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Our Lady, Help of Christians Parish (Frankenstein, MO):
**Sunday, Sept. 27** serving from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. German pot roast, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, sauerkraut & beans and homemade roll. Drive through, walk up, seating on the grounds is available. **$12.00 per dinner.** Live Music (Osage Travelers) from 1 - 3:30 p.m. Quilt & Dessert auction at 4 p.m. Quilts can be seen on FaceBook: Frankenstein, Our Lady Help of Christians. Beer, Gin Rickey, Soda, Hamburgers & Pot Roast Sandwiches.

St. Martin Parish Fall Dinner: will be held on **Sunday, October 4** from 12-5pm. This will be a drive-thru meal serving 4pc. fried chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, coleslaw and dessert. Cost is $12/meal. There will also be raffle tickets available for sale. For more information contact the parish office at [stmartinparishoffice@gmail.com](mailto:stmartinparishoffice@gmail.com).

Loose Creek 175th Anniversary Celebration: of Immaculate Conception Parish in Loose Creek will be held on **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 573619-8149 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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We need your help!

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**40 Days for Life begins Sept. 23**
From **Sept. 23 – Nov. 1,** you’re invited to join other Christians for 40 Days for Life – 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. You’re also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Columbia Planned Parenthood, 711 N Providence Rd, and also help spread the word about this important community outreach. If you’d like more information – and especially if you’d like to volunteer to help with your on site time, talent or treasure, please contact Kathy Forck 573-821-5130 or visit [www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo](http://www.40daysforlife.com/columbiamo).
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