The people were astonished at Jesus’ teaching, for he taught them as one having authority.

Mark 1:22

FOURTH Sunday in ORDINARY TIME
January 31, 2021
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: 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
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 those seeking employment; that through the intercession of St. Joseph the Worker, they may find dignified work in supporting themselves and their family.”

**Monday, Feb 1st:** No Mass

**Tuesday, Feb 2nd:**
7 p.m. - Fred, Meg & Tom Verslues

**Wednesday, Feb 3rd:** *(Blessing of Throats)*
8:00 a.m. - IB & Mildred Schnieders *(SFX Students Only)*
7:00 p.m. - Ruth Jane Schaefer

**Thursday, Feb 4th:** *(School Students Only)*
8:00 a.m. - Patricia Wickers

**Friday, Feb 5th:**
8:00 a.m. - L&D of George & Cornelia Bisges and Matt Lock Families

**Saturday, Feb 6th:**
5:00 p.m. - L&D of Paul & Millie Schnieders

**Sunday, Feb 7th:**
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Anton & Minnie Baumhoer
10:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

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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**St. Francis Xavier School**

We are looking to purchase more Chrombooks for our students. We want to ensure that we have extras if needed, and we would like to put together Chromebook cart for our younger grades. If you would like to donate money toward our new Chrombook purchase, please contact Mr. Tobar. Thanks for the support!

**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**

- **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 10** Wednesday Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.
- **Feb 10** PSR 7-8 p.m. SFX School
- **Feb 11** School Board 5:30 p.m.
- **Feb 14** Happy Valentine’s Day
- **Feb 14** Sunday Confirmation Class 6 p.m.
- **Feb 15** President Day

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

- **Goal for Jan** $90,686.00 (5 Sundays)
- **Jan 2 & 3** $5,812.00
- **Jan 9 & 10** $16,522.00
- **Jan 16 & 17** $6,564.30
- **Jan 23 & 24** $11,150.00
- **ACH** $22,711.00
- **$62,759.30**

**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021**

- **Goal thru Dec** $471,568.00
- **Actual thru Dec** $437,682.87
- **End of the Year** $-33,885.13

**2021 Mass Intentions are now open for booking**

**World Day for Consecrated Life** is Feb. 2. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, came into the world to reveal the Father to us. Jesus is the only Way we have, to come to know the Father. Our Lord spoke truth; our Lord, humbling Himself in taking our human condition, as God, had power over all things. The Word of God teaches us to constantly be in focus of what the Father wills for us. He teaches us what is important in life. He demonstrates the Father’s great love for us by curing every illness and disease; the forgiveness of sins; and even death itself. May we remain focused on accomplishing God’s will in our lives and not be distracted by earthly concerns and matters.

This Tuesday, February 2nd, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Candles will be blessed at the beginning of Mass. If you wish to have a candle blessed for home use, you may bring one from your home and place it on the table where the candles will be blessed in the back of church.

This Wednesday, February 3rd, is the Memorial of St. Blaise. Mass will be celebrated at 7:00 p.m. and will include the traditional Blessing of Throats. The Wednesday morning Mass is for the school students only.

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

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.

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri

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

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.

To make great choices, you must first become very clear about why you are making them.

MATTHEW KELLY
Perfectly Yourself
Pre-Kindergarten Registration has begun! If your child has turned 3 years old by Dec. 31, 2020, and you are interested in enrolling, please call the school office at 395-4612 for registration information.

Kindergarten Registration will be on Sunday, March 21 in school. Registration will include tour, registration packet, and meet and greet with our Kindergarten teacher.

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.

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

God gave Moses a message for the people.
Part of what the Lord said is written below, but it is incorrect. To make it right, draw a line through each boxed word and write the correct rhyming word above it. If you need help, read Deuteronomy 18:18 in your Bible.

“...I [still] raise cup for them a prophet
   bike you from among their chin;
   land will put shy words into his mouth;
   he shall bell them all that I command swim.”

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!

When he was in Capernaum, Jesus would teach in the synagogue on the Sabbath. But how will he get there? Trace the line that leads Jesus to the synagogue.
Lions Den Westphalia, MO Breakfast: Dine In and/or Drive Thru breakfast on Sunday, February 14 from 7:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Pancake, Sausage & Eggs. Adults ($8), Children 10 & under ($4). Raffle and Bake Sale. Sponsored by the Westphalia Lions Club.

Taos Knights of Columbus Community Club: will be having registration for summer league tee ball, softball, & baseball on the following dates & times: Sunday, February 21st & 28th from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and Tuesday, March 2nd from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration will be at the Taos Knights of Columbus Hall. Boys & girls ages 6-18 are eligible. Registration for Fun League tee ball will also be held for boys & girls ages 4-6 on the dates listed. For forms visit http://taoskofc.org/KCCC_Youth_Activities.php

Wardsville/Osage Bend Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: Drive Thru! March 5, at St. Stanislaus Parish. Serving 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fish Fillets, Hush Puppies, French fries, Bakes Beans, Cole Slaw and Homemade Rolls. $12 per meal. Enter off Route W in front of church. Homemade Cinnamon Rolls available for purchase!

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.

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

One Rose for Life: The Taos K of C would like to thank all those who purchased roses after Mass. Thank you!

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.

Please help yourself!

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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