Magi from the east arrived in Jerusalem, saying, "Where is the newborn king of the Jews? We saw his star at its rising and have come to do him homage."

Matthew 2:1–2
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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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 the sons and daughters of the Church: that we may be the light of God’s love for the world by our sacrificial gifts for those in need, especially the children of our world.”

Monday, Jan 4th:
No Mass

Tuesday, Jan 5th:
7 p.m. - James & Anna Marie Knaebel

Wednesday, Jan 6th: (School Student Only)
8:00 a.m. - Mardell Rackers

Thursday, Jan 7th: (School Student Only)
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Ron Ahlers Family

Friday, Jan 8th:
8:00 a.m. - Ronnie Lootens

Saturday, Jan 9th:
5:00 p.m. - Ted & Mildred Struttman

Sunday, Jan 10th:
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Alvin & Esther Talken
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.

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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Jan 4  Back to School
Jan 5  7 p.m. Mass at Church
Jan 6  Wednesday Confirmation Class 6:30 p.m.
Jan 6  PSR 7-8 SFX
Jan 7  Adoration with benediction at 5 p.m.
Jan 8  8 a.m. Mass at Church
Jan 10  Sunday Confirmation Class 6 p.m.
Jan 12  7 p.m. Mass at Church
Jan 14  School Board 5:30 p.m.
Jan 14  Parish Council 7:15 p.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021

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Quilters We are quilting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Josh Sandbothe house. Call Georgene 573-619-4610 if you have any questions. Can quilt daytime or evening. Please come join us!

This light blue rosary was found at church. If it belongs to you let me know. I have it at the Parish Office.

The Annual Birthright Shower at St. Francis Xavier has been canceled due to the ongoing pandemic.

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.

Parish Prayer Line—Alma Sandbothe 573-395-4666 or Shirley Toebben 573-619-0674. For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Penn 395-4401.
**Pastor's Corner**

**Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord**

Two thousand years ago, a bright star, piercing the darkness, led the magi to the house of the Holy Family where they offered their gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh. Today darkness still exists, the darkness that is sin and error, and Christ is the light that pierces it. The magi travelled a long distance to see the Christ. Our life’s journey—following the Lord’s light—will lead us to His glory where we offer not the valued treasures of this world, but the treasure God values most: ourselves and our love of Him. Let us follow the light and salvation of Christ, bowing before Him and offering Him our worship...and the gift of ourselves.

As I mentioned last week, a **regular weekday Mass schedule will be resuming**. Public Masses for the parish will be celebrated at the following times:

- **Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.**
- **Fridays at 8:00 a.m.**

During the pandemic Masses will be celebrated **privately** for the **school students** on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**.

**Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament** will be held in the church this **Thursday, January 7th** from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., concluding with Benediction and Reposition.

The **Sunday Mass schedule** that was changed in September by Bishop McKnight will remain as it currently is.

- **Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.**
- **Sundays at 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.**

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**Shelle Sandbothe, Director of Religious Education**

**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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**WALK WITH EASE**

6-week virtual program Jan. 10 through Feb. 20


Participants receive:
- walking guidebook (no cost, $11.95 value)
- certified instructors
- walking activity log
- online resources
- education
- exercise

Participants will:
- walk at their own pace, 3 times per week for 6 weeks
- meet virtually once a week with a group to share successes and challenges, encourage one another, and get questions answered:
  - Mondays, 12-1 pm
  - Tuesdays, 12-1 pm
  - Thursdays, 5:30-6:30 pm

**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**.
Thank you to all of the ministers of the Christmas Masses, your efforts, and leadership throughout the year is very much appreciated by us all! A special word of gratitude is extended to the ministers of hospitality (ushers) directing and welcoming the people during this time of pandemic.

A big thank you to everyone involved!

The Men’s K of C and Ladies Auxiliary would like to thank everyone for their support during this past year!

Thank you ...

Epiphany of the Lord

Before Jesus was born, the prophet Micah wrote that Bethlehem would be an important place (Micah 5:1).

Draw a line through the first word and then every other word after that. The words that are left will tell you part of what was written about this famous town.

When From until you
sent shall search come
decide a star ruler

When Jesus was born, God placed a special star in the sky. It brought Wise Men to the place where Jesus was. Look at the top star. Then finish drawing the others so they look like it.
We are never really separated from our loved ones. They are as close to us as our thoughts and prayers. Please remember in your prayers those names listed below. May they rest in peace!

Employment Opportunities with the Diocese of Jefferson City
Payroll Specialist, Director of Religious Education and Youth/Young Adult Ministry, Administrative Assistant,
Bi-lingual Administrative Assistant.
[Website Link]

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 ([Website Link]) 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.

New criteria for KC Ladies Auxiliary membership: Members must be at least 17 ½ years old and a practicing Catholic. New members no longer need to have a spouse or father as a KC member for them to become a KC Ladies Auxiliary member. If anyone is interested in becoming an auxiliary member, please contact Dolores Urban at 573-680-0716.

Tina Bischoff Benefit: Tina adopted her nephew Coty when he lost both of his parents back in 2010-2011. In 2015, her son Josh was diagnosed with aplastic anemia. This year he had to have a bone marrow transplant. Tina’s other son John was a match. In August 2020, Coty passed away from an UTV accident and John went into surgery to be the donor for his brother. In September 2020, Josh received his transplant; however, has to stay in St. Louis until January. Due to these circumstances, we are asking you to please join us in “WE GOT THIS BISCH” by providing any donations to be auctioned or towards a meal during a benefit that will be held [Date].

New Year, Time to Celebrate!

January 30, 2021 at the St. Thomas Parish Hall in St. Thomas, MO. Your donation will assist in raising proceeds to help a wonderful family with their travel, lodging, medical and funeral expenses. Call or text Loree Libbert at (573) 619-7359 or email her at [Email Address] if you would like to donate.

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.stthomasapostle.net for updates (located under the website Events tab).

May God be with you through the New Year, and fill your life with comfort, love and cheer. May this day and the days ahead hold many blessings for you and yours!

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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