O God, you are my God whom I seek; for you my flesh pines and my soul thirsts like the earth, parched, lifeless and without water.

PSALM 63:2
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 Twethus 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
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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.
Mass Intentions

“For a greater sense of gratitude to God for all blessings received, and a greater sense of our responsibility for the mission of the Church in our parishes.”

Monday, Nov 9th:
No Mass

Tuesday, Nov 10th:
7:00 p.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, Nov 11th: (School Mass Only)
10:00 a.m. - Gene Stegman

Thursday, Nov 5th:
8:00 a.m. - Liturgy of the Word with Deacon Mike

Friday, Nov 12th:
8:00 a.m. - No Mass

Saturday, Nov 13th:
5:00 p.m. - Bob & Mary Gratz

Sunday, Nov 14th:
8:00 a.m. - Herbert & Bridget Haslag, Joseph & Legora Schollmeyer and Frieda Siebenek
10:00 a.m. - L&D of Alvin & Esther Talken

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 Oct are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

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 November sometime. Date to be announced. Please feel free to call Fr. Michael Penn at the Parish Office if you have any questions 395-4401.

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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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

Quilters!!!
We have begun quilting, Josh Sandbothe has offered us his basement. Quilting Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. Call Georgene (619-4610) if you have any questions. Can quilt daytime or evening. Please come join us!
Thank you for all of your prayers and support during my time of hospitalization and your continuing prayer during this time of recuperation. I was overwhelmed by your cards and your willingness to supply my needs. I publicly thank the Parish Staff for keeping things going in my absence; my brother priests who celebrated the Masses and finally and most importantly: Almighty God for His healing power and presence.

I ask for your continued patience as each and every day I do grow stronger but am unable to return to my former schedule and commitments. Information will be forthcoming. In the meantime, I request your prayers for me as I pray for you. May the Lord grant you many graces and blessings for your kindness to me.

Let us continue to keep one another in prayer.

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

Official Decree

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.

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

Job Opportunities: Administrative Assistant: the Moderator of the Curia and Vicar General are seeking an accomplished Administrative Assistant to support their clerical needs within the Chancery Office. This individual must have excellent skills with Microsoft Office and the ability to prioritize and switch tasks as needed. This position is also responsible for training others and holds the key position for coordinating maintenance on office equipment and will serve as a back-up administrative assistant to the Bishop as necessary. Professionalism and confidentiality are essential. Qualified candidates should email resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

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.

Volunteers Needed: I have been working with Catholic Charities since June, and have watched it grow beyond our current volunteer capacity. I am reaching out to you to see if you might have any members that you think would be interested in volunteering with us. At this time our volunteer needs are only 2-3 times month, and focused on helping deliver our senior food boxes to seniors in Jefferson City and the surrounding area. We started in May delivering boxes to 20 seniors, and currently deliver boxes to 128 seniors a month, and have no intention of slowing that growth until all seniors in Jefferson City are reached. As already mentioned our current needs are focused on the senior food boxes program, however we hope to have our fully functioning food pantry completed by the end of 2021. So thinking forward, we would love to get volunteers on board now so as we grow they can be there with us learning too. If interested contact Laurie at the parish office. Thank you for your time and consideration.
The Diocese of Jefferson City Women’s Ministry is partnering with the Jefferson City Salvation Army to Feed the Hungry.

Until further notice - COVID-19 Changes:
Drop-off of meals at SA 4:30pm on your confirmed date
Service trays and containers are already at SA
Service for approximately 60 people,
Large serving quantities are requested due to no 2nds or refills
Community Homeless will pick up their meal as a to-go item
With your meal please include a couple of flats of bottled water and other bottled drinks (tea, gatorade, lemonade, etc.)

If you are interested in being a part of this beautiful opportunity to serve others, please contact Virginia Shoemaker
(573)619-0104 or email vibranvy@gmail.com

The need is real, the need is now!

All Are Welcome To Join Us
Families
Co-workers
Friends

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat.
Matthew 25:35

In today’s Gospel we hear a parable about five wise bridesmaids. They were able to meet the bridegroom because they had brought extra oil for their lamps.
Five foolish bridesmaids had not brought any and missed the groom’s arrival.
We too must be ready to meet Jesus when he returns. Follow the directions below.

Circle 5 women.
Color 5 lamps orange.
Color 5 bottles of oil.

Be Ready to Meet Jesus!

Thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Paul uses the phrases below to describe the way the Lord “will come down from heaven” (1 Thessalonians 4:16).
Fit the underlined words into the crossword under the stairs.
Jesus’ return will be more glorious than we can imagine!

“With a word of command, with the voice of an archangel and with the trumpet of God . . .”

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UPCOMING EVENTS

60th Annual Bazaar & Turkey Dinner (Cathedral of St. Joseph): will be a drive-thru dinner on Sunday, November 8, from 12 p.m. to 6 p.m. The meal will include turkey, dressing, potatoes, gravy, green beans and a dinner roll from Colton’s Steakhouse as well as homemade coleslaw and cranberry sauce for $12. Raffle tickets for a quilt, donated items, and cash prizes will be for sale.

Wine & Shrine Speaking Event: K of C Hall Westphalia on Sunday, November 8. Doors open at 1:15 p.m. Speaker is Bob Gannon who served 2 tours in Vietnam as a Recon Marine & Platoon Sergeant, Bob endured and witnessed unspeakable suffering during his tours. Bob struggled to believe in God and cursed His name. But God never left Bob and had a plan to heal his wounded son. Through the intercession of St. Therese, God granted Bob an amazing miracle of healing. This is a free event and more information is posted on all the church doors. You must register cause seating is limited please call 573-694-6319.

40 Days of Life: Celebrate the lives saved during the Forty Days for Life! Please join us for a closing rally chicken dinner by KOC 8400, Nov. 14 at St Andrew in Holts Summit. Speaker Stephanie Jacobson. Silent Auction. Doors open 6 pm, dinner at 7 pm. RSVP to Kathy Forck 573-821-5130.

Check us out on www.facebook.com/SFXCatholic

CSA: Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Taos
Goal: $36,000.00 % Goal: 4.2%
$ Received: $ 8,450.00 Over(-Under): $-27,550.00

Podcasts on Pastoral Music: The local chapter of the National Association of Pastoral Musicians (NPM) is offering a series of podcasts from their national convention. To obtain the Zoom link, contact Laura St. Clair. The sessions are 7-9 pm and the remaining schedule is:

The family of Elmer Clarence Wankum wishes to express our heartfelt thanks to ALL who supported us during the loss of our dear Husband, Dad, Grandpa, Great Grandpa, and Brother.

Thank you for your prayers, Masses, memorials, plaques and other memorabilia, flowers, cards, food and your attendance at the visitation and funeral.

Special thanks to Father Greg Meystrik for coming by the house and anointing Elmer and praying with him. THANK YOU to Father I.C. Medina for officiating at the Funeral Mass. Barbara Hood and the St. Francis Choir for the beautiful music, Elmer’s granddaughters who were lectors, Sue Sandbothe and Jean Decker who were Eucharistic Ministers, and Elmer’s grandsons who were pallbearers. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to Grandson Treaver, for his beautiful tribute to Grandpa. Thanks to the St. Francis Xavier students who stood as honor guards as the funeral procession passed by. Thank you to ALL of you for making his farewell so special. GOD BLESS EACH OF YOU!

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 Nov. 15 and Dec. 13.

“People can pressure you to do things, but the only one who makes the decision is you. Own your decisions.”

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. 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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The Fall Supper Committee would like to extend a huge “Thank you” to all those who worked tirelessly, to make everything such a success. Your hard work, dedication, and willingness to be flexible were all so very appreciated.

Again, thank you! The Fall Supper Committee