I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in them will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.

John 15:5
St. Francis Xavier Parish

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WEEKEND MASSEES: 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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Office: 573.395.4401   Fax:  573.395.4302
Parish Website: www.sfxtaosmo.org

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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.
May we honor the Blessed Virgin Mary, our spiritual mother, this month by our support in charity for all mothers who struggle in poverty to raise their children.

Monday, May 3rd:
No Mass

Tuesday, May 4th:
7:00 p.m. - L&D of Jim & Kay Verslues Family

Wednesday, May 5th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Joe & Frances Radmacher

Thursday, May 6th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Herb & Mildred Forck

Friday, May 7th:
8:00 a.m. - Evelyn Hendricks

Saturday, May 8th:
5:00 p.m. - L&D of Clarence & Helen Reinsch Family

Sunday, May 9th:
8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - Norine Lage

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 May are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Capital Improvements/Repairs, Communication & Education, and Cemetery Upkeep.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Goal for Apr                $  72,549.00 (4 Sundays)
Apr 3 & 4                  $ 10,360.00
Apr 10 & 11                $20,351.18
Apr 17 & 18                $ 8,632.00
Apr 24 & 25                $ 9,522.00
ACH                        $ 23,076.00
                          $ 71,941.18

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021
Goal thru Mar                $ 707,352.00
Actual thru Mar             $ 655,053.42
End of the Year             $ -52,298.58

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
We are the branches of the Vine that is Jesus. As branches, we are expected to bear much fruit for God and His Kingdom. If we do not, we are worthless, dead shoots on the vine, that are to be cut off and disposed of. God expects us to bear abundant fruit, and this is His Vocational Call to each of us. May we prove ourselves worthy and remain in Christ, may seeking to accomplish all He calls us to.

Congratulations to the Second Graders of our parish—from our school and the Parish School of Religion—on the reception of their First Holy Communion this morning. May they always hunger for and possess a strong belief in the True Presence of our Lord in the Most Holy Eucharist.

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

Congratulations to the 2021 First Communion Candidates!

Communion Prayer
My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the most blessed sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. I believe it because You have said it, and I am ready to give my life to maintain this truth.

Amen

Camden Denny  Eleanor Green  Liam Meyer  Maggie Thessen
Chase Doerhoff  Stevie Howell  Julia Reinke  Theron Webb
Archie Forck  Elle Kleffner  Weston Rost  Gentry Wegman
Ethan Graessle  Haddie Klumper  Ayla Sanning
Alleigh Graupman  Cannon Limbach  Braxton Schneider

Employment Opportunities: The Diocese of Jefferson City is seeking an Associate Director of Stewardship, to support the Stewardship Office through comprehensive communications and development programs for the Diocese of Jefferson City, ensuring an integrated development strategy involving all entities of the diocese. Through personal contact, print and non-print media and technology, the associate director, under the supervision of the stewardship director, is instrumental in assisting the bishop in his mission to teach and spread the Good News of Jesus Christ. The primary focus of this position is to assist the Director of Stewardship in moving the diocese to a tithing model. In order to be successful, the candidate must be a practicing Catholic with excellent communication skills. He/she will be an inspiring leader and will facilitate discussions that lead to an increased knowledge and understanding of the activities and roles of the diocesan and parish organizations. Qualified candidates should send letter of interest and resume to HRDir@diojeffcity.org.

St. Thomas More Newman Center Parish in Columbia is seeking a Director of Pastoral Counseling to serve the college students who attend the University of Missouri-Columbia, Stephens College, and Columbia College and 700 households in our parish. The Director of Pastoral Counseling tends to the spiritual, mental, and emotional health of all parishioners (both students and residents). The Director is responsible for coordinating spiritual direction and providing counseling for students and residents. This position also coordinates faith formation for resident parishioners and pastoral care for the homebound. More information can be found at www.comonewman.org/job-openings.

Our Catholic schools are hiring! Go to diojeffcity.org/employment-in-our-catholic-schools/ to learn more!

Helias Catholic High School in Jefferson City, a four-year co-educational diocesan high school serving more than 750 students, is seeking a dynamic, mission-driven leader to become its next principal. The ideal candidate is a practicing Catholic who is a proficient and organized administrator with strong skills in faculty development, evaluation and management; a minimum five years teaching experience and two years administrative experience; master’s degree in Educational Administration; Missouri Administrator Certification; and Catechetical Certification. Candidate is expected to assume the responsibilities of the position in July 2021. To apply, visit diojeffcity.org/employment-opportunities-in-our-catholic-schools.

Helias High School is also seeking a president. More information is available online.

Annunciation Catholic Church, California, MO is seeking a financial bookkeeper/secretary. Depending upon hours worked, there is a benefit package available. If interested, send resume to Annunciation Catholic Church, 301 South Mill Street. California, MO 65018 or respond to Algabri567@gmail.com. The perfect candidate would be proficient in Word, Excel and willing to learn the parish financial computer program. Training would be provided. Confidentiality is of the utmost importance.
Fifth Sunday of Easter

A man named Saul changed his name to Paul when he became a follower of Jesus. Notice how the two names rhyme. To finish this story about Paul, choose three sets of rhyming words to put in the blanks.

The followers of Jesus,
Saul used to ________.
But Jesus appeared
and set him __________.
In Jerusalem it was
Jesus’ message Paul ________.  
The way he spoke
was very ________.
Some wanted to kill Paul,
so he left ________.
To build up the church
of God __________!

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