John the Baptist proclaimed:
“ONE MIGHTIER THAN I IS COMING AFTER ME ...
I HAVE BAPTIZED YOU WITH WATER;
HE WILL BAPTIZE YOU WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT.”
MARK 1:7,8
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: 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 Twenhous 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.
“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, Jan 11th:**
No Mass

**Tuesday, Jan 12th:**
7 p.m. - Dave Rackers

**Wednesday, Jan 13th: (School Student Only)**
8:00 a.m. - Patricia Wickers

**Thursday, Jan 14th: (School Student Only)**
8:00 a.m. - Dave & Esther Boeckman

**Friday, Jan 15th:**
8:00 a.m. - Herb & Emma Rackers

**Saturday, Jan 16th:**
5:00 p.m. - Joe & Ronnie Vieth and Eleanor Weavers

**Sunday, Jan 17th:**
8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - Joshua Forck

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.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

| Goal for Dec | $72,549.00 (4 Sundays) |
| Dec 5 & 6    | $13,097.00 |
| Dec 12 & 13  | $13,962.00 |
| Dec 19 & 20  | $10,532.00 |
| Dec 26 & 27  | $22,772.00 |
| ACH          | $22,516.00 |
|             | $82,879.00 |

**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021**

| Goal thru Nov | $399,019.00 |
| Actual thru Nov | $354,803.87 |
| End of the Year | $44,215.13 |

**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.

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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 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!
**Feast of the Baptism of the Lord**

The mystery of the Lord’s Baptism revealed the Most Holy Trinity as Jesus came forth from the river, having been baptized, and the heavens being torn open and the Father, Son and Holy Spirit were made manifest. When one is baptized, one is made clean, purified and renewed by the waters of this sacrament. When Jesus was baptized, He was the One who purified the water for Baptism, in order that those who would participate in this sacrament would be renewed and re-created. The Father pointed out His Son and His glory when this action was completed, and the Spirit of God came and rested upon the Christ.

To begin His ministry, Jesus was baptized and anointed with the Holy Spirit. Sound familiar? When we are baptized, we are also anointed with the Holy Spirit to begin our sacred ministry, our vocation, to which God calls us to in order to bring His Kingdom and witness to the Holy One by our lives. As we celebrate this feast, let us be mindful of our baptismal commitment and seek to always be faithful sons and daughters of our heavenly Father.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank those of the parish who contributed to the parish gift for me. I am deeply grateful for your generosity, prayers and support. Know that I will be keeping each of you in my prayers.  

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**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

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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

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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

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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.
**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/](http://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.

**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](http://www.diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment)

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**SFX 2019 Year End Contributions**
St. Francis Xavier thanks you for your financial generosity this 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.

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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@cccnmo.org. Thank you!

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**The Baptism of the Lord**

John baptized Jesus!
What an honor that must have been!
Afterwards the heavens opened and the Holy Spirit came down in a special form.
To find what that was, follow the directions.

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God sent Jesus to set us free from our sins.
Like prisoners being released from jail, we are joyful and grateful!
Keep this in mind as you lead the people out of the dungeon and up to freedom!
**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.

**St. George Taste of Italy (Linn, MO):** Taste of Italy will serve an Italian Dinner in drive thru fashion on **Saturday, January 16th from 4-8:00 p.m.** The Italian dinner will include chicken parmesan, spaghetti with meatballs, fettuccini alfredo, a zesty salad, bread, and cheesecake. Bottles of wine and beer will be available for purchase thru the drive thru line. Tickets are $10 in advance and $12 at the event. For tickets, check with any St George School family, the scrip table, the school office, Thrifway, Legends Bank or Studio 116. **Online auction will be held December 26 - January 15.** Additional details will be posted on the St. George Home & School Facebook page. A limited number of silent auction items (not available online) will be available for bidding in the church basement before and after weekend masses from December 26 - January 10th.

**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 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 **Saturday, 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 Loree.Libbert@gmail.com 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).

**Virtual Winter Winnerland:** Tickets are still available for the **2021 Taos Virtual Winter Winnerland until January 11th.** They are a donation of $100 per ticket and proceeds go to St. Francis Xavier School. Prizes will be based on the total number of tickets sold. The live online drawing will take place on January 16th at 7:00pm via Facebook. Contact Matt Luadzers at 694-4684 if you would like to purchase a ticket.

**Baptism of Our Lord**

>*Because of their baptism, all members of the People of God have become missionary disciples.*

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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: Jan 2**
Elaine Callaway 690-8966

**Week 2: Jan 9**
Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803

**Week 3: Jan 16**
Jean Pinnell 694-2111

**Week: 4 Jan 23**
Sue Sandbothe 230-3154

**Week: 5 Jan 30**
Nora Sprenger 395-3130

- Ashlie Forck, Karrie Forck, Mary Jane Forck, Brenda Forck, Andrea Forck
- Lindsay Forck, Erica Forck, Sharon Forck, Jackie Forck, Mary Jane Forck (Stephen)
- Carol Forck (Tony), Brenda Frank, Mary Frank, Michelle Gabelsberger
- Gerillyn Gaines, Amy Gansmann, Alice Gathright, Cynthia Gerling, Jodi Gerling
- Mary Gibson, Yvonne Giesing, Julie Graessle, Tara Graupman, Chantel Green