Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“If you pull up the weeds you might uproot the wheat along with them. Let the weeds and the wheat grow together until harvest.”

Matthew 13:29-30
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 395-0171

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 the unity of our country: that the God of truth may open our hearts to the truth of the Gospel, that peace may rule our hearts, and that justice may guide our nation of one people of many races.”

**Monday, July 20th:** No Mass  
**Tuesday, July 21st:**  
7:00 p.m. - Dave Rackers  
**Wednesday, July 22nd:**  
8:00 a.m. - Robert Weavers  
**Thursday, July 23rd:**  
8:00 a.m. - Herb & Emma Rackers  
**Friday, July 24th:**  
8:00 a.m. - Anna Marie Knaebel  
**Saturday July 25th:**  
5:00 p.m. - L&D of Edwin & Veronica Toebben Family  
**Sunday, July 26th:**  
7:00 a.m. - L&D of George & Cornelia Bisges Family  
8:30 a.m. - L&D Paul & Margaret Forck  
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 July are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Capital Improvements/Repairs, Diocesan Mission, and Catholic Missourian ($14.00).

**Perpetual Adoration Chapel open hours (Wardsville):**  
Although the chapel isn’t open yet (except Adoration in church M-F, 8-6—and optional for the other times outside those hours) here are the hours that will be available when it does open.  

- Saturday morning 4:00-5:00 a.m.  
- Saturday morning 10:00-11:00 a.m.  
- Sunday morning 1:00-2:00 a.m.  
- Sunday morning 2:00-3:00 a.m.  
  
(2nd Sunday only)  
- Monday morning 1:00-2:00 a.m.  
- Monday morning 3:00-4:00 a.m.  

Please call Donna if you would like to sign up for any of these hours. 680-1470 or 635-2095. Thank you!

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**Eucharistic Ministers**

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**Musicians**  
Katnik  
Jackie  
Hoffmeyer  
Hood Family

**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

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**Calendar**

**July 19** Collection for the Diocesan Mission  
**Aug 1 & 2** Collection for the Samaritan Center  
**Aug 5** K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall  
**Aug 6** No Adoration  
**Aug 8 & 9** Collection for Capital Improvements  
**Aug 10** No Ladies K of C Auxiliary Meeting

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

- **Goal for July** $ Pending (4 Sundays)  
- **July 4 & 5** $ 18,608.00  
- **July 11 & 12** $ 13,411.00  
- **ACH** $ 22,551.00  
- **Total to date for month** $ 54,570.00

**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD**

- **Goal thru June** $ 943,136.00  
- **Actual thru June** $ 892,514.74  
- **End of the Year** $ -50,621.26

**DONATE HERE!**  
Button is now on the St. Francis Xavier Website  
[www.sfxtaosmo.org](http://www.sfxtaosmo.org). This button will allow you to make a donation to our church by using a credit or debit card. This is for your convenience so you don’t have to leave your home. Any questions contact the office.

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**LIMITED TICKETS LEFT! PURCHASE YOURS NOW!**

Will be held Sept. 15, 7-9:30 p.m. in the Cathedral. Tickets are limited due to social distancing. Purchase tickets at [http://corproject.com/jeffersoncity/](http://corproject.com/jeffersoncity/); contact Julie Gramlich at julie.g@cathedraljc.org or 573-635-7991 for more information.

**MADE FOR MORE VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND**

Christopher West  
Mike Mangione

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**When we put our problems in God’s hands,**  
He puts peace in our hearts.
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What we may think is good for us may not be good for us at all. The world, and all that is in it, tends to pull us away from what is good for us. Sometimes, we are so confused we do not recognize the difference between the good or the bad, or we knowingly choose the bad over the good. We fall into error and sin and our enemy, the Devil, tempts us to choose this way. We are led to believe these choices are gods for us: money, fame, or whatever earthly cravings we yearn for. Yes, gods for us, for we desire and worship them at times, thinking they are good for us.

But it is God and God alone that is the desire of our souls. He is the Ultimate and Infinite Good. He is the wheat from which the Bread of Life is harvested. And what is harvested from the weeds of temptation? Not life and not participation in the Kingdom of God.

May we make and be the right choice, seeking to make a bountiful harvest for the glory of God and His Kingdom.

Congratulations to those receiving their First Communion at this morning’s 10:00 o’clock Mass. May they always yearn for the Eucharistic Lord in their lives.

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 Our Second Graders Who Received Their First Holy Communion Today!

Colten Allen  Zella Luebbert
Jared Bennett  Chace Ortmeyer
Owen Bruemmer Leah Rackers
Cainin Chorenziai Gabby Sandbothe
Cooper Fennwald Steel Sandbothe
Nathan Forbis Payton Schaefer
Jackson Kerperin Addilynn Snellen
Chase Kleffner Audrey Verslues
Claire Lane Nate Verslues
Eden LePage Mason Vieth
Prosper LePage Eli Wilson
Camden Linhardt Emma Wright
Morgan Lock Ezra Yeager

Christ is the bread of life
and the cup of eternal salvation,
helping you to always live
as a child of God.

"Love rearranges our priorities.
It shows us what really
matters, and in the process,
banishes selfishness."

DYNAMIC CATHOLIC
Taken from Decision Point

New 2021 Church Phone Directories: I have begun working on our next church members phone directory. If you have any household information that needs to be updated for the book, please call or email the parish office. This would include; names, phone numbers (home or cell), address, and persons living in the household. Also if you know someone in our old directory that is no longer in our parish, please let me know. Need all information by end of July. Thank you!

PREVENTING SCAMS! Diocese of Jefferson City warns the public of what appears to be an ongoing phishing scam involving emails and texts purportedly from priests or parish/Chancery staff. This scam has hit many parishes across the USA. The email or text purports to be from a person the target knows, such as one’s pastor, a parish staff member, the bishop or someone else from the Church. If the target responds to the fake email or text, the sender will follow up with a request for some sort of monetary assistance, often for gift cards or iTune cards. It is truly unfortunate cyber criminals will attempt to exploit the generous nature of our community. Sending emails or texts asking for cash or gifts cards is not how priests, parishes or the Diocese of Jefferson City seeks financial assistance for our work. If you receive an email or text from a trusted church personnel asking for assistance, confirm by calling that person and do NOT respond to the email or text. The FBI website address to file an online Internet crime complaint is https://www.ic3.gov.
Announcing two pilgrimages to Rome, Florence, Assisi, and Orvieto (Italy) in the summer of 2021. To accommodate Latin students at Helias Catholic, two 12-day trips to Rome have been scheduled for the summer of 2021. Latin students who wish to travel have already registered, and seats are still available for this magnificent tour. So, if you want to see Rome with friends, how about 2021? Travel dates: May 25 through June 5, OR July 3 through July 15 Cost: $4,000 per person, which includes all transportation from the front door of Helias and back; three meals per day; and all lodging accommodations. Bring money for gelato and souvenirs. However, you will need to purchase your own Travel Insurance. Contact: Mark Rehagen at mrehagen@heliascatholic.com or 573-680-2520 (phone or text) for more information or to register.

COVID-19 Spiritual Adoption: If you or your prayer group would like to spiritually adopt an individual or family within our diocese that has been affected by the coronavirus, please contact Erin Boeckmann at eboeckmann@diojeffcity.org. Only first names of those affected by the virus will be shared.

COVID-19: A PRAYER OF SOLIDARITY: Especially, Lord, we lift up _______. May (s)he feel Your power of healing through the care of doctors and nurses. Take away the fear, anxiety, and feelings of isolation as they receive treatment or under quarantine. Give them a sense of purpose in pursuing health and protecting others from exposure to the disease. Protect their families and friends and bring peace to all who love them.

Job Opportunities: Annunciation Parish in California is seeking a director of religious education and youth ministry. For more information, visit https://diojeffcity.org/california-dre-youth-job-opening.

Relief Parents: St. Nicholas Academy is a supportive living experience for boys from families that are under-resourced who want to give their sons every opportunity to succeed in school and life. St. Nick’s partners with families and St. Peter Interparish School to provide this opportunity. St. Nick’s is seeking Christian, married couples or single individuals who are willing to be part of a pool of relief parents. The role of relief parents is to care for the boys and home when the full-time house parents are off duty or away.

Typically, the full-time house parents are off duty every fourth weekend from 9:00 AM Friday through 7:00 PM Sunday. Relief parents, on a rotational schedule, fill in during this time. They may also be asked to be on a call list to help fill in when the house parents are on vacation and/or sick.

Relief parents receive an hourly wage, all legally mandated benefits and a compensation package that includes a private suite and all meals for the days on duty.

Contact Sister Susan Renner, SSND at 573-635-7719 or director@stnick.org
UPCOMING EVENTS

The Vitae Foundation’s Annual Columbia Pro-Life Event: will be on Tuesday, July 21, 2020 at the Holiday Inn Expo Center in Columbia. The featured speaker is Jason Chaffetz, former congressman from Utah who was an ardent supporter for life! He rose to Chairman of the powerful House Oversight & Government Reform Committee. Chaffetz is currently a Contributor on Fox News Networks and a Fellow at Harvard’s Kennedy School, Institute of Politics. Dinner and program begin at 7 p.m. Registration is $100. Social distancing guidelines to be followed for safety of all. Virtual option is $25. For more details and to reserve your seat, visit our website at www.VitaeFoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316.

Camp Maccabee: Week One of Maccabee has been consolidated into Week Two on July 26-31. Campers have been notified and space is still available. To learn more or to download camper registrations www.campmaccabee.com.

CHRISTpower Retreat: has been cancelled and transformed into a week-long #CHRISTpower challenge! CHRISTpower alumni and people from across the diocese will be invited to perform spiritual and corporal works of mercy in their homes and local communities and share their work through the social media campaign. Stay tuned for all the details!

Central Missouri Hospice: is offering a free children’s grief camp called Camp Courage which is to be held on Saturday August 15, 2020 at Binder Park Pavilion, 5840 Rainbow Drive, Jefferson City, MO. It starts at 9 am through 4 pm. If you know a child or children who would benefit from attending Camp, please contact Amy Schnoebelen at 573-681-3750 or email at amy.schnoebelen@nhgroup.com to get more info.

Loose Creek 175th Commemorative Books: (including the family histories) are in and will be sold for $55. Also, for sale are Vol. I, II, and III of the Growing of Loose Creek. Complete set is $200. Books make wonderful presents! Contact Janice Muenks at 573-619-8149.

Check us out on www.facebook.com/SFXCatholic

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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<td>Sue Sandbothe 395-4264</td>
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All of us who belong to God’s kingdom can accomplish great things for the Lord.

To teach this idea, Jesus talked of how the mustard seed, the smallest of all seeds, grows into a large bush where birds live. Follow the path from each seed to find what it will grow into someday.

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In Matthew 13:43, Jesus promises a happy ending for “the children of the kingdom.” Find out what will happen someday by following the instructions on each window and at the bottom.

Cross out any words written in lowercase letters.

Then the gate door will after on like the

Draw a line through words that don’t begin with S or R.

In kingdom universe their recognize

Scribble out any words that have a u in them.

The of sum thunder Father Lettuce

Now read the remaining words from left to right!