

Collections for December 25th \$642.00

There are still concert T-Shirts available for purchase. They are located near the church entrance.

The monthly Mother's House collection will be this Sunday, January 1

The next "Family Movie Night" is scheduled for December 25th following Mass

Anyone interested in receiving an "End of Year Contribution Report" for tax purposes, please let the office know, either by email (Stceciliakennett@gmail.com) or phone (573 388 1951).

PSR Classes

These classes are for anyone seeking the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. We have parent classes at the same time as the children's classes, which is 11:45am on Sundays.

Parish Council Meeting is scheduled for January 4th after Mass

Mass Schedules



January 1, 2023 (Mary Mother of God) 10:30 AM & 1:00 PM



**January 1st, 2023
Solemnity of Mary, Holy Mother of God**

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Fr. David's Parish Office Hours:

Kennett: Monday and Wednesday 10-4, Portageville: Thursday and Friday 10-4
Fr. David is available for the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** during Adoration or by appointment.

Holy Mass Schedule

Monday and Wednesday: Adoration at 5PM: Mass at 6PM
Sunday Masses: 10:30AM Mass in English; 10:05AM Rosary;
1PM Mass in Spanish

Please pray for /Oramos para:

+Lynette Anderson, +Pedro Orcio, The Melendez Family, James Hargett,
+Sandy DeLisle, +Bill Anderson, Polly McAtee, Bob and Sharon Hines, Vera Gleuck,
and Kathy Larsen. Special prayer for Bishop Rice, Fr. David, and our homebound.

Mass Intentions

January 1 + Sandy DeLisle
January 2 Health and Wellbeing of Abi and Baby
January 4 +Patsy Lamb
January 8 +Lynette Anderson



Christmas Flower Offerings 2022:

In honor of Tom Morgan; donated by Martha Morgan

In honor of Bill & Alice Miller, Sonny & Granny Burns, and Ethan Johnson;
donated by Betty Johnson

In honor of Sam & Esther Handley, and Benny McAtee; donated by Polly McAtee

Attention: Catholic Men, You are invited to the Southeast Missouri



Thursday, January 19, 6:30-9:00pm
St. Francis Xavier, Sikeston, MO
An evening of Adoration, Confession, &
a Manly Meal with discussion to follow.

To help plan for the food please RSVP to
SEMOCatholicManNight@gmail.com

'SEMO Catholic Man Night' on Facebook Or text 573-275-5214

Pick up your 2023 "My Offering" envelopes in the church vestibule

The Extended Hands of Our Mother



Have you ever reflected upon the shape of St. Peter's Square in Rome? From the immense grandeur of the Basilica, two colonnades extend outward, curving into a circular, open-ended enclosure. It is reminiscent of two loving arms extended outward, ready to embrace and take in all the peoples of the world. The architecture expresses in bricks and mortar the great mystery of the Church's motherhood. For the Church is indeed our Mother: at her heart, represented by the Basilica itself, resides her chief treasure, the love of Christ poured out for us in the Eucharist. From this inner sanctuary proceeds the maternal desire to reach out and draw the world into this saving mystery, that which she knows is the greatest good of mankind.

In the person of Mary, whom we celebrate today, this mystery of the Church finds its perfection and ground. For it is she who through her immaculate conception bore the Son of God in her womb and gave him to the world through her total surrender to the Father's will. In this mystery, we also see the Church's great vocation to evangelization revealed. For at the heart of the Church's mission to evangelize lies this deep Marian solicitude for the world, the impulse to gather the human race into the heart of the Christ who alone can satisfy all of man's desiring and searching. We see this mystery very much in St. Paul, the great evangelizer, who expressed a Marian "anxiety for all the churches" (2 Cor 11:28).

Today, as the Church turns her gaze to Mary, let us ask her to give us her own evangelizing heart. Let us enter her school through increased prayer of the Rosary and other Marian devotions to learn from Mary how to approach those who are most in need of Christ's love. Through our contact with her, may the beauty of her love transform us, so that this same love may radiate from us, melting the barriers that so many put up before the question of God. It may be that the motherly sweetness of Mary will open the doors of hearts in a way that nothing else can!