

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

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DESERT.

— MARK 1:13 —



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2024

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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REV. KELECHI UZUEGBU - PASTOR
Email: kuzuegbu@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1004)

DEACON MICHAEL BERENDZEN 573.694.4916
Email: mwberendzen@gmail.com

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!

Email: sfxchurch1@embarqmail.com

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Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302

Parish Website: www.sfxtaos.com

Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002)

Secretary - Laurie Herzing Email: lherzing@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1001)

Religious Education Director - Cathy Singer Email: reled@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1003)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Ken Sandbothe, President 644-4088;

Steve LePage, Vice President 338-3909; Tammy Sachse, Secretary 619-2562;

Jean Decker, Social Concerns 619-0282; Debbie Backes 680-7804; Randy Kempker 619-8230;

Maureen LeRoy 694-4487; Cindy Luebbering 291-2625; Tom Sanning 694-1241;

Linda Tobar 619-7306; Kristen Wegman 619-1202; Diana Wekenborg 694-6707;

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.
- † **Baptism:** Contact Father regarding preparation sessions and scheduling.
- † **Marriage:** Contact Father at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling.
- † **Interested in Joining the Catholic Faith?** Contact Cathy Singer at the parish office 573-395-4401.



Mass Intentions

"For the depressed and those suffering from mental illness; may the active compassion of the Church bring healing and consolation to those who are tempted to despair."

Monday, Feb 19th: No Mass

Tuesday, Feb 20th:

7:00 p.m. - Lawrence & Norine Lage

Wednesday, Feb 21st:

7:45 a.m. - Herman & Wilma Grothoff

Thursday, Feb 22nd:

7:45 a.m. - Louis Eiken

Friday, Feb 23rd:

7:45 a.m. - Roman Scheulen

Saturday, Feb 24th:

5:00 p.m. - Walter & Catherine Bock, Kathy Paschal, & Donald Prenger

Sunday, Feb 25th:

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Lueckenhoff & Verslues Families

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

mark your Calendar

Feb 18 Rite of Election 3 p.m. St. Joseph Cathedral

Feb 18 The Chosen 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

Feb 21 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Feb 21 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX Church for Stations

Feb 21 Penance @ St. Stanislaus 6 p.m.

Feb 23 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Feb 23 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

Feb 25 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass

Feb 25 The Chosen 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Feb \$ 82,000.00 (4 Sundays)

Feb 3 & 4 \$ 20,081.00

Feb 11 & 12 \$ 9,352.25

ACH \$ 28,401.00

\$ 57,834.25

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

Goal thru Dec \$ 635,500.00

Actual thru Nov \$ 578,629.63

End of the Year \$ -56,870.37

Thank You! The St. Francis Xavier 7th grade class would like to thank everyone for their support with our dessert auction and Pizza Kwik food truck fundraisers. Your generosity is truly amazing and greatly appreciated!



SFX 2023 Year End Contributions

St. Francis Xavier thanks you for your financial generosity this past year. If you would like a record of your financial support, please call the parish office after **January 15, 2023**. We will notify you when the report is available to be picked up. 573-395-4401



WE NEED YOUR HELP!

The Picnic Committee is looking for someone to Chair the Kitchen Cleaning Up for the Picnic and Fall Supper. Please contact the parish office 395-4401 or Brian Talken 680-8065 if interested.

Liturgical Ministries

Feb 24 & 25	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Jean Decker Carol Forck Sharon Forck Keith Heinke	Cara Sandbothe Shelle Sandbothe Shirley Toebben MB	Patty LeComte Nick Rackers Lisa Reinke MB
Lector	Doris Schnieder	Justin Wegman	Linda Distler
Ushers	Tony Forck Art Greenback Tom Henke Rita Lipskoch	Josh Sandbothe Ken Sandbothe Tom Sanning Ron Talken	Rob Sachse Tammy Sachse James Singer DeWayne Sprenger
Servers	Zoey Prenger Colten Allen	Camden Linhardt Corbin Linhardt	Tyler Sandbothe Julia Reinke
Musicians	Kathy & Cheryl	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Hood & Forbis Family



Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.

Scrip will be sold in church every 1st and 3rd weekend except for Holiday weekends, then it will be the weekend after.

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.

Parish Prayer Line—Alma Sandbothe 573-395-4666 or Shirley Toebben 573-619-0674.

For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401

1st Sunday of Lent: When I feel down, I sometimes watch the famous “Double Rainbow” video on YouTube to feel better. It’s hilarious. A young man camping in Yosemite Park sees two rainbows stretching across the sky. He bursts into a kind of ecstasy. “Double rainbow, all the way! Oh my God!” he announces. Then he starts to weep. He cries out, “What does it *mean*?” Beneath the humor of his glorious overreaction is the deep intuition we all have, I think, when we see the colorful bow in the sky. This Sunday, God sends a rainbow to Noah, and to us. What *does* it mean?

Long before YouTube had the double rainbow, Dante’s medieval poem *The Divine Comedy* featured one in his image of paradise. Seeing two rainbows, he muses that one is born of the other. The bow is God’s promise of peace. For Dante, it’s even more: nature’s encrypted image of the Trinitarian God. One visible rainbow (God the Son) is begotten of another usually invisible one (God the Father) united by invisible light between them (God the Spirit). Like invisible light, Trinitarian glory surrounds us in every moment — but Jesus has made it visible in his glorious body.

Lenten challenge: This might seem silly, but this Lent I invite you to find a rainbow and meditate on it. You might have to make one yourself, like this current desert-dweller will. Gaze on it. See there a natural gift from the Creator, saying to you, “Here I am! I will love and protect you, surrounding you in My glory.” This Lent let’s embrace that with confidence, rain, or shine.

— Father John Muir ©LPi

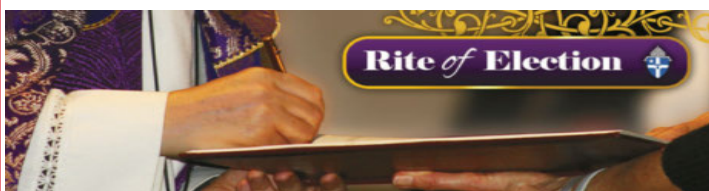


Cathy Singer, Director of Religious Education
573-395-4401 ext. 1003



The Chosen
SEASON TWO!

Bring your favorite drink and join us for Cola, Cookies, and The Chosen Episodes 3 & 4. **Sunday, February 25th** at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.



Rite of Election

Please pray for our RCIA candidates as they head to the Cathedral for the Rite of Election this Sunday afternoon.

PRAYER ON THE *First Sunday of Lent*

Lord God,
you who breathed
the spirit of life within me.
Draw out of me
the light and life you created.
Help me to find my way back to you.
Help me to use my life
to reflect your glory
and to serve others
as your son Jesus did.
Amen.



Rosary Count January 598



The book club is reading “Perfectly Yourself” this month by Matthew Kelly. It can be found on the bookshelf in the side entrance of church. We will meet to discuss it on **Tuesday, March 5th at 5pm** at the parish office. We will pick the next topic at that time.

ST FRANCIS XAVIER, ST STANISLAUS, AND ST THOMAS PARISHES

TOTUS TUUS
PARISH SUMMER CATECHETICAL PROGRAM FOR YOUTH GRADES 1-12

ST STANISLAUS CHURCH, WARDSVILLE, MO
June 23-28, 2024

Join us for a fun and faith-filled week! Learn about the Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you there!

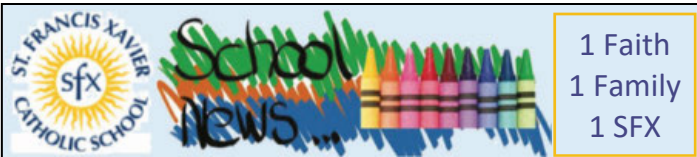
DAY PROGRAM	EVENING PROGRAM
• Monday - Friday	• Sunday - Thursday
• 8am - 1:30pm	• 6:30pm-8:00pm
• Grades 1-6	• Grades 7-12
COST: \$25/child	COST: Evening program is FREE
\$75 for 3 or more children	



DIOJEFFCITY.ORG/TOTUS-TUUS

To register, contact Abby Thompson (St Stan), Cathy Singer (SFX), or Theresa Veit (St Thomas)

Registrations are available in the back of Church and on the Parish Website www.sfxtaos.com



1 Faith
1 Family
1 SFX

Thank you to everyone who came out to the first Sunday of coffee and donuts. We had a great crowd after the 8am mass and a huge crowd after the 10am mass. Thank you to all of the volunteers that put their time and energy into making the event a great way to spend our Sunday. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone back the next time we have this fun event.

On **Friday, March 1st** St. Francis Xavier is hosting the Diocesan Science Fair. We will have somewhere between 25-30 schools in attendance for this special event. We can't wait to host these other schools and to see all the creative projects that will be on display. This is a wonderful opportunity for so many of our students, and our diocesan students to put their talents on display. We look forward to sharing pictures and results of the day with everyone following the event.

It's hard to believe that we are already halfway through the third quarter here at St. Francis Xavier. I'm so proud of the hard work put forth thus far by all of our students and I can't wait to see what they accomplish over the last portion of the school year. Keep up the great work!

Upcoming School Events

- Monday, 2/18** - No School (President's Day)
- Thursday, 2/29** - Early Dismissal
- Friday, 3/1** - Diocesan Science Fair at S.F.X.
- Wednesday, 3/6** - Confessions for grades 2-8
- Friday, 3/8** - No School (Diocesan Professional Development)

Blessings,
Mr. Jordan Tobar, Principal
jtobar@sfxtaos.com

ENERGIZE! Our Parish:
We hope you enjoyed our coffee and donuts after Sunday Masses. And, for those that went to the 10 a.m. Mass, we hope you enjoyed our new contemporary service. We will start these up again after Easter.

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
Applications due **March 28, 2024**
The Diocese of Jefferson City is pleased to offer our parish families college scholarship opportunities through a generous donation from the families of William H. (Bill) Simon and John L. Warack
FOR ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AND TO COMPLETE AN APPLICATION, VISIT:
diojeffcity.org/scholarships

Stewardship Conference
Saturday, April 13, 2024
Cathedral of St. Joseph - Cana Hall

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Register Here **SCAN ME**

Please register by April 9
Cost is \$20 and includes breakfast & lunch

Stewardship
GROWING OUR FAITH

- 8:00 a.m. Mass
- 8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 9:15 a.m. Most Rev. W. Shawn McKnight, S.T.D. Welcome
- 9:30 a.m. Msgr. Thomas McGread (Video Presentation) *The Story of St. Francis: How Stewardship Became a Way of Life*
- 10:15 a.m. Very Rev. John Lanzrath *The Four Pillars of Parish Stewardship*
- 11:15 a.m. Lisa McArdle *Stewardship in the Family*
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Eric McArdle *Best Practices in Parish Stewardship*
- 1:30 p.m. Fr. Stephen Jones *The Spirituality of Stewardship*
- 2:15 p.m. Trish Lutz *Catholic Stewardship Renewal 2024*

**There will be a short break after each presentation

Lenten Solemn Vespers 5:00pm
Lenten Recital Series 5:35pm

February 18 Recital	March 3 Recital	March 17 Recital
Karen Bretz, Flute Nicholas Liese, Organ	Tom Halpin Organ	Andrew Meagher Organ Katharine Meagher, Soprano

Holy Week Schedule
Holy Thursday - 7:00pm | Good Friday Stations - 3:00pm
Good Friday Passion Liturgy - 7:00pm | Easter Vigil - 8:00pm

Each of these Sundays of Lent, we cordially invite you to join us at St. Peter's in Downtown Jefferson City (216 Broadway) for sung Vespers at 5:00pm. On the Sundays of February 18, March 3, and March 17, Vespers will be immediately followed by a small recital at around 5:35pm. Vespers alone should last around 35 minutes, and together, with Vespers and Recital together lasting around an hour.

You are invited
to participate in a special session for the Synod on Synodality and **Shaping Our Future Together** (our diocesan planning process) by responding to questions on the structures of our parishes and local Church

Tuesday, February 27
6:15 - 7:00 p.m.
At five locations in the diocese or via Zoom

For locations, to RSVP, and for more information, visit diojeffcity.org/27FebruaryRSVP

DIocese OF Jefferson City

upcoming EVENTS



Taos KCCC: registration for summer league teeball, softball, & baseball on the following dates & times: **Sunday, February 18th & 25th** from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM and Monday, February 26th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Taos Knights of Columbus Hall. Boys & girls ages 6-15 are eligible. Registration for Fun League teeball will also be held for boys & girls ages 4-6 on the dates listed.

Taos K of C Council #6430 Fish Fry: Friday's Feb. 23, March 8 & 22. 4:30-7:30 p.m. Dine-In or Carry-Out. \$14.00 Fried fish or boiled shrimp, baked potato or fries, slaw, hushpuppies, baked beans, ice cream, tea and coffee. Kids burger & fries (\$6). Cash or check ONLY. K of C Hall, Taos.



In the Age of Artificial Intelligence

Join Spencer Allen, Principal at Helias Catholic, Sunday, February 25th after 5pm mass for a talk on AI in our current day lives. Dinner will be included with this event. Email julie.g@cathedralje.org to RSVP

Wardville/Osage Bend K of C Fish Fry: Friday, March 1 at St. Stanislaus from 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. All you can eat \$14. Serving Fish, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, French Fries or Baked Potato, and Homemade Rolls.

St. Martin Fish Fry: Friday, Mar. 1st & 15th. Serving Fried Fish, Homestyle Potato Chips, Cornbread, Coleslaw, Green Beans, Applesauce, and desserts from 4:30-7p.m. Adults (\$13), Children 6-12 (\$6) and 5 & under (Free). To-go orders (\$13) and available in the church basement.

Seafood Buffets (Chamois, MO): Friday, Mar. 1st & 15th at Most Pure Heart of Mary Church Hall. Serving fish, frog legs and shrimp. All you can eat! 4-7:30 p.m. Adults (\$20), 6-12 (\$10) and 5 & Under (Free).

K of C Council 2027 Fish Fry (Loose Creek School): Friday, March 8th from 4:30 - 7 p.m. Drive thru only! \$12 per meal. Fish, Hush Puppies, Parsley Potatoes, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans.

Westphalia Knights of Columbus Spring Dinner and Dance: featuring **Shiloh Country Band** will be **March 9th, 2024**. Cost is \$25 per person. The fried chicken meal will begin at 6:30 p.m., 6:30pm, with the dance beginning at 8:30pm. For more information or for tickets contact Ron Berhorst 573-619-8213 or Russell Voss 573-619-1324.

St. Joseph Parish (Westphalia): Sunday, Mar. 10 from 11-6 p.m. serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn and coleslaw. Drive-Thru only (\$14 per meal).

Men of St. Francis Xavier Parish:

You are invited to the February gathering of the Men of Signum Crucis, which begins at 6:30 p.m. **Wednesday, Feb. 21**, at Helias Catholic High School. Feel free to come early to pray the Rosary at 6:00 p.m. in the Chapel. If you have been thinking about attending our gatherings but have not been able to "execute" just yet, this would be a great gathering to attend, as we celebrate the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass in fraternity with the best men in our area. All men are invited to deepen their faith in fraternity with men who will gain from your spirituality. As always, enter the school on the east end of the front Swifts Highway parking lot to sign in. Our Hospitality men will greet you right inside the door and direct you to the appropriate location. The mission of the Men of Signum Crucis is to provide Fraternity through Study, Devotion, and Service to sharpen ourselves to meet the challenges of our day. For more information, contact Ken Sandbothe at 573-644-4088, or visit us at www.menofsignumcrucis.com.

FR. VIVIANO MIRACULOUS MEDAL

IN THIS PRESENTATION ON MIRACULOUS MEDAL, ONE OF THE MOST WIDELY DISSEMINATED SACRAMENTALS GIVEN TO MOTHER CHURCH, FR VIVIANO WILL EXPLORE THE ORIGINS AND THE EFFICACIOUS REALITY OF THIS PRECIOUS SACRAMENTAL.

MARCH 6TH @ 7:00PM
CANA HALL
CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH

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).

Week 1: Feb 4 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: Feb 11 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Feb 18 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week: 4 Feb 25 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154
Shawna Schnieders, Joyce Schnur, Dolores Schollmeyer, Sara Schroeder, Kallie Schroeder	Diane Schuenemeyer, Sheila Schulte, Leanna Schulte, Edna Schulz, Michelle Schulz	Denise Schwartze, Elizabeth Schaeffer, Alex Shilkes, Kathy Shilkes, Cindy Shiverdecker	Amanda Shockley, Donna Siebenek, Laura Simpson, Kathleen Simpson, Rita Singer

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