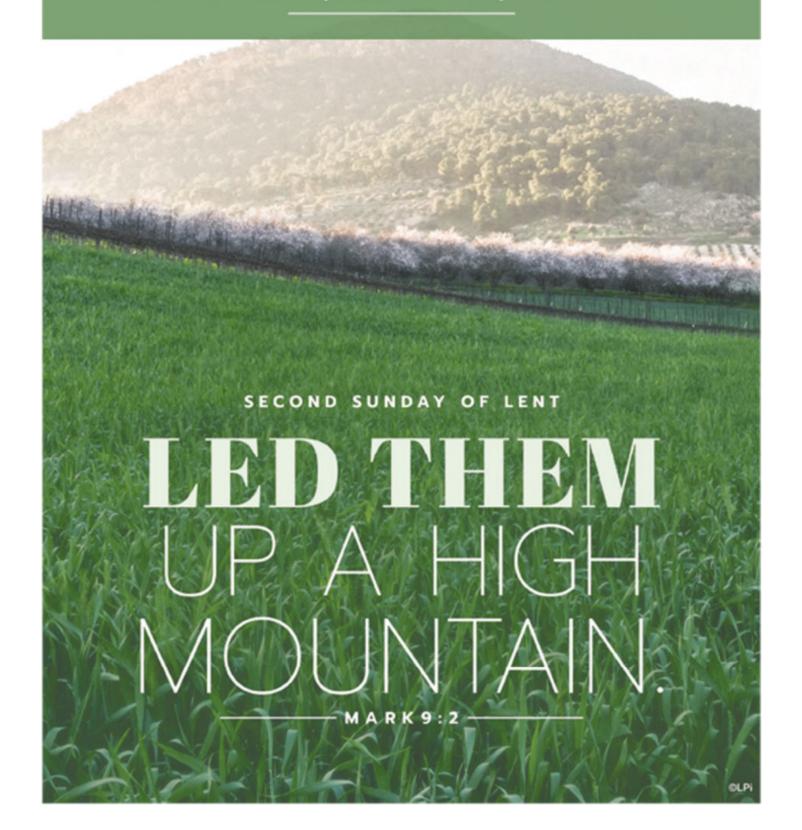
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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8:00 & 10 a.m.

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: 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;

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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

- 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.

" 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 26th:

No Mass

Tuesday, Feb 27th:

7:00 p.m. - No Mass

Wednesday, Feb 28th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Anton & Hilda Lage

Thursday, Feb 29th:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Lester Kempker Family

Friday, Mar 1st:

7:45 a.m. - L&D of Anton & Augusta Grothoff

Saturday, Mar 2nd:

5:00 p.m. - William Hake & Leonard Forck Families

Sunday, Mar 3rd:

8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. - William & Walburga Thessen

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.

SFX 2023 Year End Contributions

IMPORTANT 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

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

Feb 27 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Feb. 29 after a.m. Mass

Feb 27 Penance at SFX Church 10 a.m. (Fr. Kelechi & Msgr. Cox)

Feb 27 No Tuesday Evening Mass

Feb 28 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX Church for Stations

Feb 28 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Hall

Feb 29 Penance at SFX 6 p.m. (Fr. Kelechi, Jones, Doke, & Msgr. Cox)

Mar 1 Adoration with Benediction

Mar 1 Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.

Mar 3 Children Liturgy of the Word 10 a.m. Mass Mar 3 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

\$ 9.352.25 Feb 11 & 12 \$ 10,875.00 Feb 17 & 18 ACH \$ 28,401.00

\$ 68,709.25

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023

Goal thru Dec \$ 635,500.00 **Actual thru Nov** \$ 578,629.63 **End of the Year** \$ -56,870.37



Baptized in Christ: Murphy Dooling was Baptized in our church on Sunday, February 18th, 2024.

We understand that some parishioners have questions regarding the new multipurpose facility. Please join us for an in-depth discussion of this campaign project. Date: Wednesday, March 6 Time: 6-7 PM Place: Helias Hall (School Cafeteria). We'll share details about the current plan, as well as other options that were considered, and what led to our decision. You will also have the opportunity to share your input and ideas about the new building.

Liturgical Ministries					
Mar 3 & 4	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.		
Eucharistic Ministers	Cecilia Lock	Glenda Vanderfeltz	Kathy Rackers		
	Angeline Prenger	Debra Backes Tammy Sachse			
	Sue Sandbothe	Charles Callaway	Linda Tobar		
	MB	Elaine Callaway	MB		
Lector	Sarah Boss	Kristin Wegman	Chris Reinke		
Ushers	John Bassett	Bill Vanderfeltz	Jim Thessen		
	Carol Forck	Wayne Verslues	Alan Cortvrient		
	Tony Forck	Justin Wegman	Steve Dislter		
	Art Greenback	Tom Wieberg	John Prenger		
Servers	Elle Kleffner	Jackson Kerperin	Ella Chorenziak		
	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed	Emma Wright		
Musicians	Jackie & Adult Choir	Kathy & Cheryl	Katnik		



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

2nd Sunday of Lent: As a college student, my prized possession was an after-market car stereo. It was my pride and joy: glorious audio, eye-catching display screen, and multi-disc CD changer. It drained my hard-earned dollars, but it was totally worth it. It drenched me in music everywhere I drove. On Ash Wednesday of my senior year of college, Father Tom, the Jesuit priest at my university said, "Pray for God to tell you what he wants you to sacrifice for Lent." I did. In my heart, the answer came: "Give up listening to your car stereo for forty days." I winced. Not possible, I thought. Can't do it. I made other plans. The next morning, I was stunned to find that my car had been broken into, and my fancy stereo ripped out and stolen.

God's command to sacrifice what we love is no joke. This week in Genesis 22, God says: "Abraham!" "Here I am," he replied. Then God said, "Take your son, your only son, whom you love — Isaac — and go to the region of Moriah. Sacrifice him there as a burnt offering on a mountain I will show you." Believe me, I know. We like to be in control. It chaffs us that God sets the terms of what we must sacrifice, and how. But this is no impersonal, tyrannical process. Remember that God uses their names, Abraham and Isaac. God knows each one of us and the precious gifts He commands us to offer. Finally, our sacrifices are for our own good. Do we trust this enough to do what Father Tom asked me to do?

Lenten challenge: This week, I dare you to ask God: "What do you want me to give up?" He may ask for that which you love most. It will be something precious to you: time, money, a relationship, a dream, an opportunity. What matters is we trust Him and act sacrificially in line with His command. Whatever we sacrifice will of course come back to us as surely as the Risen Jesus — but that doesn't make it easy. — Father John Muir



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

Holy Communion: will now be offered to everyone in the choir loft.



Pre-registration forms are now available in the back of church.





The Chosen Episodes 5 & 6. Sunday, March 3rd at 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room.



Mary of Nazareth Sunday, March 17th @ 2 p.m. in the Fellowship Room



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.



about the Apostles Creed and the Glorious Mysteries of the rosary while growing in your relationship with the Lord. See you



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

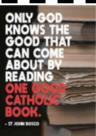




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To register, contact Abby Thompson (St Stan), Cathy Singer (SFX), or Theresa Veit (St Thomas)

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





1 Faith 1 Family 1 SFX

Enrollment for our 2024-2025 preschool class is now open! If you or someone you know has a child that you would like to enroll for the upcoming school year please contact the school office for more information. You can also use the Preschool Enrollment Form to reserve your spot today. Limited spots are available so hurry while they are still available.

Kindergarten enrollment for the 2024-2025 school year is also now open. Please use the Kindergarten Enrollment Form to get your child signed up for our next kindergarten class. If you have any questions please contact the school office.

St. Francis Xavier School will be having Stations of the Cross this Lent. Stations will take place on Feb. 23rd, Mar. 7th, 15th, and 22nd. All stations will take place at 2:30pm unless otherwise communicated via social media, Tiger Tales, and our bulletin school news.

Upcoming School Events

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

"Even in the midst of suffering, we must never lose sight of all that God has given us. We must still put God first and remain loyal to him."

LISA BRENNINKMEYER

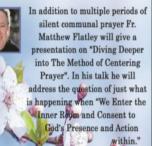
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PLEASE JOIN US!

Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri is conducting their annual United In Prayer Day!

The mini-retreat will be held in the Alphonse J. Schwartze Memorial Catholic Center (Chancery Offices) on March 9, 2024 from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Those unable to travel to Jefferson City may attend online via ZOOM.

This is an invitation to contemplatives both new and experienced to come away for a day of enrichment, making available the precious time and space for prayer and soul friending in community.



For more information or to REGISTER visit www.cocemo.org







New to Centering Prayer? Want to learn more?

For those interested in attending but less experienced in Centering Prayer a special mini-introduction to Centering Prayer is being offered on March 7, beginning at 7:00 pm, online via ZOOM.



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Dinner Break 4:30 – 5:30 PM Sacrament of Reconciliation & Eucharistic Adoration 6:30 – 7:00 PM

Tickets: chastity.com/purified Info: julie.g@cathedraljc.org 573.635.7991



Lenten Solemn Vespers Lenten Recital Series

5:00pm 5:35pm



February 18 Recital

Recital

Karen Bretz, Flute

Nicholas Liese,

Organ

March 3 Recital

Tom Halpin Organ

March 17 Recital

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.

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Taos KCCC: registration for summer league teeball, softball, & baseball on the following dates & times: Sunday, February 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.



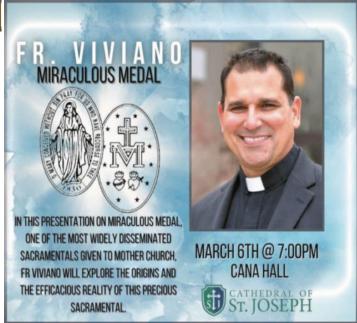
Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C Fish Fry: Friday, March 1 at St. Stanislaus from 4:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m. All you can eat \$14. Serving Fish, Hush Puppies, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, French Fries or Baked Potato, and Homemade Rolls.

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.

Taos K of C Council #6430 Fish Fry: Friday's March 8, 15 & 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.



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).

Arise Women's Ministry of JCMO: is hosting a women's spiritual day of reflection on Sunday, March 24 from 1:00-5:00pm entitled *RESTORED-Through the Five Wounds of Jesus. * A wonderful way to enter into Holy Week, the afternoon event will include delicious refreshments, beautiful music, fun games and Spirit-led messages of reconciliation, restoration and redemption. Location of event: St. Stanislaus Parish/School Gym, 6410 Rt W. Jefferson City, MO 65101. Cost: \$20. To register for the event, you may find your tickets online at eventbrite.com, search for Restored - A Women's Retreat or email registerariseevent @gmail.com. For questions, please contact LeAnn Korsmeyer 573-690-2882/Millie Aulbur 573-690-4635 or Mary Markway 573-690-5284.

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: Dec 2 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: Dec 9 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Dec 16 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week 4: Dec 23 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	Week 5: Dec 30 Nora Sprenger 395-3130
Sheila Singer,	Kimberly Speidel,	Marissa Stockglausner,	Donna Stuckenschneider,	Emily Talken,
Stacey Singer,	Kimberly Sprenger,	Terry Stockman,	Jessica Stuenkel,	Shirley Talken,
Miranda Skahan,	Erin Sprenger,	Kristy Strope,	Abbey Stumpe,	Keri Talken,
Jennifer Smith,	Sara Stanley,	Stacy Strope,	Sarah Sullens,	Cheryl Talken,
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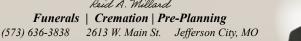
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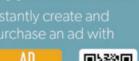




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