ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 2024



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

ZEAL FOR YOUR HOUSE WILL CONSUME ME.

JOHN 2:17 -----

St. Francis Xavier Parish

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

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

<u>Welcome to St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church!</u> 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: <u>sfxchurch1@embarqmail.com</u> Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302 Parish Website: <u>www.sfxtaos.com</u>

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

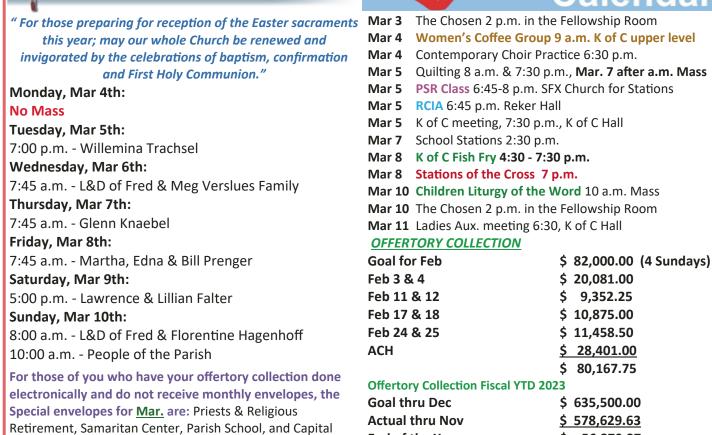
MISSION STATEMENT: St. Francis Xavier Parish is an example of Christ's Love by educating, serving and celebrating our faith with others in our community. Adopted by Parish Council Fall 1997

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.
- The **Interested in Joining the Catholic Faith?** Contact Cathy Singer at the parish office 573-395-4401.

Mass Intentions



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End of the Year

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Improvements/Repairs. The Lunch Bunch: will meet Wednesday, Mar. 27th at 11:30 a.m. at the Knight of Columbus. Please RSVP to Evelyn Borgmeyer 690-1332, Jean Pinnell 694-2111, Jane Knaebel

680-6158, or Janet Klebba 680-9925

by Wednesday, Mar. 20.



We understand that some parishioners have questions regarding
the new multipurpose facility . Please join us for an in-depth dis-
cussion 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.

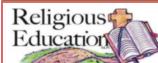
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Liturgical Ministries				Auton 225 - 10 1005 - 1005 - 10
Mar 9 & 10	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	
	Debbie Backes	Eddy Davis Tina Davis Debbie Borgmeyer MB	Patty Verslues Brian Werdehausen Cindy Werdehausen Michael Winkler	SCRIP Funny Name. Easy Fundraising.
Lector		Debra Backes	Lisa Reinke	
		Matt Forck Karl Lootens Robbie Lootens Dan Sandbothe	Cindy LePage Steve LePage Andrea Forck Chris Reinke	Scrip will be sold in church every 1st and 3rd weekend except for Holiday
Servers		Gentry Wegman Volunteer Needed	Aubrey Forck Audrey Verslues	weekends, then it will be the weekend after.
Musicians	Katnik	Hoffmeyer & Branum	Hood & Forbis 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. Parish Prayer Line—Alma Sandbothe 573-395-4666 or Shirley Toebben 573-619-0674. For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Kelechi 395-4401 **3rd Sunday of Lent:** I am the Lord your God ... You shall not have other gods beside me. —Ex 20:2-3 One of the greatest golfers of all time — if not the greatest — was Jack Nicklaus. Which is why it is baffling that at the beginning of each season he would return to his childhood coach and re-learn how to grip the golf club. It's like Shakespeare re-learning the alphabet and grammar. Why would he do that? Because Jack knew that the fundamentals are always relevant. Perfecting and obsessing over his grip allowed him to do everything else in the game well. In sports and life, the best ones love the basics.

Similarly, as we begin Lent, we re-learn the spiritual basics in the Ten Commandments. Consider the first, to "**have no other gods besides me**." This is our "grip." Is our connection to God one of absolute fidelity and exclusive worship? Am I willing to let go of my precious idols, the things I cling to instead of God? Once we say "yes" to this fundamental question of our spiritual "grip," then we are ready to properly engage with everything else in life. Watch how beautifully the game of life unfolds in the next nine commandments (numbered in parentheses): how we speak to God and others (2 and 8), how we organize our week (3), how we relate to our family (4) and the wider community (5 and 7), how we live our sexuality (6), and how we order all the other desires of the human heart (9 and 10). But don't rush to these later Commandments too soon! Everything in life is built on the first Commandment. The more we focus on worshiping God alone, the better we navigate the complexity of life with panache, effectiveness, and love.

Lenten challenge: This week, identify what you can do to better worship God alone. If you're not sure, scan the last nine commandments to identify what you are most likely to worship instead of God. Power, pleasure, control of your time, possessions, family, health, reputation, money? Commit to concrete action to help you let go of this "idol" to better hold on to God alone in faithful worship. Remember: the best love the basics. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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

A Lenten Prayer

Lord, I know how much you lore me It's hard for me to feel it sometimes but I know your lore is always with me Help me to use your lore as a way to persevere in my Lenten intentions I am weak, but I know with your help I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen



Bring your favorite drink and join us for Cola, Cookies, and The Chosen Episodes 7 & 8. **Sunday, March 10th** at 2 p.m. in



Mary of Nazareth

the Fellowship Room.

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



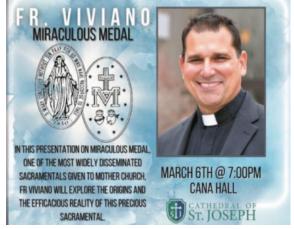
Pre-registration forms are now available in the back of church.



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



upcoming_{EVENTS}



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.

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., with the dance beginning at 8:30 p.m. For more For more information or for tickets contact Ron Berhorst 573 -619-8213 or Russell Voss 573-619-1324.

United in Prayer Day 2024: Would you like to expand your prayer practice during Lent? - Do you want to take your prayer practice and your relationship with God to a deeper level? - Have you heard about Centering Prayer and want to find out more? - Do you already have a private Centering Prayer practice but want to dive deeper?

Kimberly Sprenger,

Erin Sprenger,

Sara Stanley,

Brenda Stegman

Then consider the **United in Prayer Day** offered by

Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri, on **March 9th** from 9 am to 1 pm. This free event will originate live in Jefferson City and can be attended in person there or you may join the event online via ZOOM. To get full details and to register go to the COCEMO website at <u>www.cocemo.org.</u>

<u>St. Joseph Parish (Westphalia)</u>: 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).

St. Martin Fish Fry: Friday, Mar. 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. 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).

St. Louis of France Parish Chicken Dinner (Bonnots Mill):

Sunday, Mar. 17 at the Bonnots Mill Parish Hall serving 12-6 PM. Country Store-50/50-Raffle. Online Silent Auction on the St. Louis of France Catholic Church Facebook page. Bidding starts Sunday, March 10th and ends March 15th at 7 p.m. Cafeteria Style Dine-In or To-Go. \$15

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 <u>eventbrite.com</u>, search for Restored - A Women's Retreat or email <u>registerariseevent</u> @gmail.com. For questions, please contact LeAnn Korsmeyer 573-690-2882/Millie Aulbur 573-690-4635 or Mary Markway 573-690-5284.

Jessica Stuenkel.

Abbey Stumpe,

Sarah Sullens.

Wendy Sullivan

Shirley Talken,

Keri Talken.

Chervl Talken.

Breanne Talken



Stacey Singer,

Miranda Skahan.

Jennifer Smith.

Shellev Renee Smith

EASTER MEMORIALS: Holiday Memorials are a great way to remember those who have died. If you would like to make a donation in memory of a loved one, his or her name will appear in the holiday bulletin. A suggested offering would be \$15. This offering will go toward the upkeep and decorating of our beautiful church. Donations must be received by **March 19th** due to the bulletin going to print early. Envelopes are located at both entrances of the church.

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 2: Mar 9 Week 3: Mar 16 Week 4: Mar 23 Week 5: Mar 30 Week 1: Mar 2 Debbie Borgmeyer Sue Sandbothe Elaine Callaway Jean Pinnell Nora Sprenger 690-8966 680-9748 694-2111 230-3154 395-3130 & Elaine Ready 619-6803 Sheila Singer, Kimberly Speidel, Marissa Stockglausner, Donna Stuckenschneider, Emily Talken,

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