

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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SUNDAY, MARCH 10, 2024

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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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!

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

Mass Intentions

 <i>"For those preparing for reception of the Easter sacraments this year; may our whole Church be renewed and invigorated by the celebrations of baptism, confirmation and First Holy Communion."</i> Monday, Mar 11th: No Mass Tuesday, Mar 12th: 7:00 p.m L&D of Clayton & Jennifer Smith Family Wednesday, Mar 13th: 7:45 a.m Bernard & Lavern Grothoff Thursday, Mar 14th: 7:45 a.m L&D of Mildred & Ted Struttmen and Minnie & Anton Baumhoer Friday, Mar 15th: 7:45 a.m L&D of Betty Stegeman Family Saturday, Mar 16th: 5:00 p.m L&D of Don Bernskoetter & George Bisges Families Sunday, Mar 17th: 	Mar 13 Home & School Meet Mar 13 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. Mar 13 RCIA 6:45 p.m. Reker Mar 14 School Advisory Coun Mar 14 Pastoral Council Meet Mar 15 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 - 7 Mar 15 Stations of the Cross Mar 17 Children Liturgy of th Mar 17 Mary of Nazareth 2 p Mar 18 Faith & Fellowship Me Mar 18 Contemporary Choir F	5:30, K of C Hall Practice 6:30 p.m. D p.m., Mar. 14 after a.m. Mass ting 6:30 p.m. Church for Stations Hall acil 5:30 p.m. Commons Rm ting 7 p.m. in Commons Rm 7:30 p.m. 7 p.m. The Word 10 a.m. Mass D.m. in the Fellowship Room eeting 1 p.m. Parish Office
Bernskoetter & George Bisges Families Sunday, Mar 17th: 8:00 a.m People of the Parish	OFFERTORY COLLECTION	\$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays) \$ 13,195.00 <u>\$ 28,451.00</u>
For those of you who have your offertory collection done electronically and do not receive monthly envelopes, the	Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD Goal thru Feb	\$ 41,646.00 2023 \$ 717,500.00

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Special envelopes for Mar. are: Priests & Religious Retirement, Samaritan Center, Parish School, and Capital 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.



Actual thru Feb

End of the Year

A big Thanks goes out to the caring support for the funeral service for Bernard F. "Bernie" Forck. We appreciate the help and food brought for the Memorial gathering. May the Lord Bless you. Marian - Sarah - Aaron - Lovelei and Caroline

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Liturgical Ministries			- Autom 25 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 10 - 1	
Mar 16 & 17	5:00 p.m.	8:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m.	
Eucharistic Ministers	Jean Decker Cecilia Lock	Dennis Forck Gerard Forck Rhonda Rackers Cara Sandbothe	Linda Distler Patty LeComte Kathy Rackers Nick Rackers	
Lector Ushers	John Bassett	Robin Bernskoetter Joe Otto Nyla Cartmell Andi Riley Taylor Riley	Linda Tobar Robin Reinkemeyer Ross Reinkemeyer Rob Sachse Tammy Sachse	Funny Name. Easy Fundraisi Scrip will be sold in church every 1st and 3rd weekend except for Holiday weekends, then it wi be the weekend afte
Servers Musicians	Riley Verslues	Elizah Talken <mark>London Talken</mark> Kathy & Cheryl	Tyler Sandbothe Chase Doerhoff Katnik	

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

4th Sunday of Lent

Our national pastime isn't baseball. It's what the Bible calls "condemning the world." We generally enjoy pronouncing curses upon those whom we see as trouble, wrong, or evil. Don't believe me? Listen to almost any podcast, cable news network, or social media platform to hear it. It will be some version of: "We all agree that if *they* are eradicated, things will be great." Condemning is almost always clothed in virtue. It basks in its good intentions. That's why it is so attractive. Condemning seems like our best path to saving what is good.

What a shock, then, to hear Jesus announce: **"For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him" (Jn 3:17).** He comes to save the world, as we all want, but he will accomplish it *without an act of condemnation.* How hard it is to accept this! Condemning feels godlike. I judge who and what must be lost to protect the good. But in the light of Jesus' endless mercy and love, this is the *least* godlike thing we can do.

Lenten challenge: This week, I invite you to give up the delicious experience of condemning whomever in the world you most would like to see gone. Perhaps write down their names. Secondly, I invite you to consider fasting from any media that feeds the tasty but deadly tendency to condemn. — *Father John Muir* ©LPi



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March 14th

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



A couple of weeks ago I welcomed Principal Wegman to S.F.X.! He had the opportunity to act as principal for the day! His day was spent doing teacher observations, delivering Sonic Drinks & candy, handing out milk at lunch, and making the executive decision to let the entire school dress down. He was also treated to a yummy lunch at Steve's Family restaurant where his dad joined us. Thanks Mr. Wegman for being an outstanding principal. I sure could learn a few things about being a principal from you!

Last Friday we hosted the Diocesan Science Fair! We had over 20 schools from all over the diocese in attendance. Some of the most talented "scientists" from the diocese were displaying their projects for our diocesan judges and other visitors. Thank you to all of our judges for the event.

A big thank you to all of the student contestants who participated and put in countless hours preparing for the event.

Enrollment for our 2024-2025 Preschool and Kindergarten classes are 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 or the Kindergarten Enrollment Form to reserve your spot today.

Upcoming School Events

Wednesday, 3/13 - Home & School Meeting Thursday, 3/14 - Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm Friday, 3/15 - Shadow Stations @ 2:15pm Wednesday 3/20 - Birthday Celebration

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

Join us for Chrism Mass

Bishop W. Shawn McKnight will bless the Oil of the Sick and the Oil of the Catechumens and consecrate the Sacred Chrism

> Cathedral of St. Joseph Jefferson City

> > March 26 3:00 p.m.

Please join us for refreshments afterwards! RSVP online at diojeffcity.org/Chrism-Mass-RSVP

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Please contact the parish office at 573-395-4401 if you have

anyone from our parish who is in a Nursing Home and or homebound. We are going to compile a list so Father can visit or take communion when his schedule allows. **St. Joseph School Seeks Principal:** St. Joseph School in Westphalia, MO seeks a faith-filled, organized individual to join our team in the role of **Principal**. Candidates should be practicing Catholics, have at least 3 years teaching experience, a degree in education, and principal's certificate, or be willing to pursue such credentials. This role is full-time, exempt and eligible for an extensive benefit packets and paid time off. For information and to apply, see: <u>www.stjosephwestphalia</u> <u>.org/principal-position-opening.html</u>

CALLING ALL CURRENT BTH-12TH GRADERS

Join other young people from around the Jefferson City area in this incredible 3-day encounter with Christ! Experience dynamic speakers, engaging music, the Sacraments, and small group discussions, all with others by your side!





February 18 March 3 Recital Recital March 17 Recital

Karen Bretz, Flute Tom Halpin Organ Organ Organ

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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St. Thomas The Apostle Country Ham & Sausage Breakfast: Sunday, Mar. 10 from 8-11:30 a.m. Cafeteria style. Serving country ham, sausage, eggs, biscuits and gravy, and potatoes, and apple sauce. Adults (\$12), Children 6-12 (\$6) and 5 & Under (Free).

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).

Taos K of C Council #6430 Fish Fry: Friday's March 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.

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? 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 www.cocemo.org.

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.

This extreme initiative petition could:

- · Legalize abortion as a method of birth control and abortion after a baby can survive outside the womb. Allow unlicensed <u>abortion clinics in your neighborhood</u> – even near schools and churches.
- Give power to judges and the government to force Missouri taxpayers to fund abortions.
- · Permit governmental intrusion in health care decisions made by parents with their children.

Don't be fooled! Signature collectors might tell you that it's for "women's health" or "reproductive rights" or "to restore Roe" --- or that it's "pro-life" or "pro-choice" -- or say anything to get you to sign. Don't believe them!

DECLINE TO SIGN any petition that lets lobbying groups and the government take away your rights and freedom! Tell family, friends, neighbors, coworkers and everybody to DECLINE TO SIGN.

The future of Missouri is counting on you!

For more information on Decline to Sign, contact Missouri Stands with Women at mostandswithwomen.org





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 1: Mar 2 Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Week 2: Mar 9 Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Week 3: Mar 16 Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Week 4: Mar 23 Sue Sandbothe 230-3154	Week 5: Mar 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,
Shelley Renee Smith	Brenda Stegman	Carol Jean Struttmann	Wendy Sullivan	Breanne Talken



will enjoy a fried chicken dinner, bingo and pin ceremony for members of Branch 85. RSVP by Wednesday, March, 20 to Diana Radmacher at 573-897-3973. There is no success without the

ability to delay gratification.

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 Western Catholic Union Members: are invited to the Cole-

Osage Dinner at St. George Parish in Linn on Sunday, March

24 at Noon in Notre Dame Hall. WCU members and families

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)

MATTHEW KELLY Don't sign your rights and freedom away

by signing an abortion initiative petition that would alter Missouri's Constitution!

Don't let lobbying groups and out-of-state special interests inject abortion politics where it doesn't belong and where it isn't wanted.



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