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# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH (TAOS)

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**SUNDAY, MARCH 24, 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!

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

#### Mass Intentions

"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."

Monday, Mar 25th:

**No Mass** 

Tuesday, Mar 26th:

No Mass

Wednesday, Mar 27th:

7:45 a.m. - Brad Verslues

Thursday, Mar 28th: Holy Thursday

7:00 p.m. - Elmer Wankum

Friday, Mar 29th: Good Friday

7:00 p.m. - No intention

Saturday, Mar 30th: Easter Vigil

8:30 p.m. - L&D of Oscar & Eva Kliethermes

Sunday, Mar 31st: Easter

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

10:00 a.m. - L&D of Sam Yancey & Sue Herzing Families

For those of you who have your offertory collection done electronically and do not receive monthly envelopes, the 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.



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#### Our Website has changed! Please visit us at: www.sfxtaos.com

- Mar 25 Contemporary Choir Practice 6:30 p.m.
- Mar 26 Quilting 8 a.m. & 7:30 p.m., Mar 28 after a.m. Mass
- Mar 26 Chrism Mass at the Cathedral 3 p.m.
- Mar 27 Lunch Bunch 11:30 a.m. K of C Hall
- Mar 27 PSR Class 6:45-8 p.m. SFX School
- Mar 27 RCIA No Class
- Mar 31 HAPPY EASTER!!
- Mar 31 NO Children's Liturgy of the Word
- Apr 1 Women's Coffee Group 9 a.m. K of C upper level
- **No Tuesday Evening Mass** Apr 2

#### **OFFERTORY COLLECTION**

End of the Year

Goal for Mar	\$ 102,500.00 (5 Sundays)				
Mar 2 & 3	\$ 13,195.00				
Mar 9 & 10	\$ 12,137.00				
Mar 16 & 17	\$ Early to Print				
ACH	\$ 28,451.00				
	\$ 53,783.00				
Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2023					
Goal thru Feb	\$ 717,500.00				
Actual thru Feb	<u>\$ 658,797.38</u>				

#### **Capital Campaign Informational Meeting II**

\$ -58,702.62

Our first capital campaign informational meeting was a huge success with over 60 parishioners gathered in the school cafeteria to learn about the new multipurpose facility. At the request of many of those in attendance, we have decided to hold a second informational meeting. Please join us in the church on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:30 PM to hear Tina Davis present her vision for the interior renovations and decorations of the church.

Liturgical Ministries					
Mar 28 - 31	Holy Thursday 7pm	Good Friday 7pm	Easter Vigil 8:30pm	Easter Sunday 8am	Easter Sunday10am
Eucharistic	If you're available to				
Ministers	fill any of these				
	ministries please	Lisaberendzen@			
	contact Lisa at	gmail.com			
Lector					
Ushers					
Servers	Tyler Sandbothe	Tyler Sandbothe	Tyler Sandbothe	Kiptyn Thessen	Colten Allen
	Liam Meyer	Aubrey Forck	Zoey Prenger	Volunteer Needed	Stevie Howell
	Chase Doerhoff	Volunteer Needed	Volunteer Needed		
	Volunteer Needed		Volunteer Needed		
Musicians	Hood & Forbis Fam.	Jackie & Adult Choir	Hood & Forbis Family	Contemporary Choir	Children's Choir

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord:** A few months before they married, my twenty-three-year-old sister and her fiancé planned a cross-country road trip to visit his family. My parents told them that they could only go if they slept in separate hotel rooms, offering to foot the bill. It might sound prudish, but my parents wanted the young couple to understand that their approaching unity was close, but not yet. Patience solidifies love.

What could this possibly have to do with Palm Sunday? It's usually overlooked, but the Gospels tell us that, after entering Jerusalem, Jesus **"looked around ... and since it was late, went out to Bethany with the twelve" (Mk 11:11)** for the night. Who cares? Why include this detail? Jews in those days believed that the new Davidic King would one day re-enter and "marry" the city. A new future marked by fidelity would begin for God's people. Israel's God would be in union with His people forever. Without over-sexualizing the metaphor, perhaps Jesus refused to sleep in Jerusalem to remind us of his *marital* purpose. He was entering Jerusalem as the bridegroom-king. It was almost time, but not yet. Soon he will sleep in Jerusalem in the tomb and then something new will begin: his one body, his Church.

**Lenten challenge:** This Holy Week, I challenge you to keep this image in your mind all the way until Easter Sunday: Jesus is the faithful bridegroom who patiently prepares his bride for their new life together. Go to the Good Friday liturgy and kiss the cross. When you do, let that gesture be the long-awaited "I do" to our faithful God, who always waits for us. — Father John Muir ©LPi

Religious Cathy Singer, Director of **Religious Education** Education 573-395-4401 ext. 1003 PALM SUNDAY PRAYER "O Lord, you know our hearts and see our shortcomings. Today, we ask you to search us and show us if there are unconfessed sins in our lives. We turn to you and confess these sins. We repent of our sinful ways and return to you. Heal us, forgive us, and wash us clean by the blood of Christ Jesus. Amen."

#### February Rosary Count: 509



It was during an age much like our own when Our Lady first appeared to Saint Juan Diego some 500 years ago. Again, we are contending with disease, war, and deep spiritual confusion. Again, many poor souls are tempted to fear that all hope is lost. But Our Lord has not called us to fear. No matter the darkness of our age, men and women of faith are not without the truth and love of Christ, nor the faithful

care of His mother. Through Saint Juan Diego's humble and courageous cooperation with grace, Our Lady's intercession transformed the world and brought millions of souls to Christ. It is this same maternal care and protection that we seek today—a care and protection that she will grant us, should we earnestly ask for it. We have been asked to join the **Novena from March 12-December 12**. Prayer cards are located at the entrances of the church. For further information, you can go to the website: https://novena.cardinalburke.com/

#### 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.

## To Saint Michael

Holy Michael the archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do you, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the divine power thrust into hell Satan and all the other evil spirits who wander through the world seeking the ruin of souls.

After Easter, we will start reciting the St. Michael's prayer at the end of Mass. The prayer can be found on page 396 of the missalette.



St. Francis Xavier School is looking for a few new members to join our team for the 2024-2025 school year! We are needing a 3rd grade teacher, a preschool aide, and a head cook. If you or someone you know is interested in joining us next year, please email *jtobar@sfxtaos.com* or call the school office (573) 395-4612 for more information.

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**

Thursday, 3/28 - Monday 4/1 - NO SCHOOL (Easter Break)
Wednesday, 4/3 - LIFE Runners
Thursday 4/4 - Fire Safety Trailer
Friday, 4/5 - Honor Roll Mass
Thursday, 4/11 - Early Dismissal @ 12:30pm

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

With the passing of Bryce Hickman, we would like to thank for all your prayers, kind words, and help through this difficult time. We truly appreciate and believe that your prayers helped in many ways. Thank you! The Hickman Family

## 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



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March 26 3:00 p.m.

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



#### Heart of a Hero Men's Conference

Cana Room, Cathedral of St. Joseph (Jefferson City) April 19 (5:30pm-8:30pm) April 20 (8:30am-3:30pm)



#### ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN UP Scheduled for Saturday, April 6th at 8:00 am

Cemetery mowing season begins soon. In an effort to keep our cemetery grounds neatly mowed and trimmed, items anywhere in the grass or surrounding a monument after April 6th will be removed. Decorations must be attached or in the vases of the actual monument. Shepherd hooks and solar lights are not allowed.

The cemetery committee reserves the right to remove any items from the cemetery grounds that become unsightly or interfere with the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery grounds during mowing season. Flower decorations that are out of season, weathered, torn, faded or unsightly even in the vases will be removed by April 6th . All and any type of memory items (crosses, statues, pictures, rocks, etc.) must be on the base of the monument. Please keep in mind, the wind can blow flowers out of vases and blow saddles off the monument. In this case, since we do not know who they belong to, we must throw them out.

If you do not want anything thrown away from or around the monument, we ask that you remove it **by April 6th**. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Kenny Borgmeyer at 573-659-0791.

Thank you for assisting us in keeping the cemetery well maintained and looking beautiful. *The Cemetery Committee* 

## 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 diojeffcity.org/scholarships

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**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> .org/principal-position-opening.html

**St. Stanislaus:** is seeking a dedicated and organized individual to fill the position of **Parish Secretary**. The Parish Secretary plays a crucial role in supporting the administrative functions of the parish and should have computer knowledge. This position is benefit eligible. This includes medical, dental and vision coverage along with a retirement plan and other voluntary benefits. This position also qualifies for paid time off. Please submit your resume to <u>ststansec@socket.net</u>. If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office at (573) 636-4925.

# upcoming<sub>EVENTS</sub>

<u>The Passion</u>: The Movie, "The Passion of the Christ" will be shown at the Cathedral Parish Office (The Mary Room at the south end of the building) on **Good Friday afternoon, March 29**, from 12:30 till 2:30 p.m. (There is no charge.)

OLOS Fundraising Dance (Ryan Voss): Saturday, April 13th from 7-10 p.m. in the OLOS Parish Center Gym, Mary's Home, MO. \$30 a family up to age 18 and \$15 per person. Coolers allowed. Ice and cups will be available. There will be a 50/50 drawing. Come out and dance the night away! Dance Sponsored by the OLOS Home & School Association for Gymnasium repair). PIZZA KWIK will be set up by the bank from 4-9 p.m. Call ahead orders available.

Stewardship Conference: Sunday, April 13, at St. Joseph-



Spring Craft & Vendor Event American Legion Aux #544: Saturday, April 20th from 9-2 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Hall 819 Hwy 63 South, Westphalia, MO. Come shop with local vendors! Pork Burger Sale & Concessions Available! More info call Mary Lee Berhorst 573.645.9949.



our mobile app, or at *OurCatholicRadio.org*. https://ourcatholicradio.org/

#### 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 Jean Pinnell Sue Sandbothe Elaine Callaway Debbie Borgmeyer 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, 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. Chervl Talken. Shellev Renee Smith Brenda Stegman Carol Jean Struttmann Wendy Sullivan Breanne Talken



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