

MARCH 3, 2019

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



JESUS SAID:

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit."

~ Luke 6:43 - 44

St. Francis Xavier Parish

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WEEKEND MASSES: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 7, 8:30, & 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 p.m.; Tuesday after 7 p.m. Mass; Friday after 8 a.m. Mass, time permitting; or call for an appointment.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Daniel Kerperin, President 301-4382; Jason Hoffmeyer, Vice President 395-4305; Glenda Vanderfeltz, Secretary 635-5915; Jody Bennett 353-4410; Dale Heckman 645-1905; Scott Juergensmeyer 395-4113; Nathan Kempker 619-9044; Sara Kerperin 230-1112; Jeff Pleus 395-4428; John Thessen 395-4118; Sarah Twehus 528-7208; Mark Wankum 573-808-5070; Josh Sandbothe, Property Manager 395-0171

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

Mr. Michael Buskirk - Principal Email: mbuskirk@sfxtaos.com

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- ✠ 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.
- ✠ Pray the Divine Mercy Chaplet prior to Tuesday evening Mass at 6:40 p.m. in Church until 7:00p.m.
- ✠ **Baptism:** Contact Father regarding preparation sessions and scheduling.
- ✠ **Marriage:** Contact Father at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling.



Mass Intentions

"For the parishes and institutions of the Diocese of Jefferson City; that through all our prayers, works, joys and sufferings together, we may experience the communion of the Church and the bonds of peace."

Monday, Mar 4th:

No Mass

Tuesday, Mar 5th:

7:00 p.m. - Oscar & Eva Kliethermes

Wednesday, Mar 6th: **Ash Wednesday**

6:30 a.m. - L&D of Edwin & Veronica Toeppen

8:00 a.m. - In Memory of Susanna "Susie" Eiken

7:00 p.m. - Larry Kleffner

Thursday, Mar 7th:

8:00 a.m. - Carol Gourley

Friday, Mar 8th:

8:00 a.m. - Chris Verslues, Frank & Katherine Verslues

Saturday, Mar 9th:

5:00 p.m. - L&D of Leonard Kolb, Eno & Clara Wolters

Sunday, Mar 10th:

7:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

8:30 a.m. - Mary Jane & Whitey Temmen

10:00 a.m. - In Memory of Allen Butler

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

Mar 5 Quilting 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Mar 6 **Ash Wednesday** 6:30 a.m., 8 a.m. & 7 p.m.

Mar 6 **NO PSR CLASSES**

Mar 6 K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall

Mar 7 **Adoration/Benediction at 7 p.m.**

Mar 7 Quilting after 8 a.m. Mass

Mar 7 Adult Choir practice 7 p.m.

Mar 8 K of C Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Mar 11 Ladies Aux. meeting 6:30, K of C Hall

Mar 12 Quilting 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Feb \$ 70,769.20 (4 Sundays)

Feb 2 & 3 \$ 17,450.25

Feb 9 & 10 \$ 8,496.00

Feb 16 & 17 \$ 14,813.81

Feb 23 & 24 \$ 9,124.75

ACH \$ 21,434.00

Total to date for month \$ 71,318.56

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD

Goal thru Jan \$548,461.30

Actual thru Jan \$519,659.53

Under Goal thru Jan \$ 28,801.77

Nominations forms for NEW Pastoral Council members and a Social Concerns member will be in the pews next weekend. Please think of someone who would be a great asset to filling the positions of those leaving.

Scrip: is sold after Masses on the 1st and 3rd weekend of every month. Come by and support our School! Scrip is available at school during the week for pick up.

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

March 9 & 10	5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Sue Sandbothe Linda Heckman Carol Forck Ed Prenger Janet Prenger Courtney Pleus	Glenda Vanderfeltz Debbie Borgmeyer Charlene Veltrop Mary Jane Forck	Leona Duren Gerard Forck Shelle Sandbothe Brenda Brenneke Kristen Kliethermes Rhonda Rackers	Julie Grimshaw Jean Pinnell Harold Maasen Evelyn Borgmeyer Kathy Rackers Doris Lewis
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Musicians	Kathy	Jackie	Hoffmeyer	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 Toeppen 573-821-8311.

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

From the Pastor's Desk

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

What blinds us from seeing God? If we look upon the ways of the world alone, then we are not focused on observing God and His ways. Constantly the world attempts to turn us away from God, for the world and its ways counter God and His way of life. On the threshold of Lent, let us turn our eyes—focus—on God and His ways in order that, as His disciples, we will walk confidently and courageously in the footsteps of our Teacher.

Lent begins with **Ash Wednesday, March 6th**. Ash Wednesday is a day of universal Fast (18-59 years of age) and Abstinence (14 years of age & over). Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting and every Friday of Lent are days to observe abstinence. If you have any questions regarding these or any other Lenten practices do not hesitate to contact me.

Masses with the Blessing and Imposition of Ashes on Ash Wednesday will be celebrated in our church at **6:30 and 8 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.**

Friday evenings of Lent, beginning this **Friday, March 8th**, **Stations of the Cross** will be prayed in the church at **7:00 p.m.**

Next **Sunday, March 10th**, the First Sunday of Lent, the **Rite of Sending Catechumens for Election and Candidates for Recognition** by the Bishop will be celebrated during the 10:00 a.m. Mass. This rite prepares those from our parish who will be celebrating with Bishop McKnight at the Cathedral that afternoon, the Rite of Election and of the Call to Continuing Conversion of Candidates who are Preparing for Confirmation and/or Eucharist or Reception into the Full Communion of the Catholic Church. **Those for Election are:** Madison Backes and Ryleigh Williams; for preparation for Confirmation: Demetri Porterfield; and those for Reception into Full Communion with the Catholic Church: Nicole Backes, Hannah Kaiser, Matthew Klumper and Jacqueline Klumper.

The Communal **Penance Service for Lent** will be held in our church on **Monday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m.** Priests from the Jefferson City Deanery will be available, along with me, to allow everyone the opportunity for individual Confession and Absolution.



Religious Education

Shelle Sandbothe
Director of Religious Education
573-395-4401 ext.1003

****SAVE THE DATE: TOTUS TUUS— JULY 14TH—JULY 19TH**

****UPCOMING YOUTH EVENT – NCYC (NATIONAL CATHOLIC YOUTH CONFERENCE) NOVEMBER 21-24**
Sign up is in the back of church.

Lenten Book Club: Book Club will begin meeting on **Monday, Mar 11** at 6:30 p.m. in Reker Hall. **Please call me at parish office by March 4th to sign up** so that the books can be ordered. Cost of the book is \$10.00. The book that is being read is **What Jesus Saw From the Cross**. This is a powerful book that will intensify your love of Jesus by burning the events of His Passion into your memory and imagination.

A **Jefferson City Metro Local Ultreya** has been scheduled for **Tuesday, March 12th** at 7:00 pm at St Michael Church in Russellville.



Thank you for the surveys that have been turned in. Please keep them coming. There are copies in the back of church.

Come join **Bishop Shawn McKnight** as he gives the opening prayer at the Show Me Life Pro-Life Action Day **March 12th**. Gather with pro-lifers from across the state in Jefferson City at the MO State Capitol, first floor rotunda. Arrive between 10:00 am and Noon. After registering, spend an hour visiting with your state representative and senator about important pro-life legislation. Join the pro-life rally in the first floor rotunda at noon. Our Keynote speaker is Sue Thayer, former Planned Parenthood Manager and now pro-life activist and Outreach Director for 40 Days for Life. For more information go to: <http://www.missourilife.org/lobbyday.html> If you information on transportation please contact Missouri Right to Life at 573-635-5110 or righttolife@missourilife.org.

Annual United Day in Prayer: Presented by Father Matthew Flatley, the diocesan moderator for spiritual formation. Theme of the 27th Annual United Day in Prayer will be "Forgiveness; The Path to Freedom ... the Freedom to Choose Love." It will be held **March 16, 9 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**, at the A.J. Schwartz Memorial Catholic Center, 2207 West Main St. in Jefferson City. Newcomers to Centering Prayer will be offered a mini-introduction to learn this simple yet profound method of prayer. Free-will offerings will be accepted to help cover cost of the event, which is hosted by the Cathedral of St. Joseph Centering Prayer Group and facilitated by Contemplative Outreach of Central Missouri. For more information, including a printable flyer, visit <https://cocemo.org/united-day-in-prayer> or contact Carol Steinman at 573-864-1097.

Thank You

The **PSR Program** would like to thank the **K of C Ladies Auxiliary** for their monetary donation to the PSR Program.



The SFX Facebook page is up and running, so check us out! www.facebook.com/SFXCatholic

2019 Lenten Penance Services

Mar. 12	Annunciation at California	7 p.m.
Mar. 13	St. Margaret at Osage Bend	7 p.m.
Mar. 16	St. Joseph Cathedral at Jefferson City	All Day
Mar. 24	St. Stanislaus at Wardsville	6:30 p.m.
Mar. 26	St. Andrew at Holts Summit	7 p.m.
Apr. 3	St. Michael at Russellville	7 p.m.
Apr. 8	St. Francis Xavier at Taos	7 p.m.
Apr. 10	St. Martin at St. Martin	7 p.m.
Apr. 15	St. Peter at Jefferson City	7 p.m.
Apr. 16	Immaculate Conception at Jeff City	7 p.m.
	Helias TBA	



St. Thomas Apostle Parish Country Ham & Sausage Breakfast: Sunday,

March 10. Serving 8-11:30 a.m. Country ham, sausage, scrambled eggs, hash browns, applesauce, biscuits & gravy. Adults (\$10), Children 6-12 (\$5) and 5 & under (Free). Carry outs available. Country Store, Craft Stand, and a Raffle.

Westphalia K Of C 1171 R.I.B. Dinner & Dance: Westphalia KC Catholic Religious Info. Bureau (R.I.B.) Dinner & Shiloh Dance fundraiser **Mar 9** at the KC Hall in Westphalia, 6:30pm dinner, 8:30pm dance. Event supports the availability & distribution of Catholic information & materials to aid in Catholic education and evangelization. Please support this mission of the K of C. Contact Russell Voss at 573-619-1324 or Ron Berhorst at 573-619-8213 for tickets or more information.



St. Joseph Parish Chicken Dinner

(Westphalia): Will be on **Sunday, Mar 17** from 11 a.m. - 6:30 p.m. Serving country fried chicken! The cost is Adults (\$10), children 6-12 (\$5) and 5 & under (Free).

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

Will be on **Sunday, Mar 24th** at the Bonnots Mill Parish Hall Serving fried chicken, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn, slaw and dessert from 11a.m-6:30p.m. The cost is Adults (\$10), children 6-12 (\$5) and 5 & under (Free).



For all ages, Chris Stefancik will be presenting REBOOT! on **May 1, 7-9:30 p.m.** at St. Joseph Cathedral, 2305 W. Main St., Jefferson City. Don't wait! Tickets are selling fast! Contact Julie Gramlich at 573-635-7991 or go to RealLifeCatholic.com to purchase your tickets. For more info, visit www.cathedraljc.org/reboot-save-the-date.

THANK YOU

"The Reinke family would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the parishioners of St Francis Xavier for all the support and prayers offered to our family while our baby, Sean, was in the hospital. It was a great help to us knowing this wonderful community was pulling for us."

AREA LENTEN



Osage Bend Fish Fry (St. Margaret's Parish): Friday, Mar. 8.

All you can eat! Serving 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Catfish fillets, hush puppies, baked potatoes, french fries, baked beans & cole slaw. Adult (\$12), children 6-12 (\$5) and children under 5 (free). Carry outs available (\$12) per plate.

Eagles Club Fish Fry Lunches: Mar 8, 15, 22, 29, Apr 5, & 12.

Serving fish, baked beans, cole slaw, cornbread, dessert, coffee or tea. 11-1:30 p.m. Tickets (\$10). Deliveries for 5 or more call 636-2440 before 10:30 a.m.

St. Francis Xavier (Taos): Mar. 8, 15, 29 & Apr 12. Serving 4:30-7:30 p.m. at Taos K of C Hall. Fish all you can eat plate (\$12), Boiled Shrimp plate (\$12), Fish & Shrimp Combo (\$12) Hamburger & fries (\$4), & Fish Plate for kids (\$6). Dinners served with choice of baked potato or fries, & cole slaw, baked beans, hush puppies, ice cream, tea or coffee. Carry outs available in line for to go plates.

St. Andrew Church K of C (Holts Summit): Mar 8, 15, 22, 29 & Apr 5. Serving 4-7 p.m. Catfish, spaghetti, baked beans, baked potatoes, French fries, cornbread, slaw, desserts & drinks. Carry outs available. Adults (\$11) & 6-12 (\$5).

Bonnots Mill Knights of Columbus 2027: Friday, Mar. 29. In the Parish Hall. All you can eat! Boneless & delicious fish, hush puppies, parsley potato's, cole slaw, baked beans and dessert. Serving 5:30 - 8 p.m. Adults (\$9) & Children (\$4). Raffle and all proceeds benefit local Catholic Schools.

The William H. (Bill) Simon Scholarship Fund: awards scholarships to Catholic students who are in financial need for the purpose of attending an accredited college or university of student's choice. The scholarship is \$ 1,000 per semester to assist the student in meeting educational needs. Scholarship funds are paid directly to the institution or to the student upon presentation of receipts paid to the institution for tuition, fees, and/or room and board. It is the intent to award 3 new scholarships each year; however, the actual number of new awards will be contingent upon the current number of previous recipients that are eligible for renewal. Deadline for submission of the application, SAR, and letters of recommendation is **March 31, 2019** (if sending via post, it must be postmarked by March 31, 2019). All applicants will be notified of the results by **May 1, 2019**. For an application form contact the office or chancery.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

SFX 2018 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 or email Cecilia at clock@sfxtaos.com. Please let us know if you would like it emailed or to be picked up in Reker Hall.

upcomingEVENTS

Catholic Charities Legislative Day at the Capitol

SAVE THE DATE
MARCH 5, 2019

Lenten Scripture Study (St. Joseph Cathedral): Study, discuss apply. Examine the Scripture readings for Ash Wednesday, Sundays of Lent, some Weekdays of Lent, Holy Week, Easter. Spend time to understand the bible message and its application to one's personal spiritual life. Presentations adapted to individual interests and preferences with time for comments and questions. Gather in the Mary Room 7 p.m. **Mondays: March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1, 8, & 15.** Bring your Catholic bible. Question: dial 635-7874 evenings Edward Bode, moderator *Welcome all.*



Helias Catholic High School: presents **FOOTLOOSE** at the Miller Performing Arts Center. Mark your calendars NOW for this **nostalgic**

80's joyride. Show times are **Friday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m., Saturday, March 9 at 7:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 10 at 2:00 p.m.** Ticket sales begin on Monday, February 25 by calling Helias Catholic at 573-635-6139. Adults are \$15 and students are \$10.

Donna Cori Gibson: Internationally known Catholic recording artist, **will perform "The Way of the Cross"** in concert on **Sunday, March 10th at 6:00 p.m. at St. Joseph Catholic**

Church (school gymnasium), 123 East Main Street, Westphalia, MO 65085. There will also be a Relic Display.

St Andrew Catholic Church in Holts Summit: invites you to experience the talents of famous Catholic **guitarist Tony Melendez** live in concert, **March 14, 7-9 p.m.** A thalidomide baby, Tony was born without arms. He trained himself to play guitar with his feet, playing even for Pope John Paul II. Learn more about his story at www.tonymelendez.com. Free will offering. What a great opportunity to go deeper in your relationship with Christ during the season of Lent!



SFX Adult Choir Practice: Please join us as we prepare for the 2019 Easter season. The first practice will be on **Thursday Mar 7, at 7 p.m.** Practices will be weekly on Thursdays at 7 p.m. until Easter.

SFX Contemporary Choir: Easter Sunday will soon be here and the **SFX Contemporary Choir** will soon begin practice for the Easter Sunday Mass. Any new members are welcome! If you love to sing, what better way to give back to the parish! If interested just give Joyce Rackers a call at 573-694-9355 or email at Joyce.Rackers@yahoo.com.



DON'T FORGET ABOUT THE

St. Francis Xavier School Fundraiser:

SFX school fundraiser will run **till 3/3**. Students are selling Shakespeare's Pizzas and a variety of trash bags this year. Please review the flyer's at church or contact any SFX student to place an order. Any questions or orders may also be placed by contacting Jaclyn Thessen at 573-619-9269.

Thank you for your support!!

Virtus Training: Studies show that one in four females, and one in six males, will be a victim of sexual abuse by the time they reach the age of 18. The Diocese of Jefferson City will hold a **VIRTUS® Protecting God's Children** class on **Sunday, March 17, 2019** at the Alphonse J. Schwartze Catholic Center, Jefferson City. The Catholic Center is located behind the Cathedral of St. Joseph. The class will be held in Room 306 and will begin at 2:00 p.m. **Participants must register in advance at www.virtus.org.** Please arrive early so that the class may begin on time. Due to the nature of the subject, children are discouraged from attending. This program is one component of the overall effort to protect God's children and vulnerable adults. **All employees and volunteers who have contact with children and youth are required to attend a Protecting God's Children session. All parents, grandparents and other adults in the parish community are encouraged to attend.** To view valuable resources regarding the protection of children and vulnerable adults, please go to www.virtus.org or the USCCB's website at <http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/child-and-youth-protection/index.cfm>.

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: Mar. 2	Week 2: Mar. 9	Week 3: Mar. 16	Week: 4 Mar. 23	Week: 5 Mar. 30
Elaine Callaway 690-8966	Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803	Jean Pinnell 694-2111	Sue Sandbothe 395-4264	Nora Sprenger 395-3130
Pam Hofmann, Kara Holterman, Karen Holterman, Marilyn Holtmeyer, April Holtmeyer	Heather Holtschneider, Patti Holzem, Marsha Holzer, Melissa Hood, Barbara Hood	Samantha Hooper, Lisa Hueste, Kim Irvin, Darla Irvin, Kara Jaegers	Sandy Joannes, Darlene Jobe, Janene Jones, Amy Juergensmeyer, Linda Kaiser	Heather Kaiser, Dana Kaiser, Lori Kampeter, Heather Kampeter, Mary Lou Katnik

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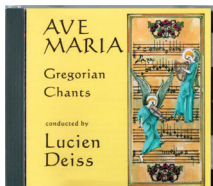
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