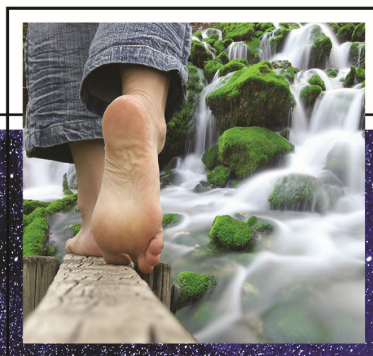
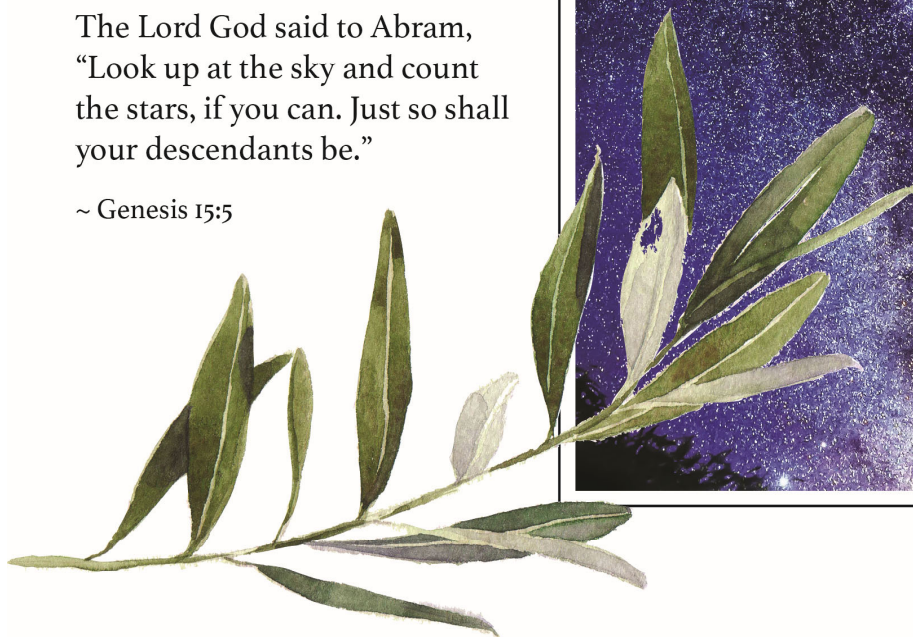




The Lord God said to Abram,
“Look up at the sky and count
the stars, if you can. Just so shall
your descendants be.”

~ Genesis 15:5



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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.

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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

Mr. Michael Buskirk - Principal Email: mbuskirk@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.
- ✠ 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 a penitential spirit: that our observance of Lent may open our own hearts to greater sorrow for sins that offend our love of God and neighbor."

Monday, Mar 18th:

No Mass

Tuesday, Mar 19th:

7:00 p.m. - Francis Knaebel

Wednesday, Mar 20th:

8:00 a.m. - Richard Rackers

Thursday, Mar 21st:

8:00 a.m. - L&D of Marcia Rackers

Friday, Mar 22nd:

8:00 a.m. - Brad Verslues

Saturday, Mar 23rd:

5:00 p.m. - Edna Mae Luadzers

Sunday, Mar 24th:

7:00 a.m. - Bernard Brenneke

8:30 a.m. - L&D of Robert & Evelyn Hentges Family

10:00 a.m. - People of the Parish

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 Mar. are: Samaritan Center, Parish School, Capital Improvements/Repairs and Catholic Relief Development.



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

mark your Calendar

Mar 19 Quilting 8 a.m. & 6 p.m.

Mar 19 **Nation Mass**, 6pm Our Lady of Snows, Mary's Home

Mar 20 **PSR/SWAG** (Yth Group) 7-8 p.m. SFX School/Church

Mar 21 Quilting after 8 a.m. Mass

Mar 21 **Adult Choir** Practice 7 p.m.

Mar 21 **RCIA** 7 p.m.

Mar 22 **Stations of the Cross** 7 p.m.

Mar 24 **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 8:30 a.m. Mass

Mar 26 Quilting after 8 a.m. Mass

Mar 26 **Contemporary Choir** Practice 6:30 p.m. Xavier Hall

Mar 27 **PSR/SWAG** (Yth Group) 7-8 p.m. SFX School

Mar 27 **RCIA** Presentation of the Creed 7 p.m. Church

Mar 28 Quilting after 8 a.m. Mass

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Goal for Mar \$ 88,461.50 (5 Sundays)

Mar 2 & 3 \$ 13,244.00

Mar 9 & 10 \$ 13,528.49

ACH \$ 21,304.00

Total to date for month \$ 48,076.49

Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD

Goal thru Feb \$619,230.50

Actual thru Feb \$590,978.09

\$ 28,252.41

CSA: Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Taos

Goal: \$34,901.00 % Goal: 102.68%

\$ Received: \$35,836.00 # Donors: 181

Over(-Under): + \$ 935.00

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 23 & 24	5:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m.	8:30 a.m.	10:00 a.m.
Eucharistic Ministers	Debbie Backes Jean Decker John Decker Sharon Forck Deanne Rackers Georgene Bernskoetter	Shirley Toeppen Debbie Borgmeyer Glenda Vanderfeltz Mary Jane Forck	Leona Duren Gerard Forck Brenda Brenneke Kristen Kliethermes Cara Sandbothe Rhonda Rackers	Linda Dister Nick Rackers Rose Rackers Julie Grimshaw Cathy Singer Doris Lewis
Lector	Georgene Bernskoetter	Wayne Verslues	Nathan Kempker	Linda Distler
Ushers	Frank Twehous LaVerne Twehous Jim Buschjost Lisa Buschjost	Joe Otto Nyla Cartmell	Josh Sandbothe Harry Bernskoetter Tom Wieberg Joe Sanning	Steve LePage Cindy LePage Ross Reinkemeyer Robin Reinkemeyer
Servers	Korynn Brenneke Landon Brenneke	Kannon Talken Griffon Talken	Parker Bennett Dalton Scheulen	Emma Sandbothe Ben Miller
Musicians	Katnik	Jackie	Kathy	Children's Choir

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

Second Sunday of Lent

Forty days before His passion and death, the Lord Jesus was transfigured before His disciples in order to prepare them for the mystery of the Cross. The glory of the Lord was revealed to Peter, James and John on Mount Tabor with Moses and Elijah witnessing to His Majesty and the voice of the Father declaring this Wonder. The Glory of Jesus, the Throne of His rule, would be revealed in and on the Cross: foolishness to the world, yet the Wisdom of God manifested for all to see. Peter, James and John saw God's glory on Mount Tabor. We are allowed to see God's glory in His marvelous works in our daily living, due to the redemptive act of Jesus on Calvary. Let us open our eyes to see God's splendor and confess that Jesus is the Beloved Son of the Father through Whom all things were made.

I take this opportunity to express my gratitude to Deacon Wayne Linhardt who has graciously served our parish since his retirement from "active" ministry. Following his retirement, Deacon Linhardt assisted at Mass and availed himself at other parish activities and functions. Deacon Linhardt is now stepping away from service at our parish. Hopefully we will visit us from time to time and I informed Deacon Linhardt that he is always welcome here. A reception will be scheduled for Deacon Linhardt after the Lenten Season in order to give everyone an opportunity to express their gratitude and appreciation for his service. Let us keep Deacon Linhardt, and his wife, Marilyn, in our prayers.

As this snowy season comes to a close (I really hope), I want to express my sincere gratitude, appreciation and amazement to those of the parish on the fantastic job of removing the snow and the ice on the parish campus. This has been a most challenging year, yet each one of you, working as a team, have been up to this task. Thank you for all of your efforts. I know everyone in the parish and our visitors are grateful in making the campus accessible during these snowy times. May God bless each of you and your families.



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

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FOR SALE: Loose Creek 175th Book Committee is taking order for Volume IV of the "Growing of Loose Creek". This hardbound book contains over 700 family histories of people who lived in Loose Creek from the early settlers until the present day. It will be available during the parish's 175-year celebration in Oct, 2020. The pre-paid cost of this book is now \$55 until Oct 1, 2019 then cost will go up to \$60. Also for sale is Volumes I, II, of the "Growing of Loose Creek" and Volume III (available in June, 2019). These volumes contain pictures of the life and times of parish people. For more info Janice Backes at 573-619-8149 Janice@midmomicom.com.

"Who has God used throughout history to do his work in the world? The people who make themselves available to him."

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.

Don't forget about your Rice Bowl!
Bowls will be collected on April 27 & 28.

"Open your heart, open your mind, and open your soul to the miracles God wants to work in and through you."

2019 Lenten Penance Services

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.

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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).

Job Openings

Director of Human Resources is responsible for all facets of employee relations and human resources administration for the Catholic Diocese of Jefferson City. Administers all benefit programs for more than 2,000 employees. Serves as internal HR consultant for parishes, schools and agencies in matters pertaining to employment, benefits, labor relations, conflict resolution and compliance with applicable state and federal employment regulations.

Administrative Assistant—Faith Formation Department provides clerical and office support to the Faith Formation Department. More information regarding these full-time positions can be found at diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment-2, including detailed job descriptions and qualifications, and an application for diocesan non-teaching employment. **Applicants** must send a cover letter, application and resume to the [Moderator of the Curia](#).

Immaculate Conception School, Macon: is seeking a teaching principal for the 2019-2020 school year. Current K-8 enrollment is 71 students. Applicants must be willing to work closely with pastor. The qualified candidate must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church, have at least 3 years teaching experience, and a master's degree in education with a principal's certificate, or working toward it. Applicants should file an application with the Diocese of Jefferson City at www.diojeffcity.org and send a letter of interest to Fr. Ben Nwosu at ICS.macon.search@gmail.com.

St. Peter After School Care

We are needing one adult supervisor; Monday through Friday 2:00 to 5:30 p.m. each day school is in session for 2019-2020 school year. The job entails helping the director supervise the staff and children grades K thru 8th, helping provide a safe, Christian environment. Great job for any retired individuals, college students, or stay at home moms. If interested please contact Kelley Bezler @ 573-636-8922 ext. 326 or email Kbezler@stpeterjc.org.

AREA LENTEN



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

Serving fish, baked beans, coleslaw, 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. 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, & coleslaw, 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. 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).

St. Joseph Cathedral (Jefferson City): Mar. 29 Spring Musical (Aladdin) Preview, **Apr. 5** Show-Me State Baseball Spirit, 4:30 - 7 p.m. Cathedral Undercroft. All you can eat! Mac & cheese, French fries, corn bread, green beans, cole slaw, ice cream and drinks. Carry Outs! Adults (\$11), 6-11 (\$5) and 5 & under (free).

Seafood Buffets (Chamois, MO): Apr. 5 at the Most Pure Heart of Mary Church Hall from 3:30-7:30 p.m. Serving fish, frog legs & shrimp. All you can eat! Adults (\$15), ages 5-12 (\$8) and 4 & under (free).

Wardsville/Osage Bend K of C: Mar. 22 in St. Stanislaus Parish Gym from 4:30-7:30 p.m. All you can eat! Catfish, hush puppies, baked potatoes, French fries, baked beans, coleslaw & homemade rolls. Adults (\$12), 6-12 (\$6) and 5 & under (free). Carry outs available (\$12) per plate. Beverages available. Funds for new KC Hall.

St. Michael's Parish K of C (Russellville): Mar. 22 & Apr 5 in St. Michael's Parish Hall. Serving 4:30-7 p.m. Catfish, coleslaw, baked beans, potatoes, macaroni & cheese and hot dogs. Adults (\$11) & 6-12 (\$5). Adult carry outs available.

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: scholarships to Catholic students who are in financial need for purpose of attending an accredited college or university of the student's choice. The scholarship is \$ 1,000 per semester to assist the student in meeting educational needs. Deadline for the application, SAR, and letters of recommendation is **Mar. 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 chancery.

upcomingEVENTS

Lenten Scripture Study (St. Joseph Cathedral): 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 18, 25, April 1, 8, & 15.** Bring your Catholic bible. Question: dial 635-7874 evenings Edward Bode, moderator.

Journey to Joy 3 Day Mission (St. George, Linn): TV star Frank Runyeon in: Signs: The Gospel of John. **Tue, Mar. 19 at 7p.m.** (Signs: The Gospel of John). **Wed, Mar. 20 at 7 p.m.** (Sermon On The Mount). **Thu, Mar. 21 at 12:30 p.m.** (Salt & Light: Comedy for Kids). **Thu, Mar. 21 at 7 p.m.** (Hollywood vs. Faith: The Struggle to Live Faithfully in the Media Age).

Tap into Faith – The Catholic Church and Science: Over the years the Catholic Church has had its critics concerning its impact on science. Some have gone as far as to claim that the Church has stood in opposition to advances in science.

What is the truth? 1. Did the Church oppose the voyage of Columbus claiming the world was flat? 2. Did the Church imprison Galileo due to his scientific discoveries? 3. Did the Church oppose Darwin and his work on evolution? 4. What is the Church's stance on the Big Bang Theory? Please join Deacon John Schwartze as he explores these issues and more. Find out what is the truth of the Church and its contributions to science throughout the centuries. The next Tap into Faith is going to be held on **Thursday, Mar. 21st** at Prison Brews in the side room. Talk begins at 7 p.m. Come early and enjoy a bite to eat and a beverage.



St. Stanislaus Ladies Sodality Blood Drive: is on **March 24th** from 8:00 am until noon in the St. Stanislaus School gym. Honor our Lord (who shed His blood for us) during Lent by the giving of your blood to save a life.

The Great I am a Women's Retreat (Wardsville): Women from throughout the diocese are welcomed at St. Stanislaus Parish's women's retreat, "The Great 'I am'" on **March 31**, noon - 5 p.m. Presenters include LeAnn Korsmeyer, Sr. Kathleen Wegman, SSND, Stephanie Rankin, Jeanne Livers and Millie Aulbur. Cost is \$20, which includes lunch. For registration information, contact LeAnn Korsmeyer at 573-690-2882 or ststanleann@socket.net.

The Vitae Foundation's 27th Annual Pro-Life Event: will be on **Tuesday, April 2, 2019**, at the Capitol Plaza Hotel in Jefferson City. The featured speaker is Monica Crowley, political and foreign affairs analyst for the Fox News Channel, and host of the nationally syndicated radio program The Monica Crowley Show. Tickets are \$100 for dinner and \$50 for luncheon. For reservations, visit our website at www.VitaeFoundation.org/events or call 573-634-4316.

Wardsville 42nd Annual Walk for Life: Sunday, Apr. 14, 2019 following 10:30 a.m. Mass. Event duration approximately 2 hours (11:30-1:30). 1.7 mile walk starting in front of St. Stanislaus Church. Bus transportation available to and from event. Cookies, ice cream, hot dogs and drinks served at Lions Hall after completion of walk. All proceeds go to Missouri Right to Life, Birthright, Vitae Foundation, 40 Days for Life, Life Runners, Pregnancy Help Center and PROLIFE Across AMERICA.

Have you **PRAYED** about it as much as you've **TALKED** about it? Matthew 21:22



MUSIC POSITION



St. Francis Xavier is looking for a music teacher to work 3 days a week in the 2019-2020 school year. Benefits are available. Interested candidates please fill out diocesan application and call or email Mr. Michael Buskirk at (573) 395-4612 or muskirk@sfxtaos.com

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>.

NEW SFX PHONE DIRECTORIES

If you would like the **NEW** 2019 St. Francis Xavier Parish phone directory, they can be picked up in Reker Hall. Please look over your information in the directory and contact me if I need to make any changes or updates. Thank you! **Laurie**

Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri's national partner, Catholic Charities USA: is coordinating donation relief efforts for those impacted by recent tornadoes in Alabama and Georgia. All donations (100%) go directly to Catholic Charities member agencies serving the communities affected. Catholic Charities USA and their members agencies are the official domestic relief organization of the U.S. Catholic Church. To learn more and donate, visit www.catholiccharitiesusa.org.

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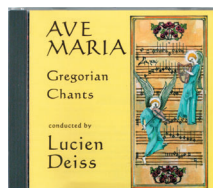
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