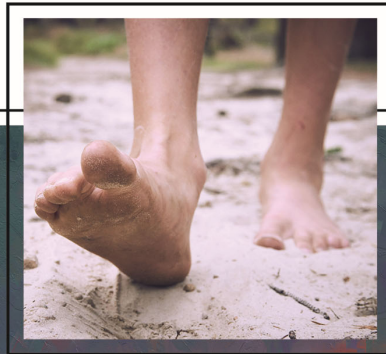




God called out to Moses from the burning bush and said, "Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place where you stand is holy ground."

~ Exodus 3:4, 5



# ***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!*

**Office: 573.395.4401 Fax: 573.395.4302**

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**Religious Education Director - Shelle Sandbothe Email: reled@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1003)**

**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**

**Office: 573.395.4612 Fax: 573.395.4017**

**School website: [www.sfxtaos.com](http://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 25th:

No Mass

### Tuesday, Mar 26th:

7:00 p.m. - Donald Morgan

### Wednesday, Mar 27th:

8:00 a.m. - Bob & Joan Cassmeyer

### Thursday, Mar 28th:

8:00 a.m. - Joan Wilson

### Friday, Mar 29th:

8:00 a.m. - Ronald Cassmeyer

### Saturday, Mar 30th:

5:00 p.m. - Michael Ortmeyer

### Sunday, Mar 31st:

7:00 a.m. - L&D of Joseph & Marie Holtmeyer

8:30 a.m. - People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. - Walter & Catherine Bock & Kathy Paschal

**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](http://www.facebook.com/SFXCatholic)

## mark your Calendar

**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

**Mar 28** Adult Choir Practice 7 p.m.

**Mar 29** **K of C Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.**

**Mar 29** **Stations of the Cross** 7 p.m.

**Mar 30 & 31** Catholic Relief Collection at Mass

**Mar 31** **Children's Liturgy of the Word** 8:30 a.m. Mass

**Apr 1** Quilting after 8 a.m. Mass

**Apr 2** Mass for Nation St. George, Linn 6:30 p.m.

**Apr 3** **PSR/SWAG** (Yth Group) 7-8 SFX School/Church

**Apr 3** K of C meeting, 7:30 p.m., K of C Hall

**Apr 4** Quilting after 8 a.m. Mass

**Apr 4** **ADORATION** / Benediction 7p.m.

### OFFERTORY COLLECTION

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

**Mar 2 & 3** \$ 13,244.00

**Mar 9 & 10** \$ 13,528.49

**Mar 13 & 14** \$ 11,197.50

**ACH** \$ 21,304.00

**Total to date for month** \$ 59,273.99

### Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD

**Goal thru Feb** \$619,230.50

**Actual thru Feb** \$590,978.09

\$ 28,252.41

**Scrip:** will be sold after Masses on the **1st two Sunday's of April** because of Easter. Come by and support our School! Scrip is available at school during the week for pick up.

### LITURGICAL MINISTRIES

| March 30 & 31                | 5:00 p.m.                                         | 7:00 a.m.                                                              | 8:30 a.m.                                                                                                        | 10:00 a.m.                                                                                         |
|------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Eucharistic Ministers</b> | <b>Knights of Columbus &amp; Ladies Auxiliary</b> | Elaine Callaway<br>Charlene Veltrop<br>Debbie Forck<br>Mary Jane Forck | Jessica Hamacher<br>Josh Sandbothe<br>Brian Werdehausen<br>Cindy Werdehausen<br>Patty Verslues<br>Mary Hoffmeyer | Jean Pinnell<br>Harold Maasen<br>Evelyn Borgmeyer<br>Patty LeComte<br>Kathy Rackers<br>Doris Lewis |
| <b>Lector</b>                | <b>K of C and Ladies Aux.</b>                     | Dan Sanning                                                            | Kristen Kliethermes                                                                                              | Julie Grimshaw                                                                                     |
| <b>Ushers</b>                | <b>Knights of Columbus &amp; Ladies Auxiliary</b> | Mike Lage<br>Vince Sanning                                             | Daryl Heet<br>Mary Heet<br>Darren Heckman<br>Dan Schnieders                                                      | John Prenger<br>Jim Singer<br>John Thessen<br>Bev Thessen                                          |
| <b>Servers</b>               | <b>Knights of Columbus &amp; Ladies Auxiliary</b> | Tanner Lalk<br>Jace Veltrop                                            | Sam Radmacher<br>Carson Sanning                                                                                  | Evan Verslues<br>Myles Hamacher                                                                    |
| <b>Musicians</b>             | Hoffmeyer                                         | Jackie                                                                 | Hood Family                                                                                                      | 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

## Third Sunday of Lent

When challenging things happen in our life we sometimes feel as if God is against us. This is not the case at all. Challenging events occur in our human condition, there is no escaping that. These challenges, though, are eased when we allow God into these moments of our life to transform them from trial and loneliness into a graced opportunity as the Lord accompanies us in these situations. What makes these times so troublesome is that when we allow them to collapse upon us, we often lose the confidence that God desires to be with us even in the most difficult of times. The more we believe we are in control, the more difficult it is in allowing God to help us in these times of difficulty. Let us always be mindful that God and His Ways are more powerful, comforting and loving than the ways of the world and that allowing the Lord to be our companion at each and every moment makes our life less burdensome.

**Today and the next two Sundays** during the **10:00 a.m. Mass**, the Scrutinies for our catechumens will be celebrated. These rites begin the completion process for the Elect toward the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. At these Masses, the readings from Cycle A are used as each Scrutiny speaks of Christ as Living Water (today); Light of the World (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent); and Resurrection and Life (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent). These rites are to foster in the catechumen their desire for salvation that comes from Christ and the necessity to turn from sin as their perception of sin is strengthened.



Religious  
Education

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

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



**Don't miss this**

LITURGICAL MINISTER SIGN-UP SHEETS  
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HOLY WEEK.

## REBOOT!

WEDNESDAY, May 1, 7:00 – 9:30PM  
St. Joseph's Cathedral – Jefferson City, MO



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**Good Friday Stations of the Cross** has been added to our Lenten Schedule - **to be held at 3pm in the church**. This is only stations, no additional service and is not considered "instead of" Good Friday evening service. If you have any questions, please contact Paula Sanning (395-4589).

## 2019 Lenten Penance Services

|         |                                    |        |
|---------|------------------------------------|--------|
| 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                         |        |

**Two listening sessions with Bishop Shawn McKnight:** will be held in our Diocese, to assist the bishop in preparing for a special report to the Holy See on the state of the diocese. Please consider attending one of these sessions to provide Bishop McKnight with your reflections in a facilitated conversation around a series of questions. You can find more information in the Catholic Missourian and on the diocesan website at [diojeffcity.org](http://diojeffcity.org). The sessions are **March 28, 6:30 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, 2215 W. Main St., Jefferson City**, and **March 29, 6:30 p.m. at Immaculate Conception Church, 402 N. Rollins, Macon**.

## Come Celebrate Easter with Us!

**Holy Thursday, April 18th**

7:00 p.m. Mass

**Good Friday, April 19th**

3:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross

7:00 p.m. Celebration of the Lord's Passion

**Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 20th**

8:30 p.m. Mass

**Easter Sunday, April 1st**

7:00 a.m., 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. Masses

**Catholic Charities of Central & Northern Missouri's, 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 member agencies are the official domestic relief organization of the U.S. Catholic Church. To learn more and donate, visit [www.catholiccharitiesusa.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesusa.org).

**FOR SALE Loose Creek 175<sup>th</sup> Book Committee:** taking orders for Volume IV of the "Growing of Loose Creek". The book contains over 700 family histories. It will be available during the parish's 175-year celebration in Oct, 2020. Pre-paid cost is \$55 until Oct 1, 2019, then cost will be \$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@midmomicro.com](mailto:Janice@midmomicro.com).

## 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](http://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](http://www.diojeffcity.org) and send a letter of interest to Fr. Ben Nwosu at [ICS.macon.search@gmail.com](mailto:ICS.macon.search@gmail.com).



## 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 [mbuskirk@sfxtaos.com](mailto:mbuskirk@sfxtaos.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 8<sup>th</sup>, 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](mailto:Kbezler@stpeterjc.org).

## AREA LENTEN



### Eagles Club Fish Fry Lunches: Mar. 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. 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 Buffet (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).

**St. Michael's Parish K of C (Russellville): 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.

**Bonnets 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.

**St. George Band (Linn):** Pork Burger & Bake Sale. Sat, Mar. 30th 9-1 p.m. Thriftway Parking Lot. Pork burgers \$3 each or 2/\$5, variety of baked goods and Soda and Bottled water \$1.

**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.

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

## upcomingEVENTS

**Perpetual Adoration (St. Stanislaus):** Part-time available! If you would like to try taking an hour for even a month-please know that way we have a substitute list with names of 50 substitutes! You can also trade with any other 168 people on the Perpetual Adoration chapel schedule! Sun 2-3 a.m. (1st & 3rd), Sun 1-2 p.m. (3rd & 5th), Sun 3-4 p.m. (3rd & 5th), and Thurs 2-3 p.m. (every other). Please contact Donna at 680-1470 or 635-2095 if interested.



**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).

**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 25, April 1, 8, & 15.** Bring your Catholic bible. Question: dial 635-7874 evenings Edward Bode, moderator.

**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](mailto:ststanleann@socket.net).

### 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**



**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 **April 8th** due to the bulletin going to print early.

**The Vitae Foundation's 27<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.VitaeFoundation.org/events) or call 573-634-4316.



### Our Lady of The Snows Breakfast (Mary's Home):

**Sunday, Apr. 14** from 8-12 p.m. Biscuits & gravy, scrambled eggs, pancakes, cheesy hash brown casserole, link sausage and fresh fruit. Adults (\$8), Children 3-12 (\$5) and Kids 2 & under eat (Free). Cash, Check, Debit/ Credit.

**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). 107 mile walk starting in front of St. Stanislaus (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.

## 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](mailto:clock@sfxtaos.com). Please let us know if you would like it emailed or to be picked up in Reker Hall.



**TAOS RUMMAGE SALES**  
**Will be held April 11 & 12.**

## 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).

|                                                                                             |                                                                                     |                                                                                            |                                                                                         |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Week 1: Apr. 6</b><br>Elaine Callaway<br>690-8966                                        | <b>Week 2: Apr. 13</b><br>Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748<br>& Elaine Ready 619-6803      | <b>Week 3: Apr. 20</b><br>Jean Pinnell<br>694-2111                                         | <b>Week: 4 Apr. 27</b><br>Sue Sandbothe<br>395-4264                                     |
| Kristi Kemna,<br>Karen Kempker,<br>Crystal Kempker,<br>Sarah Kempker<br>Helen/Elmer Kempker | Amy Kempker,<br>Jaymee Kempker,<br>Laura Kempker,<br>Gayla Kempker,<br>Rita Kempker | Suzy Kempker,<br>Laurie Kempker,<br>Andrea Kerperin,<br>Sara Kerperin,<br>Loretta Kerperin | Shauna Kerperin,<br>Rita Kerperin,<br>Carol Kerperin,<br>Denice Kesel,<br>Jessica Kever |

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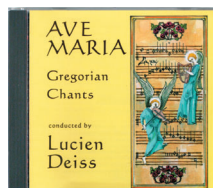
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