Fourth Sunday Of Lent

Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.

John 3:14-15
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 - 4:45 p.m.
or anytime by appointment.

PASTORAL COUNCIL: Mark Wankum, President 573-808-5070 ; DeWayne Sprenger, Vice President 690-3683 ; Sara Kerperin, Secretary 230-1112; Janet Klebb, Social Concerns 680-9925; Bill Buschman 659-1583; Jana Forck 690-5668; Kevin Prenger 645-0095; Tim Riley 291-3991; Sarah Twehus 528-7208; Bill Vanderfeltz 690-4699; Rick Wallis 395-3344; Julie Wilbers 291-6893; 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

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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 7:00 p.m.
Baptism: Contact Father regarding preparation sessions and scheduling.
Marriage: Contact Father at least six months in advance for preparation and scheduling.
“Through the example and intercession of St. Joseph, Husband of Mary, may a gentle disposition rule our hearts & allow for charity, reconciliation, and mercy in our lives.”

**Mass Intentions**

**Monday, Mar 15th:** No Mass
**Tuesday, Mar 16th:** 7 p.m. - Dave Rackers
**Wednesday, Mar 17th:** (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Ted & Mildred Struttman and Anton & Minnie Baumhoer Families

**Thursday, Mar 18th:** (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Margie Stegeman

**Friday, Mar 19th:**
8:00 a.m. - Don, Leo & Eleonora Bernskoetter and George & Cornelia Bisges Families

**Saturday, Mar 20th:**
5:00 p.m. - Brad Verslues

**Sunday, Mar 21st:**
8:00 a.m. - L&D of Dorge & Knaebel Families
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, Catholic Relief/Development, Parish School, and Capital Improvements/Repairs.

**OFFERTORY COLLECTION**
- Goal for Mar: $72,549.00 (4 Sundays)
- Mar 6 & 7: $11,661.00
- ACH: $23,933.00
- End of the Year: $35,594.00

**Offertory Collection Fiscal YTD 2021**
- Goal thru Feb: $634,803.00
- Actual thru Feb: $585,088.12
- End of the Year: $-49,714.88

**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 in the back church.

**Important**

**Anointing of the Sick:** Due to hospitals’ strict protocols, it is important to seek the sacraments of the Anointing of the Sick and Reconciliation prior to going to the hospital. Most hospitals only allow a priest to provide the sacraments of Reconciliation and Anointing of the Sick if the patient has been placed on comfort care (hospice) or is nearing death.

**Quilters:** We are quilting on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9 a.m. at Josh Sandbothe house. Call Georgene 573-619-4610 if you have any questions. Can quilt daytime or evening. Please come join us!

**Keith Henke** will be a guest on the Spring 2021 Covenant Network Radiothon Thursday, March 25 from 2-3 p.m. Please call 314-752-7000 to donate to Catholic Radio while Keith is on air. You can listen at OurCatholic Radio.org, on the App, or KHJR 88.1 FM

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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.

For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Penn 395-4401
**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

The serpent on a staff: a sign for healing in the Old Testament, given to God by Moses, so that those bitten by serpents in the desert, those who disobeyed God, would be healed from their injuries. This symbol is used today in our modern times to designate medical facility and medical personnel: a place and individuals who provide healing services.

Jesus was raised up in the same fashion: raised up on the Cross so that by His act of sacrifice and those who would look upon Him in faith would be healed from the ailment and the death of sin. God does not wish the disobedient sinner to die, but rather, to be healed of the malady of sin, and be given a share in eternal life and joy with Him in glory. This Lent affords us the opportunity to come before the Lord and seek healing and forgiveness. May we look upon the crucified Christ in faith and love and be healed by His mercy and love.

**Two evening opportunities for the Sacrament of Penance** take place this week with Father Medina and me: tomorrow night, March 15th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at St. Stanislaus Church and on Thursday evening, March 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. here at St. Francis Xavier Church. I encourage each and everyone to take this opportunity to prepare yourselves for the coming celebration of the Resurrection of the Lord through the reception of the Sacrament of Penance.

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**Religious Education**

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

**Prayer for Communion of Desire**

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, renew my heart now with the power of Your Spirit. I embrace You and unite myself wholly to You. Unite me more closely to Your Body, the Church. And never permit me to be separated from You.

**Amen**

**2021 Confirmation for St. Francis Xavier** will be on April 20th at St. Joseph Cathedral at 6:30 p.m.

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**Covenant Network**

Catholic Radio

As you journey through Lent, hopefully your hearts and minds have settled into the pattern of prayerfulness and penance and planning to care for the poor. Covenant Network can help you stay the course during this season of self-denial with inspirational and devotional programming including the daily Mass, the Rosary, the Divine Mercy Chaplet and other prayers. You can also hear faith-nourishing programs on Scripture, the saints and Church history. Tune into 88.1 FM KHJR this Lent to help prepare your heart for Easter.
**St. Francis Xavier Chili Supper** will be **Sunday, March 21st from 3-6 pm**. It will be drive through only with pick-up in the school parking lot. Tickets are $8 for chili, hotdog, carrots and a cinnamon roll, or $5 for just the hotdog, carrots and cinnamon roll. For tickets, please contact a student from St. Francis Xavier or the school office by **March 11th**. If you have questions, call Andrea Forck at 573-694-3316.

**Pre-Kindergarten Registration** has begun! If your child has turned 3 years old by Dec. 31, 2020, and you are interested in enrolling, please call the school office at 395-4612 for registration information.

**Kindergarten Registration** will be on **Sunday, March 21 in school**. Registration will include tour, registration packet, and meet and greet with our Kindergarten teacher.

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE RALLY**: Shawn Carney, President of the National 40 Days For Life will be speaking at the Columbia Planned Parenthood, 711 N Providence, on **Tuesday, March 23 at 4pm**. Carney is the leader of the international organization that has seen the rescue of over 11,000 babies and mothers. All are invited and autographed books will be available at a nominal fee, among them, “We Have Just Begun To Fight” by Steve Karlen, a journey that many will identify with. Please join us on Tuesday and on the sidewalk anytime from 8am to 5pm daily until Palm Sunday as we pray for the end of abortion. Info: 573 821 5130!

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

Paul’s Letter to the Ephesians (2:10) tells us what we are. Color only the capital letters in the quilt to find out.

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**St. Francis Xavier** thanks you for your financial generosity this year. All 2020 contributions must be at the parish office by **Dec. 31st**. Any contributions received after that date will be counted as 2021 contributions. If you would like a record of your financial support, please call the parish office after **Jan. 19, 2021**. We will notify you when the report is available to be picked up.

**Thank you to all the People of the Parish** who have helped support a fourth meal for the Salvation Army’s Feed the Hungry Program. There are currently plans to host another Feed the Hungry for the Salvation Army in the next couple of months. If you are interested and/or willing to help out or if you just have questions, please contact Mary Eiken at 573-338-0510.

**CSA: Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Taos**

Goal: $36,000.00  % Goal: 100+

$ Received: $37,201.69  Over(-Under): +$1,201.69

This scripture verse tells us what a great gift God has given to us, and why it was given. Perhaps you have seen it on billboards or on homemade signs. Find it in your Bible and mark the lists below to tell where it is written.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life."

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French Fries, Cole Slaw, Baked Beans, and Hush Puppies.

**Taos Parks and Recreation:** will be hosting their annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, **March 27th** at the Taos Countryside Park for kids ages 0-10. The egg hunt will begin at 11:00 am with food and drinks provided after. Rainout date will be Saturday, April 3rd.

**St. George Virtual Spring Fling:** Saturday, April 10th.
St. George $10,000 Spring Fling. Live Streamed via St. George Facebook Page. [www.facebook.com/stgeorgeparishlinc](http://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeparishlinc). Donation of $100 gets you chances to win money prizes up to the $10,000 Grand Prize! Limited number of tickets available. Tickets can be purchased at the parish office, council members, scrip table, and online at [https://stgeorgeparishlinc donation](https://stgeorgeparishlinc). Additional prizes added this year in lieu of dinner. Multiple chances of winning! 1- $10,000; 1-1,000; 1-750; 2-500; 4-200; 7-150; 4-$100.

**Midwest March For Life:** Wednesday, April 14th.
Missouri State Capital Lawn.

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**COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP:** Applications for the 2021-2022 Simon Scholarship are being accepted through **March 31, 2021**. Applications can be acquired through the pastor or parish life collaborator or may be downloaded at [diojeffcity.org/scholarship](http://diojeffcity.org/scholarship) or available at the Parish Office.

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**Prayer service**
**St. Stanislaus church**
for the healing of our nation will be held on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome! Please join us!

**Ladies Sodality Blood Drive:**
**Sunday, Mar 14 from 8 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** in **St. Stanislaus Gym**. Blood is critical as many drives have been cancelled. Extra safety protocols are still in place (masks required & no children). Snacks will be served by the Red Cross.

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**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).

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