FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit.

John 12:24
St. Francis Xavier Parish

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WEEKEND Masses: Saturday 5 p.m., Sunday 8:00 & 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 - 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 Klebba, Social Concerns 680-9925; Bill Buschman 659-1583; Jana Forck 690-5668; Kevin Prenger 645-0095; Tim Riley 291-3991; Sarah Twewhs 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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Office: 573.395.4612  Fax: 573.395.4017
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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.”

**Monday, Mar 22nd:**
No Mass

**Tuesday, Mar 23rd:**
7:00 p.m. - Raymond & Virginia Sandbothe

**Wednesday, Mar 24th:** *(SFX Students Only)*
8:00 a.m. - David & Esther Boeckman

**Thursday, Mar 25th:** *(SFX Students Only)*
8:00 a.m. - Herb & Mildred Forck

**Friday, Mar 26th:**
8:00 a.m. - Herb & Emma Rackers

**Saturday, Mar 27th:**
5:00 p.m. - Fred, Meg & Tom Verslues

**Sunday, Mar 28th:**
8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - Michael Ortmeyer

*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.

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### Liturgical Ministries

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### Mark Your Calendar

- **Mar 21** Kindergarten Registration at SFX School
- **Mar 21** SFX Chili Supper 3-6 p.m.
- **Mar 24** PSR 7-8 p.m. SFX School
- **Mar 25** Confessions for *Wednesday Night Confirmation Class* 6 p.m. at Church.
- **Mar 26** K of C Fish Fry 4:30 - 7:30 p.m.
- **Mar 26** Stations of the Cross 7 p.m.
- **Mar 30** Chrism Mass at St. Joseph Cathedral 10 a.m.
- **Mar 31** PSR 7-8 p.m. SFX School
- **Apr 1** NO ADORATION

### Offertory Collection

**Goal for Mar** $72,549.00 (4 Sundays)
- **Mar 6 & 7** $11,661.00
- **Mar 13 & 14** $9,460.30
- **ACH** $23,933.00
  - $45,054.30

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

**Song Leaders:** Anyone interested in being a Music Minister for the weekend Masses, leading the singing, possibly playing an instrument, please contact Barbara Hoo at 573-301-5202. Thank you to Missy and Elly胡 for all the years they have shared their talent, leading us in song.

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### 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!**

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**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.

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**Taos Community Garage Sale**

**April 15 & 16**

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**Divine Mercy Devotion at SFX Sunday, April 11th at 3:00 p.m.**

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 OurCatholicRadio.org, on the App, or KHJR 88.1 FM

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**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
Fifth Sunday of Lent

Glory is found in the accomplishment of the Father’s will. There is no glory the world gives to anyone that compares to the glory the Father bestows upon His faithful. Often, the world does not recognize the glory of the Father. Time and time again Jesus would teach about and live out the example of the Father’s Will and the world could/would not accept it. True freedom, true glory is found not as we desire it for ourselves but as the Father gifts it to us. As Christ opened His arms to accept all the Father required of Him, as we approach Holy Week may we too be willing to accept all the Father intends for us in order that we might share in the glory of the Father.

Holy Week & Easter Masses
Tuesday, March 30th - Mass 7 p.m.
Thursday, April 1st - Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7 p.m.
Friday, April 2nd - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - 7 p.m.
Saturday, April 3rd - 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon - Confessions Available
Holy Saturday, April 3rd - The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night 8:30 p.m.
Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord, April 4th - 8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

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.

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.

**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!

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**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Let’s find out what happens when we serve Jesus.

Use a different color to trace each of the three sets of arrows that point in the same direction.

Read each set in order.

Which set tells us something Jesus said about serving him? (You can read John 12:26 in your Bible for help.)

Put a star on each of these arrows.

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Jesus said that when a grain of wheat falls into the ground and dies, it produces fruit.

In the same way, we need to surrender our lives to Jesus. Then he can help us do wonderful things for God.

Find out which seed will be planted in the soil and grow to become wheat.
upcoming EVENTS

St. Joseph Parish Chicken Dinner (Westphalia, MO): Sunday, March 21, serving County Fried Chicken Dinners with real mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, corn and slaw. Drive Thru only - $12.00 per meal. Serving from 11 - 6 p.m.

Taos Knights of Columbus Fish Fry: Drive-Thru Only! NEW ENTRANCE FOR FISH FRY! PLEASE ENTER THE K of C FROM HELIAS DRIVE. Friday, March 26. Serving 4:30-7:30 p.m. Fried Fish or Boiled Shrimp Dinners + sides ($12). All dinners served with choice of Baked Potato or 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.


Donation of $100 gets you chances to win money prize 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://stgeorgenlin.diojeffcity.org/give/. 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.

Sign up for the 4th Annual Little Box of Sunshine 5K Walk, Run, and Roll race! The race will be held at the West Edgewood Greenway trail on Saturday, April 10, 2021 beginning at 9am www.givealittleboxofsunshine.com/event-registration-tickets/4thannual-5kwalk-run-and-roll


Our Lady of Snow Dance: Music by Shiloh. Saturday, April 24 from 7 - 11 p.m. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. $15 per person and $30 per family up to 18. Open to all ages. 50/50 Raffle. Temp checks and mask required to enter building. Mask when social distancing can’t be maintained. Per OLOS policy.

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 or available at the Parish Office.

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!

GLOW LIGHTS
SFX Home & School 2021 GLOW Walk/Run
Saturday April 24, 2021
Taos Country Side Park
Registration forms available in the back of church
Questions - Contact Cindy Werdehausen @ 573-821-1996

"Return to the Lord, your God. He is merciful, compassionate, and always ready to forgive."
Joel 2:13

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).

**We Need Your HELP!**

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