SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white.

Mark 9:2-3
St. Francis Xavier Parish

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

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Email: mpenn@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1004)

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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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Facebook: St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Office: 573.395.4401  Fax: 573.395.4302
Parish Website: www.sfxtaosmo.org
Bookkeeper- Cecilia Lock Email: clock@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1002)
Secretary - Laurie Herzing Email: lherzing@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1001)
Religious Education Director - Shelle Sandbothe Email: reled@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1003)

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 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

St. Francis Xavier School 7307 Rt. M, Jefferson City, MO 65101
Jordan Tobar - Principal  Email: jtobar@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.
“For parents: may they have the spiritual and material resources they need to provide their children a home in which charity and mercy are practiced, and knowledge of our faith is shared.”

Monday, Mar 1st:
No Mass

Tuesday, Mar 2nd:
7 p.m. - L&D of Jim & Kay Verslues Family

Wednesday, Mar 3rd: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Herb & Mildred Forck

Thursday, Mar 4th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Roman & Josephine Kambeter

Friday, Mar 5th:
8:00 a.m. - For a Special Intention

Saturday, Mar 6th:
5:00 p.m. - L&D of Edwin & Veronica Toebben Family

Sunday, Mar 7th:
8:00 a.m. - People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. - L&D of Fred Henke Family

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.

OFFERTORY COLLECTION
Goal for Feb $72,549.00 (4 Sundays)
Feb 6 & 7 $12,850.00
Feb 13 & 14 $12,326.30
Feb 20 & 21 $9,822.95
ACH $22,711.00
$57,710.25

St. Francis Xavier School: We are looking to purchase more Chromebooks for our students. We want to ensure that we have extras if needed, and we would like to put together Chromebook cart for our younger grades. If you would like to donate money toward our new Chromebook purchase, please contact Mr. Tobar. Thanks for your support!

Liturgical Ministries

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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.

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!

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
Today’s gospel of the Transfiguration (Mark 9: 2-10) is an event that took place forty days prior to the Lord’s Crucifixion in order that they might be prepared for the Passion. Our Lord took Peter, James and John up the mountain with Him to reveal His glory, not for His sake, but for those who would witness the suffering of Jesus. This glory was not only manifested to them, but would be theirs as well if they held fast to the faith and the hope that Jesus brought to them. This is the message to us this Lent: we are called to remain faithful to the Lord so that we might share in His glory. This time of Lent allows us to reflect on the times of our failures and weaknesses and to seek forgiveness and strength from the Lord of glory. May we use these days to transform from our lowness to the heights of God’s glory.

Next Sunday at the 10:00 a.m. Mass, the First Scrutiny of our Catechumen will be celebrated. In the charity of your prayers, remember Joshua Graupman as he continues his discernment and formation for the reception of the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil.

On Tuesday, March 9th, I will be assisting Fr. Medina at St. Stanislaus Church for Confessions from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Fr. Medina will be here on Thursday, March 11th for Confessions from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. During this time of pandemic, there are to be no Penance Services in parishes. I encourage you to attend these opportunities next week or on Monday evening, March 15th at St. Stanislaus or here at St. Francis Xavier Church on Thursday evening, March 18th, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. both evenings.

**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.

**Purified: April 21, 2021.** A Life-Changing Event for Families (Ages 13+). The innocence of the family is under attack like never before. Come and discover how to protect and heal yours with Jason Evert. Event will take place at the Cathedral of St. Joseph, from 6-8 p.m., tickets are $25, and can be purchased at cathedral diojeffcity.org.

**Catholic Charities of Central and Northern Missouri**

**WE'RE HIRING!**

Are you interested in applying?

Housing Counselor applicants should submit a cover letter and resume to Alissa Marlow, Director of Community Services at amarlow@cccnm.org

Learn more about what it means to be an AmeriCorps Member and find applications for this position at the AmeriCorps Website. Find the link on the CCCNMO Career Opportunities webpage.

**Financial Education AmeriCorps Member**

(Apply on AmeriCorps Website)

Learn more: cccnm diojeffcity org/about-us/careers

**Parishes are encouraged to pray the Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary for the Protection from the Coronavirus at the end of each Mass.**

O Immaculate Heart of Mary, we entrust ourselves to you, Health of the Sick. At the foot of the Cross, you participated in Jesus’ pain, with steadfast faith. Patroness of the Diocese of Jefferson City, you know what we need. We are certain of the power of your intercession, so that, as you did at Cana of Galilee, joy and feasting might return after this moment of trial. Help us, Mother of Divine Love, to conform ourselves to the Father’s will and to do what Jesus tells us: He who taught us to “love one another, as I have loved you” took our sufferings upon Himself and bore our sorrows to bring us, through the Cross, to the joy of the Resurrection. Bring under your mantle of protection all who provide care for the sick and minister to their needs, as your Son implores us to do for one another.

V. We seek refuge under your protection, O Holy Mother of God.

R. Do not despise our pleas and deliver us from every danger, O glorious and blessed Virgin. Amen.

**Helias Catholic High School Presents**

At the Miller Performing Arts Center

**Evening Performances:** March 11 - 13 @ 7 p.m.

**Matinees:** March 13 - 14 @ 2 p.m.

Students $10 & Adults $15

**Tickets available March 1 Call 573-635-6139**
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.

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.

Women’s Ministry Video Series: The Women’s Ministry of Jefferson City was established to help the women of our diocese connect with each other so that we can support each other in our spiritual journeys. We find inspiration and comfort in praying with each other, in talking with each other, and in sharing the stories of our faith journeys. Some of the women of our diocese have shared their stories in podcasts. These stories (diojeffcity.org/womens-ministry/reflections-from-within/) are from ordinary women doing the best they can to serve their families, their parishes, their communities and, above all, their God. Their experiences tell our story, too, about times of sorrow, challenges, hope, faith, love and joy. Each week, there will be a new podcast on this website. Let us go to our favorite resting places with our favorite beverages and spend some time with our sisters in Christ by listening to these podcasts.

Second Sunday of Lent
Abraham obeyed God’s commands.
Because of this God promised to bless him.
God also promised something to Abraham’s family.
Find out what they would become by underlining the words written above numbers between 500 and 1000.
Then read the underlined words in order.
If you need help, you can read Genesis 22:17 in your Bible.

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Think about how much God loves us.
Even God’s own Son was not spared for love of us.
Have someone read this big banner to you.
Then fold it as directed to make a small one.
It will tell you something that you should always remember.

God is always ready to listen to you!

God’s word is full of true promises.

for us!
Taos Knights of Columbus Community Club: will be having registration for summer league tee ball, softball, & baseball on the following dates & times: **Sunday, February 28th** from 9 a.m. - 11 a.m. and **Tuesday, March 2nd** from 6 p.m. - 8 p.m. Registration will be at the Taos Knights of Columbus Hall. Boys & girls ages 6-18 are eligible. Registration for Fun League tee ball will also be held for boys & girls ages 4-6 on the dates listed. For forms visit [http://taoskofc.org/KCCC_Youth_Activities.php](http://taoskofc.org/KCCC_Youth_Activities.php)

**Wardsville/Osage Bend Knights of Columbus Fish Fry:**
Drive Thru! **March 5,** at St. Stanislaus Parish. Serving 4:30 - 7:30 p.m. Fish Fillets, Hush Puppies, French fries, Bakes Beans, Cole Slaw and Homemade Rolls. $12 per meal. Enter off Route W in front of church. Homemade Cinnamon Rolls available for purchase!

**St. Andrew K of C Fish Fry’s (Holts Summit, MO):** 
Drive Thru Dinners. **Mar. 5, 12 & 19.** Serving from 3:30 - 7 p.m. Serving from Veit Hall. $12 per meal. Fried Catfish, French Fries, Baked Beans, Spaghetti, Slaw, Applesauce, Cornbread and Dessert.

**St. Martin’s Fish Fry:** Drive Thru, **Friday, Mar. 5 & 19.**
Serving 4:30-7 p.m. Menu: catfish, homestyle potato chips, cornbread, cole slaw, green beans & desserts. $11.00 per meal. Basket Auction & 50/50. Preview baskets at [https://stmartin.diojeffcity.org/](https://stmartin.diojeffcity.org/)

**Taos Knights of Columbus Fish Fry’s:** Drive-Thru Only!

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**PRAY FOR US!**
The ministry of our Carmelite Nuns is to offer prayer and sacrifice for the Church and the people of the Diocese of Jefferson City. To make a prayer request, write or email the Carmelite Nuns.

carmelofjc.prayers@gmail.com
31920 State Highway P
Clyde MO 64432

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**NEW ENTRANCE FOR FISH FRY! PLEASE ENTER THE K OF C FROM HELIAS DRIVE.**
**Fridays, March 12 & 26. 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.

**K of C #12992 Fish Fry’s (Cathedral Undercroft):**
**Mar. 12 & 19.** Drive Thru-Take out only. All meals $10. Serving White fish fillets, Macaroni & cheese, French Fries, Green Beans, Cole Slaw & Ice Cream.

**Knights of Columbus Loose Creek Fish Fry:** Drive Thru **Mar. 12,** at Loose Creek School. Serving 5 - 7pm. Fish, Hush Puppies, Parsley Potatoes, Cole Slaw and Baked Beans. $10 per meal. There will be a raffle.

**St. George Virtual Spring Flivg:** **April 10th. St. George $10,000 Spring Flivg. Live Streamed Via St. George Facebook Page. [www.facebook.com/stgeorgeparishlinn](http://www.facebook.com/stgeorgeparishlinn)**
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://stgeorgeinn.diojeffcity.org/give/](https://stgeorgeinn.diojeffcity.org/give/)

**CSA: Saint Francis Xavier Parish, Taos**
**Goal:** $36,000.00  % Goal: 100+

$ Received: $37,010.02  Over(-Under): +$1,010.02

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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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**Employment Opportunities with the Diocese of Jefferson City**

Maintenance Worker, Director of Religious Education and Youth/Young Adult Ministry, two Administrative Assistants, Bi-lingual Administrative Assistant.

[www.diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment](http://www.diojeffcity.org/about-us/employment)

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**FREE BOOKS & LOTS OF OTHER INFORMATION**

Located in the vestibule facing school where you enter through the handicapped door are many books, pamphlets and other reading materials **FREE** for you to look at, read, or share with others.

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**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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**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

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