THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus found in the temple area those who sold oxen, sheep, and doves, as well as the money changers seated there. He made a whip of cords and drove them all out.

John 2:14-15
St. Francis Xavier Parish

7319 Route M Jefferson City (Taos) MO 65101

REV. MICHAEL W. PENN - PASTOR
Email: mpenn@sfxtaos.com (ext. 1004)

DEACON MICHAEL BERENDZEN 573.694.4916
Email: mwberendzen@gmail.com

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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Parish Website: www.sfxtaosmo.org

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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 8th:
No Mass

Tuesday, Mar 9th:
7 p.m. - Margaret Stegeman

Wednesday, Mar 10th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - Ruth Jane Schaefer

Thursday, Mar 11th: (SFX Students Only)
8:00 a.m. - IB & Mildred Schnieders

Friday, Mar 12th:
8:00 a.m. - Elmer Wankum

Saturday, Mar 13th:
5:00 p.m. - Paul & Margaret Forck & Jane Riddle

Sunday, Mar 14th:
8:00 a.m. - Bernard & Laurine Heet
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.

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.

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.

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!

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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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 Toebben 573-619-0674. For emergencies, weekends or after-hours, Fr. Penn 395-4401
**Third Sunday of Lent**

**Freedom**: this is what the commandments of God are all about. These commandments are a gift, a gift to show us how to free ourselves from pride, selfishness and the temptations of the world and live as God wants us to: in His image and likeness and not burdened by worldly desires. The Season of Lent gives us once again the opportunity to examine ourselves of what we cling to that enslaves us and to free ourselves from these burdens.

**Two opportunities are available this week for the Sacrament of Penance**: Tuesday, March 9th at St. Stanislaus Church and Thursday, March 11th at St. Francis Xavier Church. Fr. Medina and I will be available from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on both days. Next week, Monday, March 15th at St. Stanislaus Church and Thursday, March 18th at St. Francis Xavier Church, Fr. Medina and I will be available for the Sacrament of Penance from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

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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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**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.

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**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@cccnmo.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.

Learn more: cccnmo.diojeffcity.org/about-us/careers

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**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.

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**Helias Catholic High School Presents**

![HC Poster](image)

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
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.

**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/](http://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.

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**SFX 2019 Year End Contributions**

St. Francis Xavier thanks you for your financial generosity this year. All 2020 contributions must be at the parish office by **Dec. 31**. 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**

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

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**Third Sunday of Lent**

Once when Jesus was in Jerusalem, he found animals being sold in the temple. He sent the sellers away because he wanted the temple to be his Father’s house of prayer, not a store.

(You can read the story in your Bible at John 2:13–25.)

Look at both pictures.

Circle five extra things in the bottom one.

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Psalm 25:15 says, "My eyes are ever fixed on the LORD."

That means we should follow and look to God for help. To remind you of this, write your name on the blank. Color the eyes the same as yours. Color the rest of the certificate. Cut it out and hang it up.

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

Donation of $10 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://stgeorgelinnsd.diojeffcity.org/give/](https://stgeorgelinnsd.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.

**Baptized in Christ: Calvin Thomas Shikles** was baptized in our church on **Saturday, Feb. 27, 2021**.

**Baptized in Christ: Landry Charles Talken** was baptized in our church on **Sunday, Feb. 28, 2021**.

**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.

**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)

**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!**

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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).

**Week 1: Mar 6**

Elaine Callaway
690-8966

Linda Heckman, Greta Heckman, Mary Heet, Dana Heet, Jamie Heinrich

**Week 2: Mar 13**

Debbie Borgmeyer 680-9748 & Elaine Ready 619-6803

Traci Heisinger, Michelle Heislen, Karen Heislen, Debbie Hemmel Laura Henke

**Week 3: Mar 20**

Jean Pinnell 694-2111

Mary Jo Henke, Kathy Henke, Jill Herigon, Marilyn Herigon, Laurie Herzing

**Week 4: Mar 27**

Sue Sandbothe 230-3154

Mary Hoffmeyer, Pam Hofmann, Kara & Karen Holterman Marilyn Holtmeyer,
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