

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

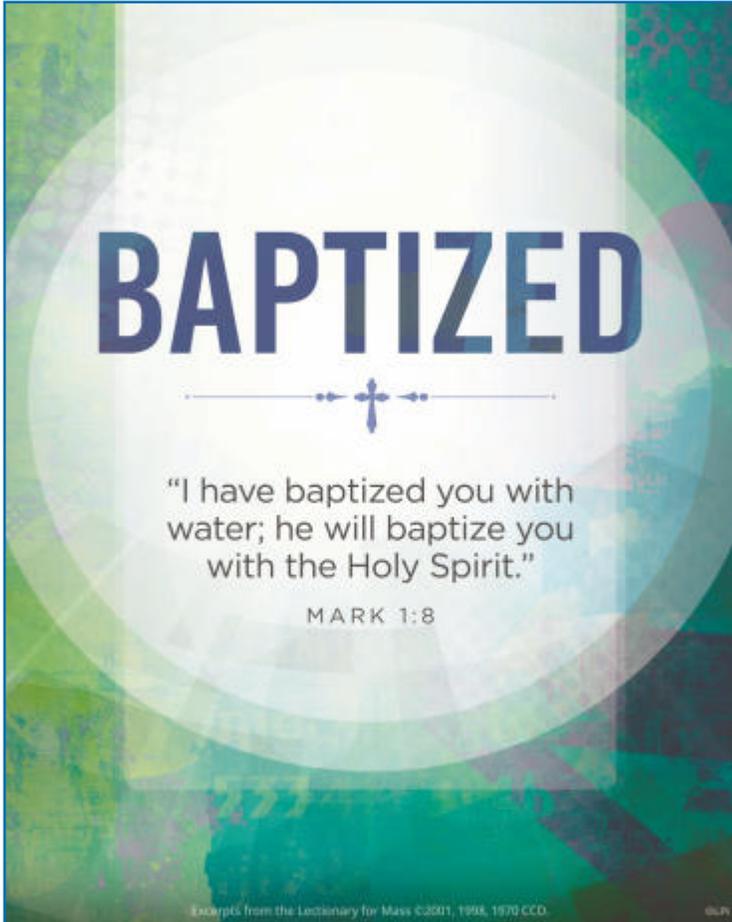
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The mission of St. Francis Xavier Parish is to encounter Jesus Christ and bring Him to all through Vibrant Liturgy, Lifelong Christian Formation and Social Outreach.



SATURDAY—SUNDAY, JANUARY 9— 10, 2021



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## MASSES

**SATURDAY: (SUNDAY VIGIL MASS) 4:00pm**  
**SUNDAY: 7:30am, 9:30am, 11:30am, 7:00pm**  
(3rd Sunday each month 7:00pm Mass is in Vietnamese)  
9:30am Mass is streamed online at: SFX1891  
**WEEKDAYS: 7:00am and 8:15am**  
**SATURDAY: 8:00am**

## RECONCILIATION

**SATURDAYS: 11:00am and 3:00pm (or by appointment)**

## PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

**PARISH OFFICE: 816-232-8449, (Fax) 816-364-5174**  
**PARISH OFFICE HOURS:**  
8:00am—4:00pm, Monday—Friday. Closed on holidays.  
**SCHOOL: 816-232-4911**  
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**EMAIL: parishoffice@sfxstjoe.com**  
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## BAPTISM PREPARATION CLASS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 19th**  
**at 7:00pm in the Parish Center,**  
**East side**

This is for parents who want a child baptized. Come even if you are pregnant (you won’t need a babysitter.) If you have other children who have already been baptized, you are still asked to come, so that you may continue to grow in your faith, and help others to grow in their faith. If you have questions, contact the Parish Office at 232-8449.

Please come wearing a mask.

**S**aint Francis Xavier Parish has been under the spiritual leadership of the Society of the Precious Blood since its beginning in 1890. As a Catholic community, we stand ready to serve all those who are in need. We value in a special way the handing on of faith and tradition through our Parish School, Religious Education and Christian Formation. We welcome everyone. New members are encouraged to call and register at the Rectory.

**BAPTISM -**  
Parental preparation classes offered throughout the year.

**MATRIMONY -**  
Preparation for engaged couples. Nine months notification before marriage date.

**R.C.I.A.-**  
Meets weekly from September through Pentecost. Inquiries are welcome year-round.

**COUNSELING -**  
Available to individuals and families. Make appointments through the Parish Office.

**ANOINTING OF THE SICK -**  
Due to the coronavirus pandemic a priest will respond on a case by case basis.

**HOSPITAL VISITS -**  
If you have a family member or friend in the hospital who would like to be visited by a parish priest, please call the Rectory. Due to privacy laws, the hospital cannot tell the priests who is in the hospital.



## This Week's Reflection - January 10, 2021

*"He [Jesus] will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."* (Mark 1:8b)

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

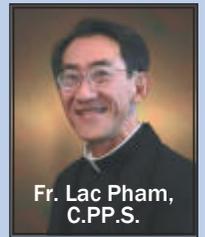
With icy rain, frozen and broken branches, downed trees, and loss of electrical power (thus, no lights and no heat in the house) – not totally unfamiliar to St. Joseph, Missouri – the ending days of 2020 caught some of us by surprise. Once again, we celebrate the familiar annual feast of The Baptism of The Lord, signaling that Christmas is over and we now begin the first part of the 2021 Ordinary Time (Sunday scriptures cycle B and year 1 for weekdays). Surprised? In some churches Christmas decorations were already removed; we leave ours up until after this Sunday's last Mass.

Returning to "ordinary time" suggests to our subconsciousness that we can now go back to our "normal" daily activities and routines, leaving behind all the special messages or striking revelations that we might have received during the Christmas Season celebrations. On the first day of 2021, at the celebration of the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, we heard that *"Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart."* (Luke 2: 19) After leaving worship at the Temple and returning to ordinary days Mary, the Mother of God, kept in her heart marking events in her life and kept reflecting on them.

*"On coming up out of the water he [Jesus] saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descended upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'"* (Mark 1: 10-11) We have been baptized in Christ. What have we seen, heard? Have we once dug this indelible event out from our heart or memory and taken time and effort to reflect on it? If not, why not try now? We might see something extraordinary and might even hear God's voice, "You are my beloved daughter/son; with you I am well pleased."

Blessed 2021,

*Fr. Lac*



Fr. Lac Pham,  
C.P.P.S.

**If someone is in need of ANNOINTING OF THE SICK** (in the hospital or at home), call the Parish Office. Due to the coronavirus pandemic a priest will respond on a case by case basis.

### PRAYER FOR THE NEW YEAR

Thank you Lord for giving me this brand new year. Help me live the way I should, as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom, that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage, so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things. Each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings. Amen.

### PARISH REGISTRATION

If you are new to our Parish, we invite you to register:

- Introduce yourself to Fr. Joe, Fr. Lac or Fr. Bill before or after Mass or
- Come to the Parish Office (Monday–Friday 8:00am–4:00pm), or
- Go to our Parish Website at: [www.sfxstjoe.com](http://www.sfxstjoe.com), click on the "About Us" Tab, then click on "Parish Registration."



### QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

Only children have to go to religious education classes because adults don't sin.

True / False

\*\* Find the answer in this week's bulletin.

**VOCATION PRAYER**

You call us, Lord Jesus, to surrender our lives into your life. You offer us, all-loving God, to remain in us, and us in you. Grace us with the trust and courage to empty or self-will into your will, so that we may live totally in you. You give us the opportunity to hear the Father's voice, "You are my beloved child with whom I am well pleased."

May this year awaken your call in young people suffering a restless dissatisfaction with the present course of their lives. May they hear your whisper, feel your nudge, and receive the courage to follow you. Guide them to explore religious life as priests, brothers or sisters.

**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**

Sunday, January 10, 2021 at 9:30am Mass  
**John and Virginia Catron**

Saturday, January 16, 2021 at 4:00pm Mass  
**Martha Frank**



**REST IN PEACE**



**Patricia (Pat) Cash**  
September 12, 1930 – December 22, 2020

**REST IN PEACE**



**Martha J. Pope**  
September 13, 1935 – December 25, 2020  
(Sister of Carol Duke, parishioner)

**REST IN PEACE**



**Remedios (Remy) Paz Maristela**  
September 14, 1928 – December 25, 2020  
(Mother of Cayetana Maristela, parishioner)



**This is our Faith**  
*Through the sacrament of Baptism we welcome...*

**Harlynn Irizarry**  
child of Tyler and Tarah (Woods) Irizarry  
was baptized into the Church on January 2, 2021



**This is our Faith**  
*Through the sacrament of Baptism we welcome...*

**Vander Ross Carter**  
child of Julienne Tatro  
was baptized into the Church on January 3, 2021

**MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS**  
**WEEK OF JANUARY 11 — JANUARY 17, 2021**

**MONDAY, January 11**

7:00am Lucille Lipira  
8:15am Peter Nguyen

**TUESDAY, January 12**

7:00am Living and Deceased Members of the  
Daughters of Isabella  
8:15am Vincent Pham Van Gia

**WEDNESDAY, January 13**

*Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*  
7:00am Father Longino  
8:15am For Vocations

**THURSDAY, January 14**

7:00am Virginia Pinch  
8:15am Peter Bui

**FRIDAY, January 15**

7:00am John Rauth  
8:15am Uketui and Omile Families

**SATURDAY, January 16**

8:00am Orville and Mary Ann Minnis  
4:00pm Agnes Hon

**SUNDAY, January 17**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*  
7:30am Maureen Asbell  
9:30am Jeanette Juhl  
11:30am Justin and Mary Pappert (Anniversary)  
7:00pm Thomas

**CATHOLIC KEY SUBSCRIPTION**

The new quarterly Catholic Key magazine was mailed the week of December 15th! This quarterly diocesan print and digital magazine was sent to all registered parishioner households in the Diocese of Kansas City–St. Joseph.

The digital edition will be available soon on the newly designed website: [catholickey.org](http://catholickey.org). In addition, there will be new content and features. Previous Catholic Key newspaper articles will still be available in the archives on the website. More info to come.

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**False.** All people, no matter what age, sin (see Romans 2:23). Faith is primarily about our relationships with God and our neighbors. Learning how to more effectively live out our faith is a lifelong process.

Respect for life and for the dignity of the human person extends also to the rest of creation, which is called to join man in praising God. (Pope John Paul II, 1990 World Day of Peace Message, #16)

**RCIA PROCESS**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our topic for this Wednesday, January 13, will be **Sacraments and sacramentals**.

If you would like to join us, we meet in the Parish Center, 6:30pm—7:45pm. If questions, please call the Parish Office at 232-8449.

**MEN OF FAITH**

Join us Saturday, January 16th at 6:30am for breakfast. We will be reviewing videos from Bishop Barron and other sources and discussing their ideas in small groups.

*We hope you will join us in January 2021!!*

**THE MONTH OF JANUARY,  
THE FOLLOWING PARISHES CELEBRATE  
THE SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNIVERSARY  
OF THE DEDICATION OF THEIR CHURCHES:**

- St. Therese North, Kansas City, MO (January 14)
- St. Mary, Nevada, MO (January 14)
- **St. Francis Xavier, St. Joseph, MO (January 16)**
- Annunciation, Kearney, MO (January 19)
- St. Patrick, Holden, MO (January 22)
- Holy Rosary, Kansas City, MO (January 30)

**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 2—3**

<b>Weekend Mass Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$6,352.00</b>
Weekend Mass Plate:	458.00
Weekend Kids' Collection:	—
Utility Collection:	564.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	<u>685.00</u>
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$8,059.00</b>

**Total Parish Income from all sources  
for the week of December 27th: \$25,356.18**  
(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)

**SCRIP SALES**

December 21—January 3: \$6,975.00  
(Amount SFX earned: \$289.89)



If you are unable to return for weekend Mass, we ask you to please mail in your contribution, or go to the website: [sfxstjoe.weshareonline.org](http://sfxstjoe.weshareonline.org) and click **Make A Donation**. Choose One Time Donation or Recurring Donation, pick an amount and enter your info. You can also scan the bar code to make your contribution.

**THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER****Sunday, January 10**

3:30pm—4:30pm Confirmation Class will have a Zoom meeting.

**Monday, January 11**

9:00am Prayer Group meets in Parish Center, Conf. Rm  
6:30pm School Advisory Council meeting in Parish Center, east side  
6:30pm Stewardship Committee meeting in Parish Center Conference Room

**Tuesday, January 12**

8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

**Wednesday, January 13**

6:30pm RCIA meets in the Parish Center, east side

**Thursday, January 14**

8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

**Friday, January 15** — no events scheduled

**Saturday, January 16**

6:30am Men of Faith will meet in Parish Center, west  
8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

**Sunday, January 17** — no events scheduled

If you were only able to attend Christmas Mass on YouTube, here is a picture of the Nativity in church.



*Let us go forward in Peace,  
Our eyes upon Heaven.*

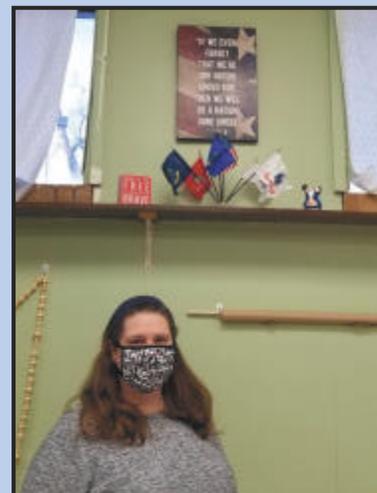
St. Therese Lisieux

**St. Francis Xavier School—*The Difference is Inside!***

- **Guided by Christ**, we strive to become the best we can be.
- **Formed with Family**, we carry on the traditions and legacy of St. Francis Xavier Parish.
- **Engaged through Innovation** our students bring about a better future.
- **Children are Empowered** to achieve beyond expectations.
- **Called to Lead**, our students serve our community, nation and world.



As we get ready for second semester we were blessed, literally and figuratively, by Fr. Bill who prayed over our teachers to start our new year. Our fourth and fifth grade teachers are excited to start the new semester with some new year and "Godly" decorations.



→  
2nd Grade  
celebrates  
the new  
year with  
fun glasses.



In this new year, we are taking time to remember Saint Joseph in our morning announcements and morning prayer. Here are a few thoughts about why we want to remember him and seek his intercession:

- He is the patron of our city, may his prayers for our city and our city leaders be heard.
- He has been named as our church focus for this liturgical year, may the prayers of St. Joseph be upon our Holy Catholic church and lead us to understand the importance of holy work.
- He is the namesake of our Pastor. Fr. Joe Miller, may Joseph pray for Fr. Joe and his strength, healing and perseverance.
- He is the foster father of Jesus who provided his daily bread for him, so as we pray the Our Father prayer, we ask him to bless us with our daily bread, especially in the eucharist!
- He is a role model for religiously professed people in our church, may his prayers guide more young people to know their vocation in life and especially consider a call to the religious vocations of sisterhood, brotherhood and priesthood.

### YOUTH MINISTRY and CONFIRMATION CLASS

#### CONFIRMATION CLASS — (for youth entering 9th through 12th grade.)

We will meet this Sunday, January 10, 2021 for a Zoom meeting from 3:30pm—4:30pm

(Keep up with posts on the 2021 Confirmation Facebook page.)

**YOUTH GROUP** — Look for start-up information in a future bulletin.



Janey Johnston, Dir. of Youth Ministry  
816-261-9585,  
youthminister@sfxstjoe.com

### EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENT

#### When God Whispers

“You don’t need to shout. My hearing works just fine.”

Are you a parent that has used that one on your kids? I’m not sure at what age they realize that the volume of their voice doesn’t correlate to the likelihood of receiving a favorable reply — it might be sometime in the teenage years, when the talking slows down altogether.

But I’ve got to admit, it would be nice if God always gave us a loud and dramatic sign when He wanted something — the booming voice and the torn-open heavens (“This is my beloved Son!”) really get the message across. Sometimes I find myself envious of the Apostles, who were able to witness such things in person.

The fact of the matter is, in the year 2021, God is more likely to speak in a whisper than in a shout. The prophet Isaiah forewarns that Christ himself will not be a noisemaker — for all his preaching, he will not cry out or shout to bring forth justice to the nations. His way is altogether different than that.

We are not the Apostles, and we do not have the privilege of seeing the Holy Spirit descend on Christ like a dove. But here’s the good news: God doesn’t need to shout. Our spiritual hearing works just fine. We just have to be listening. Let’s wake up each morning ready to hear God’s whispers throughout the day. Let’s make a conscious effort to invite those whispers into our hearts, where they can become a catalyst for grace in this world.

— Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

### 9 DAYS FOR LIFE

#### Pray to Protect Human Life!

January 21-29, 2021



*9 Days for Life* is a novena for the protection of human life.

Each day’s intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Join today at: [www.9daysforlife.com](http://www.9daysforlife.com)

### YOU CAN INCREASE PRIESTLY VOCATIONS!

Join us for a Rosary, led by our Chaplain, Fr. Malewski, followed by the Serra Club meeting. Choirmaster, Matthew Bobela will present a program about Sacred Music.

We meet at: Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, St. Joseph, Missouri on

Wednesday, January 20, 2021 at 6:00PM in Marian Hall, lower level.

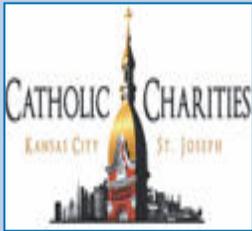
YOU can Increase the culture of vocations in St Joseph by being a member of Serra club.



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**LIVING A HEALTHY LIFE PROGRAM**

This program is designed to help you gain self-confidence in your ability to control disease symptoms. It will help you build skills to manage and cope with chronic conditions such as, heart disease, lung disease, high blood pressure, etc... The 6 week course meets once a week via Zoom: **Thursday, January 14 — February 18 from 2:00pm—4:00pm.** This **FREE program** is sponsored by Arthritis Community Services. All participants will receive a reference book and a guided relaxation CD. To sign-up for this class or for more info, call 816-271-7057.

**CHRISTMAS SHINING STAR THANK YOU**

Due to the generous support of parishioners and donors like you, Catholic Charities KCSJ was able to ensure that 435 children would have a very special Christmas this year through our Christmas Shining Star program. Thank you to everyone who participated in this amazing opportunity. Your support and thoughtfulness put a smile on many faces. If you would like to hear more about this program or help support your neighbors in need by volunteering your time or supporting our other programs, please contact Linda Hopkins, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-659-8205 or [lhopkins@ccharities.com](mailto:lhopkins@ccharities.com).

**SOS — SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS**

Join us as we celebrate our 28 year legacy at the final **SOS VIRTUAL BENEFIT**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2021, 6:00PM**

We need your help to make this year's Support Our Seminarians (SOS) event the best yet. This will be our final SOS event, and sadly due to the pandemic, we won't be able to gather in person; so we will be gathering virtually. We need your help to make this final SOS event our most successful ever! You can support our seminarians and the future of the Church by making a donation, purchasing raffle tickets, praying for vocations, and joining us online at 6:00pm on Friday, January 29, 2021, for the final SOS event.

To donate or purchase raffle tickets:

visit [www.supportourseminarians.com](http://www.supportourseminarians.com) or contact Martha Hodes at (913) 207-9893 or [mmmhsos512@gmail.com](mailto:mmmhsos512@gmail.com). We hope you will join us in supporting our seminarians and vocations to the priesthood.

**RAFFLE DRAWINGS INCLUDE:**

**Autographed Chiefs Football** — Signed by Tyrann Mathieu "The Honey Badger"

**\$10,000 CASH**

**"VIRUS PACKAGE"** — Gift cards for all things to use a home and when "Keeping our Distance" (groceries, electronics, tools, repairs, pizza, BBQ, etc. . .)

**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is coming to your house! . . .**

Great marriages are made when husbands and wives make a lot of everyday choices that say "I love you" rather than choices that say "I love me." Now is the time to tell your spouse "I love you" by giving them the gift of an intimate retreat right in the comfort and security of your own home. Join us for a Virtual Weekend Experience, February 26th - 28th, 2021. For more information, or to apply for the weekend, visit our website at: [www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org) or call/email Deacon Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net). And don't forget to follow us on Facebook for the latest updates about WWME Greater KC!

**The Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church**

If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman at 816.812.2500.  
if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

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