

# St. Francis Xavier Parish

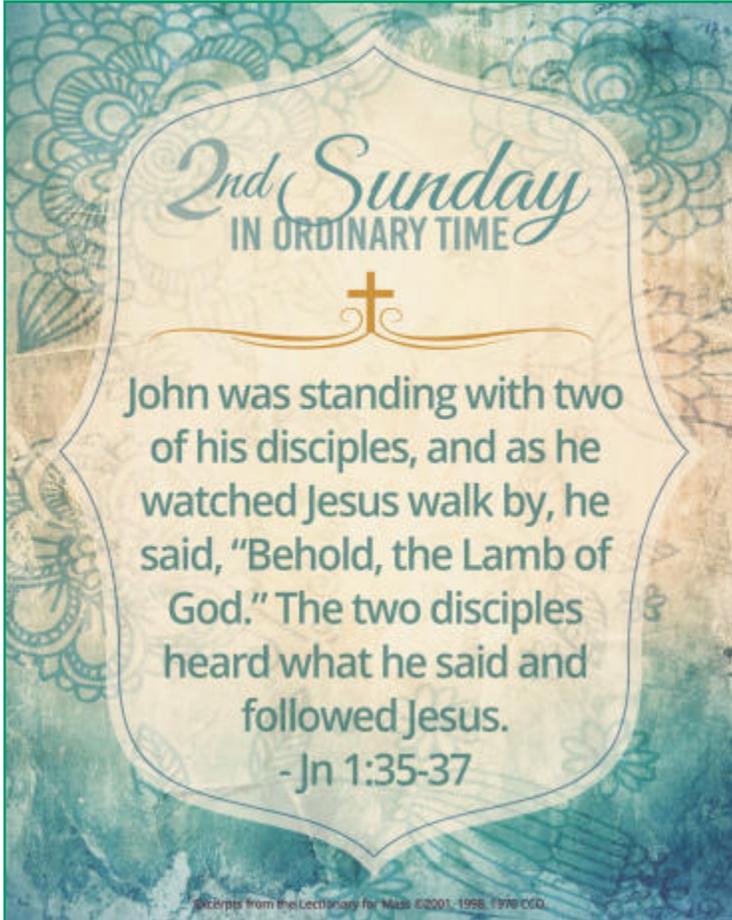
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Directed by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood Since 1890

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 16— 17, 2021



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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.

## PARISH STAFF

Fr. Joe Miller, C.P.P.S., Pastor  
Fr. Lac Pham, C.P.P.S., Associate Pastor  
Fr. Bill Walter, C.P.P.S.

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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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**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 17, 2021

*"What are you looking for?" ... "Come, and you will see." (John 1: 38, 39)*

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

Hopefully after one week into the "ordinary" rhythm of life – from faith and worship perspectives, we have discovered a few realities; that God has come and showed Godself present among us, that God has considered us beloved, and that God's favors have rested on us. We may have already sensed some aspirations enhancing our current living, like making a few modifications of our behaviors, or doing something – more positive/less negative – to demonstrate our having become a "new creation" as declared in our baptism.

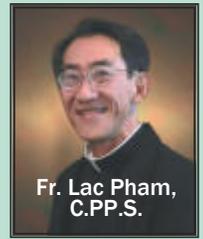
The two disciples of John the Baptizer through his advice looked for something in the Lamb of God (already, Jesus was designated for sacrifice). Were they just curious, or were they motivated by a real thirst for some life-changing revelation? Having come to Jesus, could their discovery be likened to Mary Magdalene's, who ran to the tomb to look for the dead Jesus, but found him alive (resurrected) outside of the tomb? Still facing pandemic and social glooms are we not in our prayers these days looking for a discovery of immunity in body and peace in mind and heart?

During these beginning days of "ordinary time" we are hearing a lot about the baptized Jesus going about in Galilee, not only inviting seekers to come and see, but also recruiting followers to do public ministries ("fishers of men"): dispelling evil spirits, healing the sick, feeding the hungry, clothing the naked, being present to those who are lonely/abandoned; but easiest and most convenient of all: any kind act at any time, matters not great or small, that benefits others.

*"Come, and you will see,"* Jesus invites us. We come to see God at communal/public prayers in church, of course, whenever possible and safe. We come to encounter God in personal/private prayers whenever and wherever we feel the thirst for re-assurance and comfort.

Better yet, come and follow in His company and we will see better.

*Fr. Lac*



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

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

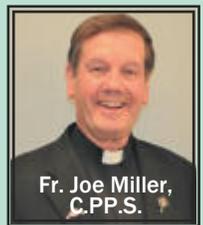
Greetings!!

May the love and peace of Christ be with you and our whole parish. I had a great trip to Ohio to see my family. It truly was a blessing. I got to see my brothers and sisters, except for two of my sisters. One lives in Illinois and one lives in Columbus. I was glad to be able to see the ones I could see.

Thank you to those who paid for the trip to Ohio and back. I truly do appreciate it.

I thought I would give you an update on my health, at least as I see it. I am on hospice now and I am not sure what the future will be. I do appreciate the prayers and support. I have not taken any chemo lately. I am not sure if I am done with chemo or not. Let us keep praying for each other as we journey in this life. God is So Good. 😊

*Fr. Joe*



Fr. Joe Miller, C.P.P.S.

**QUESTION OF THE WEEK:**

The \_\_\_\_\_ continues the ministry of Jesus (teaching, preaching, healing, intercession, and administering the sacraments) by ordaining deacons, priests, and bishops.

- a) hospital
- b) school
- c) government
- d) church

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

**VOCATION PRAYER**

You call us, Lord to recognize your call. Because we belong to you, fine-tune our ears, sensitize our spirits, quicken our steps to join our brother and sister Christians in uniting our hearts in you. Help us to celebrate our common beliefs in you. Grace us in seeing your truth as our guiding principle.

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**

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

Sunday, January 24, 2021  
Garrett and Maureen Holtz



**REST IN PEACE**



**Katherine Knapp**  
March 28, 1923 — January 11, 2021



**Charlene Slater**  
December 10, 1933 — January 12, 2021  
(Wife of Robert (Bob) Slater, parishioner)



**Kathleen (Kathy) Kelder**  
June 28, 1954 — January 12, 2021

**POINSETTIAS IN GASPAR HALL**

You are welcome to take home any of the poinsettias in Gaspar Hall, near the south entrance/exit doors, from our Christmas decorations in church.



**MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF JANUARY 18 — JANUARY 24, 2021**

**MONDAY, January 18**

7:00am Antôn  
8:15am The Robertson Family

**TUESDAY, January 19**

7:00am (Grandma) Cynthia Kaminaga  
8:15am Virginia Bailey

**WEDNESDAY, January 20**

*Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr*  
*Saint Sebastian, Martyr*

7:00am Joseph D. Vigliaturo  
8:15am Thong Nguyen

**THURSDAY, January 21**

*Saint Agnes, Martyr*

7:00am Louise Hershewe  
8:15am Anthony and Ana

**FRIDAY, January 22**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

7:00am Regina Schinze  
8:15am Taylor Lorenz

**SATURDAY, January 23**

*Saint Marianne Cope*  
*Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr*

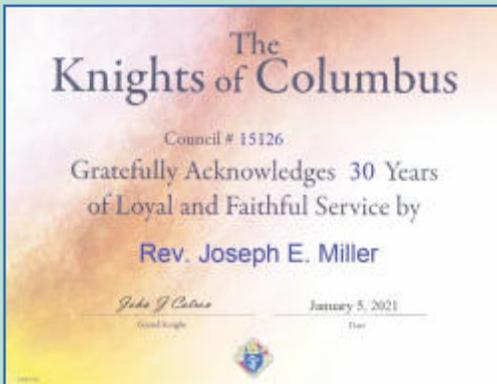
8:00am Thanksgiving and Blessings for 50 Years of Marriage  
4:00pm Joseph Nguyen

**SUNDAY, January 24**

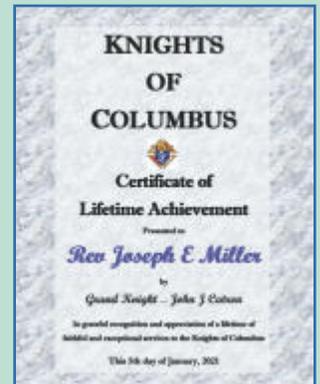
*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

7:30am Mark Novac  
9:30am Mithelavage Family  
11:30am For the Parish  
7:00pm Maria Opretli and Bibiana

Fr. Lac presented Fr. Joe with 2 prestigious awards from the Knights of Columbus during a Zoom meeting on January 5, 2021. One was for 30 years of *Loyal and Faithful Service* and the other was the *Lifetime Achievement Award*.



“Congratulations Fr. Joe!”



**RCIA PROCESS**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

Our topic for this Wednesday, January 20th will be **Baptism / Confirmation**.

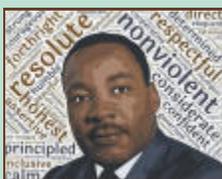
If you would like to join us, we meet in the Parish Center, 6:30pm—7:45pm. If questions, please call the Parish Office at 232-8449.

**MEN OF FAITH**

are on break for now, due to the COVID pandemic. Our plan is to meet the Saturday after Ash Wednesday, on February 20th.

*“The time is always right to do what is right.”*

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

**PRAYER GROUP**

has changed from meeting on Mondays to meeting on Tuesdays. Join us at 9:00am in the Parish Center Conference Room to pray for our country, health and more.

**CATHOLIC KEY DONATION ENVELOPES**

Though the diocese is no longer printing The Catholic Key newspaper, we are planning an annual reader appeal for our new Catholic Key magazine later in 2021. Hold on to the Catholic Key donation envelopes and stay tuned for more information coming soon on how you can support the mission of Catholic Key magazine.

**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 9—10:**

<b>Weekend Mass Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$11,191.00</b>
Weekend Mass Plate:	519.10
Weekend Kids' Collection:	—
Utility Collection:	—
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	—
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$11,710.10</b>

**Total Parish Income from all sources  
for the week of January 3rd: \$61,673.38**  
(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)

**SCRIP SALES:**

Will be in next week's bulletin.



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 17** — no events scheduled

**Monday, January 18**

6:00pm Building and Grounds meeting in Parish Center Conference Room  
7:00pm Pastoral Council meeting in Parish Center Conference Room

**Tuesday, January 19**

8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open  
9:00am Prayer Group meets in Parish Center, Conf. Rm  
7:00pm Baptism Preparation Class in Parish Center, east side  
7:00pm Knights of Columbus Officers meeting in Parish Center Conference Room

**Wednesday, January 20**

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

**Thursday, January 21**

8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

**Friday, January 22** — no events scheduled

**Saturday, January 23**

Men of Faith will NOT meet until after Ash Wednesday.  
8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

**Sunday, January 24** — no events scheduled

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d) church. “Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time” (CCC, 1536).

**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)

(From USCCB. Promoted by SFX Knights of Columbus)

**DO YOU NEED FIREWOOD?**

If so, call Joe Hamera at 816-261-6325. Cost is \$65 for a pick-up load.

*(All proceeds from the sale of this firewood will be donated to St. Francis Xavier Parish.)*

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

- **Guided by Christ**, we strive to become the best we can be.
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- **Children are Empowered** to achieve beyond expectations.
- **Called to Lead**, our students serve our community, nation and world.



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**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

(for youth entering 9th through 12th grade.)

We will meet Sunday, January 17, 2021  
for a Zoom meeting from 3:30pm—4:30pm.

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

*Be joyful always,  
pray continually,  
give thanks in all circumstances;  
For this is God's will  
for you in Christ Jesus.*

**YOUTH MINISTRY**

Look for start-up information in a future bulletin.

**SFX 2021 DISCOUNT CARDS ARE NOW AVAILABLE — \$5/CARD**

We have some new vendors this year!

The card can be used at each business once a day.

Cards are good: January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021.

(Cards can be purchased at school, or in the Parish Office.)

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- Rocky Mtn. Chocolate

**JOB OPENING AT CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOSEPH**

Cathedral of St. Joseph is looking for a hard-working, reliable full-time/part-time person to be an additional **custodian** in the late afternoons and evenings for its School and St. Gianna Early Childhood Center.

Application available in Cathedral's **Parish Office** or request at: [www.cathedralsj.org](http://www.cathedralsj.org) and click on "Contact" tab.**WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER is coming to your house! . . .**

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**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!

**OPEN DOOR FOOD KITCHEN**

Since COVID has hit our community, there have been changes at the Open Door Food Kitchen. We are not able to serve the food to the patrons. Staff at the Food Kitchen do that job. Going forward, we would ask that you give money instead of food items. Please make your check out to SFX, and in the memo area write that it is for the Food Kitchen. That way, you may use it as a deduction too.

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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.

**PARISH CONNECT**

As we continue to cultivate our relationship with the parishes throughout the KCSJ Diocese, we are pleased to announce that we have created a catalog of presentation opportunities that will be available for small groups or ministries in your parishes. The information will be presented by specialists from Catholic Charities on a variety of subjects related to our four main pillars: The Welcome Center, Employment Services, Children & Family Services and Community Housing. The list of presentations will be available through your church offices. To schedule a presentation, please contact the staff member listed with each description. For additional information contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at [nbutters@ccharities.com](mailto:nbutters@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8266.

**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. . .)

**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.

**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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