

St. Francis Xavier Parish

2618 Seneca Street, Saint Joseph, MO 64507

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 23—24, 2021

3rd Sunday
IN ORDINARY TIME

As he passed by the Sea of Galilee,
he saw Simon and his brother
Andrew casting their nets into the
sea; they were fishermen. Jesus
said to them, "Come after me,
and I will make you
fishers of men."

- Mk 1:16-17

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VIETNAMESE LUNAR NEW YEAR

February 12th is the actual date of the Vietnamese Lunar New Year. On Sunday, February 14th at the 7:00pm Mass we will celebrate the Lunar New Year (also known as the Year of the Buffalo).

After Mass you can join us in the Parish Center for some Vietnamese food. If you plan to come, please call the Parish Office at 232-8449 so we have a count of how many people will be coming, to have enough food and enough tables set up for social distancing.

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)

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PARISH CONTACT INFORMATION:

PARISH OFFICE: 816-232-8449, (Fax) 816-364-5174
PARISH OFFICE HOURS:
8:00am—4:00pm, Monday—Friday. Closed on holidays.
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Saint 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 -

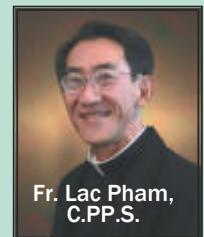
If you have a family member or friend in the hospital who would like to be visited by a parish priest, please call the Rectory. Due to privacy laws, the hospital cannot tell the priests who is in the hospital.



This Week's Reflection - January 24, 2021

"... and followed him." (Mark 1: 18 and 20)

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,



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

Last Sunday we heard St. John's version of the recruiting of Jesus' first followers, the Andrew and Simon Peter Brothers. Today we hear St. Mark's version of the recruiting which reports two more followers, the Zebedee Brothers, John and James. There are two striking points that might be of relevance to us in today's account, one from the divine perspective and the other from the human perspective.

Why did Jesus call to follow him those who were already busy making a living, and not from the known religious or devout, such as those already schooled to be rabbis or priests, or those who did not have to work for a living? This can only mean that Jesus understands and empathizes and relates well with common, simple, ordinary folks who strive to make a life and would do all possible to have a life? Also, it means that the qualifications that Jesus was looking for were not sophistication but rather, trust, simplicity, sincerity, and concrete acts beneficial to the living of others.

The manner and the immediacy that these four men responded to Jesus are also striking. All four were busy with hard work to make a living, being fishermen. From only a simple invite, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men," Andrew and Simon immediately "abandoned" their occupation, and the Zebedee Brothers left their family trade (inheritance?), to pursue a completely different way of living as "fishers of men". There seems to be a thematic connection between this story and the Ninevites' in the first reading. Following the Prophet Jonah's pronouncement, the Ninevites immediately abandoned their current behaviors and turned to a new way of living to avert a calamitous destruction.

Just as the Ninevites did not ignore Jonah's warning, we would be wise not to ignore St. Paul's warning in the second reading, "*the time is running out,*" (1 Corinthians 7:29). The threats by pandemic and political/social unrest are still impending. *"This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."* (Mark 1: 15).

Fr. Lac

If someone is in need of ANOINTING 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.

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, click on the "About Us" Tab, then click on "Parish Registration."



QUESTION OF THE WEEK:

A _____ is given to the person being baptized as a sign that they have received Christ who is the "light of the world" (John 8:12).

- a) baptismal certificate b) lit candle c) white garment d) cake

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

VOCATION PRAYER

Lord, you continue to call us to unite ourselves to you through our relationships with others. This year you ask us to recognize the urgency of preparing for your coming. Are we prepared to face your penetrating gaze? Cleanse us of actions and attitudes that separate us from wanting what is good for others especially those whom we dislike.

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 24, 2021

Garrett and Maureen Holtz



Saturday, January 30, 2021 at 4:00pm Mass

Dennis and Judy Jenkins

REST IN PEACE

Shirley Masson
July 2, 1926 — January 17, 2021
(Mother of Jan McQueen)



Dona McPheron
October 21, 1930 — January 15, 2021



Martha Anderson
April 17, 1929 — January 15, 2021
(Mother of Becky (Roger) VanVickle)

Grandmother of Lauren VanVickle, Erica (Brad) Moore, Seth (Taylor) Van Vickle, and Jocelyn (Mike) McGrath



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

Hudson Barron

child of Skyler and Christie (Bahr) Barron
was baptized into the Church on January 17, 2021

MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS
WEEK OF JANUARY 25 — JANUARY 31, 2021**MONDAY, January 25**

Conversion of Saint Paul, Apostle
Johnny Whetsell
Joseph

TUESDAY, January 26

Saints Timothy and Titus, Bishops
Agnes Hon
Roger Gillette

WEDNESDAY, January 27

Saint Angela Merici, Religious Founder
Billy Whetsell
Reverend Longino

THURSDAY, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Marietta Russell
Health of Jim Morlock

FRIDAY, January 29

Agnes Gray
Thomas

SATURDAY, January 30

Shirley and Henry Riha
Edwin Meyer

SUNDAY, January 31

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Cindy Punzo
Donald Schinze
Audrey Kelly and
Michael Albert Scott Tighe
Soul of Antôn

**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.)

"SOUP"ER BOWL WEEKEND — February 6th—7th

Donate a Non-Perishable Food Item At Any Mass: Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Hot Cereals, Pasta and Sauces.

If you would like to make a monetary donation and let us do the shopping you can drop an envelope in the collection basket or mail your donation to the Parish Office at 2618 Seneca Street, St. Joseph, MO 64507 to the attention of Gordon Carmichael.

All donated items will go to the St. Francis Xavier HOUSE OF BREAD.

Sponsored by St. Francis Xavier Knights of Columbus Council 15126.



**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.

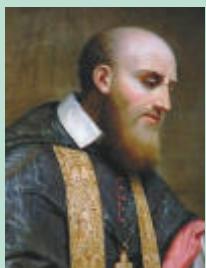
MEN OF FAITH

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

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.

*Nothing is so strong as gentleness;
nothing is so gentle as real strength.*



St. Francis De Sales

Francis de Sales took seriously the words of Christ, "Learn of me for I am meek and humble of heart."

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 16—17

Weekend Mass Envelopes:	\$4,177.00
Weekend Mass Plate:	501.00
Weekend Kids' Collection:	—
Utility Collection:	—
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	—
TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION:	\$4,678.00

**Total Parish Income from all sources
for the week of January 10th: \$90,799.63**
(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)

SCRIP SALES:

January 4 — 17: \$3,960.00
(Amount SFX Earned: \$136.44)



If you are unable to return for weekend Mass, we ask you to please mail in your contribution, or go to the website: sfxtjoe.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 24 — no events scheduled

Monday, January 25

7:00pm HASA meeting in Parish Center Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, January 26

8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

9:00am Prayer Group meets in Parish Center, Conf. Rm

7:00pm Book Club meets in Parish Center, Conf. Rm.

Wednesday, January 27

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

Thursday, January 28

8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

Friday, January 29 — no events scheduled

Saturday, January 30

Men of Faith will NOT meet until after Ash Wednesday.

8:30am—10:30am House of Bread Open

Sunday, January 31 — no events scheduled

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH HISTORY

In late 1918, even as World War I was ending, St. Joseph was hit by the disastrous influenza epidemic that by the time of its demise in 1919 had taken more lives than had all of WWI. St. Francis Xavier did not escape, and parish records disclose the prevalence of death during the epidemic's hold. It is safe to say that most families experienced at least a brush with the ravaging disease.

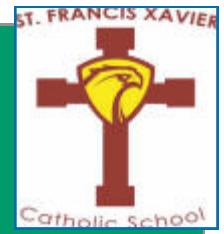
Parish records do not show the hours of exertion, the agony, and the acceptance of danger that the Pastor, Fr. Louis Hefele, C.P.P.S. underwent during that time; however, one parishioner, Eleanor Luton Garrick, had given a little insight into Fr. Louis's pastoral care during the epidemic: "My family had a big garden, and we used to send small wagon loads of vegetables to the sisters and priests, who many times had little to eat because people didn't have much to give. During the flu epidemic, the priests' housekeeper told how food would be missing in the icebox. Fr. Louis would say he wasn't hungry. He would take the food to someone who didn't have any."

There is no doubt Fr. Louis's accomplishments were outstanding and his contributions to the parish inestimable; never the less, he lives in the parish memory less for his major achievements than for his personality, which in both its strengths and its idiosyncrasies left an indelible mark on all who knew him.

He was Pastor at St. Francis Xavier from August 1899—June 1927. He died April 28, 1946

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

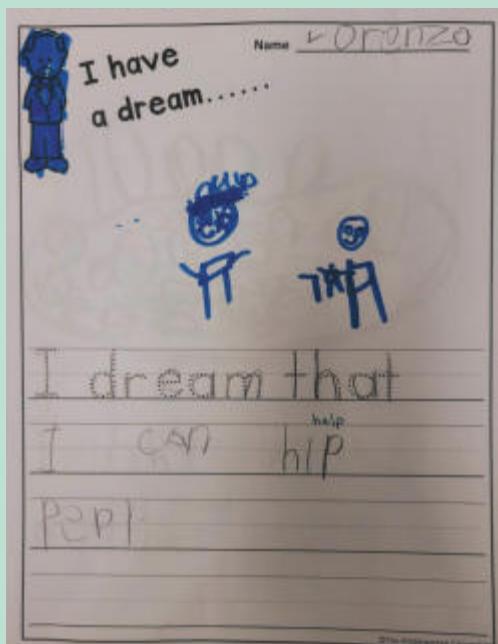
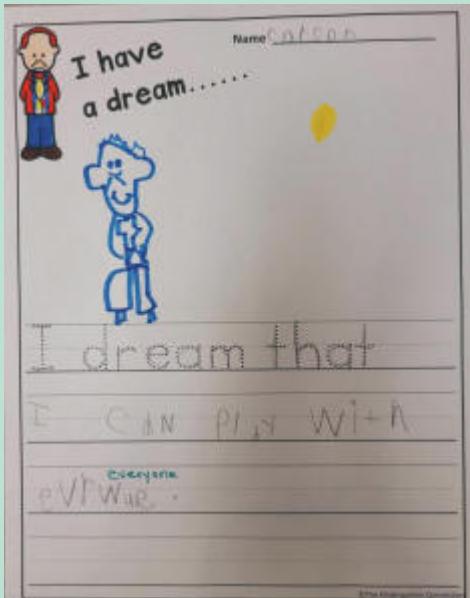
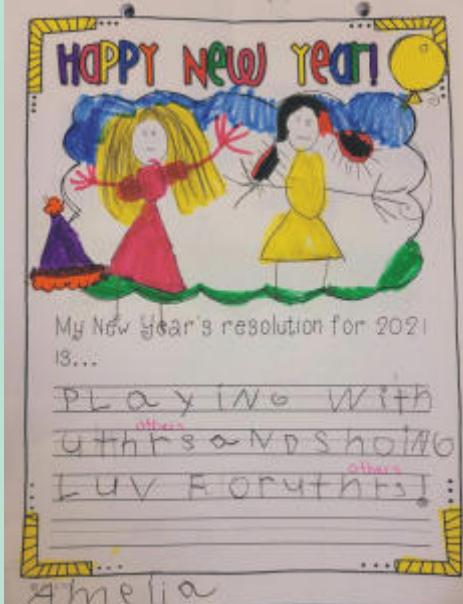
- **Guided by Christ**, we strive to become the best we can be.
- **Formed with Family**, we carry on the traditions and legacy of St. Francis Xavier Parish.
- **Engaged through Innovation** our students bring about a better future.
- **Children are Empowered** to achieve beyond expectations.
- **Called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



Please mark your calendars for the St. Joseph Catholic Schools Vitality Summit

which will be held on Sunday, January 31st from 2:00pm—4:00pm. This exciting event will be live-streamed and a link will be available at: stjosephcatholicschools.com for access to the Zoom meeting and submission of any questions you may have.

Kindergarten thoughts on the new year and Martin Luther King Jr's. Dream.



CONFIRMATION CLASS

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

Our next class will be on Sunday, February 14, 2021 from 3:30pm—5:00pm.

We hope to meet in person, if possible. I will update you in the next few weeks.

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

*"The Lord is on my side,
I will not fear"*

— Psalm 118:6

YOUTH MINISTRY

Look for start-up information in a future bulletin.

FEBRUARY 4th — DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER: AT SEEDTIME

At the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Bishop Johnston will bless seeds at Mass on Thursday, February 4, 12:15pm. All who plan to use seeds for gardens, fields or in religious formation programs are welcomed to bring their seeds for a special blessing during the Mass.

The Mass will be live streamed on the Cathedral Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/golddomekc/>

MIR House of Prayer

We are in need of volunteers for Eucharistic Adoration for the following:

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| ◆ 3:00am Sunday | ◆ 10:00am Tuesday | ◆ 2:00am Thursday |
| ◆ 7:00am Friday | ◆ 5:00pm & 7:00pm Saturday | ◆ 3:00am Sunday |



If interested or you have questions, please call Nyla Bitunjac at 816-364-3449

Eucharistic adoration is a practice in which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed to and adored by the faithful. When this exposure and adoration is constant (24 hours a day), it is called Perpetual Eucharistic Adoration and it is accomplished by volunteers.

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP - RECOGNIZE GOD IN YOUR ORDINARY MOMENTS**Give Until It Hurts**

One of the characteristics of Everyday Stewardship is to be committed — to persevere daily in a way of life acknowledging that everything belongs to God.

I know, I know. Easier said than done. Just ask Zebedee. It's quite an image we get from the Gospel, after all. "So they left their father Zebedee in the boat along with the hired men and followed him."

There was Zebedee, about his business, mending nets with his two sons, who were undoubtedly his best workers — they had to have been more dedicated than the hired men, who worked for wages rather than for family. And in an instant off they go, following this strange man.

I don't know about you, but if my kids left me on a hot summer day to finish the lawn by myself, I wouldn't be too happy.

But Zebedee must have been someone quite special. Perhaps he realized that his sons didn't belong to him — not really. They belonged to God, and from the beginning of time, it had been appointed that they would be among the first disciples of Christ. He passed, he called, they followed, and Zebedee obliged. He simply went back to mending his nets, I imagine.

Zebedee already understood what St. Teresa of Calcutta would say millennia later: "Give until it hurts."

"You're wasting my time." "I've done so much for her; she owes me this." How often do we think things, and even people and relationships, belong to us? The truth is none of them do. We must be ready, as Zebedee was, to surrender them to God when He comes walking past. — Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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- b) lit candle. The newly baptized Christian receives the light of Christ so that he or she no longer lives in the darkness of sin.

All presenting donors will receive a FREE limited edition Chiefs t-shirt.

CHIEF'S BLOOD DRIVE

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st, 12:00pm—5:00pm
In St. Francis Xavier Parish Center**



For information regarding CBC's response to COVID-19, visit: savealifenow.org/coronavirus.

Book your appointment today at: savealifenow.org/group, enter Group Code: 00.

For additional details contact Mike Violett at (816)233-8509 or violetts@ponyexpress.net.

Medical eligibility questions: Call 1-800-688-0900.

APPOINTMENTS PREFERRED

Walk-ins welcome if capacity permits.

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 and click on "Contact" tab.

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 or contact Martha Hodes at (913) 207-9893 or mmmhhsos512@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 at home and when "Keeping our Distance"
(groceries, electronics, tools, repairs, pizza, BBQ, etc. . .)**

Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group

It exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship. The Catholic young adult group for St. Joseph, Coram Deo, is meeting on **Wednesday, January 27th, for Wednesdays with the Word!** Meet at St. Rose of Lima Parish, Savannah, MO at 6:10pm for prayer + a Scripture study. All young adults aged 22-35 are invited to attend. We hope to see you there!

Questions? Please contact Ally Goetz at goetz.ally@gmail.com.

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 for more information.



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