

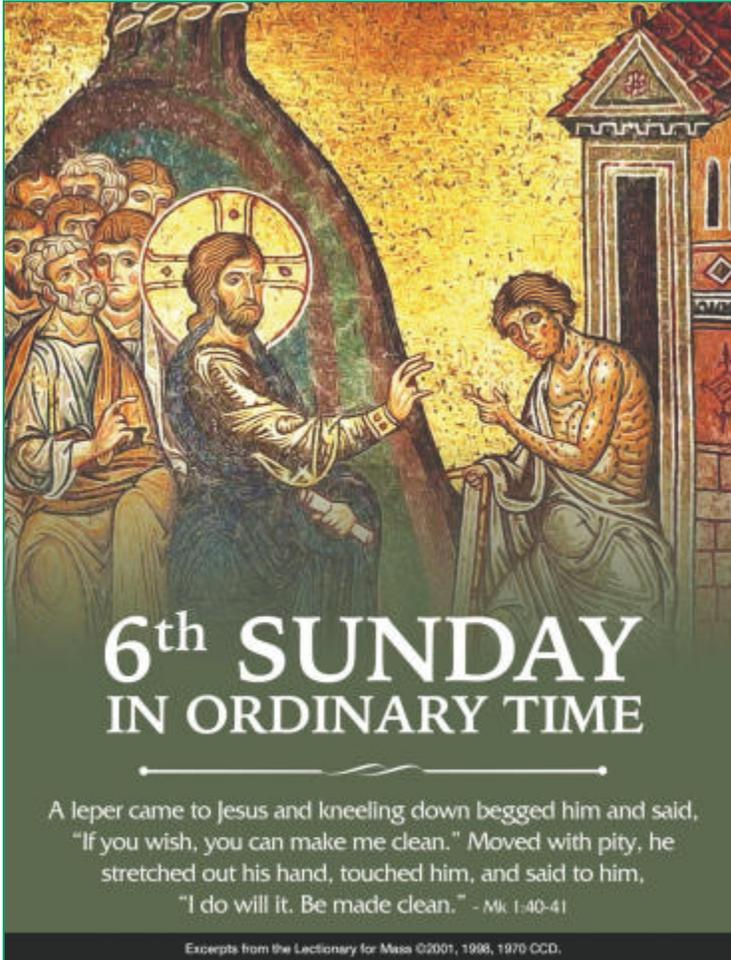
# St. Francis Xavier Parish

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, FEBRUARY 13—14, 2021



## 6<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

A leper came to Jesus and kneeling down begged him and said, "If you wish, you can make me clean." Moved with pity, he stretched out his hand, touched him, and said to him, "I do will it. Be made clean." - Mk 1:40-41

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### LENT BEGINS WITH ASH WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17th

**MASSES TIMES: 6:30am, 8:15am, 12:03pm, 7:00pm**

Ashes will be sprinkled on top of your head, instead of the cross on your forehead, according to Bishop Johnston's directive due to the pandemic.

#### SCHEDULE DURING LENT

- \* **Wednesdays:** Masses at 7:00am, 8:15am, 5:30pm
- Fridays:** Stations of the Cross at 5:30pm
- Sundays:** Vespers at 5:30pm

- \* **Due to the COVID pandemic we will not have soup supper following Mass on Wednesdays.**

### 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](https://www.sfx1891.com)  
**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.  
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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 - February 14, 2021

*“just as I try to please everyone in every way, not seeking my own benefit, but that of many, that they may be saved.” (1 Corinthians 10:33)*

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

On this day we think of love, speak of love, act of love – not exactly in the same ways that our current secular world does – and of course, pray of love. A quick googling on the history of Valentine's Day suggests a muddled if not dark origins of this day. Let's not stay there; let's go on to the higher source: God, who is **LOVE** (1 John 4: 16b).

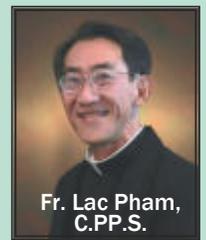
Scriptures chosen for this day are rather short, all three passages. The first reading from Book of Leviticus and the gospel from Saint Mark deal with leprosy (also known as Hansen Disease), a disease known to humans since the 6<sup>th</sup> century before Christ. It has ravaged human individuals and torn apart human communities up to our time. It may take years to incubate, won't kill, but once matured it numbs the victims' feeling and slowly eats them from the inside out. In reading between the lines and connecting the dots what I am hearing is:

**Good news:** Jesus cured it then; we believe he continues to do so now, even at the expense of himself losing some freedom of movements. It is curable in our time. All forms of leprosy are treatable and curable.

**Bad news:** Leprosy continues to affect 2–3 million people in our world today. Still there are hundreds of thousands of new cases reported each year (over 200,000 reported in 2019); 150–250 cases reported each year in the U.S, which closed the last leprosarium in 2015 (Carville, Louisiana). Worst of all, today's leprosy is not limited to just a physical disease; it has mutated into multi-forms of mental, relational, and spiritual conditions.

Let us celebrate **THE LOVE** that transcends time and space, that infects both the divine and humans, that makes life and death worth living and dying for.

*Fr. Lac*



**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.

### 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:

\_\_\_\_\_ told the disciples they would receive power to become his witnesses when the Holy Spirit came to them (Acts 1:8).

- a) Jesus      b) Moses      c) Judah      d) John

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

**VOCATION PRAYER**

Jesus speaks, "Have you sinned to the extent that you experience a great chasm or barrier within yourself and between others? Know that I love you and embrace you. I, will cleanse and reconcile you to yourself and your sisters and brothers. In your quiet place, reconcile quietly and prayerfully, and then let your daily life demonstrate my merciful love in you."

Lord, we implore you to send us young Precious Blood priests whose interior lives of trusting submission to you is evidenced by their ability to draw your children and those in need into your merciful care.

**VOCATION CRUCIFIX**

Saturday, February 13, 2021 at 4:00pm Mass  
**Larry and Paula Bahr**

Sunday, February 21, 2021 at 11:30am Mass  
**Jennifer Juhl**



**MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS  
WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15 — FEBRUARY 21, 2021**

**MONDAY, February 15**

7:00am Peter Nguyen  
8:15am Don Sheehan

**TUESDAY, February 16**

7:00am For Those with Terminal Illness  
8:15am Tim Shalz

**WEDNESDAY, February 17**

*Ash Wednesday*

6:30am Alfred and Agnes Miller  
8:15am Joseph and Terese  
12:03pm Agnes Meyer and Katherine Meyer  
7:00pm Living and Deceased Members of the Beyer Family

**THURSDAY, February 18**

7:00am The Deceased Members of the Robertson Family  
8:15am Velma Shalz

**FRIDAY, February 19**

7:00am Soul of Antôn  
8:15am Virginia Bailey

**SATURDAY, February 20**

8:00am Joseph D. Vigliaturo  
4:00pm Norman Harrell

**SUNDAY, February 21**

*First Sunday of Lent*

7:30am Katherine Meyer  
9:30am For the Parish  
11:30am Charlene Slater  
7:00pm Maria Thong Nguyen



**This is our Faith**

*Through the sacrament of Baptism we welcome...*

**Alice Mae Wood**

child of Adam and Sara (Johnston) Wood  
was baptized into the Church on February 7, 2021



**This is our Faith**

*Through the sacrament of Baptism we welcome...*

**Karra Catherine Keber**

child of Bryce and Katie (Wood) Keber  
was baptized into the Church on February 7, 2021

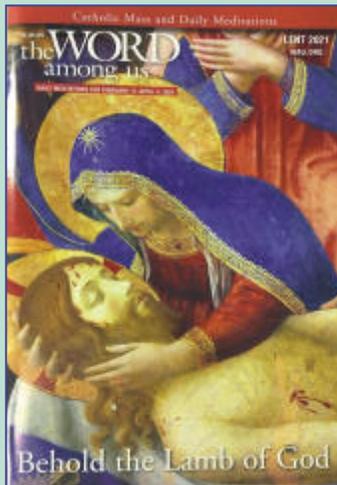
**2020 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

were mailed to you the week of February 1st. Due to the Coronavirus Pandemic they will not be available to pick-up in Gaspar Hall this year.

Available in Gaspar Hall or near the church doors.

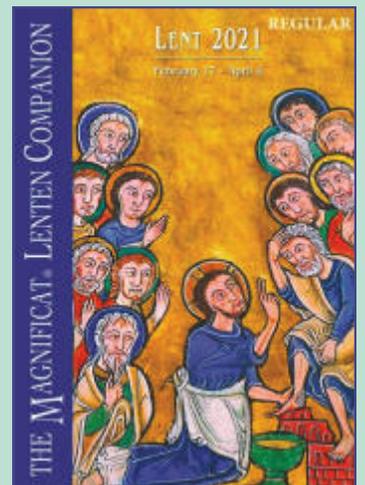
**The Word Among Us—  
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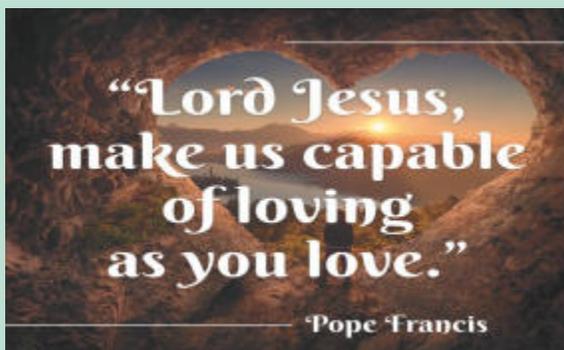
**RCIA PROCESS**

(Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults)

This Wednesday, February 17th we will attend the 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass. After Mass we will remain in Church for an Explanation of the Rites of Sending, Election and Scrutinies. If you have questions, please call the Parish Office at 232-8449.

**MEN OF FAITH**

will meet on Saturday, February 20th in the Parish Center, west side, beginning with breakfast at 6:30am. The Pope has declared 2021 the “Year of Saint Joseph” and we will have an overview by Fr. Calloway who is leading the effort to honor our city’s patron saint in the U. S. Over the next few meetings we will get into the nitty gritty of what this special year can mean for us, both personally and in our role as citizens of our city dedicated to Saint Joseph!!



**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEBRUARY 5–6**



<b>Weekend Mass Envelopes:</b>	<b>\$3,767.00</b>
Weekend Mass Plate:	125.00
Weekend Kids’ Collection:	—
Utility Collection:	373.00
Solemnity of Mary Collection:	—
<b>TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION:</b>	<b>\$4,265.00</b>

**Total Parish Income from all sources for the week of January 31: \$26,620.42**  
(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)

**SCRIP SALES:**

will be in future 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, February 14**

3:30pm–5:30pm Confirmation Class  
Vietnamese New Year’s Celebration at 7:00pm Mass followed by Vietnamese food served in the Parish Center

**Monday, February 15**

7:00pm Pastoral Council meeting in Parish Center Conference Room

**Tuesday, February 16**

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

**Wednesday, February 17 — (Ash Wednesday)**

RCIA will attend the 7:00pm Mass and remain in Church for class session

**Thursday, February 18**

8:30am–10:30am House of Bread Open

**Friday, February 19**

5:30pm Stations of the Cross in Church

**Saturday, February 20**

Men of Faith meet in Parish Center, west side  
8:30am–10:30am House of Bread Open

**Sunday, February 21**

5:30pm Vespers in Church

**HELP FOR THOSE OVER 65 NEEDING TO REGISTER FOR THE COVID VACCINE**

Currently, COVID-19 vaccines are available for everyone in our community 65 years and older. If you do not have a computer or internet capabilities and need assistance in getting yourself registered for the vaccine, member knights are available to help you with your registration. Once registered, you will be notified by email or phone text when it is time for your appointment.

Additionally, if you do not have any means of transportation to your appointment, we will try to assist you in making it to your scheduled appointment time.

Please contact one of the following member knights for assistance:

- John Bitunjac 752-8767
- Ray Heitman 262-2112
- Mike Violett 390-2959





**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

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

We will meet on Sunday, February 21st in the Parish Center, east side from 3:30pm—5:30pm.

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

If you have questions, contact Janey Johnston at 816-261-9585 or email: youthminister@sfxstjoe.com

*The will of GOD  
will never take you  
to where the grace of God  
will not protect you.*

Bernadette Devlin

**YOUTH MINISTRY** – Look for start-up information in a future bulletin.

**MISSOURI: THE ONLY ABORTION-FREE STATE**

In a time where news is often discouraging, we have word of a change that God deserves to be praised for..... Missouri has recently become the only state where legal abortions are not being conducted!

The only remaining abortion clinic in the state, located in the St. Louis area, has not been performing abortions for several months and will not be booking appointments for the foreseeable future. Many suspect that the licensed clinic has opted to stop operating due to Missouri's strict abortion laws. Continue reading at:

<https://stjosephprc.org/missouri-the-only-abortion-free-state/>

We hope one of your new year resolutions include supporting life in your community by donating an item to the PRC Baby Boutique or Maternity Closet, becoming a monthly donor to PRC, or by attending a pro-life event.

**HAPPY VALENTINES DAY TO ALL MARRIED COUPLES!**

Every marriage is meant to be a little icon of the love of Christ and his bride, the Church. The love shared between a man and a woman in holy matrimony points us to the self-emptying, self-sacrificing love God has for each one of us.

The continuation of living life amid a global pandemic may have some married couples reflecting that this has been a season of “for worse,” “for poorer,” and “in sickness.” There are many married couples who are suffering right now: marital strain, illness unemployment, etc. Christ sees your struggle. He loves you through your struggle. He promised us that we would suffer in being his followers, but he also promised us that he would be with us always, “until the end of the age” Matthew 28:20).

The sacrament of marriage provides the grace necessary to weather the storms of marriage and family life. We can draw upon those graces of marriage to assist us. Just as the leper cried out to Jesus and begged him for his healing touch, so too, must we be unafraid to reach out to God and ask him for the grace to help us in living out our vocations.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HISTORY** (continued from earlier bulletins)

Bishop Hogan happily wished to entrust his new parish in Wyatt Park to the Society of the Precious Blood, the group was able to reply favorably. The bishop's request was not a small one; he wanted the society to build and maintain a church as well as to staff the parish. Negotiations probably began sometime during the summer of 1890. The August 28, 1890 issue of The Daily News reported that the “Rev. Pius Heckman began his work in St. Francis Xavier parish.” Fr. Heckman, it was said, was “famous for building up new churches.” He had plans, the readers were told, “to canvass his new parish house by house.” The parish boundaries were described as extending to “Messanie on the North, Pacific on the South, 31st on the East, and 20th on the West.”

In its August 30, 1890 edition, The Catholic Tribune reported that “a very enthusiastic meeting was held .” The pastor was described as feeling “very much encouraged.” On September 8, 1890, the Very Rev. Henry Drees, C.P.P.S., Provincial of the Society of the Precious Blood, no doubt responding to the enthusiasm and encouragement he encountered, purchased the SW corner quarter block at 27th and Seneca Streets for the purpose of building a church. The purchase price was \$9,000. (continued on page 7)

**DO YOU HAVE A HEART FOR VOLUNTEERING?**

FREUDENTHAL Hospice would love to have you join our team. We are looking for mature volunteers to help in our new hospice division. Volunteers determine when and how often they are available to assist—a few hours a week or just occasionally. We provide a comprehensive volunteer training program and orientation.

**WAYS YOU CAN HELP:**

- Office/Administrative Help
- Reading to someone
- Write a letter
- Sing songs/Play music
- Run errands
- Help celebrate a birthday
- Walk a dog
- Make phone calls
- Professional services

If you would like to learn more, please contact Hannah Rehn, Volunteer Coordinator at 816-273-6624.

**Do something amazing for your Valentine!**

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**CATHOLIC CHARITIES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FUND-SECOND COLLECTION**

Please help Catholic Charities of KCSJ as we strive to serve and lift our clients. Next week's second collection is for the Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund. This past year has been especially hard on our neighbors in need. These challenges will continue to be overwhelming even as we come out of COVID, as more and more families fall behind on their bills. With your support we can help at-risk families meet their urgent needs and ultimately allow them the security and safety of shelter. There is a special collection envelope in your packet for February

20/21. Please prayerfully consider a generous gift. Contact Patrick Savageau, Donor Stewardship Specialist, for more information or to donate at: [psavageau@ccharities.com](mailto:psavageau@ccharities.com) or 816-659-8259.

**ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CHURCH HISTORY** (continued from page 6)

On June 13, 1891, an account in The Tribune proclaimed the beauty of the new church building and the grandeur of the ceremony to be held the following day. The Daily Herald reported that Msgr. Linnencamp would officiate in the absence of Bishop Hogan. There was to be a parade. The parade would form at Immaculate Conception Church (10th & Angelique Streets) and proceed to St. Francis Xavier Church. J.W. Powers, a charter member of the parish, was to serve as Grand Marshal, Joseph Bauman and Joseph Massard, whose names also appear on the original role, would serve as aides. "The march was a long one, and the warm rays of the sun came down unremittingly. The Marshals were all mounted on spirited horses...." The Tribune reported. Mass followed the parade and the choir were members of Immaculate Conception Church. On June 28, just 2 weeks following the dedication, Fr. Kunkler performed the rite of baptism for Frederick Charles Knapp, the first infant to be baptized in the new church. The first funerals were in November, 1891: Otilia Bauman, William Kilgore, and Louis Nold. The first marriage was February 23, 1902: Albert Roster and Bernadine Schumacher.

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- a) Jesus. After Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples, they proclaimed the Gospel both in Jerusalem and throughout the entire known world at the time.

**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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