



St. Francis Xavier Parish

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Mission:

*To encounter Jesus Christ and bring Him
to all through Vibrant Liturgy, Lifelong Christian Formation and Social Outreach*



SATURDAY—SUNDAY, JULY 10—11, 2021



15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over unclean spirits. The Twelve drove out many demons, and they anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them. - Mk 6:7, 13

Scripture from the Lectionary for Mass ©2005, 1998, 1970 CCC

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MASSES

SATURDAY: (SUNDAY VIGIL MASS) 4:00pm

SUNDAY: 7:30am, 9:30am, and 11:30am

— 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

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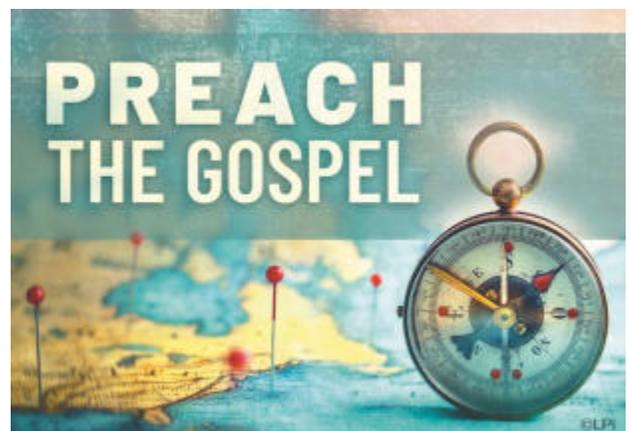
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Saint Francis Xavier Parish has been under the spiritual leadership of the Society of the Precious Blood since its beginning in 1890. As a Catholic community, we stand ready to serve all those who are in need. We value in a special way the handing 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.

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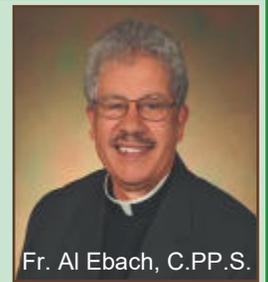
Due to the coronavirus pandemic a priest will respond on a case by case basis.

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.



Everyone probably has encountered all kinds of disruptions and changes during the last sixteen months of the pandemic. For many these are challenging times, attempting to bring some normalcy back into one's life. Churches and parishes have definitely taken a hit with the absence of active participation in parish life. This pandemic has especially upended many traditions in the Catholic Church. It had been ingrained in us that we were never to miss Mass on Sunday. Not being able to attend and participate at Mass had to be quite challenging for many of us. With direction from bishops we survived this ordeal, and maybe even discovered how meaningful the Eucharist really is for us.



Fr. Al Ebach, C.P.P.S.

In the process of all kinds of exemptions from bishops many people became comfortable participating in live-streamed or recorded Masses. For a while we probably not only missed attending Mass, but actually missed being actively involved with the various ministries in the liturgies. Now that many of the restrictions have been lifted, liturgists and pastors in many parishes are seemingly having a difficult time motivating people to again engage in ministries in which they were previously involved.

There are a variety of reasons why there are shortages of liturgical ministers at Masses: people may not feel safe coming back to Mass, they may be out of practice, or this may be a good time to step back from their former commitments or duties. Consequently, those scheduling people for the various ministries are running short of personnel.

It is wonderful to again see people in the pews at St. Francis Xavier. I encourage all of us to invite people back unless they do not feel comfortable gathering in large crowds. I also encourage all ministers to again participate in ministries in which they have been involved pre-pandemic days. I have observed, and had people tell me, that specifically, there is a shortage of hospitality ministers.

For a number of weeks there has been a bulletin advertisement for lectors, eucharist and hospitality ministers. I am using my allotted space in the bulletin to emphasize the need for ministers to resume serving in these ministries. I also invite others to take the opportunity to volunteer to participate in any or all of these ministries. We will have opportunities available for training or retraining for these ministries. There are other ministries, besides the three mentioned in the bulletin: your gift may be in music - opportunities to join the choir, play an instrument, or cantor; you may want to serve at the altar; you may want to give your attention to serving as a sacristan (setting up for Mass). There is something for everyone. Please invite and encourage one another. If interested, contact the parish office with your information, and someone will contact you. Throughout the pandemic we have heard these words, which are very apropos for liturgies: "We are in this together."

Fr. Al Ebach, C.P.P.S.

To make our liturgies complete we need:

- Lectors
- Eucharistic Ministers
- Hospitality Ministers

Please consider serving our community of faith.

If you have questions or would like to be put on the list, call the Rectory Office, 816-232-8449.

Please Consider
Serving

VOCATION PRAYER

You call us, Lord to live lives that awaken in others an ever deepening spirit of reconciliation with you and healing of distressed relationships. May we remain mindful that we are humble instruments channeling your mercy.

Holy Trinity One God, we beseech you through the intercession of St. Joseph, to increase the number of men you are calling to the priesthood of our Precious Blood Community. May they become wholehearted in devotion and imitation of St. Joseph as protectors, intercessors and “spiritual fathers” to your people. Amen.

VOCATION CRUCIFIX



Sunday, July 11, 2021 at 7:30am Mass
Rob and Julie Sanders

Sunday, July 18, 2021 at 9:30am Mass
Ray and Debbie Heitman



**The Liturgical Calendar
is open for your 2022
Mass Intentions**

**When we have been to Holy
Communion, the balm of love
envelops the soul as the
flower envelops the bee.**

- John Vianney



Readings for the Week of July 11, 2021

Sunday

Amos 7:12-15 / Ps. 85:9-14 / Ephesians 1:3-14 / Mark 6:7-13

Monday

Exodus 1:8-14/ Ps. 124:1n-8 / Matthew 10:34—11:1

Tuesday

Exodus 2:1-15a/ Ps. 69:3,14,30-31,33-34 / Matthew 11:20-24

Wednesday

Exodus 3:1-6,9-12/ Ps. 103:1b-4,6-7 / Matthew 11:25-27

Thursday

Exodus 3:13-20/ Ps. 105:1 and 5,8-9,24-27 / Matthew 11:28-30

Friday

Exodus 11:10—12:14/ Ps. 116:12-13,15 and 16bc,17-18 / Matthew 12:1-8

Saturday Morning

Exodus 12:37-42/ Ps. 136:1,10-15 and 23-24 / Matthew 12:14-21

Sunday — July 18, 2021

Jeremiah 23:1-6 / Ps. 23:1-6 / Ephesians 2:13-18 / Mark 6:30-34

**MASS SERVICES AND INTENTIONS
WEEK OF JULY 12 — JULY 18, 2021**

MONDAY, July 12

7:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Daughters of Isabella
8:15am Mary Ann Weaver

TUESDAY, July 13

Saint Henry

7:00am For Vocations
8:15am The Intentions of Bernie and Jaime Meyer

WEDNESDAY, July 14

Saint Kateri Tekakwitha

7:00am Arthur Rocha
8:15am Mila Grace Swartz

THURSDAY, July 15

St. Bonaventure, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am Pat Kunze
8:15am For the Clients Who Use Our House of Bread

FRIDAY, July 16

Our Lady of Mount Carmel

7:00am Tim Shalz
8:15am Margaret Ruddy

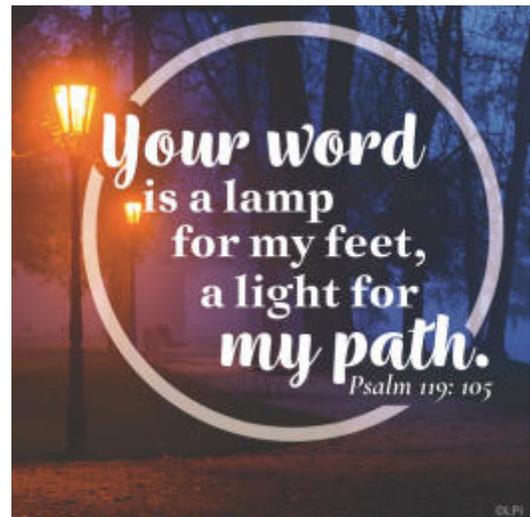
SATURDAY, July 17

8:00am Eugene and Catherine B. Morin
4:00pm For the Parish

SUNDAY, July 18

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am Deceased Members of the Robertson Family
9:30am Velma Shalz
11:30am Taylor Lorenz and Jerry Lorenz
7:00pm (Vietnamese Mass) Special Intentions





*“July is the month of the Precious Blood,” says Fr. Ron Will, spiritual director at the Renewal Center.
“We remember in a special way all that it means that Jesus loved us so much that he shed his
blood on the cross.”*

A Day of Reflection on Creation and the Creative Process

Saturday, Sept. 18, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. -:- Includes Lunch: Suggested Offering: \$25 (Scholarships available.)

The verdant 30-acre campus of the Renewal Center will be our prayerbook for a day of reflection on the power of God’s creation. As Elizabeth Barrett Browning wrote:

“Earth’s crammed with heaven,
And every common bush afire with God,
But only they who see take off their shoes.”

The first half of the day, we will prayerfully explore the Renewal Center grounds strolling the footpaths, sitting on the deck, or peering through a window, listening to birdsongs and wind in branches, with eyes, ears and hearts open to experience a theophany — God gracing us with divine presence visible in nature.

The second half of the day, we will fully embrace this sacred encounter by expressing what is stirring in our hearts through art. The expression can be manifold: drawing, painting, dancing, poetry, journaling, music, photography — whatever way the Spirit moves you.

To allow our brush with the Holy to penetrate our souls, we will end the day by sharing our creations with one another.

Special notes:

- Wear shoes and clothes suitable for walking along our trails.
- We will have activities for those with mobility challenges. The Renewal Center is accessible for people with physical disabilities.
- Paper, crayons, markers, colored pencils, and journals will be available.
- Bring any other equipment you may prefer such as paint and canvases, special paper, cameras, musical instruments, ballet slippers or tap shoes.

For more information: Email: info@pbrenewalcenter.org or phone: 816-415-3745

July Ministry Schedule

Available at the exits

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- ◆ Mail in your contribution
- ◆ Go to the website: sfxstjoe.weshareonline.org and click **Make A Donation**. Choose One Time Donation or Recurring Donation, pick an amount and enter your information.
- ◆ You can also scan the bar code below to make your contribution.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Joel Hanes and Margaret Miller

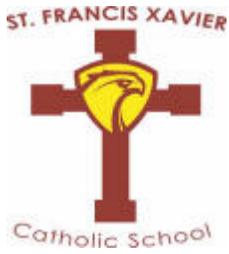
were married here on July 10, 2021

***Congratulations and God Bless you
as you begin your new life together.***

Please Pray:

- That those in our community will see the importance of getting vaccinated.
- For those who are getting COVID-19 in our community are able to get medical help and recover.
- For health care workers as they take care of the increased number of COVID cases in our community.





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.



Students JUMP for joy as they learn new things in physical education and PUT IT ALL TOGETHER from early childhood to 8th Grade!



School Librarian needed: St. Francis Xavier School is in need of a part time librarian for the 2021-2022 school year. Responsibilities include: reading to and classroom management of students during their library visit, understanding and reading age appropriate student literature, cataloging and shelving books, using digital check-in/check-out software.

Administrative Assistant needed: St. Francis Xavier School is in need of a part-time administrative assistant to handle maintaining data on the student information system, financial affairs and the federal school hot-lunch program. Responsibilities include: setting up the school year in sycamoreeducation.com so students, families and staff can interact with the system properly; daily use of the SIS(sycamore) to track and send billing statements for lunch, after care and tuition; use of the web applications provided by the Department of Elem. and Sec. Education of the State of Missouri to maintain and submit records for the school lunch program. Applicants should be able to work in various database systems; be self-motivated and goal oriented; be able to meet deadlines; be able to maintain confidentiality in all affairs. Work hours will be varied at the start of the year as the SIS is set up and more

Applications for both positions accepted through July 21, 2021. Send resumes and/or letters of interest to dpollard@sfxstjoe.com or apply online through the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph website.

THIS WEEK AT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER**Sunday, July 11**

No Events Scheduled

Monday, July 12

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 13

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

9:00am—Prayer Group: Parish Center Conf. Room

Wednesday, July 147:00pm—Baptism Prep Class, Rectory Office
Conf. Room**Thursday, July 15**

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Friday, July 16

No Events Scheduled

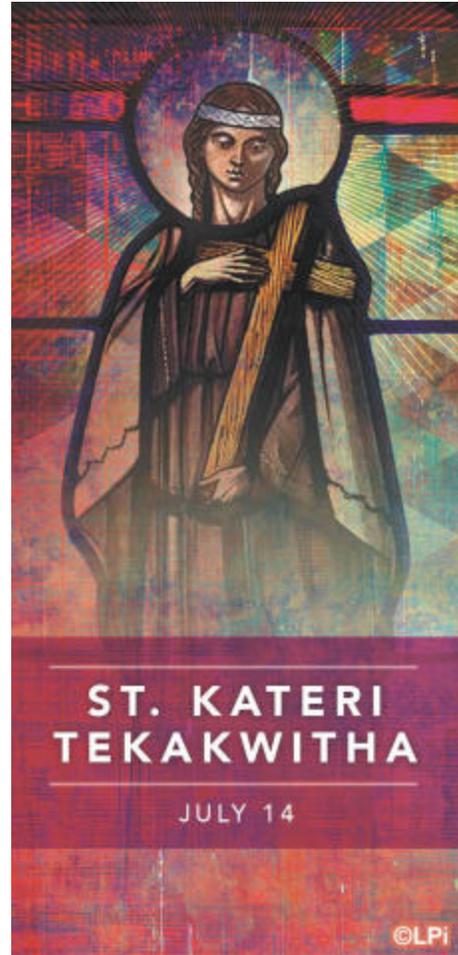
Saturday, July 17

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Sunday, July 182:00pm—Knights of Columbus Grand Knights, Parish
Center Conf. Room**BAPTISM PREP CLASS**

There will be a baptism prep class on
Wednesday, July 14, 2021
at 7:00 p.m.

Rectory Office Conference Room



Coram Deo is a Eucharistic-centered Catholic group which exists to meet the needs of young adults in the St. Joseph area and to provide opportunities for spiritual growth and fellowship.

Coram Deo is meeting on **Monday, July 19th**, for ***Mondays on the Bluff!*** Meet at Cathedral parish at **6:10pm** for a walking rosary to River Bluff Brewing!

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.

**Office of Divine Worship**

Upcoming workshops in July and September...

Registration fee: \$30.00 per individual

Call the Rectory Office, 232-8449, to make a reservation.

Thursday, July 15, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm,
St. Therese, North

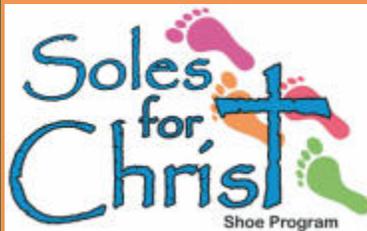
Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop

Wednesday, September 8, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm,
St. Mark Parish

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion Workshop

Wednesday, September 29, 2021, 6:30-8:30pm,
St. Mark Parish

Reader Training Workshop



What is Soles For Christ? SFC is a program started as an outreach project by a local church group to provide a free pair of shoes to school-aged children. Any child

who lives in Andrew, Buchanan or Doniphan counties and will be enrolled in preschool through 12th grades will be eligible to receive a new pair of shoes.

What can I do to help? They need shoes! SFC is asking for NEW TENNIS SHOES in toddler sizes 5-10, youth sizes 11-6 and all adult sizes. Monetary donations are also welcome. Monetary donations are used to purchase shoes for those they are unable to fit on the days of the giveaway. SFC also need volunteers to help with the program.

Where to drop off donations? Drop your shoes and donations off at AFL-CIO Community Services, 1203 N 6th St., St. Joseph, MO 64501, Monday through Friday 9am-5pm: **NO LATER THAN THURSDAY, AUGUST 12, 2021.**

For more information:

Call: 816-364-1131

www.helpmenow.org

www.facebook.com/solesforchrist

Shoes will be distributed Tues., Aug. 17, Wed., Aug. 18 and Thurs. Aug 19 at the Civic Arena in St. Joseph.

The St. Patrick Mexican Fiesta Returns from its Siesta!

Join St. Patrick Church on Saturday, August 7, 2021 from 5:00pm—11:00pm on their parish campus for food, fun, and fiesta!

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@diocesekcst.org for more information.

Everyday Stewardship

Recognize God In Your Ordinary Moments

What We Carry from Town to Town

In my experience, there are two kinds of people: the folks who kick off their shoes the second they walk through the door, and the ones who don't.

People can feel strongly about this on both sides. The main thrust of the Shoes-Off Brigade seems to be this: we track a lot of weird stuff on the soles of our feet. Little reminders of all the places we've been—whether it's a private home or a public bathroom—cling to our shoes long after we leave.

This same theory applies to our spiritual lives. As human beings and as disciples, we visit a lot of figurative towns and pick up a lot of figurative dust. Sinfulness. Shame. Defeat. Anger. Fear. Doubt. No matter how hard we try to keep free of it, these things have a way of attaching themselves to us. Sometimes without us even noticing. We need to take a good look at what unhelpful and unconstructive baggage from our past we're tracking into our present and future encounters.

What is the "town" God is asking you to visit today in His name? Is it a tough conversation with a friend, a brief witness to a stranger in the checkout line, a call to be present to someone in your family? Before you go, remember, shake off the dust. Don't let a past disappointment constrain you. Don't allow yesterday's failure or burdens to keep you from the joy of today's witness, whatever form it might take.

—Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

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