St. Francis Xavier Parish

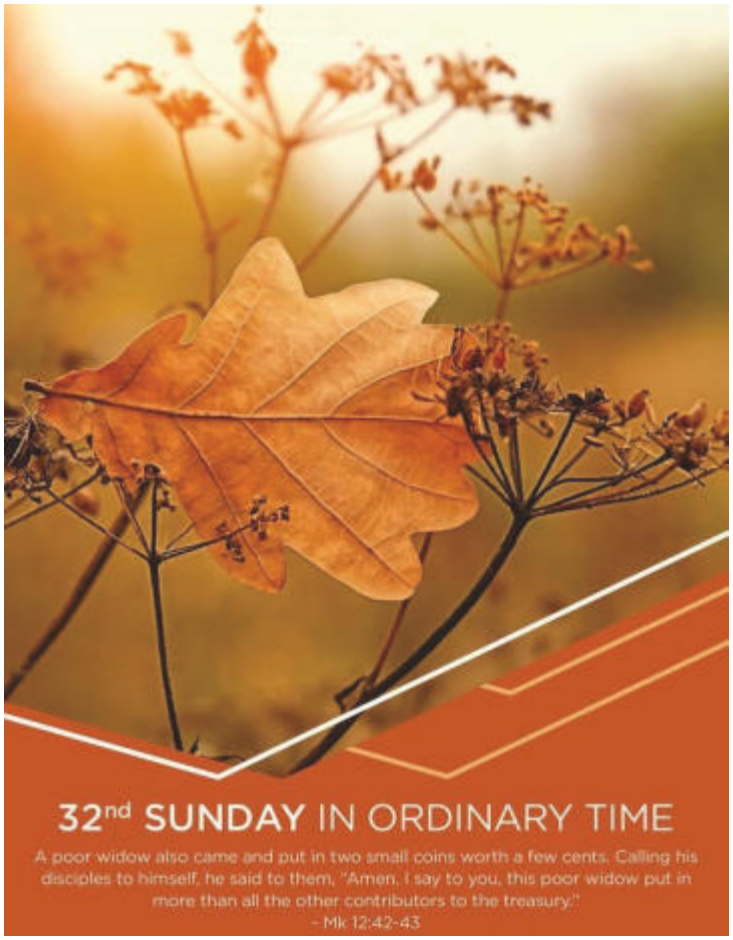
2618 Seneca Street, Saint Joseph, MO 64507

Directed by the Missionaries of the Precious Blood Since 1890

Mission:

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

SATURDAY—SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6 — NOVEMBER 7, 2021



Mass Schedule
Saint Francis Xavier Church

SATURDAY: (SUNDAY VIGIL MASS) 4:00pm

SUNDAY: 7:30 a.m., 9:30 a.m., and 11:30 a.m.

—9:30 a.m. Mass is streamed online at: SFX1891 (You Tube)

—3rd Sunday each month 6:00 p.m. Mass is in Vietnamese

WEEKDAYS: 7:00 a.m. and 8:15 a.m.

SATURDAY: 8:00 a.m.

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS: 11:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. (or by appointment)

PARISH STAFF

Fr. Al Ebach, C.PP.S., Parochial Administrator
Fr. Lac Pham, C.PP.S., Parochial Vicar
Fr. Bill Walter, C.PP.S.

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VETERANS DAY—Thursday, November 11

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.

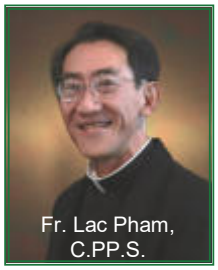
R.C.I.A.
Meets weekly from September through Pentecost. Inquiries are welcome year-round.

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.

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY in ORDINARY TIME


Fr. Lac Pham, C.PP.S.

"… so also Christ, … , will appear the second time, not to take away sin but to bring salvation to those who eagerly await him."
(Hebrews 9: 28)

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

Already we are at the thirty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time, which signals the approaching end of this liturgical cycle. And we would ordinarily tally up all the pertinent elements of our inward and outward living during this expiring faith-living cycle in order to better prepare for the incoming one. We have three weeks to accomplish this "end-of-the-year" inventory, for the liturgical Cycle C will begin on the last Sunday of this November.

In the pagan land (Zarephath of Sidon) the Prophet Elijah encountered a God-fearing widow (the lowest social status of the society at the time) who showed an utmost generosity that an ordinary human person can offer. This encounter prompted the prophet's pronouncement of Yahweh's promise and fulfillment: *"The jar of flour shall not go empty, nor the jug of oil run dry, until the day when the LORD sends rain upon the earth."* (1 Kings 17: 14) God's power governs over the whole earth and all peoples, even in pagan territories.

As a true and tried prophet, Jesus encountered an other act of total generosity of a God-fearing widow, but this time on the Temple grounds, in a land claimed to be "holy".

Whether we are living our faith and worshipping God in pagan or holy land; whether we consider ourselves well to do or poor (materially and/or spiritually); whether we are the holy faithful's or lukewarm persons of faith; whether our leaders are authentic prophets or self-serving scribes; whether we consider ourselves secured or being threatened by enemies; we will have to account for our own selves when our time comes.

In one of the acclamations of the mystery of faith in the liturgy of the Eucharist we profess: *"Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come AGAIN."* May we prepare ourselves in such a way that when Christ comes again, he will find each one of us ready and eagerly awaiting him.

Fr. Lac

National VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

"It is Jesus who stirs in you the desire to do something great with your lives, the will to follow an ideal, the refusal to allow yourselves to be grounded down by mediocrity, the courage to commit yourselves humbly and patiently to improving yourselves and society, making the world more human and more fraternal."

St. John Paul II

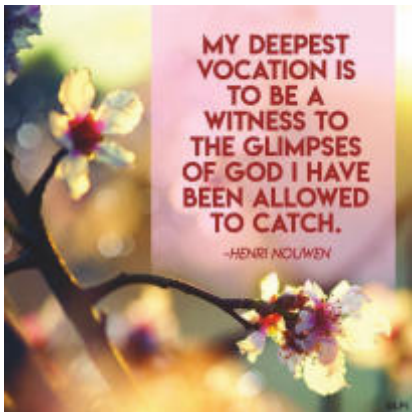
November 7-13, 2021

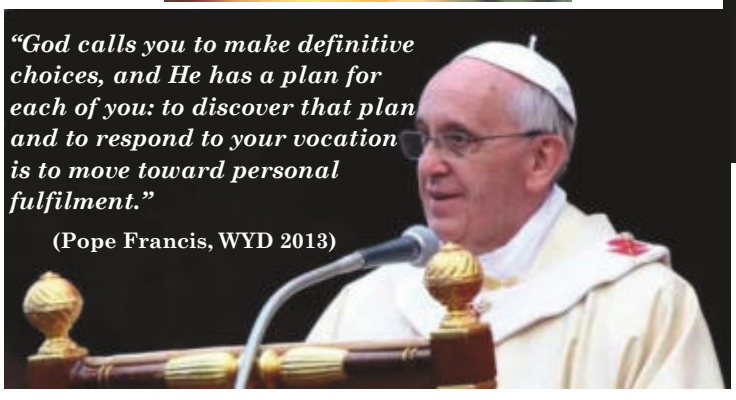
Vocation Prayer

Almighty and all-loving God, you call us to give you the very substance of ourselves that you may multiply your goodness in us. Show us, Lord, that emptying ourselves through generously giving our time, talent and treasure in small matters brings us into your kingdom now.

Loving Father and Creator God, we beg you to send more priests to help us remain on the path to you. We know that we were made in your likeness in order to radiate loving goodness and mercy. Many times, we fail to live your mercy in mind, heart and action. At these times help us to hear and respond to your Spirit calling us to the Sacrament of Reconciliation and more fervent reception of Holy Communion. Amen.

ST. MARTIN OF TOURS
November 11





Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, November 8

7:00am Mary Agnes Steffens
8:15am Fred Juhl

TUESDAY, November 9

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

7:00am Rose M. "Rosie" Haertling
8:15am Charlene Slater

WEDNESDAY, November 10

Saint Leo the Great,
Pope and Doctor of the Church

7:00am Rose M. "Rosie" Haertling
8:15am Stan Jernigan

THURSDAY, November 11

Veterans Day
Saint Martin of Tours, Bishop

7:00am Clarence Hager
8:15am Mary Pat Wilde

FRIDAY, November 12

Saint Josaphat, Bishop and Martyr

7:00am Living and Deceased Members of the Daughters of Isabella
8:15am Fred Juhl

SATURDAY, November 13

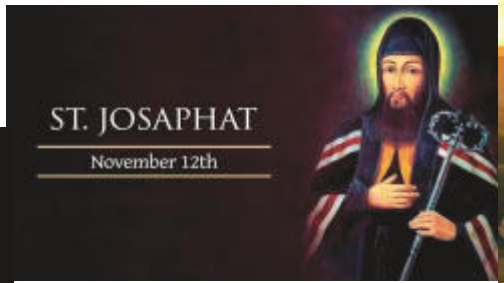
Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini

8:00am Charlene Slater
4:00pm Deceased Members of the Knights of Columbus

SUNDAY, November 7

Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am For the Parish
9:30am James Ruddy
11:30am Bob Grable



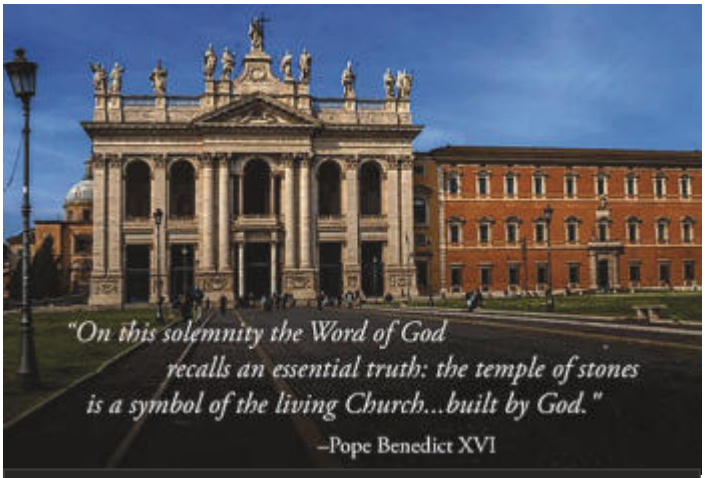
"I will go anywhere and do anything in order to communicate the love of Jesus to those who do not know him or have forgotten him." - St. Frances Xavier Cabrini

Altar of the Dead—Dia de los Muertos

There is an Altar of the Dead in Gaspar Hall.

You are invited to place a memento or picture of a person(s) who have died you wish to honor and for us to remember in prayer throughout the month of November.

(Please put your name and contact info on the item.)



DEDICATION OF ST. JOHN LATERAN
November 9

Bible Readings for the Week

Sunday — November 7, 2021
I Kings 17:10-16 / Ps. 146:7-10 / Hebrews 9:24-28 / Mark 12:38-44

Monday
Wisdom 1:1-7 / Ps. 139:1b-10 / Luke 17:1-6

Tuesday
Ezekiel 47:1-2, 8-9, 12 / Ps.46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 / I Corinthians 3:9c-11 / John 2:13-22

Wednesday
Wisdom 6:1-11 / Ps. 82:3-4, 6-7 / Luke 17:11-19

Thursday
Wisdom 7:22b—-8:1 / Ps.119:89-91, 130, 135, 175 / Luke 17:20-25

Friday
Wisdom 1:1-9 / Ps.19:2-5 / Luke 17:26-37

Saturday Morning
Wisdom 18:14-16 / Ps. 105:2-3, 36-37, 42-43 / Luke 18:1-8

Sunday — November 14, 2021
Deuteronomy 12:1-3 / Ps. 165, 8, 9-11 / Hebrews 10:11-14, 18 / Mark 13:24-32

2021 SFX Giving Tree

Begins today!

There are baskets with House of Bread and Giving Tree Gift Card / Cash Donation envelopes at each church entrance. Please help to make this Christmas a little brighter for those in need!

Again—all envelopes should be returned in the collection baskets during Mass! All donations must be returned no later than Sun., Nov. 28th!

OLOG Catholic Family Christmas Adoption Outreach

A friendly reminder to SFX Parishioners who want to help make Christmas a little brighter for local Catholic families living at or below poverty level: **All gift cards for use at Target or Walmart—OR cash donations must be delivered to Our Lady of Guadalupe (4503 Frederick Ave.) on or before Nov. 28th!**

Don't forget!

- Mark the dollar value on all gift cards using permanent marker!
- Consider purchasing all gift cards from our SFX scrip program!

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 SFX 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.

FALCON FAMILY
PLEASE MEET TWO SFX STAFF MEMBERS

George Ballah

My name is George Kiaketey Ballah. I was born to the union of Mrs. Edith and Mr. Joe Ballah on January 30, 1984. I am the 5th of 12 siblings. I was born in Movrovia, Liberia and I am from a tribe called Grebo in the Southeastern part of Libera. I am a Liberian by birth but now I am a United States citizen. I'm a high school graduate with some college education. I came to the USA on September 27, 2005 from Ghana where I was seeking refuge because of the 13 years of civil war in my country, Libera. I married Christiana Ballah on October 24, 2016. We have 6 children: 4 girls and 2 boys. I am the custodian here at St. Francis Xavier school and I am also the forklift driver at Triumph foods.

Mrs. Werner

Hello everyone my name is Barb Werner. I am the school secretary here at Saint Francis. I have been the school secretary for 7 years now and I absolutely love it!! I started volunteering at school when my son was in 4yr old Pre-K. I have been married to my wonderful husband Jeff for 17 years now. He is a Captain on the Fire Department for the city of Saint Joseph and also works on our county ambulance as an EMT. We are both very passionate about our careers. We have been blessed with two sons; Michael who is a freshman at Central and Gabriel who is in the 7th grade here at Saint Francis Xavier.

All Saints Day, November 1, 2021 -:- Ms. McIntosh's 4th Grade Class

"Our Little Saints"

This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, November 7
3:30pm—Confirmation Class
6:00-8:00pm—Priest Appreciation Dinner, PC

Monday, November 8
No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, November 9
8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Wednesday, November 10
6:30pm—RCIA Class, PC East Side

Thursday, November 11
8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open
7:00pm—Choir Practice, PC Conf. Rm.

Friday, November 12
No Events Scheduled

Saturday, November 13
8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open
6:30am—Men of Faith, PC West Side

Sunday, November 14
No Events Scheduled

Ministry Schedules
Available at the church entrances

DIOCESE OF KANSAS CITY-ST. JOSEPH ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

"To equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the Body of Christ."

Bishop Johnston is inviting us to be part of serving God with the gifts we have been given to equip others spiritually, socially, and educationally through the parish and diocesan ministries funded by the Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA).

It is essential, too, for each of us to grow in faith, and to accompany others into a life of faith and life in Jesus. Put simply, the ACA strengthens our parish and all the parishes of the diocese.

Greetings from the House of Bread Food Pantry!

At this time we are in need of canned vegetables, canned tomatoes, canned soup, pasta sauce, sugar, tuna, and hot cocoa mixes.

Also, we are in need of heavy duty plastic or fabric shopping bags with study handles. If you find any in your home while you are doing your fall cleaning, we would appreciate getting them! A number of our clients either walk to our pantry or have to ride the bus. A few heavy tote bags can be a blessing for them as they carry their food home.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to feed the hungry in our area.

The House of Bread Team

Rest in Peace

James (Jim) E. Giefer, Sr.

February 18, 1935—October 24, 2021

Peggy Tabor

Passed away November 2, 2021

Daughter-in-law of Mary Jane Tabor
Sister-in-law to Liz Weddle and Michael Tabor

COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF OCTOBER 30 & 31, 2021

Weekend Mass Envelopes:	**5,872.00**
Weekend Mass Plate:	**316.00**
Weekend Kids' Collection:	**—**
Utility Collection:	**—**

TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION: 6,188.00

Total Parish Income from all sources for the week of October 28th: $46,183.54

(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income

St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council 15126 will be taking orders for Racine Danish Kringles from Nov. 1st through the 22nd. They will be available for pickup on Sunday, December 5th.

These delicious Danish treats freeze well and will be perfect for your Holiday parties and get-togethers! They would also make perfect gifts for that "Hard to buy for" person.

See a St. Francis Knight to order and for more details.

Coram Deo is an 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 **Thurs., Nov. 11th.** Meet at OLOG parish at **6**:**10pm** for prayer and food, followed by an evening at the Axe Factor! *We hope to see you there!*

All young adults aged 22-35 are welcome to attend. For more info contact Ally Goetz, 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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org 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: Whitney True-Francis, Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 816.392.0011 or true.francis@diocesekcsj.org

St. Francis Knights of Columbus Council 15126

Winter Coat Drive
for needy children in Saint Joseph.
A coordinated event with the
Saint Joseph Catholic Charities.

Please donate winter coats that fit children ages 4 through 10. They may be put in the donation box in Gaspar Hall or you may turn them in to the Parish Office. Mittens and winter hats are also accepted.

All donations must be turned in by November 17, 2021.
For more information contact
Sir Knight John Bitunjac
816-364-3449

Confirmation Class
Meets Today,
Sunday, November 7, 2021
3:30 p.m.

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BULLETIN DEADLINES:

For the Weekend of November 13th—November 14th — Submissions due by Sunday, November 7th.

NOTE EARLY DEADLINES

For the Weekend of November 20 and 21, 2021 — Submissions due by **WEDNESDAY, November 10th.**

For the Weekend of November 27 and 28, 2021—Submissions due by **TUESDAY, November 16th.**

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