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Mission Statement

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



They were overjoyed at
seeing the star, and on
entering the house they
saw the Child with
Mary his Mother.

Matthew 2:10

SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER MASS SCHEDULE

SATURDAY (Sunday Vigil Mass): 4:00pm -:- SUNDAY: 7:30am., 9:30**am, and 11:30am

3RD SUNDAY each month 6:00 pm, Mass in Vietnamese

WEEKDAYS: 7:00am and 8:15am -:- SATURDAY: 8:00am

**Streamed online at SFX1891 (YouTube)

RECONCILIATION

SATURDAYS: 11:00am & 3:00pm (or by appointment)

JANUARY 2, 2022

All Are Welcome!

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.



Parish Office: 816.232.8449

Office Hours:

8:00am to 4:00pm, Mon.-Fri.
(Closed on holidays)

School: 816.232.4911

Our Parish Staff

Parish Administrator: John Lutz

**Administrative Assistant, Bulletin Editor, and
Parish Center Manager:** Ruth White

Secretary/Receptionist: Jerri Ann Daly

Liturgy Coordinator: Regina Riviello

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Other Contact Information

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Diocesan Victim's Advocate: Kathleen Chastain
816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org

Ombudsman: Joseph Crayon - 816.812.2500

Sacraments

Baptism

Parental preparation classes offered throughout the year. Announcement of class can be found in the bulletin. For more information call the Parish Office.

Matrimony

Preparation for marriage is offered for engaged couples. For preparation, a nine month notification needs to be made before the marriage date. Call the Parish Office and talk to one of the priests.

Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office to request a priest to come for this sacrament.

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

Other Information

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (R.C.I.A.)

R.C.I.A. meets weekly from September through Pentecost. Inquiries regarding the RCIA process are welcome year-round. For more information call the Parish Office.

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 Parish Office.

Due to privacy laws, the hospital cannot tell the priests who is in the hospital.

Counseling

Counseling is available to individuals and families. Make an appointment through the Parish Office.

Pastoral Council Members

Rachael Bergeron, Sherrel Coats, Pat Dillon,
Cayetana Maristela, Adam Miljavac, Roberta Seevers,
Beth Sterns, Brian Ziesel

Pastoral Reflection

Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord – January 02, 2022

“And having warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they departed for their country by another way.” (Matthew 2: 12)

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

On this Solemnity of the Epiphany of the Lord, we celebrate the God who, through the very existence and presence of the Infant Jesus in a manger, in a cave, in a remote Middle-East town called Bethlehem, reveals His Godself to all humans then and now. This celebration, on the twelfth day of Christmas, is also known as the Feast of the Three Kings. To enable the faithful to participate more fully in significant liturgical events of salvation, the Epiphany is placed after Holy Family Sunday but before the Baptism of the Lord Sunday. From its origin in Eastern Christian celebrations to Western celebrations, practices and customs, Epiphany’s main focus remains: To reveal who God truly is to ALL humans in ALL circumstances.

The Scriptures proclaimed today unveil certain realities still relevant to our current generation and worthy of our attention. To an exiled people in the pits of despair and hopelessness, the Prophet Isaiah prophesied that God would restore those, who glorified Him alone. (Isaiah 60: 1-6) To the Ephesians Saint Paul declared that not only the people of Israel were co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ through the gospel, but so would be the Gentiles. (Ephesians 3: 6) Saint Matthew recounted King Herod the Great (the cruelest of the four King Herods) saying to the Magi: *“Go and search diligently for the child. When you have found him, bring me the word, that I too may go and do him homage.”* (Matthew 2: 8). Self-centeredness, greed, thirst for power, deceit and deception, all illustrated in Herod the Great’s behaviors, are still prevalent in human thinking and behavior these days.

The Star is still leading us on the way to encounter the child in the manger. After having offered the Child Jesus our gifts, concern for others, generosity, humility, truth, and sincerity, may the Star also lead us back to our true selves without the violence and greed of evil King Herod..

Fr. Lac



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



Vocation Prayer

You call us and all people, Lord and Savior, to live in your kingdom. Open our hearts, minds, and eyes to the unique treasure you instilled in every person irrespective of color, creed, origin, gender, or any other characteristic. Strengthen our resolve to embrace their goodness.

All-knowing, all-merciful God, send us young priests who live the compassion of your son Jesus. Through them may we learn to practice the listening that seeks to understand our brothers and sisters who frustrate, irritate, or trigger reactions contrary to the example of Jesus, who say the fear and pain in people’s hearts. Amen.

First Friday, January 7, 2022

Please join us for Adoration starting at 9:00am, and/or Rosary and Benediction at 2:30pm, for the intention of increased Religious Vocations to the priesthood and religious life. We pray also to live our own vocations radiating loving goodness and mercy.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, January 3

The Most Holy Name of Jesus

7:00am Doug Frank
8:15am Jeanette Juhl

TUESDAY, January 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton

7:00am Catharine Ginther
8:15am Peggy Tabor

WEDNESDAY, January 5

Saint John Neumann, Bishop

7:00am John Patterson
8:15am Alana

THURSDAY, January 6

Saint André Bessette, Religious

7:00am Catharine Ginther
8:15am Kimberly Stroup (Living)

FRIDAY, January 7

Saint Raymond of Penyafort, Priest
Saint Angela of Foligno

7:00am Uketui and Omile Families
8:15am Crystal Mahoney

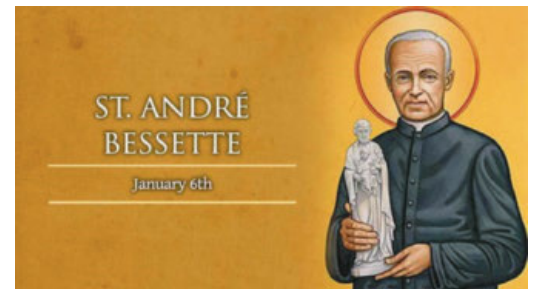
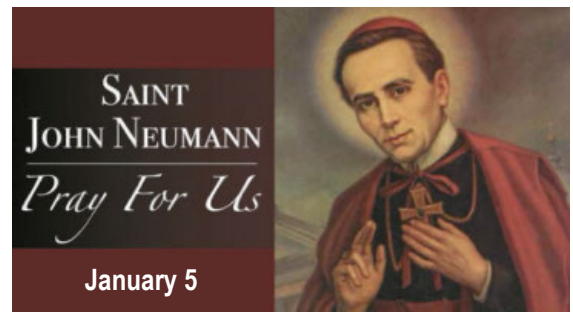
SATURDAY, January 8, 2022

8:00am John Patterson
4:00pm Paul Buckman

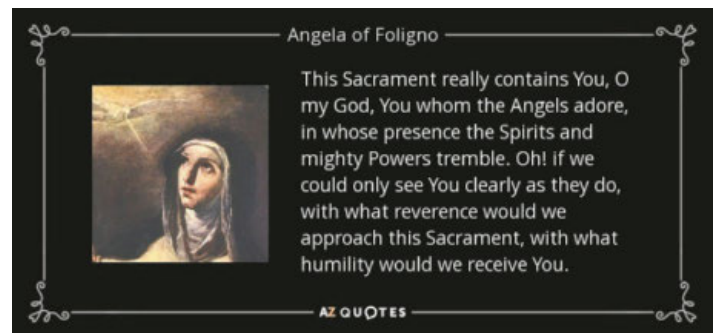
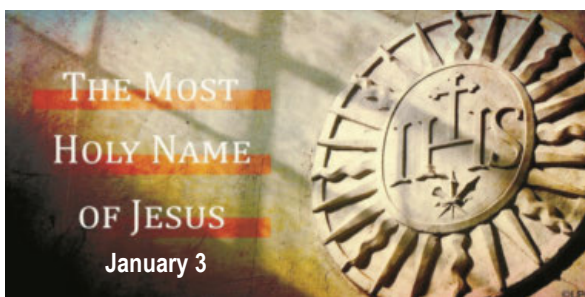
SUNDAY, January 9, 2022

The Baptism of the Lord

7:30am Rose M. "Rosie" Haertling
9:30am Paul Buckman and For the Parish
11:30am Gerald J. Lorenz



Saints Basil the Great and Gregory Nazianzen, Doctors of the Church
January 2



January 7

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.



GROWING 
 WITH THE **Gospel**
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Matthew 2:1-12

 **PUZZLE**

Unscramble these words from today's Gospel:

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| wise-men | king | Mary |
| child | star | gifts |
| born | worship | dream |

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 **MISSION**

Visit a planetarium to learn more about the star of Bethlehem.

 **COLOR**

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



COURAGE
 VIRTUE FOR
 JANUARY

This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, January 2, 2022

No Events Scheduled

Monday, January 3, 2022

7:00pm—School Advisory Council, PC Conf. Room

Tuesday, January 4, 2022

House of Bread **CLOSED**

6:30pm—Knights of Columbus, PC West Side

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

6:30pm—RCIA, PC East Side

Thursday, January 6, 2022

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Friday, January 7, 2022

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, January 8, 2022

6:30am—Men of Faith, PC West Side

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Sunday, January 9, 2022

3:30pm—Confirmation, PC East Side

Bible Readings for the Week

Sunday — January 2, 2022

Isaiah 60:1-6 / Ps. 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13 / Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6 / Matthew 2:1-12

Monday

I John 3:22—4:6 / Ps. 2:2-7-8, 10-12a / Matthew 4:12-17, 23-25

Tuesday

I John 4:7-10 / Ps. 72:1-4, 7-8 / Mark 6:34-44

Wednesday

I John 4:11-18 / Ps. 72:1-2, 10, 12-13 / Mark 6:45-52

Thursday

I John 4:19—5:4 / Ps. 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc / Luke 4:14-22a

Friday

I John 5:5-13 / Ps. 147:12-15, 19-20 / Luke 5:12-16

Saturday

I John 5:14-21 / Ps. 149:1-6a / John 3:22-30

Sunday — January 2, 2022

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7 / Ps. 29:1-4, 9-10 / Acts 10:34-38 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22
OR

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 / Ps. 104:1b-4, 24-25, 27-30 / Titus 2:11-14; 3:4-7 / Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, January 7, 2022, 9:00am-2:30pm

Sign-up in Gaspar Hall this weekend for one half-hour Adoration.



IN MEMORIAM

Candy Battreall

April 4, 1947—December 16, 2021

Stewardship in Action



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF
DECEMBER 18 & 19, 2021

Weekend Mass Envelopes:	5,730.00
Weekend Mass Plate:	612.95
Weekend Kids' Collection:	—
Utility Collection:	—

TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION: 6,342.95

Total Parish Income from all sources
for the week of December 12th: **\$51,197.35**
(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)

THE ST. MONICA CLUB

*meets at 7:10 pm in Our Lady of Guadalupe church the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month to pray a Rosary for those away from the Catholic Faith. All are welcome to pray for the prodigals we love.
Text @saintmclub to 81010 to receive reminders.*



Available at all the doors

Confirmation Class

PRAYER FOR OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Lord, You send out Your Spirit to touch the hearts of all people, so that they may believe in You and in Jesus whom You sent. Look kindly on our candidates for Confirmation as they listen to Your voice. Open their hearts to Your Spirit and bring to fulfillment the good work that You have begun in them. Teach them to appreciate what is holy in others, and to be patient with what they do not understand. Deepen their faith in the Gospel and help them to pass it on by their example. We pray that You will continue to guide us and sustain us. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

You are invited to take a picture off the board in Gaspar Hall and pray for that Confirmation Candidate during their journey to Confirmation



NAMES OF CONFIRMATION STUDENTS

(LEFT to RIGHT)

1ST (TOP) ROW: Gracie Grom, Gavin Greub, Steven Malotte, Christopher Miljavac, Keeleigh O'Callaghan.

2ND ROW: Brensley Fox, Avery Pasley, William Trapp, Lane Hovey, Jorja Lageschulte, Makayla Lockard.

3RD ROW: Jackson Crews, Deagan Pasley, Sophie Kozol, Marquel Mayfield, Murphy King.

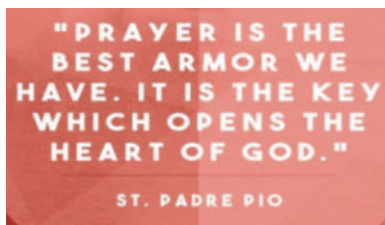
4TH ROW: Vincent Nguyen, Porter Stone, Mia Scheidler, Ben Lageschulte, Jada Hovey.

5TH ROW: Claire Heater, Dylan Marmaud, Lea Pinkleman, Grant Arens, Jackson Olinger.

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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 for more information.

BULLETIN DEADLINES

For the Weekend of January 8 and 9, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, January 2, 2022**

For the Weekend of January 15 and 16, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, January 9, 2022**

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