

JANUARY 9, 2022—BAPTISM OF THE LORD

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Mission Statement

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



THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been
baptized and Jesus also had
been baptized and was praying,
heaven was opened and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him in
bodily form like a dove.

- Lk 3:21-22a

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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)

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)

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Our Parish Staff

Parish Administrator: John Lutz

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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

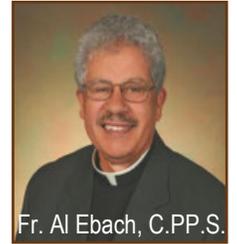
Counseling is available to individuals and families. Make an appointment through the Parish Office.

Pastoral Council Members

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

Pastoral Reflection

Our government officials will be presenting State of the Union and State of the State addresses during the month of January, so I thought this may be a good time to present a State of the Parish address. I will put my address into writing.



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

St. Francis Parish is very much alive, despite the pandemic continuing to have a grip on the world and the local community. It is difficult to fully operate a church and school with ongoing concerns regarding the virus. We need to continue to protect the children of our school and the people of our parish. Hopefully with all the celebrations of our holidays behind us we can again return to caution and prudence as we return to post-holiday activities.

Having turned the calendar to 2022 there are a few things which need attention. Thanks to all the parishioners who continue to make the effort to participate at in-person Mass and to those who faithfully participate virtually. We will continue to live stream the 9:30 Sunday Mass during the month of January, then decide whether to continue live streaming. Thanks to the people who have assisted with the available technology of live streaming. In the next couple of weeks we will also have the passing of offering baskets during Mass and resume bringing the gifts of bread and wine forward with the collection. With the return of these ministries we will need ministers to participate. An opportunity will be made available in the next few weeks to invite more people to get involved in the ministries at Mass.

There also have been requests to resume former activities such as gatherings for coffee, juice and donuts on Sundays and invite the Mr. and Mrs. Club to begin meeting again. It probably is time to start activities such as the two mentioned, along with others, which may not have been brought to my attention. Again, people need to step up to volunteer to facilitate these various activities

The activity to be addressed, which seems to be one that most pastors dread: fundraising. There will be information forthcoming in the next couple of weeks outlining the parish and school needs. I have shared a few of these in past bulletin articles. The two most pressing needs, and the two most expensive endeavors, are the deteriorating venting system in our Preschool and Kindergarten classrooms in the Parish Center and two of the air conditioning units in the church. There are also a couple of things in the interior of the church brought to my attention, which have not been attended to for many years: the lighting, the sound system, and the replacing of cushions on the pews and chairs, with the possibility of replacing the carpet.

Besides the attention on the physical plant, we also need to address salary increases for those who serve our parish and school. My understanding is that no raises have been given to our teachers and staff in the last four years. With this fundraiser we can hopefully provide raises and have the parish establish a fund to sustain raises for years to come. Yes, all of this may be ambitious, but if we want our parishioners to continue to develop and grow in faith we have to be good stewards by providing for the care of our campus and for the people of our parish.

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

Vocation Prayer

You call us, Jesus, our Redeemer, to walk on the new, straighter, more level path you opened to the Father. Help us find space in our busy lives, room in our preoccupied minds, and gratitude in our hearts to grasp the miracle of saving mercy and overwhelming love our God has given us.

All-knowing, all-merciful God, send us young priests who live the compassion of your son, Jesus. Through them may we learn to understand our brothers and sisters who frustrate, irritate, or trigger reactions contrary to the example given to us by Jesus. Amen.

Mass Intentions for the Week

MONDAY, January 10

Saint Gregory of Nyssa

7:00am John Patterson
8:15am Chris Clifford

TUESDAY, January 11

7:00am Kathleen Kelder
8:15am Crystal Mahoney

WEDNESDAY, January 12

Saint Marguerite d'Bourgeoys

7:00am Diane Davis
8:15am Charlene Slater

THURSDAY, January 13

Saint Hilary, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

7:00am For Vocations
8:15am Charlie Malita

FRIDAY, January 14

7:00am Sir Knight Robert "Wire" Grable
8:15am Fr. Joe Miller, C.P.P.S.

SATURDAY, January 15

8:00am Mary Ann and Orville Minnis
4:00pm Rita Burns

SUNDAY, January 16

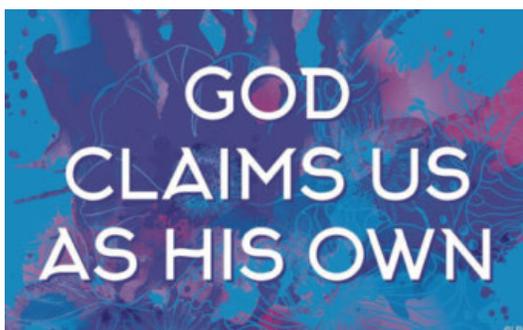
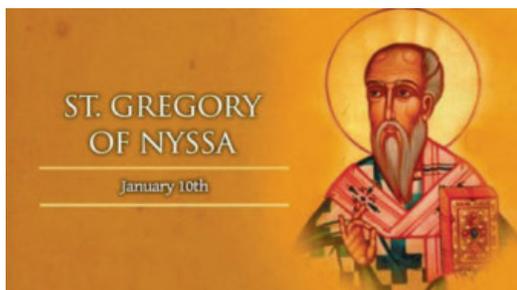
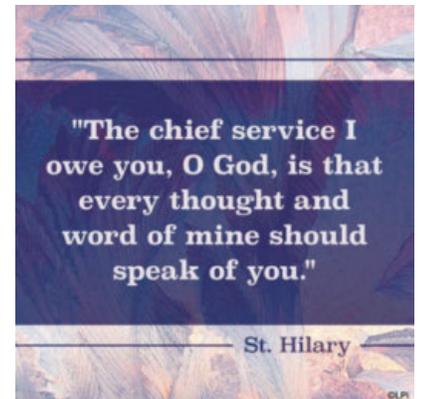
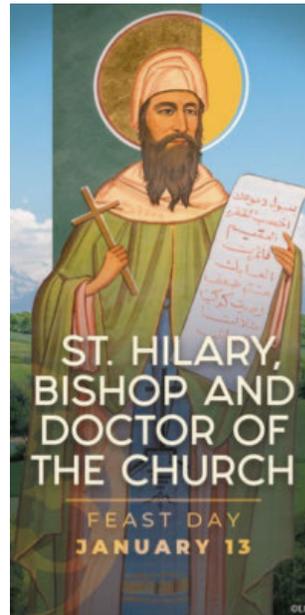
Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:30am John Rauth
9:30am For the Parish
11:30am Paul Buckman
6:00pm For Those in Need of Our Prayers



It seems to me that we do not pay enough attention to prayer, for unless it arises from the heart which ought to be its centre, it is no more than a fruitless dream. Prayer ought to carry over into our thoughts, our words and our actions.

Quote of Marguerite Bourgeoys



Bible Readings for the Week

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 9, 2022

- Sunday:** 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
- Monday:** I Samuel 1:1-8 / Ps. 116:12-14, 17-19 / Mark 1:14-20
- Tuesday:** I Samuel 1:9-20 / I Samuel 2:1, 4-8 / Mark 1:21-28
- Wednesday:** I Samuel 3:1-10, 19-20 / Ps. 40:2, 5, 7-10 / Mark 1:29-39
- Thursday:** I Samuel 4:1-11 / Ps. 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25 / Mark 1:40-45
- Friday:** I Samuel 8:4-7, 10-22a / Ps. 89:16-19 / Mark 2:1-12
- Saturday:** I Samuel 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a / Ps. 21:2-7 / Mark 2:13-17
- Next Sunday:** Isaiah 62:1-5 / Ps. 96:1-3, 7-10 / I Corinthians 12:4-11 / John 2:1-11

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 MORE
SFX STAFF MEMBERS**

Mrs. Keller



Hello, my name is Laurie Keller. I am the administrative assistant and librarian this year and it is my first year at SFX.

I am married to Doug for 17 years and have two daughters, one here at SFX in 5th grade and my oldest is a graduate from SFX in 2020 and is now a sophomore at Bishop LeBlond.

I was born and raised in St. Joseph, MO and am a parishioner of St. Francis Xavier Church. My

hobbies include spending time with family, attending NASCAR races, attending Comic Con, watching movies and celebrating Halloween. I really love Halloween!

I am really excited to be a part of the SFX family this year.



Mrs. Jaques

Hello! My name is Jennifer Jaques, and I am excited to be in my second year at Saint Francis Xavier. I am married to my soulmate and life-mate, Travis, and we have five children; three girls and two boys, and one extremely adorable and spoiled dog.

I am a life long student. I graduated from Northwest Missouri State University with a degree in Psychology, from Central Methodist University with a degree in Elementary Education, and I am currently finishing my Master's Degree at Northwest Missouri State.

Prior to my teaching at SFX, I spent 16 years in the early education field.



The kids at SFX have been blessed with an amazing Christmas gift! Instead of getting a sweater or socks from their grandparents,

they got a rock/traversing wall! Wow!

Take a look at the new gym improvement.

Thank you to the SFX Grandparents group!



This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, January 9, 2022

2:00pm—Knights of Columbus, PC Conf. Room

3:30pm—Confirmation, PC East Side

Monday, January 10, 2022

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, January 11, 2022

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Wednesday, January 12, 2022

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, January 13, 2022

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Friday, January 14, 2022

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, January 15, 2022

6:30am—Men of Faith, PC West Side

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Sunday, January 16, 2022

No Events Scheduled



T. Jeanne Zuchowski

January 14, 1930—December 24, 2021

Billy W. Green, Jr.

March 21, 1955—December 23, 2021
Husband of Parishioner Mary Beth Green

MEN OF FAITH

The Men of Faith group meets on Saturday mornings.

They are currently studying the Creed with Bishop Barron. *Really great learning!*

All men, young and old, are invited. Come for breakfast and a short video and discussion at 6:30 Saturday mornings in the Parish Center.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

January 25, 2022

7:00pm Rectory Conference Room

Bless the Lord, O my soul.
PSALM 104

BAPTISM



Through the sacrament of Baptism we welcome...

December 25, 2021

**Lingijwok Emanuel-D, Liethijwoak Emanuel-D,
and Lyrumjwok Emanuel Gwat**

Children of Emanuel and Colita Gwat

December 26, 2021

Grace Linh and Nathan Hoang Nguyen

Children of Brian and Kari Nguyen

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

Stewardship in Action



**COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF
DECEMBER 25 & 26, 2021**

Weekend Mass Envelopes: 6,747.00

Weekend Mass Plate: 1,316.62

Weekend Kids' Collection: —

Utility Collection: —

TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$8,063.62

Christmas Masses Collection: 5,904.00

**Total Parish Income from all sources
for the week of December 20th: \$18,495.10**

(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)

Welcome To Saint Francis Xavier

◆ Emanuel and Colita Gwat
Children:
Lingiee, Liethiee, and
Rumjwok

Confirmation Class
Meets Today,
Sunday, January 9, 2022
3:30 p.m.—Parish Center



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., Jan. 13th**. Meet at Our Lady of Guadalupe parish at **6:10pm** for prayer and food, followed by drinks at Mokaska!

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.

Our Christmas environment of red poinsettias and holy represent Jesus' sacrifice and the ivy represents Mary his mother.

As coordinator for art and environment for the parish, I would like to thank all of the families who helps prepare our worship space for Advent and Christmas.



Our beautiful nativity scene again has been prepared by the same family and friends for the past three years Our parish is so fortunate to have such dedicated group of people

to design, prepare and do all the work necessary to make our worship space more meaningful

Marilyn Beck
Art and Environment



Our advertisers found on the back page of our bulletin.

Do you need firewood?
If so, call Joe Hamera at 816-261-6325.
Cost is \$75.00 for a pick-up load.
All proceeds from the sale of this firewood will be donated to SFX Parish.



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 15 and 16, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, January 9, 2022**

For the Weekend of January 22 and 23, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, January 16, 2022**

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