JANUARY 16, 2022—SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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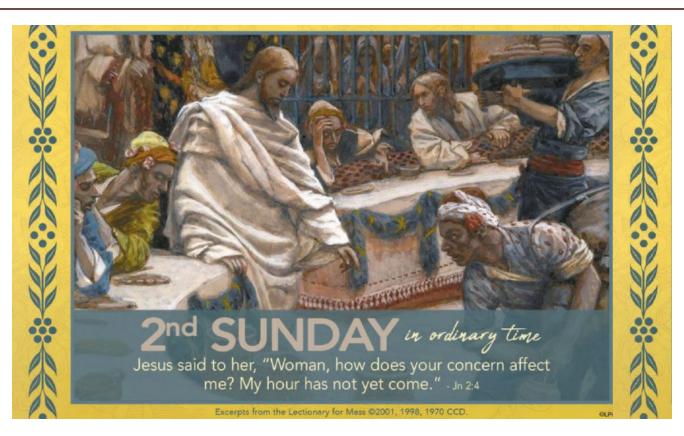




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Mission Statement

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



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)

Page 2 Parish Information

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

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Other Contact Information

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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

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time – January 16, 2022

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

The Ordinary Time is the longest liturgical season in our annual worship cycle. With the celebration of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus last Sunday we began the part 1 of the 2 parts of the Ordinary Time in the Church's worship calendar. This first part of the Ordinary Time will pause after the 8th Sunday for the Season of Lent (March 2nd, 2022); then the second part will resume after the Pentecost Sunday (June 5th, 2022).

The gospel passages during the first part of cycle C Ordinary Time (John's this Sunday and Luke's for the rest of cycle C Ordinary Time Sundays) reveal the various activities of Jesus among people as he began his public ministry. Noticeable in these reported events are that Jesus was baptized to do ministry and that his actions always accompanied his words.

Time and space may be "ordinary" but each person among us is "special," having been baptized in Christ and empowered to do ministry by our participation in being prophet, priest, and king with Christ. The Vocation Prayer of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood pleads:

"O God, you created me for a purpose, a specific task for the Church and humanity. You have always known the work I was cut out for, a work which only I can do and no other. If I do not accept this work, it will never be done. Therefore, I have a job to do. Make clear to me your will, and I will follow you in whatever task this may be. I know I can do all things in you, my strength. Amen."

The voice from heaven declared over Jesus' baptism, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." (Luke 3: 22) Commissioned through baptism to carry out our specific task, and armed by the manifestation of the Spirit, may each one of us delve into the present ordinariness of daily life believing, "You are my beloved; with you I am well pleased."

Fr. Lac



"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, 'what are you doing for others?""

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

January 17, 2022

Vocation Prayer

You call us, dear Jesus, to seek the gifts of your Spirit, cultivate them in our lives, and foster them in the lives of those open to receive them. Help us believe every more deeply in the reality of your all-embracing love for each person. And we, overcome with joy and thanksgiving, pour out that love through our own unique personalities. Let us yearn for the spiritual food you offer us each day at your Eucharistic banquet.

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 17

Saint Anthony, Abbot Martin Luther King Day

7:00am Jeanette Juhl **8:15am** Shirley Masson

TUESDAY, January 18

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

7:00am Bernie Boutwell **8:15am** James Giefer Sr.

WEDNESDAY, January 19

7:00am Geraldine Lawhon8:15am Virginia Bailey

THURSDAY, January 20

Saint Fabian, Pope and Martyr Saint Sebastian, Martyr

7:00am Paul Timothy "Tim" Shalz8:15am Maria Thong Nguyen

FRIDAY, January 21

Saint Agnes, Martyr

7:00am Velma Shalz

8:15am Kimberly Stroup (Living)

SATURDAY, January 22

Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of Unborn Children

8:00am Richard Teed **4:00pm** Taylor Lorenz

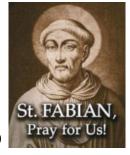
SUNDAY, January 23

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Saint Vincent, Deacon and Martyr Saint Marianne Cope

7:30am For the Parish9:30am Clarence Hager11:30am Justina Nupeiset



Saint Anthony, Abbot January 17



January 20





Day of Prayer for the LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN

January 22



ST. MARIANNE COPE January 23



Saint Vincent of Saragossa January 23

Bible Readings for the Week

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 16, 2022

Sunday: Isaiah 62:1-5 / Ps. 96:1-3, 7-10 / I Corinthians 12:4-11 /

John 2:1-11

Monday: I Samuel 15:16-23 / Ps. 50:18-9, 16-17, 21 and 23 /

Mark 2:18-22

Tuesday: I Samuel 16:1-13 / Ps. 89:20-22, 27-28 / Mark 2:23-28

Wednesday: I Samuel 17:32-33, 37, 40-51 / Ps. 144:1-2, 9-10 /

Mark 3:1-6

Thursday: I Samuel 18:6-9; 19:1-7 / Ps. 56:2-3. 9-11 / Mark 3:7-12

Friday: I Samuel 24:3-21 / Ps. 57:2-4, 6 and 11 / Mark 3:13-19

Saturday: 2 Samuel 1:1-4, 11-12, 19, 23-27 / Ps. 80:2-3, 5-72-7 /

Mark 3:20-21

Next Sunday: Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10 / Ps. 19:8-10, 15 /

I Corinthians 12:12-30 / Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

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.





Congratulations!! To these Knights of Columbus Contest Winners

From left to right:

Gracie Ide, 1st place 8th grade essay contest; Katie Sego, 1st place 8th grade poster contest; Presley Miljavac, 1st place 7th grade poster contest; Veronica McPhillips, 1st place 7th grade essay contest;

Piper Stone, 1st place 6th grade poster contest

Hello! My name is Mary Beth Comella and I teach Preschool and Prekindergarten. This is my 16th year at St. Francis, plus 2 previous years as a parent volunteer. My husband Tony and I were married at St. Francis 24 years ago. When we moved back to St. Joseph we became members of Saint Francis Xavier Parish. Tony, our two children and I are all Bishop Leblond graduates and strongly believe in the importance of Catholic education. Our daughter Elizabeth will graduate in May with Bachelors in Bio



Health Science and Secondary Education. Our son, Michael, is a sophomore and studying Clinical Nutrition.

My name is Mary Trapp and this is my first year at SFX as an employee! I walked to

SFX School as a student from Pre-K all

the way through 8th grade in 2015! I am

Schwartz in 2nd grade this year. I recently

worked for an afterschool reading program

year while living in Kansas City. This past

ties. It has taught me patience and how to

meet the individualized needs of each per-

meet and assist each one of the needs of

son I care for. I use this experience to

year I worked as support staff for adults with physical and developmental disabili-

called Jumpstart for preschoolers for a

excited to be a teacher's aide to Mrs.

Mrs. Comella



FALCON FAMILY INTRODUCING MORE SFX STAFF MEMBERS

Mrs. Grant

I have had the distinct pleasure to work at St. Francis for 24 years. I have taught 2nd, 4th, and middle school during my career at St. Francis. I have been in self-contained classrooms, class-within-a-class, and departmentalized classrooms. I have taught every subject during my career. I love the kids, families and administration here at St. Francis.

I was born in Springfield, IL, and have lived in Illinois, Oregon, and Missouri. This is my 42nd year of marriage to

my wonderful husband, Larry. We have two grown children and five grandchildren. Our daughter, Tiffany, lives in Lathrop, MO with her husband and three children. My son, Nick lives in DeWitt, IA with his wife and two children. My husband and I live on 11 acres in Plattsburg, MO where we garden, raise chickens, and have lots of fun with family and friends. We also lease 83 additional acres.

I received my undergraduate degree from Missouri Western State University. My degree is in elementary education (BSEE)E). I have a minor in math and hold a special certification in math for grades 6 -9. I received my graduate degree (MAT) from the University of St. Mary. I continue learning through workshops, professional reading including online articles and conversations with fellow teachers.

Ms. Trapp



vour child(ren)!

This Week at Saint Francis

Sunday, January 16, 2022

10:30am—School of Religion meets via ZOOM

Monday, January 17, 2022

7:00pm—Pastoral Council, PC Conf. Rm.

Tuesday, January 18, 2022

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

6:30pm—Knights of Columbus Officers, PC Conf. Rm

Wednesday, January 19, 2022

After 7:00am Mass—Novena for Life

12:00pm—SFX School Spelling Bee

6:30pm—RCIA, PC East Side

Thursday, January 20, 2022

After 7:00am Mass—Novena for Life

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

7:00pm—Liturgy Committee, PC Conf. Rm

Friday, January 21, 2022

After 7:00am Mass—Novena for Life

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, January 22, 2022

After 8:00am Mass—Novena for Life

6:30am—Men of Faith, PC West Side

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Sunday, January 23, 2022

After 7:30am Mass—Novena for Life

3:00pm—Precious Blood Companions, PC West Side

3:30pm—Confirmation, PC East Side

Thank you Liturgical Ministers!

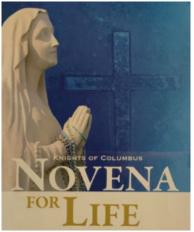
Just as it takes many hands to build a house, it takes many hands, hearts and voices to assist with the sacramental celebrations, especially when we gather for the Eucharist and the Word of God at Mass. Thank you to all those who serve as ministers at Mass: music, lectors, Eucharist, hospitality, altar servers, and those who prepare the environment for the various seasons of the Church year. A special thank you to all those who volunteered to minister at all the liturgies during the season of Christmas. Your time, talent and service are very much appreciated.

We welcome more parishioners to volunteer their time and talent to assist in any ministries mentioned above. We want to continue to have vibrant liturgies, which invite us to grow in our faith. If interested in ministering and serving in our liturgical celebrations, please call the parish office: 816-232-8449.

Regina Riviello, Liturgy Coordinator

Pray to protect human life!





JANUARY 19-27, 2022

9 Day for Life is a novena for the protection of human life. Each day's intention is accompanied by a short reflection and suggested actions to help build a culture of life.

Come join the SFX Knights of Columbus (Council 15126) immediately following the 7:00 a.m. daily masses (8:00 Saturday and 7:30 Sunday) or a brief observance and prayer of *9 Days for Life*, starting Wednesday, Jan. 19, 2022.

BAPTISM PREP CLASS

January 25, 2022 7:00pm Rectory Conference Room

Liturgy Committee Meeting Reminder

The next Liturgy Committee meeting is
Thursday, January 20, 2022, 7:00pm,
Parish Center Conference Room.

If you are unable to attend, please call Regina at
(816) 232-8449

Stewardship in Action



COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 7 & 8, 2022

Weekend Mass Envelopes: 6,000.00
Weekend Mass Plate: 464.00

Weekend Kids' Collection:
Utility Collection:

TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$6,464.00

Total Parish Income from all sources for the week of January 3rd 20th: \$31,224.71 (Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)



Thank you to the
Kevin Bui Family
and their friends for
enhancing our worship
space with a beautiful
Nativity Scene this
Christmas season!

January Liturgical Ministry Schedules Available at all the Doors

Dear St. Francis Xavier parishioners,

Thank you very much for your support of the House of Bread! We appreciate your gifts of food items, volunteer time and other donations.

To those who donated warm knitted or crocheted hats, scarves and gloves, THANK YOU! We have given out over 150 hats and many pairs of gloves. Our clients are very thankful for your generosity.



The House of Bread Team

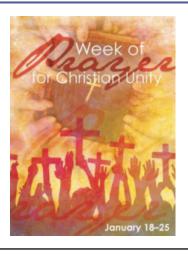


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Through the sacrament of Baptism we welcome...



Finn Murphy Marmaud child of James and Kayla Marmaud was baptized into the Church on January 9, 2022





Recently ordained: Fr. Garret King returns home to speak.

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, 6:30pm at Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish in Marian Hall (church basement).

All are welcome. Refreshments served.

Sponsor: St. Joseph, St. Serra Lay Apostolate for Vocations

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 22 and 23, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, January 16, 2022**For the Weekend of January 29 and 30, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, January 23, 2022**





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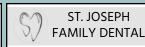
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