

JANUARY 30, 2022—FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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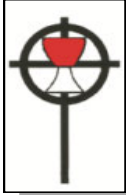
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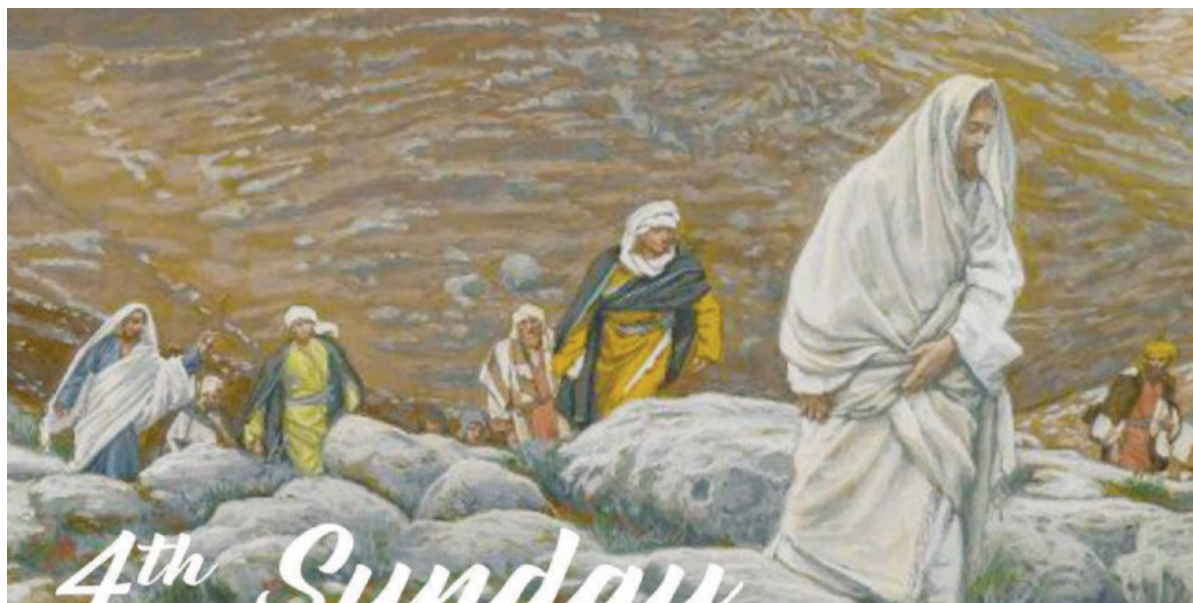
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Precious Blood Since 1890

## Mission Statement

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



4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
IN ORDINARY TIME

When the people in the synagogue heard this, they were all filled with fury.  
But Jesus passed through the midst of them and went away. - Lk 4:28, 30

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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)

**School: 816.232.4911**

### Our Parish Staff

**Parish Administrator:** John Lutz

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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

*“The Lord called me from birth, from my mother’s womb he gave me my name.” (Isaiah 49: 1)*

*“Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated [sanctified] you, a prophet to the nations I appointed you.” (Jeremiah 1: 5)*

Dear St. Francis Xavier Parish Family,

During the week praying for the Unity of Christians we also pray to God for protection of human life (especially of the unborn, the aged and the vulnerable) and for people’s recognition of the sacredness and sanctity of human life. It is helpful to call to mind the confession of the two greatest Hebrew prophets, Isaiah about 750 years before the birth of Jesus, and a hundred years later, Jeremiah. Apparently, many people of our time, like the people at Nazareth in Jesus’ time, fail to admit that God is present in the existence of God’s creation; that God is the author of all lives; that God is the form-er/potter of humans; that God determines when to initiate and when to terminate a creature.

Following the passage proclaimed in the second reading last Sunday where Saint Paul defines that each one of believers of Christ is a part of one body and that they are to participate in and with one another to make a healthy body. Today he continues with urging his audience to *“strive eagerly for the greatest of spiritual gifts”* through *“a still more excellent way,”* LOVE. He goes on to define what this love is (patience, kindness) and isn’t (jealousy, composity, inflation, rudeness, quick temper); and what this love does (bears, hopes, and endures all things, rejoices with the truth), and doesn’t (seek its own interest, brood over injury, rejoice over wrongdoing).

In the various ways we might define LOVE (agape/charity) in our own circumstances, may the Spirit of Jesus enlighten and guide, and may the courage of Saint Paul sustain each one of us as we *“put aside childish things”* and seek to become the creature fully formed in the hand of God.

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



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### Vietnamese Mass



*Celebration of the  
Lunar New Year*

**6:00pm Today  
January 30, 2022**

### Blessing of the Throats

**Feast of St. Blaise**

**Thursday, February 3, 2022**

**FOLLOWING THE  
7:00am and 8:15am Masses**



### Vocation Prayer

Even before we were conceived, Almighty Father, you called us to be lively witnesses of your love. Help us accept our human condition, weakened in mind and spirit, making us vulnerable to self-defeating thoughts and attitudes that separate us from you and keep us from living mercifully in relationships. Strengthen our wills, fortify our spirits to respond to your Holy Spirit who transforms our self-centeredness into Jesus-centered thoughts and actions.

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.

*First Friday, February 4, 2022*

*Please join us for Adoration starting at 9:00a.m. and/or Rosary and Benediction at 2:30p.m. 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 31

*Saint John Bosco, Priest*

7:00am Cindy Punzo  
8:15am Chris Clark

### TUESDAY, February 1

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

### WEDNESDAY, February 2

*The Presentation of the Lord  
World Day for Consecrated Life*

7:00am John Patterson  
8:15am Kimberly Stroup (Living)

### THURSDAY, February 3

*Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr  
St. Ansgar, Bishop*

7:00am Fr. Bill Walter, C.P.P.S. (Living)  
8:15am Joe Jezak

### FRIDAY, February 4

*Saint Maria de Mattias*

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

### SATURDAY, February 5

*Saint Agatha, Martyr*

8:00am Michael Farley and Dillon Hayes  
4:00pm Paul Buckman

### SUNDAY, February 6

*Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
Saint Paul Miki and Companions, Martyrs*

7:30am Lewis and Mary Anderson  
9:30am Living and Deceased Members of the  
Altar Society  
11:30am For the Parish



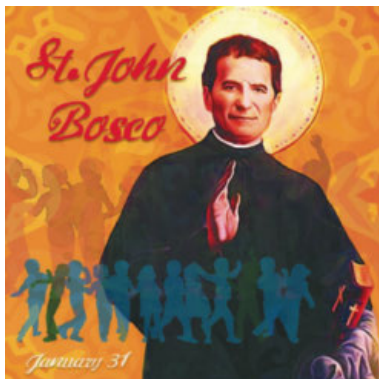
Maria De Mattias was born on Feb. 4, 1805, into a privileged family in the small mountain village of Vallecorsa, Italy. Due to political and social upheaval in Italy at the time, many people lacked the good quality of life that she enjoyed. But even with all of her privilege, she had to teach herself to read and write because women did not receive formal education at the time. She felt a calling at a young age to change that.

She believed that the calling was from God and experienced a mystical vision at 16 that ignited her passion for improving the lives of those in her community.

Over the next 32 years, Maria de Mattias established nearly 70 schools, most of them in under-served towns and rural areas. On the advice of St. Gaspar del Bufalo, C.P.P.S., founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and with the help of her mentor Giovanni Merlini, C.P.P.S., Maria founded on Mar. 4, 1834, the Congregation of the Sisters Adorers of the Blood of Christ. She died in 1866.

Throughout her life, other women joined her work, forming a community that eventually opened missions in Europe, the United States, China, Brazil, Congo, Australia, and other places throughout the world. Maria was canonized in 2003, recognized for her missionary zeal. Her commitment, compassion, and courage continue to inspire those who hear her story.

<https://adorers.org/about-us/history/maria-de-mattias/>



**JANUARY 31**



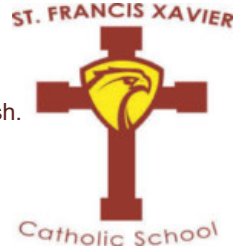
**ST. ANSGAR, BISHOP  
February 3**



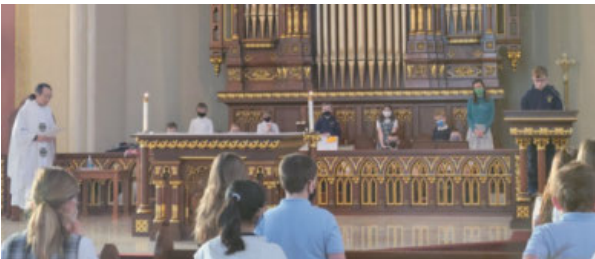
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- **Engaged through Innovation** our students bring about a better future.
- **Children are Empowered** to achieve beyond expectations.
- **Called to Lead**, our students serve our community, nation and world.



Our courageous students have been taking on the roles of lector, gift bearer and active Mass participants!



Now, **TAG! YOU'RE IT!** ...your turn to take on these roles in the week-end liturgy!



We recently joined as a school family for our own March for Life. We were blessed to be able to pray and hear from the Pregnancy Resource Clinic about the need for the protection of all human life.



## This Week at Saint Francis

### Sunday, January 30, 2022

10:30am—School of Religion meets via ZOOM  
6:00pm—Vietnamese Mass Celebrating Lunar New Year

### Monday, January 31, 2022

No Events Scheduled

### Tuesday, February 1, 2022

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open  
6:30pm—Knights of Columbus, PC Conf. Rm

### Wednesday, February 2, 2022

3:30pm—SFX School Faculty, PC  
6:30pm—RCIA, PC East Side

### Thursday, February 3, 2022

After Daily Masses—Blessing of the Throats  
8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open  
7:00pm—Choir Rehearsal, PC Conf. Rm

### Friday, February 4, 2022

9:00am-3:00pm—First Friday Adoration /  
2:30pm Rosary and Benediction

### Saturday, February 5, 2022

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

### Sunday, February 6, 2022

10:30am—School of Religion meets via ZOOM  
3:30pm—Confirmation, PC East Side

## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



**Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Friday, February 4, 2022, 9:00am-2:30pm**

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

### WAYS TO CONTRIBUTE MONETARILY TO SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

- ⇒ Put your contribution in the collection basket at church
- ⇒ Mail in your contribution
- ⇒ Go to the website: [sfx-stjoe.weshareonline.org](http://sfx-stjoe.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 to the right to make your contribution.



# BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, February 7th

12:00 Noon-5:00 PM

Saint Francis Parish Center, 2618 Seneca Street



Book your appointment today at [savelifenow.org/group](http://savelifenow.org/group). Enter Group Code: OO. For additional details contact Mike Violet at 816-261-1142 or [mviolet1951@gmail.com](mailto:mviolet1951@gmail.com)

Medical eligibility questions? Call 1-800-688-0900

## Bible Readings for the Week

### READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF JANUARY 30, 2022

- Sunday:** Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19 / Ps. 71:1-6, 15-17 / I Corinthians 12:31—13:13 or 13:4-13 / Luke 4:21-30
- Monday:** II Samuel 15:13-14, 30; 16:5-13 / Ps. 3:2-7 / Mark 5:1-20
- Tuesday:** II Samuel 18:9-10, 14b, 24-25, 30—19:3 / Ps. 86:1-6 / Mark 5:21-43
- Wednesday:** Malachi 3:1-4 / Ps. 24:7-10 / Hebrews 2:14-18 / Luke 22:40
- Thursday:** I Kings 2:1-4, 10-12 / 1 Chronicles 29:10-12 / Mark 6:7-13
- Friday:** Sirach 47:2-11 / Ps. 18:31, 47, 50-51 / Mark 6:14-29
- Saturday:** I Kings 3:4-13 / Ps. 119:9-14 / Mark 6:30-34
- Next Sunday:** Isaiah 6:1-8 / Ps. 138:1-5, 7-8 / I Corinthians 15:1-11 / 2/6/2022 Luke 5:1-11

## Stewardship in Action



### COLLECTION FOR THE WEEKEND OF JANUARY 22 & 23, 2022

Weekend Mass Envelopes:	5,624.00
Weekend Mass Plate:	272.00
Weekend Kids' Collection:	—
Utility Collection:	—

**TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$5,896.00**

**Total Parish Income from all sources  
for the week of January 17th: \$38,550.89**  
(Contributions, Operational & Education (tuition) Income)



**February 12<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Donate a Non-Perishable Food Item at any Mass**

Canned Soups, Canned Vegetables, Canned Fruits, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Mac & Cheese, Hot Cereals, Pastas & Sauces

If you would like to make a monetary donation and let us do the shopping, you may drop an envelope in the collection baskets or mail your donation to the parish office at 2618 Seneca Street, Saint Joseph, MO 64507. Attn: Gordon Carmichael

**All Donated items will go to the St. Francis Xavier HOUSE OF BREAD**

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**February**  
**Liturgical Ministry Schedules**  
*Available at the Doors*

*World Day for*  
**CONSECRATED LIFE**  
*GLP*  
**FEBRUARY 2**

**The 25th Anniversary of Celebrating  
World Day for Consecrated Life**

The 25th celebration of the annual World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in parishes in the United States the weekend of Feb. 5/6. This recognition marks an opportunity to highlight the ordinary and extraordinary contributions of consecrated men and women in this county and to pray for vocations to the consecrated life. In the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph there are 9 Orders of Men Religious and 21 Orders of Women Religious who have committed their lives in service through various ministries.

This celebration provides an opportunity for us to pray for vocations to the consecrated life, and for parents and family members, to be open to a member of their family discerning God's call to religious life.

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](mailto: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](mailto:true.francis@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

**BULLETIN DEADLINES**

For the Weekend of February 5 and 6, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, January 30, 2022**

For the Weekend of February 12 and 13, 2022 — Submissions due by: **Sunday, February 6, 2022**



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**Our Family of the Month for December**

*Congratulations*  
*Willie Clark*  
Family  
of the  
Month

*Congratulations and Thank You for all of the  
hard work that you do for our parish.*



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