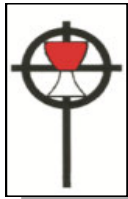


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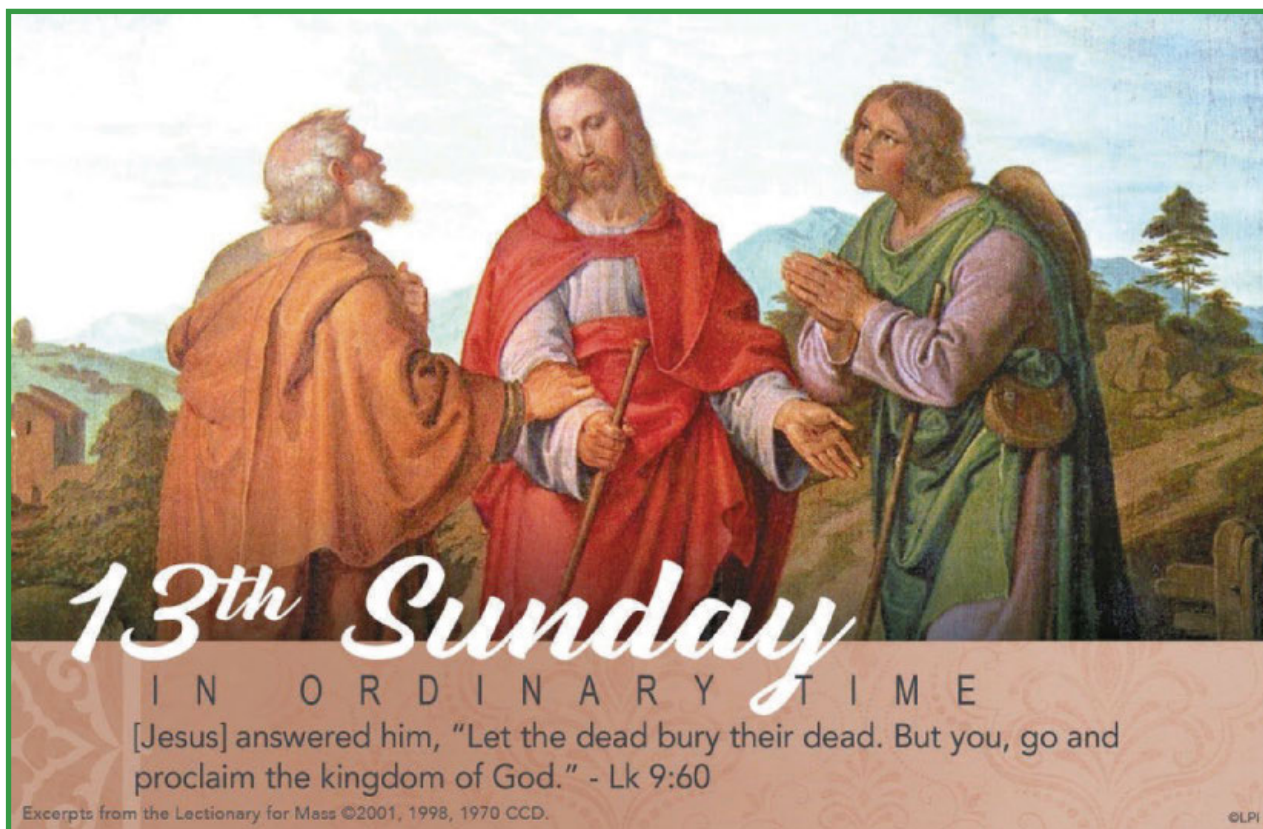
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SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER MASS SCHEDULE

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

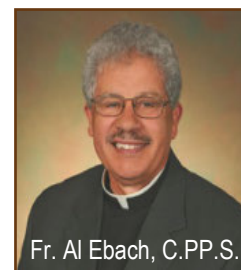
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RECONCILIATION

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

From the Desk of the Pastor

Almost two weeks ago Fr. Lac and I, along with a number of companions from the local area, traveled to Indianapolis, IN, gathering with a number of Precious Blood members and companions to elect leadership for the newly formed United States Province, combining the Kansas City and Cincinnati provinces into one province. The newly elected leadership of the recently formed province are: Father Jeff Kirch (provincial), Fr. Joseph Nassel (vice provincial), and councilors, Fr. Ben Berinti, Fr. Ron Will, and Br. Daryl Charron. The five of them, with the assistance of all the members and companions, will now establish a province center to facilitate a coordinated transition of the newly elected leadership and organizational aspects of the new province.



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

I share all of this information since St. Francis Xavier Parish has been under the pastoral leadership of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood since the inception of the parish in 1890. There certainly are no immediate plans to change the course of Precious Blood involvement of this parish, and hopefully this parish will continue to be served by the Priests, brothers, and companions of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood.

I want to share a little history of the development of establishing one U.S. Province. In the late 1800's the Precious Blood Community had been established as the American Province by men and women associated with the Missionary members out of Germany. In 1965, when the membership of Priests and brothers in the United States had increased to over five hundred, the community decided that it would be more effective if the province was divided into three U.S. provinces: The Pacific Province (the area from the ocean to the Rocky Mountains), the Kansas City Province (from the Rockies to the Mississippi River), and the Cincinnati Province (from the Mississippi to the East Coast). In the '90's the Pacific Province dissolved due to finances and diminishment of numbers. Vocations to religious communities and dioceses were prospering during the '50's and '60's, which changed the dynamics of the Missionaries. It was also a misnomer by now to call this province the American Province since a new Province was begun in Canada (Atlantic Province), and Mexico, Central and South America which had been elevated into missions, directed by the Cincinnati Province, which have just recently become the Latin American Province. Companions (lay associates with the Missionaries of the Precious Blood) were formed in the 80's, who have graced the parish of St. Francis Xavier since that time, along with many communities throughout the world.

The number of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood has diminished since the '60's when the Kansas City Province itself had around one hundred and thirty members. Today the numbers of the newly formed United States Province equals the membership of the Kansas City Province in the '60's. Because there are fewer men and women entering religious communities, or dioceses for that matter, it definitely is affecting pastoral leadership in our parishes. We need to keep praying for religious vocations, and the Church needs to call on the Holy Spirit to guide us to live Church in new ways. Continue to pray for vocations to the Missionaries of the Precious Blood and to all religious communities and dioceses throughout the world.

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

A Prayer for Vocations

Father, we're your people, the work of your hands. So precious are we in your sight that you sent your Son, Jesus. Jesus calls us to heal the broken-hearted, to dry the tears of those who mourn, to give hope to those who despair, and to rejoice in your steadfast love. We, the baptized, realize our call to serve. Help us to know how.

Open the hearts of many, raise up faithful servants of the Gospel, dedicated, holy priests, sisters, brothers, deacons, and lay ministers, who will spend themselves for your people and their needs.

Bless those who are serving now with courage and perseverance. Grant that many will be inspired by their example and faith.

We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, Amen.

Weekly Mass Intentions

MONDAY, June 27

*Saint Cyril of Alexandria,
Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

7:00am Loretta Pankiewicz
8:15am Mary (Mignery) Whitesel

TUESDAY, June 28

St. Irenaeus, Bishop and Martyr

7:00am Kathleen Kelder
8:15am Mary Pat Wilde

WEDNESDAY, June 29

Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles

7:00am John Alkier
8:15am Jim Goerlitz

THURSDAY, June 30

The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church

7:00am David Bullimore
8:15am Bill and Ann Whetsell

FRIDAY, July 1

Saint Junípero Serra

7:00am Ted Hauser
8:15am Uketui and Omile Families

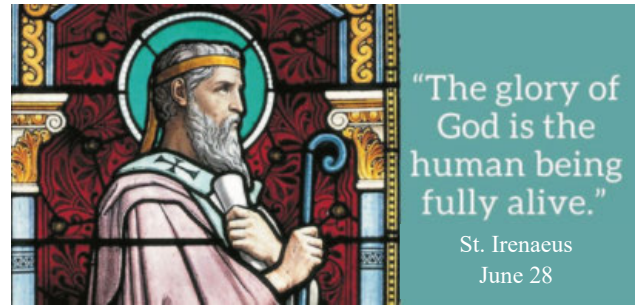
SATURDAY, July 2

8:00am Mary Catherine Wright
4:00pm Christopher Clark

SUNDAY, July 3

Saint Thomas, Apostle

7:30am For the Parish
9:30am Living and Deceased Members of the
Altar Society
11:30am Gerald "Jerry" Jones



Saint of the Week



Saint Junípero Serra, a Franciscan friar, began his professional life as a Spanish university professor. A gifted scholar, even before his ordination in 1738, he was assigned to teach philosophy in his community. In 1743 he received his doctorate in theology and taught for 5 years at Lullian University. But his heart's desire was to become a missionary. And in 1749 he was dispatched to serve at the Apostolic College of San Fernando in Mexico City.

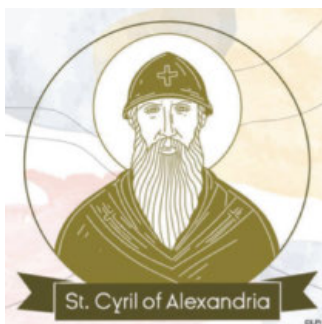
From 1750-1758, Fra Junípero governed the 5 missions to Pame Indians in the Sierra Gorda mountains. There the learned scholar trained himself in missionary skills and methods. He decided that to bring the natives to Christ he would have to become one of them. So he mastered their language, treated them as equals, and daily worked side-by-side with them in the fields. Then beginning in 1758 he spent 11 years working at missions throughout Mexico and Lower California.

In 1769 he established his first mission at San Diego. Between 1770-1782, Fra Junípero founded 8 more missions, including San Francisco and San Carlos at Monterey-Carmel, which became his base. The spiritual well-being of the Indians dominated Serra's concerns. At the California missions Fra Junípero baptized 6,000 Indians and confirmed 5,000. He died at Carmel in 1784.

Junípero Serra also improved the material welfare of the natives. For example, his introduction of agricultural methods and tools afforded them a better quality of life.

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"You will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judea and Samaria, and indeed to the earth's remotest end."



"Indeed the mystery of Christ runs the risk of being disbelieved precisely because it is so incredibly wonderful."

St. Cyril of Alexandria
June 27



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May's Virtue of the Month was GRATITUDE

Saint Francis Xavier Family raised funds during the year for George, our custodian, to take back to the Promised Land Academy in his homeland, Congo. We appreciate George and his being a part of the SFX Family. Here are a couple of pictures from the video. One of George bringing greetings to the children and their response, *"Thank you Saint Francis Family."*



The MO Scholars K-12 Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to new families wishing to send their children to Catholic schools. Families who qualify will be able to apply for a scholarship to attend one of our Catholic Schools in St. Joseph, and donors will be able to receive special tax credits for their donations.

This new law provides state tax credits for contributions to Educational Assistance Organizations (EAOs). The Diocese of Kansas City's Bright Futures Fund has been designated as an EAO.

The contributions made by donors are used to award scholarships to Missouri students with Individual Education Plans (IEPs) and students living in low-income households.



<https://treasurer.mo.gov/MOScholars/>

Incoming kindergarteners and first graders who meet the income threshold or have an IEP are eligible to receive scholarships. Families with children in other grades must have been enrolled in a public or charter school. Current Catholic school families in grades 2-12 are not eligible to participate.

If you would like to learn more about scholarship opportunities and donor tax credit benefits, visit <https://www.brightfuturesfund.org/moscholars.html>.



What's Happening at SFX This Week

Sunday, June 26, 2022

No Events Scheduled

Monday, June 27, 2022

6:00pm—Knights of Columbus, PC West Side

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

7:00pm—SFX Book Club, PC Conf. Rm

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, June 30, 2022

8:30am-10:30am—House of Bread Open

Friday, July 1, 2022

9:00am-2:30pm—First Friday Adoration, Church

Saturday, July 2, 2022

House of Bread CLOSED

Sunday, July 3, 2022

No Events Scheduled

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

Friday, July 1 2022, 9:00am-2:30pm

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

Sacrament of Matrimony

Tyler Vos and Laura Gagnon

were married here on June 17, 2022

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as you begin your new life together.*



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JULY

LITURGICAL MINISTRY SCHEDULES

Available at doors and SFX Parish Website

Oh Lord, You Are My

INHERITANCE

Psalm 16

This Week's Bible Readings

- Sunday:** I Kings 19:16b, 19-21 / Ps. 16:1-2, 5, 7-11 /
6/26/22 Galatians 5:1, 13-18 / Luke 9:51-62
- Monday:** Amos 2:6-10, 13-16 / Ps. 50:16-23 / Matthew 8:18-22
- Tuesday:** Amos 3:1-8; 4:11-12 / Ps. 5:4b-8 / Matthew 8:23-27
- Wednesday:** Vigil: Acts:3:1-10 / Ps. 19:2-5 / Galatians 1:11-20 /
John 21:15-19 Day: Acts 12:1-11 / Ps. 34:2-9 /
II Timothy 4:5-8, 17-18 / Matthew 16:12-19
- Thursday:** Amos 7:10-17 / Ps. 19:8-11 / Matthew 9:1-8
- Friday:** Amos 8:4-6, 9-12 / Ps. 119:2, 10, 20, 30, 40, 131 /
Matthew 9:9-13
- Saturday:** Amos 9:11-15 / Ps. 85:9-14 / Matthew 9:14-17
- Sunday:** Isaiah 66:10-14c / Ps. 66: 1-7, 16, 20 /
7/3/22 Luke 10:1-12, 17-20

Collection for June 18 & 19, 2022

Weekend Mass Envelopes: 4,344.00
Weekend Mass Plate: 761.28
Weekend Kids' Collection: 57.00

TOTAL WEEKEND COLLECTION: \$5,162.28

Communication Campaign: \$409.00

Upcoming *Protecting God's Children*® Session

Cathedral of St. Joseph will be hosting a Protecting God's Children for Adults session on Wednesday, June 29, 2022 starting at 5 pm in Ruggle Hall. Any individuals who need Protecting God's Children training for the upcoming school year or other volunteer work are invited from our local parishes. Registration is live through the Diocese of KC-SJ Office of Youth and Child Protection or the VIRTUS website.

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St. Francis Xavier parish members joined others from around the city on June 11 to rally against gun violence in America.

All who are concerned, especially in reaction to recent mass shootings, are urged to contact your US Senators online, or by phone or mail asking for their action now on reasonable gun safety laws at the federal level.

Universal background checks for the purchase of any weapon, the use of red flag warnings, and increasing the age from 18 to 21 for the purchase of an AR-15 are among the measures that are being considered.

Our Missouri Senators are:

Josh Hawley, 202-224-6154
115 Russell Senate Office Bldg., Washington, DC 20510

Roy Blunt, 202-224-5721
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BULLETIN DEADLINES

**Items for the weekend of JULY 2 and 3
DUE BY SUNDAY, June 26th**

Early Deadline: July 10 due Wed., June 29th



Back by popular demand, "Trivia Night," for adults only returns to Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish, 4503 Frederick Avenue, Saturday, July 9th. Doors open at 5:00 p.m., game begins 6:30 p.m. in Summers Hall. Reservations for tables of eight for the first 300 participants \$150 per table or \$20 individual entry fee. Participants invited to bring appetizers to share at their table. Beer and soda pop available for free will offering, also iced tea. Hard liquor not allowed. We will play Head's & Tails and auction off a dinner with Fr. Christian at the rectory at a mutually agreeable date. Register online at www.olog.org or contact the parish office, 816-232-2847.



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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.

Reconciliation

Saturdays (except for Holy Saturday) 11:00am / 3:00pm, or by appointment.

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

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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.

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