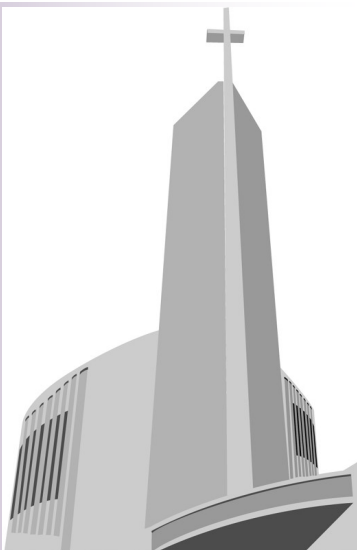


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

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, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or JeniferValenti@att.net, 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 Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.

MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday through Friday	7:00 am and 12:00 pm
Saturday	4:00 pm
Sunday	8:00 am and 10:30 am (6:00 pm University Student Liturgy during Fall & Spring semesters)
Sunday School (ages 2, 3 & 4)	during 10:30 am Sunday Liturgy
Children's Liturgy of the Word Mariann McCormally	during 10:30 am Sunday Liturgy 816-381-9163

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday	3:00-3:45 pm (or by appointment)
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday	12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

Infant Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Adult Catechumenate (RCIA)

Mariann McCormally 816-381-9163

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Fr. Stephen Yavorsky, S.J. 816-381-9162

Fr. Bob Hagan, S.J. 816-501-3288

Marriage

Fr. Bob Hagan, S.J. 816-501-3288

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Centering Prayer Group	3rd Monday Monthly
Choir Practice Pat Woodrum	Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 pm 816-381-9164
Community Garden Peg Hornsby	765-748-4135 or peghornsby@gmail.com
Cub Scouts Steve Livingston	Every other Saturday, 10-11:30am 816-444-6721
Emergency Assistance R E Jackson	By Appointment 816-381-9173
Food Pantry	By Appointment 816-381-9174
Justice & Life Steve Bruns	3rd Sunday Monthly 816-804-6097 or sbruns51@gmail.com
Ignatian Spirituality Mary Anne Morgenegg	816-381-9168
SFX-Adult Faith Formation Karen Stigers	1st Tuesday Monthly 913-262-8994
SFX-Sister Parish Jim Bell	Monthly 913-449-7505
SFX-Sustainability Cindy Schmidt	Monthly 816-914-9498
SFX-VIS Social Concerns	Monthly
Sodality of Our Lady Marie Dupree Johnson	816-333-7928


BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00noon

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 24, 2017

OUR MISSION

St. Francis Xavier Parish is a Roman Catholic, Jesuit community of faith called together by God to experience Jesus Christ in His Word, in the sacraments of the Church, and in each other. We, as the body of Christ, joined in Baptism and inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, enrich our faith through prayer and worship, spiritual formation, intellectual rigor, diversity of membership, hospitality and fellowship, attention to family life, and concern for social justice. Guided by the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, we strive to use our many gifts for the greater glory of God.



Let the just rejoice,
for their Justifier is
born. Let the sick
and infirm rejoice,
for their Savior is
born. Let the
captives rejoice,
for their Redeemer is
born. Let slaves
rejoice, for their
Master is born. Let
free persons rejoice,
for their Liberator is
born. Let all
Christians rejoice,
for Jesus Christ is
born.

St. Augustine

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

Saint Francis Xavier Staff

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Mariann McCormally	Ann Sheridan
Pat Woodrum	

◆ PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

The parish office will be closed Friday, December 22 at 12:00pm through Tuesday, January 2.

We will reopen Wednesday, January 3 at 9:00am.

◆ UPCOMING MASS SCHEDULE

Christmas:

Sunday, December 24 - 4:00pm Family Mass in the church

Sunday, December 24 - 9:00pm Vigil in the church

Monday, December 25 - 10:00am Christmas Mass in the church

Tuesday, December 26 - No daily mass

Wednesday, December 27 - No daily mass

Thursday, December 28 - No daily mass

Friday, December 29 - No daily mass or adoration

Saturday, December 30 - 4:00pm Mass in the church

Sunday, December 31 - 8:00am and 10:30am Mass in the church

Monday, January 1 - 10:00am in the church

Tuesday, January 2 - No daily mass

Wednesday, January 3 - 7:00am and 12:00pm mass resumes

FAITH FORMATION

◆ LABORING WITH GOD TOWARDS RECONCILIATION: PEACE AND GOSPEL NONVIOLENCE

Thursday, January 18, 7:00 pm SFX Church

The Adult Faith Formation and Justice & Life Committees of SFX invite you to attend this prayer service focused on personal and social sin, reconciliation, transformation, and righteousness. The service is open to the public. For further information, please contact: Karen Stigers karen.stigers@gmail.com or Steve Bruns sbruns51@gmail.com.

◆ CHOOSING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE: A REFLECTION ON IGNATIAN DISCERNMENT

Father Mark Thibodeaux, SJ, Tuesday, January 16

6:15pm Simple Supper, 7:00 pm Presentation

Visitation Church (5141 Main, KCMO) Tighe Hall

Father Mark serves as a spiritual director for Jesuits in formation and is an acknowledged expert on the topic of prayer and discernment. A well-known speaker and author, he brings his expertise on the Examen, St. Ignatius Loyola's five-step meditation and prayer tool, to help us be more attentive to the presence of God in daily life. For more information contact Peg Ekerdt peg@church.visitation.org.

◆ SCIENCE, FAITH AND THE BIG BANG (DO CATHOLICS BELIEVE IN EVOLUTION?)

Soul Food Tuesday

Tuesdays, 11:00-11:55 AM (dismissed in time for those who wish to attend 12:00 Noon Mass)

The Romero Room

Participation in this study/prayer group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. The "content" of each block will be determined in consultation with the participants. Our next block is **January 9, 16, 23, 30**. We will be reading, discussing and praying about Science and Faith. Come study and pray with us! For more information and/or to register to participate, please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

◆ COOKIE PROJECT 2017 REPORT

Many thanks to our bakers who made over 3,000 cookies to include in the Christmas baskets for our neighbors in need! Thanks also to those who donated resealable gallon bags, those who let us borrow their big plastic totes, those who carried the cookies downstairs to the BVM Room (and back upstairs to the Hearth Room!), those who helped plate and bag all those cookies, and those who washed and dried and wiped off tables! Metal tins, plastic containers and totes are in the Hospitality Room in the back of Church. Please pick them up ASAP. A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Turner for coordinating this effort.

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH—DECEMBER 31, 2017

◆ MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

Looking ahead: mark your calendar to participate in the **Rockhurst University Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service on Monday, January 15**. Our January Gathering for food, fun and prayer on **Sunday, January 21, 2018, 6:00-8:00 pm**. Contact Mariann McCormally for more information and/or to register (mccormally@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9163).

◆ ANNUAL WORLD PEACE MEDITATION, AN INTERFAITH GATHERING

Sunday, December 31, 2016 7:00 am, (please arrive 6:30 am)
Rime Buddhist Center, 700 West Pennway KCMO 64108

The program consists of religious observances from various cultures and faith traditions including Native American smudging, Tibetan Buddhist chanting and meditation, Christian prayer, devotional music, Sufi dance, and the Muslim "call to prayer." Members of the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council will offer a prayer for peace from each of their faith traditions. A highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Bodhisattva Award. The award this year will be given to Sofia Khan for her work with KC for Refugees. Join us as we pray for peace! For more information: www.rimecenter.org 816-471-7073.

◆ **CHECK OUT "MESSAGE FROM MARIANN"** a weekly blog on our website from our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation Mariann McCormally. Go to sfx-kc.org and click the "Faith Formation" tab. The blog is also posted on our St. Francis Xavier Facebook page. Have you "liked" our page, yet?

◆ NEW PARISHIONER GATHERING

January 13/14, 2018 after all the Masses, Parish Library

Have you joined the parish since July 2016? We're having a New Parishioner Gathering for all those who have become a part of SFX since Father Steve became pastor. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for some light refreshments and a chance to meet and visit with Father Steve, Father Bob, the parish staff and parish leadership.

◆ ROSARY BEFORE MASS

We will not be praying the rosary before the 4:00 and 8:00 Masses the weekend of December 23/24 or December 30/31. Plan to join us in the Cry Room at 3:40 on Saturdays or 7:40 on Sundays starting the weekend of January 6/7.

JUSTICE & LIFE

◆ THANK YOU!!!!

A BIG THANK YOU to the parishioners of Visitation Parish who baked cookies, donated turkeys, and delivered Christmas Baskets.

Also a Special Thank YOU to Cosentino's, Russell Stovers and Chartwells for you donations to make our Christmas Basket Project such a success!! We are so Blessed for all of you!!

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◆ THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO THE CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT

May God bless you abundantly for sharing your gifts of time, resources, talents, and prayers in helping us reach out to our neighbors and sharing Christ's love. Your blessings have touched the lives of many children, seniors, and other adults. These are folks we have come to know through our year round emergency assistance program. Please know how genuinely they have expressed their gratitude. Look forward to a more complete report in a future bulletin.

◆ SFX PARISH FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION JANUARY 20/21, 2018

Most needed items this month are: **crunchy peanut butter, soup, side dishes, all types of cereal, ramen noodles, all sizes of ADULT diapers, Poise pads (all sizes), diapers (size 5 & 6), and all types of women's hygiene items.**

Just a reminder, that if you would like to make a monetary donation to the food pantry, you must make the check out to "SFX Social Ministries" with "food pantry" in the memo line. If you are going to donate during the Sunday collection, please put your donation in a separate envelope with "SFX Social Ministries" written on the outside of the envelope. Thank you for your continued generosity with food and cash donations to the food pantry!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ COPING WITH LIFE ALONE - PEER TO PEER GRIEF SUPPORT

Coping with Life Alone is a Beginning Experience grief support program that meets each week for 7 weeks. The program helps those who have lost a love relationship due to death, divorce or separation, move through the experience of grief and loss into a future with renewed hope. The upcoming program dates in Kansas City, MO – **Sundays, January 14 through February 25**, at St John Francis Regis Church, 8941 James A. Reed Road, KCMO. Contact Donna at (816-305-3760), for information and registration. Sessions will be from 1:30-3:30pm.

◆ The 25th annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. It is scheduled for **Friday, January 26, 2018**. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of KCK, the Diocese of KC/St. Joseph & Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have wonderful speakers this year, Archbishop James P. Kelleher, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of KCK, Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce, and Paul Sappington who is in Pre-Theology II at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Rd, KCMO. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes (913) 207-9893 or mmmhsos512@gmail.com. Check out our new website: www.supportourseminarians.com.

MASS READINGS

◆ DECEMBER 25 - JANUARY 7

MONDAY: Isa 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/John 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

TUESDAY: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Matt 10:17-22

WEDNESDAY: 1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a, 2-8

THURSDAY: 1 John 1:5--2:2/Matt 2:13-18

FRIDAY: 1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35

SATURDAY: 1 John 2:12-17/Luke 2:36-40

SUNDAY: Gen 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Luke 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

MONDAY: Num 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

TUESDAY: 1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28

WEDNESDAY: Sir 51:8-12/Phil 2:1-11/Luke 2:21-24

THURSDAY: 1 John 3:7-10/John 1:35-42

FRIDAY: 1 John 3:11-21/John 1:43-51

SATURDAY: 1 John 5:5-13/Mark 1:7-11 or Luke 3:23-38 or 3:23, 31-34, 36, 38

SUNDAY: Isa 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matt 2:1-12



MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/23	4:00pm	Pierre (Pete) Guignon †
Sun	12/24	8:00am	That Emmanuel Come to Save Us
		10:30am	SFX Parishioners
		4:00pm	For Wonder and Adoration
		9:00pm	For the Gift of Contemplation
Mon	12/25	10:00am	To Be As Fully Human As Christ Is
Tues	12/26	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Mass	
Wed	12/27	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Mass	
Thurs	12/28	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Mass	
Fri	12/29	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Mass	
Sat	12/30	4:00pm	Pierre (Pete) Guignon †
Sun	12/31	8:00am	SFX Parishioners
		10:30am	That Our Families Be Holy
Mon	1/1	10:00am	New Years Day Mass
Tues	1/2	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Mass	
Wed	1/3	7:00am	Roy Blunt
		12:00pm	Pete Guignon †
Thurs	1/4	7:00am	Claire McCaskill
		12:00pm	For the Sisters of Charity
Fri	1/5	7:00am	Steve Dumas
		12:00pm	That Jesus Be Our Stairway To God
Sat	1/6	4:00pm	Pierre (Pete) Guignon †
Sun	1/7	8:00am	That God Enlighten All Nations
		10:30am	SFX Parishioners

CALENDAR

Monday, December 25

10:00am Christmas Day Mass

Tuesday, December 26

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Wednesday, December 27

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Thursday, December 28

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Friday, December 29

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 30

No Activities

Sunday, December 31

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (chapel)

10:30am Sunday School: ages 2-3-4 yrs (RR)

Monday, January 1

10:00am New Years Day Mass

Tuesday, January 2

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Wednesday, January 3

7:00am & 12:00pm Mass resumes

8:00am ISC~Breakfast Club (RR)

7:00pm Choir Practice

Thursday, January 4

12:30pm Adoration (chapel)

Friday, January 5

No Activities

Saturday, January 6

All Day Family & Friends Weekend (church)

10:00am Cub Scouts meeting (BVM)

Sunday, January 7

All Day Family & Friends Weekend (church)

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (chapel)

10:30am Sunday School: ages 2-3-4 yrs (RR)

10:30am Confirmation Class (RR)

6:00pm RU Student Mass (church)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 30/31

ALL AS ASSIGNED

JANUARY 6/7

ALL AS ASSIGNED

"AT THE END OF OUR LIFE, WE SHALL BE JUDGED BY CHARITY." ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS