



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
1001 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

**SFX UPDATE – May 21, 2021**  
**All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish**  
**This Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Wear RED!**

*The parish office will close at 3:00 pm on Friday, May 28 for Memorial Day weekend.*

Do you have friends who might enjoy our wonderful parish? If so, please consider sharing these weekly updates with your friends and family.

Also, invite them to:

Watch our Mass live on our [YouTube channel](#) and subscribe to our channel.  
Follow our [St. Francis Xavier Facebook page](#) and Justice & Life Facebook page.

**UPDATE ON SFX COVID POLICY FOR MASSES:  
A MORE CAUTIOUS RETURN TO “NORMAL”**

This policy will be revisited in a few weeks. We are still requiring people to wear masks for attending Mass. We have removed the social distancing requirement for Masses. The musicians and cantors will still use the shields.

**PASTOR'S CORNER**

Are you interested in being an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion aka Eucharistic Minister? Saturday, May 22 at 9:00 a.m., we will be having training for new and veteran Eucharistic Ministers. If you have not signed up, please me at [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org) today.

**Current SFX Mass Schedule**

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m. Masses will be live-streamed)

Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m. (Please enter thru the chapel door in the parking lot.)

**Second Collection May 21-21 Peter's Pence** “The faithful’s offerings to the Holy Father through the Peter’s Pence Collection are destined to Church needs, to humanitarian initiatives and social promotion projects, as well as to the support of the Holy See.” Thank you for supporting this mission.

**Welcome and Strong Blessings** on Aidan Patrick Latz (son of Adriane and Kevin Latz) a Rockhurst High student who is making his Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church this Pentecost Sunday. Aidan will come into Full Communion with the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation (taking the name Paul) and Eucharist. May he – and all our children and teens – grow strong in the Spirit!

**Pledge Drive 2021** The annual SFX Pledge Drive is in progress, and we have received 124 pledge cards so far, a 34% response rate. Let’s keep going! We have a lot of plans for the upcoming fiscal year, and your pledge card helps us plan for our future. Please prayerfully consider your response this year and check out [SFX Pledge Drive Page](#) to learn more. Pledge cards can be returned by mail or placed in the collection basket at Mass.

**Our Pentecost Flames:** The fabric for the flames comes from Leilani Arts an importer of high-quality exotic yarn and fabrics. The company works directly with women’s collectives. Silk sari factories in India donate the unwanted silk trimmings and fabric scraps direct from factory floors to local women’s cooperatives. The women sew the residual silk remnants together end-to-end to compose a continuous skein of silky ribbon. Our parishioner, Peg

Hornsby, then sewed the fabric together to make our Pentecost flames.

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**Children's Liturgy of the Word:** Zoom CLW at 9:45, In-Person during the 10:30 Mass. Please contact [Mariann McCormally](#) with your ideas, suggestions, questions, and concerns (AND if you are interested in helping with this important ministry).

**Graduation Sunday.** Pray for our young adults graduating High School and university. And save the date: June 6, 10:30 Mass. Our graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown regalia to Mass and receive a special blessing. (Please contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) to make sure your graduate is on our list – we don't want to miss anyone!)

**Experiencing Gratitude:** A Mandala Creation Workshop Sunday June 6, 2:00-3:30 pm IN THE CHURCH Join SFX parishioner, counselor, mandala artist and workshop facilitator Kathy Malone for an introduction to mandalas and an opportunity to create a mandala. In this workshop participants will explore examples of mandalas created in nature, religion, art and cultural traditions, as well as for art therapy or self-expression. There is no requirement for artistic experience or expertise-- just an open mind and a non-judgmental attitude toward your work! Kathy will lead the group in a short gratitude guided visualization, and then we will have time to create our mandalas. We will process about the experience and have a chance to dialogue with our mandala. Supplies will be provided. No fee. The group is limited to 15. Age 15 and older. To register and/or for more information contact [Mariann](#).

**Centering Prayer Group** via Zoom Monday, May 24 7:00-9:00 pm. Contact [Rebecca Thompson](#) for Zoom meeting id and password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to Contemplative Outreach KC.

**Ignatius500!** May 20 is the 500th anniversary of Ignatius Loyola's cannonball injury - and the beginning of his conversion! Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, has declared the "Ignatian Year" May 20, 2021 - March 12, 2022 (the 400th anniversary of the canonization of St Ignatius with St Francis Xavier). Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 23 7:00 pm to pray with the worldwide Ignatian Family <https://ignatius500.global/live/>.

**Journey with Ignatius** is a FREE app created by the Institute for Advanced Jesuit Studies at Boston College with videos, readings, podcasts, reflections questions, and a virtual prayer wall - all designed to help us deepen our knowledge and love of Ignatian spirituality. [DOWNLOAD NOW](#)

**What about Confirmation 2022?** Confirmation Prep Classes for rising freshmen and sophomores will begin in late summer. Our teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on March 30, 2022 at Visitation Church. To register and/or for more information contact [Mariann](#).



**SFXcellent Walkers and Runners: Outpace Poverty Save the Date September 18 in Theis Park**

Join the team to raise money for Catholic Charities. Watch this space for registration information – and start training! For more information, contact [Becca](#) or [Mariann](#).

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**Gospel Non-Violence** - Jesus' Way and message is the way of forgiving, Nonviolent Love. One of the beautiful ministries we have at SFX is our Gospel Non-Violence Group. Small groups meet to watch movies of folks who lived Jesus' Way. We cover basis pertinent topics in part through the retreats of Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy (who gave a retreat at SFX in 2008). Our personal transformation is the strongest assurance that the Kingdom of God will be built on earth. Length of each session, time, location or zoom will all be determined by the needs of the participants. The time is ripe for a new group! For more information, please contact Peg Burns at [pegburns00@gmail.com](mailto:pegburns00@gmail.com).

**SFX Tote Bags** – The tote bags are selling! These beautiful, large, customized tote bags are available for a \$10 donation as we raise funds for our Hearth Room furniture. They are great to take to the Farmer's Markets and grocery stores, to give as gifts, or to pack supplies for the pool and picnics. For more information or to get one, contact Sue.

**George Floyd Anniversary Public Witness** – Tuesday, May 25 4:30-5:45 pm – We haven't forgotten his heartless murder, nor have we forgotten the countless innocent people of color who have died since his death. On the one-year anniversary of George Floyd's murder, we will have a public witness and prayer service along Troost from 4:30-5:45 pm. Mark your calendars and start making your signs! There is still much work to do!

**Kansas City Irish Fest and SFX** – We still need people to work the Irish Fest September 3-5. The proceeds from the beverage tent support our Sister Parish, St. Martin de Porres in Belize City. Signup sheets for the volunteer shifts will be available in Narthex of the church after all Masses this weekend. For more information contact Jim Bell: jbell@biomicrobics.com, 913-449-7505 (days) or 913-432-7766 (evenings)

## **TWO ACTION ALERTS – MISSOURI**

**Stop Voter Suppression!** State legislators across the country are introducing a slew of bills that either restrict or expand voting access. Legislators in four states in the UCS Province – Missouri, Alabama, Florida and Texas – are considering bills that could severely limit access to voting. The U.S. Catholic bishops have written about how restrictive voting laws and practices have been used for over a century to disenfranchise voters of color and make it harder for them to vote. Such bills often also disenfranchise people of any race or ethnic background who live in poverty, have a disability, or have not yet mastered the English language.

**If you live in Missouri**, you can copy and paste [this letter](#) into an email to your representatives in both the MO House and the MO Senate. If don't know the names of your state representatives, you can find it through entering your 9-digit zip code here: [Legislator Lookup | Missouri Senate \(mo.gov\)aspx](#). Please share these links widely. Legislators need to hear that Catholics in their states want to make voter participation easier. Thank you!

**Mike Parson refuses to fund voter-supported Medicaid for Missouri's poor** - Missouri Governor Mike Parson dropped the plan to expand Missouri's Medicaid health care program to thousands of low-income adults on Thursday. The [state's Republican-led Legislature decided to refuse funding for the voter-approved measure](#), because it wasn't in the budget. Please use the [Legislator Lookup | Missouri Senate \(mo.gov\)aspx](#) to write our elected officials and voice your concern.



**Asylum Family** – You undoubtedly have heard about the influx of refugees at the southern Border. Parishioners Jody and Bill Craig went through the process of becoming sponsors and our first family arrived yesterday! Louis Okoye, Loveth Yemaye, and their four-year-old daughter, Stephanie arrived from Nigeria via the southern border. Right now, their greatest need is housing. If you know of an affordable place to rent for this young family, please let us know! When we find them a place, they will

also need to furnish it. Right now, we are looking for a couch, a couple comfortable living room chairs, some chairs for a dining room table, a queen bed set, and new pillows. More needs will come. Please pray for our new friends and all who are seeking refuge.

## **Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others**

**Brain Injury Association of Greater Kansas City** is in desperate need of 30 volunteers for this year's run on Memorial Day from 7:00 am –10:00 am. The organization that has been their bulwark in the past has not been able to provide as many volunteers this year. They primarily need course monitors who are located strategically on the course, in accordance with requirements by police. Course monitors are asked to check in for their position at Country Club Christian Church, 6101 Ward Parkway. Volunteers must be at least 16 years of age; otherwise, volunteer must be accompanied by an adult. Course

monitors are asked to have a mobile phone so they can report any needs they encounter. Anyone who wants to volunteer should contact [bjacobson@biaks.org](mailto:bjacobson@biaks.org) or call 913-515-7386.

**Ignatian Spirituality** - [www.Jesuitprayer.org](http://www.Jesuitprayer.org) Ignatian spirituality reminds us that God pursues us in the routines of our home and work life, and in the hopes and fears of life's challenges. The founder of the Jesuits, Saint Ignatius of Loyola, created the Spiritual Exercises to deepen our relationship with Christ and to move our contemplation into service. May this prayer site anchor your day and strengthen your resolve to remember what truly matters.

**MAX PRISON & JAIL MINISTRY PEN PALS** - Pen Pals change lives. If you are over 18 and can commit to writing one letter each month for a year to someone who is incarcerated, please join us. Our program is safe and all directions are provided. To learn more, contact Bill Francis at 816.714.2367 or [francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:francis@diocesekcsj.org).

***One in the Spirit!***

*Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue*

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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