



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

SFX UPDATE – June 11, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

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”

- We have removed the social distancing requirement for Masses.
- We are still requiring people to wear masks for attending Mass until the end of June. At that time, we will look at the data and determine if we begin to relax the mask policy in July. We appreciate your patience and care for one another.
- The musicians and cantors will still use the shields.

THIS SUNDAY PARISH TOWN HALL: What is going on at SFX? We are hosting an all-parish Town Hall Meeting on Sunday, June 13th at 1:00 pm via Zoom. The Town Hall will cover operational and financial updates as well as updates from our various ministries. We'll also talk about plans for our parish as the COVID-19 restrictions lift. Click here to join: [SFX Town Hall](#) If you prefer to join by phone, dial: 1-312-626-6799 and enter Meeting ID: 930 3669 9747 and Passcode: 334738

PASTOR'S CORNER

I will be out of town visiting family from Wed, June 9 until Saturday June 26. Like most of you, I haven't been with my family for over 1 ½ years because of COVID. As I come to the close of my first year here as your pastor, I cannot tell you how happy and full of peace I am to be here with you and journey with you. Thank you all for your support and prayers. If anything goes wrong while I am away, you can blame Fr. Steve 😊. He's used to it and can handle it!

On **Sunday, June 20th**, **Fr. Matt Ruhl, S.J.** will preside at the 10:30am Mass. I know he looks forward to seeing you.

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.)

Strong Blessings on Joseph Patrick Healy (son of Kenneth Patrick Healy and Marie Kathleen Sullivan Healy) who will be baptized Sunday afternoon. He is a fourth generation SFXer! May he, his big sisters Margaret Ann and Cecelia Marie – and all our children – grow up to know, love and serve God and God's people.

Survey Results: We collected some great information on our survey and will report the results during Sunday's Town Hall. Thanks to all who filled it out. A few of you stated you did not get an Advent or Lenten packet in the mail. If you were a parishioner at that time, please contact [Peggy](#) so she can update your contact information.

SAVE THE DATE! SFX ANNUAL PICNIC SEPTEMBER 11TH - We are planning to hold our annual parish picnic on Saturday, September 11th following the 4pm Mass, if we can gather safely at that time. Please keep your fingers crossed! For now, mark your calendar and save the date. The SFX annual picnic is always a very nice time, complete with delicious food and the chance to relax and visit with your fellow parishioners.

XAVIER HALL KITCHEN CREW - WE NEED YOUR HELP: Now that the mask mandate has lifted, we are planning more events at Xavier Hall, our beautiful parish gathering space. To make this work, we need people who are willing to learn how to run the kitchen equipment (coffee pots, dishwashers, etc.) and are willing to stay for set-up and clean-up at parish sponsored events. We'd love to have a list of people we can tap into. It's fun! If you are interested, please know you will be fully trained and supported. Contact Ann Sheridan, asheridan@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9165. Thank you.

PARISHIONERS SUPPORTING PARISHIONERS, SFX Funeral Ministry: Similar to the request for help in the paragraph above, we'd like to identify people who are willing to help at funeral luncheons. This could include helping set up and serve the luncheon, bringing a casserole or dessert to share, and other acts of kindness towards your fellow parishioners experiencing the loss of a loved one. Many parishes do this very well, and we'd like to get this going at St. Francis Xavier. As "men and women for others" please consider this opportunity to serve. Contact Ann Sheridan at the email address or phone number above.

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word (neither Zoom, nor in-person) this Sunday, June 13. Miss Mariann is on vacation. We'll be back at on June 20!

Adult Faith Formation Summer Book Read: "Love, Loss and Endurance" by Bill Tammeus. Two decades after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, America still is reeling. Award-winning journalist Bill Tammeus was among those who suffered the personal loss of a relative that day. In this book, Tammeus tells the story of 9/11. He helps us to understand **the many sources of religious extremism -- and what can be done to stop it.** Finally, he invites us to **reclaim core values that can help all of us become peacemakers** in today's tumultuous world. The book is available (in paperback) wherever books are sold. **Save the date: Thursday, September 9, 7:00 pm.** We will gather as a parish community to remember 9/11, discuss the book and pray to become peacemakers. For more information contact [Mariann](#).

Auschwitz. Not Long Ago. Not Far Away. This event is selling out quickly! This groundbreaking exhibition opens June 14 and brings together more than 700 original objects and 400 photographs from over 20 institutions and museums around the world. *Auschwitz. Not long ago. Not far away.* is the most comprehensive exhibition dedicated to the history of Auschwitz and its role in the Holocaust ever presented in North America, and an unparalleled opportunity to confront the singular face of human evil—one that arose not long ago and not far away. If you are interested in going as a group, contact [Sue](#). We hope to get tickets for July 13. Space is limited and tickets are selling fast!

Community Garden Update – To date, our dedicated gardeners have harvested 96 pounds of delicious, nutritious greens! Our neighbors are enjoying lettuce, green onions, mustard greens, beet greens, and turnip greens! Thank you, gardeners!

Refugee Support – Our new friends are ready to move into their temporary home. They will need help moving. If you can help in any way, please contact [Jody](#) and [Bill](#) Craig. Check out the [items they still need](#). Next week, we will have an account set up on our website so you can donate directly. 100% of your donations will be used for the family. Thank you for your many donations, emails, and words of support for this wonderful family. The family can live in this place for 6 months. If you know of a place they can rent, please contact Jody and Bill. Thank you!

Wednesday Morning CuraCommunity – In this Ignatian 500 year, the Wednesday morning Cura group has decided to explore Ignatian Spirituality more deeply. Join us every other Wednesday for an hour as we deepen our understanding of finding God in all things, consolation and desolation, magis, the importance of the Examen, and other Ignatian concepts. Our next meeting will be June 23 at 10:00 am. Contact [Sue](#) for the Zoom link.

It's time to help Migrant Farmworkers again! Each year, hundreds of migrant farmworkers and their families arrive in Lexington, MO in July to pick apples. For 3 years, we have supported them both by collecting items and going to Lexington to serve. This year, we are collecting the following items and have **3 dates** - August 30, September 27, and October 18. Mark your calendar and let [Sue](#) know if you're interested in taking a beautiful drive and helping on a Monday evening. *Additionally, this month there are opportunities to go out during the day to help with special projects to prepare for their arrival.* Let Sue know if you're interested in that. Here's what we are collecting. You may drop off items in the back of church or bring them to the parish office during office hours. Also, as you eat fresh produce this summer, please remember and pray for those farmworkers who tended and harvested it. Thank you for your generosity.

- t-shirts - medium & large
- men's jeans - medium and large sizes - slightly worn is fine
- baseball caps
- men's lightweight long-sleeved shirts Medium & large - the pickers wear these when they're up on ladders in the trees.
- tube socks - white or gray - 9-11 size, knee high
- hygiene kits - gallon Ziplock bags, zipped tightly **w/ full size items** - deodorant, shampoo, bar of soap, washcloth, toothbrush, toothpaste
- Zador or Alloway, or the CVS, Walgreens, or Walmart equivalent. Small bottles are best. The pickers are out in the heat looking up toward the sun, so these drops help moisten and protect their eyes.
- Dry pinto beans
- Dry white rice (not instant)

SFX supports Pride Month – At St. Francis Xavier we welcome all. This month we strive to educate ourselves about LGBTQ+ issues that our brothers and sisters face, so we can better support those who struggle for equal rights and acceptance. Here are a few ways to do that:

- Read or re-read Fr. James Martin's [Building a Bridge](#) or check out these other LGBTQ+ [books](#).
- [Pray](#) with and for our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters.
- [Educate](#) yourself on LGBTQ+ issues with articles and findings from the Pew Research Center.

Juneteenth – June 19, 1865 marks the date that Union soldiers reached Galveston, TX with the news that the war had ended and that the enslaved were now free, 2 ½ years after the Emancipation Proclamation officially freed all slaves. Check out these Juneteenth events happening in Kansas City:

[HOME | Juneteenth | Kansas City's Official African American Heritage Event \(juneteenth-kc.com\)](#)
[Kansas City Juneteenth – Remembering Our History \(kcjuneteenth.org\)](#)

[Festival – Kansas City Juneteenth \(kcjuneteenth.org\)](http://kcjuneteenth.org)

SFX Tote Bags – We still have a few tote bags left! Don't miss this opportunity to get one. They are available for a \$10 donation as we raise funds for our Hearth Room furniture. To get one, contact [Sue](#).

Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others

World Refugee Day is June 20. The United Nations has designated World Refugee Day as an occasion to build empathy and understanding for refugees' plight and to recognize their resilience in rebuilding their lives. On June 17 at 1:00 p.m. CDT, JRS/USA will hold a live virtual event featuring Olympic Gold medalist Katie Ledecky, refugee athletes, and JRS mental health and psychosocial support specialists for a discussion on refugee mental wellbeing, athletics and the celebration of refugee talent. You can register [here](#).

Summer Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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