



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

SFX UPDATE – September 17, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

We are still down one air conditioning unit. The options whether to repair or replace the unit are still under discussion; the SFX Building Committee is waiting for a mechanical engineer's report to review. In the meantime, please plan accordingly.

SFX COVID Policy for Masses

- Masks are required for everyone attending Mass.
- If you come to the office for an appointment, masks are required as well.

As always, please consult with your doctor/health care professionals about how best to proceed. If you choose not to attend Mass for health reasons, a Particular Dispensation applies, granted by the pastor, Fr. Jim.

Do you know someone 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](#).

Pastor's Corner–

One thing all of staff at SFX are acutely aware of is the inability for us as a parish community to gather socially. With COVID restrictions and wearing masks, it's impossible to gather for coffee or any socializing with food with a large number of people. One thing in particular that has suffered is the welcoming of newcomers. Hospitality has been a keystone of SFX and COVID has made this next to impossible. If you have any suggestions on how we can better welcome newcomers, please let me, Ann, Sue, or Mariann know. If you write, please sign your letter so we can contact you directly and discuss matters. If you send an unsigned letter, then there is no real communication and no possibility of exploring solutions.

Music Ministry: We are looking for people who might wish to be cantors for our weekend Masses. If you are interested, please email Laura Worms at r.worms@sbcglobal.net.

All potential cantors must audition.

SFX Men's Group:

We are sponsoring a **Golf Outing** - Oct. 5 at 12:30pm, Hillcrest Golf Course, followed by dinner at BB's Lawnside BBQ at 5:00pm. Contact Dan Bonderer, dlbonder@gmail.com, to register or more info.

Retreat Dec. 9-12, Jesuit White House Retreat, St. Louis. For retreat or to get on our email list contact Tom Bradshaw, tbradshaw2111@gmail.com. We have been assigned 18 slots for the retreat with 7 men registered to date. Deadline for registering is mid Oct.

SFXcellent WALKERS and RUNNERS – Outpace Poverty is TOMORROW! We have raised over \$3,400 for Catholic Charities. WOW! Many thanks to all who have joined the team and made a donation for the Outpace Poverty Walk/Run. It's not too late to be part of the fun! Saturday, September 18. Theis Park. 8:00am. (If you haven't pre-registered and pick up your race packet, be at the park between 7:00-7:15am). Go to [SFXcellent Walkers and Runners - Outpace Poverty 5k Run / Walk \(runsignup.com\)](https://runsignup.com) to join the team OR to donate.

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word on Zoom or In Person this Sunday. Miss Mariann is out of town for a family funeral. Check out the song we'll be singing between now and Advent [Enter the Journey by Mark Friedman and Janet Vogt](#).

First Reconciliation/First Communion SACRAMENTS KICK OFF for Children and Parents Wednesday, September 22 6:30-7:45pm SFX Chapel

Do you have a child who is in second grade or older ready for First Reconciliation and First Communion and/or Baptism? Please contact Mariann McCormally (816-381-9163 or mccormally@sfx-kc.org) NOW and join us on September 22.

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors meet next Sunday, September 26 for 10:30 Mass followed by lunch and class in Xavier Hall. Please pray for our young people! For more information contact [Mariann](#).

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic? Weekly RCIA/Catechumenate classes will begin on Sunday, September 26. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor, or if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or joining the Catholic Church, please contact Mariann McCormally (816-381-9163 or mccormally@sfx-kc.org).

Ignatian 500 As we continue to celebrate the Ignatian Year, we reflect with members of the Ignatian Family around the world on Ignatius' injury, convalescence, conversion and commitment to action. Check out this new video from Jesuits Global [Big-time Conversion. Ignatius in the Centre](#).

Easing Into Contemplative Prayer: Virtual Group Prayer Retreat Thursday mornings, October 14-November 18, 10:00-11:30am. Mariann McCormally and Nancy Seibolt will guide participants through a retreat exploring and experiencing various ways of praying using Father Mark Thibodeaux, SJ, book "Armchair Mystic." Go to [Easing Into Contemplative Prayer: Virtual Group Prayer Retreat — Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City \(ignatiancenterkc.org\)](#) for more information and to register.

Jesus, A Pilgrimage by Father James, Martin, SJ. Here are some great resources for our parish-read: [James Martin YouTube Videos on Holy Land Trip](#) [Facebook Jesus, A Pilgrimage Intro & Chp 1, Chp 2](#) [Facebook Jesus a Pilgrimage, Chp 3 & 4](#) If you haven't joined one of our book groups, please consider reading the book on your own.

And if you need a copy of the book, we have a few left (\$15). Contact [Mariann](#) to purchase a book.

OCTOBER PRAYER WALK Saturday, October 2, at Mill Creek Park (Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd and Mill Creek Pkwy). **9:30am**. Meet at the Fountain. We'll walk and talk and share faith. Come discover (or rediscover) a new part of the city. Find God in All Things - east and west of Troost. All ages, strollers, and wheelchairs (and dogs on leashes) welcome. Rain or shine. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

Season of Creation – September 1-October 4 – We're halfway through this sacred season created by Pope Francis as a way for us to re-evaluate our activities and reduce our impact on our fragile earth. What can you do to reduce your impact on the planet? SFX is committed to our sustainability journey. What suggestions do you have for our parish? Send them to [Sue](#).

Public Witness, Letter Signing, and Prayer Service HAPPENING TODAY - Join us from **4:30-5:50pm this afternoon** as we raise awareness of the upcoming execution of Ernest Johnson and the unjust incarceration of Kevin Strickland. We will stand on Troost from 4:30-5:30 with signs and offer people the chance to sign letters that we will send to Governor Parson asking for justice for these two men. At 5:30 we will have a brief prayer service. To find out more about these men, visit [Clemency for Ernest Johnson \(madpmo.org\)](#) and [Why is Kevin Strickland still in jail?](#)

ARC Events – Join us in Xavier Hall on **Friday, September 24** to watch the movie ***The Best of Enemies***. Bring your own dinner and **dine with others at 5:30, then we'll start the movie at 6:00pm** and spend a little time discussing it afterward. The movie depicts Civil rights activist Ann Atwater who faces off against C.P. Ellis, Exalted Cyclops of the Ku Klux Klan, in 1971 Durham, North Carolina over the issue of school integration.

ARC Recommends – Have you visited The Black Archives of Mid-America at 1722 E. 17th Terrace in Kansas City, MO? Their mission is to collect, preserve and make available to the public materials documenting the social, economic, political and cultural histories of persons of African American descent in the central United States, with particular emphasis in the Kansas City, Missouri region. Among the exhibits is the Soil Collection Exhibit, established in partnership with The Equal Justice Initiative and the Community Remembrance Project. Jars of soil from where people were lynched are collected - those at The Black Archives are from lynchings that occurred in the Kansas City area. To learn more, visit www.blackarchives.org.

Our Community Garden is producing abundantly! To date our dedicated volunteers have harvested 615 pounds of produce, including 105 pounds of tomatoes, 66 pounds of summer squash, 54 pounds of green peppers and much more! Our neighbors are enjoying the rich harvest! Thank you, gardeners!

RIM Updates – Nineteen parishioners met last Sunday to discuss how to support our brothers and sisters who are fleeing violence, working with temporary visas, and who are at the Southern border waiting to cross. A sub-committee was formed to respond to the projected influx of Afghan refugees and will discern how SFX can support the agencies

receiving the refugees. We continue to support the Migrant Farmworkers and have a team ready to go out on September 27.

It's Hispanic Heritage Month - It started September 15 and runs to the middle of October. The date structure [is a nod to several important dates in Latin American countries](#). Read about the history of the observation, learn about other cultures, and patronize Hispanic businesses.

Justice & Life Committee - This newly restructured Committee meets Sunday, September 26 at 9:00am in the Romero Room. We'll look at ways we can bring a deeper level of contemplation to our many actions, we'll expand our offerings of Catholic Social Teaching and align them to the Universal Apostolic Preferences, and we'll highlight other justice areas that offer us insight into the many injustices in our world and community. All are welcome!



SFX Swag – Thanks to all who have purchased items and who promote our wonderful parish in the community. Contact [Sue](#) to get any items below.

Ball caps - \$20 (only **1** left!)
T-shirt - \$10 Small and Medium sizes only
(navy blue - *Unity in Diversity*)
Thermal Tumblers - \$20 (silver)
Tote Bags - \$10 each

Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community

Dan Schutte live in concert on October 1st at 7:00pm or October 3rd at 2:00pm **at the Harper Center Auditorium at Creighton**. Dan Schutte, the composer of songs such as “Here I am, Lord” and “Table of Plenty,” will offer a gathering of song, stories, and reflection. To learn more and purchase tickets, please visit www.ivcusa.org/Omaha. If you have questions, please contact Anne Mollner at amollner@ivcusa.org. Presented by Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha.

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City Fall Ignatian Prayer Retreats October 2021

“I believe I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” Psalm 27
Do you desire to see the goodness of God more in your prayer and your life? Are you looking to go deeper in your relationship with God? This October, the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City is offering group and individual prayer retreats to help seekers to relate more easily and see more readily God’s action in their lives. These retreats run from 6 to 7 weeks long. Our group prayer retreats, Easing into Contemplative Prayer, are 6 weeks long and fill up quickly! For more information visit www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events or call Stephanie Hudson at 816-381-9168.

September Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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