



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

SFX UPDATE – October 8, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

It's going to be very warm this weekend and the AC is not working full capacity

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](#).

Parish Town Hall, Save the Date! The SFX Pastoral Council is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 10th at 1:00pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great news to share, and most importantly we'd like to hear your feedback and ideas for our parish. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fast-paced, informative meeting. See you there!
[Click here to join the SFX Parish Town Hall.](#)

Fr. Jim's Final Vows: On Sunday, October 31, Fr. Jim will be making his final vows as a Jesuit at the 10:30 Mass. The presider will be Fr. Tom Greene, Provincial of the Central and Southern Jesuit Province. The Mass will be followed by a reception for Fr. Jim in Xavier Hall. We hope to see you at the Mass and reception as we pray and celebrate with Fr. Jim.

Pastor's Corner–

“Praying the Pandemic: Are We Done Yet?” Fr. Justin Claravall, SJ has a wonderful series of videos regarding prayer, grief, the pandemic. Though the subject matter is the pandemic, it can be related to any serious loss in life. I invite you to watch and listen to this wonderful young Jesuit (Many of you think I'm young at 60, but he's really young!)

[Praying the Pandemic](#)

Men's 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 15 men registered to date. Deadline for registering is mid Oct.

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word this weekend. Miss Mariann is out of town at her great-nephew's bar mitzah. Please pray for Calder! Here is a three-minute video of this Sunday's Gospel [The Rich Young Man](#).

CONFIRMATION 2022 PREP CLASS meets next Sunday, October 17. 10:30 Mass followed by our Walk About. Dismissal at 2:00 pm. For more information, contact [Mariann](#).

OCTOBER is RESPECT LIFE MONTH Each October the Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. Check out this short video [Father James Martin, SJ Explains What it Means to Be Pro-Life, All Life](#).

Soul Food Tuesday

Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon on Zoom

October 12, 26, November 9, 23, 30, December 14, 21

Join us for this study/prayer group inspired by the work of Franciscan Father Richard Rohr. Soul Food Tuesday has been part of our SFX Adult Faith Formation offerings since 2014. Participation in the group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. New members are always welcome. The "content" of each month's sessions will be determined in consultation with the participants. As always, we'll have time for sharing our joys and concerns. Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

HeART and Soul resumes the first Tuesday of the month, November 2!

Tuesday, November 2, 11:00 am -12:30 pm on Zoom

Join SFX Parishioners Nancy Seibolt and Peg Hornsby in using mixed media as a way to express what is on our minds and in our hearts. This is NOT a gathering of artists. It's a kind of *visio divina* or art journaling. No previous experience necessary. No fee. **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by October 28**. Nancy and Peg are graduates of the Ignatian Spirituality Center "Prayer Companions" certificate program. For more information, Zoom link, and supply list contact [Mariann](#).

"GOD of DAY and GOD of DARKNESS" Directed Women's Retreat – October 28-30

Mariann and Sue are offering a directed retreat experience for the women of the parish. Retreatants and directors will meet on Thursday evening, October 28, IN PERSON at the Church, for an orientation to the retreat and a group prayer experience and then return to their homes for the retreat. Retreatants are encouraged to clear their schedules as much as possible Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday and set aside three 30-minute periods for prayer as well as 30 minutes each day to meet with your director on Zoom to talk about their prayer. We will meet as a group of all retreatants and directors again on Saturday evening, October 30, IN PERSON at the Church, to review and conclude the Retreat. The group is limited to 12 Retreatants. Please contact [Mariann](#) to sign up. There is no charge for this retreat, though donations to the parish would be gratefully accepted.

ALL SOULS CANDLES

The Church sets aside the month of November as a time to honor and remember the men and women who have gone before us. The weekend of November 6/7 we will have our annual **Procession of All Souls Candles**, remembering those who have died this past year

(November 1, 2020-October 31, 2021). We will remember (in order of death anniversary): *Jack E Beal, John Tomei, Moritz "Motz" Gapsch, John Conran, Robert Preston, Samuel Philip "Pete" Braud, III, Gary Wood, Denise Gravel, Frank John Benedix, Cynthia Lee Moore, Tim Maggard, Eric Boyd, Alexander Noel, Lois Shinkle, Sheila Ann Minster, Joan Stallbaumer, Paul Daly, Tom Daly, Eilenen Wirtz, Joyce Barber, Walter Taira, Gail Hayes, Nancy Carter, Ernie & Nancy Landwher, Mary Lou Sullivan, S. Mary Angela Buser, BVM, Jinx Ratcliffe, Margie Peltier, Greg Vranicar, Patrick Henry McCormally, Michael McMahon, Dick Enna, Carol Ann Gaynor Hale, Chris Ostrom.* Please contact [Mariann](#) to add a name to this list.

FOOD PANTRY RESPONSE – WOW! Thanks to all who recently donated food to the pantry! It was amazing to see not just boxes, but **cartons** of cereal, ramen, soups, and peanut butter appearing at our doorstep. Thank you so very much for your generous response. We'll reach out when we have needs again.

Justice & Life Committee – Check out the flyer in the bulletin this weekend and learn a little more about Catholic Social Teaching. In light of Ernest Johnson's execution, we included the Church's social teaching on the Death Penalty. Read about [Pope Francis' thoughts](#) on the death penalty. The Justice & Life Committee is committed to education and contemplation as we go forth and act on behalf of justice issues that affect our community and our world. Our next meeting is Sunday, October 24 at 9:00 am. Please join us!

The Social Sin of Racism - The Ignatian Solidarity Network is hosting a session for a directed, interactive conversation attempting to break open Catholic Social Teaching on social sin. You'll receive resources for your social justice ministry toolbox and fortify your confidence in talking about how social change for justice is a crucial part of God's vision for a grace-filled world. Register for [A Parish Journey for Racial Justice: Let's Talk about Social Sin](#) on Wednesday, October 27 at 1:00pm.

Minority owned businesses - ARC, the Anti-Racism Committee, is compiling a directory of minority owned businesses. We hope to have a directory to share with you by the holidays. If you own or patronize a minority owned business, please share the business's name, address, phone number, and website link with [Sue](#). Thank you!

RIM Update on Afghan Refugee Support - The RIM group has unanimously decided to support the work of Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) who has extensive experience and services in place to relocate and acclimate refugees from around the world. JVS has 3 levels of support.

- **Level 1** supporters collect items families may need and make welcome kits. This is similar to what we do for Migrant Farmworkers and SFXers are generous with their support.
- **Level 2** supporters (with the help of JVS) furnish and set up a home, welcome the arriving family at the airport, and provide the family with a culturally appropriate meal.

This level of support requires volunteers to make a 2-4 week commitment and go through JVS training and a background check.

- **Level 3** supporters (with the help of JVS) do level 2 but also make a 3-6 month commitment of time to help the family acclimate to KC by teaching them the bus system, helping them with grocery shopping, health needs, school enrollment, including them in social events in and around KC, etc, and financially supporting them for up to 6 months. This level also requires JVS training and a background check.

RIM has initially committed to provide **Level 1 and 2 support**, with the option of moving to Level 3 in the future. If you would like to assist with relocation efforts in any way, contact [Sue](#). As we become trained, we will share more information.

Community Garden Update and Invitation! - We have harvested over 735 pounds of fresh produce this season. We have harvested more produce than our Food Pantry has needed so we are sharing the excess produce with Kanbe Markets. Kanbe's Markets is a nonprofit organization providing access to fresh, affordable and healthy foods to people experiencing food insecurity. For more information about Kanbe Markets, go to kanbesmarkets.org. They will be our featured speaker at the Hunger Banquet on February 23. Mark your calendars! They do GREAT work!

Would you like to help harvest sweet potatoes for our Food Pantry? Come dig for treasures with us! Saturday, October 23 and Saturday, October 30th, weather permitting. We will begin at 10:30. Bring gloves and a garden fork or a shovel, if you have them.



Would you believe this park bench is made from recycled plastic bags?!?! Thanks to all who donated their plastic so the Lion's Club could have this park bench made and donate it to the Kansas School of the Blind. *They are now saving to have a bench made for the Kansas School of the Deaf.* Please contact Karen directly at karen.stigers@gmail.com to donate your plastic. Thank you, SFX and thank you, Karen, and the Lion's Club for the good work you do!

Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community

UNITE KC - Start your Saturday morning with us at the very 1st Unite KC Second Saturday! This is the perfect time to learn more about Unite KC and how we can work together toward racial healing in Kansas City.

Whether you're attending in person or online, please [RSVP](#) so we know how many people to expect.

Executive Director of Urban Youth Academy, [Darwin Pennye](#), will be our special guest speaker for the morning.

Prepare to be inspired, meet new friends and leave motivated to make a difference.

Saturday, October 9
10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
Kansas City MLB Urban Youth Academy
1622 E. 17th Terrace, KCMO 64108

Revolution of a Heart – The Dorothy Day Story

Tuesday, October 19, 2021 - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Arrupe Auditorium

Join the Rockhurst and Kansas City communities for the screening of [this 2019 documentary](#) that traces Dorothy Day's journey from a young communist journalist to a Catholic convert, to the co-founder of The Catholic Worker newspaper and the first "houses of hospitality," which sheltered New York City's homeless during the Great Depression. Co-sponsored by Campus Ministry, VOICES for Justice, and Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House. Please register [here](#) for this FREE event.

Catholics, Muslims and Mother Mary

Thursday, October 21, 7:00 at Holy Spirit in Lee's Summit Dr. Sofia Khan and Ms. Teresa Albright will speak on Mary as "an interreligious bridge" for Christians and Muslims. Islam has a long tradition of reverence for Mary, the Mother of Jesus. For more information, contact [Ann Hayles](#).

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.

October Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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