



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

## SFX UPDATE – November 19, 2021

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

[SFX YouTube Channel](#) [SFX Facebook Page](#) [SFX Justice & Life Facebook](#)

### 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

**We will not have Masses Thursday, Thanksgiving Day and Friday, Nov 26.**

**Please take home your loved one's Candle of Remembrance and whatever photos or mementos you placed at the Altar of Remembrance at the end of Mass this weekend.**

### Pastor's Corner

This weekend we celebrate the **Feast of Christ the King**. Yellow represents **royalty** in East Asian cultures. You might remember last year I wore my yellow Vietnamese vestment. I invite you to **wear something yellow** to Mass this weekend!

**Parishioners have reached out to Ann and me** to talk to us about Fr. Steve's actions and their impact on our parish community. We welcome these conversations because they help us understand what is needed to heal and help guide our actions. Tell us what you need. We are committed to going forward together.

**Our liturgical arts volunteers are venturing towards a more local and sustainable approach to flower, plant and evergreen sourcing for Advent and Christmas this year.** Our evergreen branches, used at the entrance to the narthex and on the altar, have typically been harvested and shipped from Oregon. But it is easy to harvest evergreens from our surrounding landscapes. If you have any of the following trees or shrubs and are willing to share some small branches, our team includes gardeners and landscapers who can discreetly trim branches to be enjoyed in our church, and then properly composted at the end of the season. We're looking for: Spruce (green or blue), Boxwood, Evergreen Magnolia, Pine, Juniper (especially with berries), and others. Crabapple branches with fruit are desired as well. Please contact Jackie Palmer to make arrangements. [Jackiechanmo@yahoo.com](mailto:Jackiechanmo@yahoo.com)/ cell phone: 816-462-3523.

Next weekend, **November 27 and 28**, we are taking up a **second collection for Christmas flowers to decorate the church during the Advent and Christmas season.** Your donation will add beauty to our church and liturgies. Thank you.

**We continue to pray for Kansas City Metro homicide victims** by name at our weekend liturgies. This weekend we remember:  
134. Latoshia Johnson, 43, on Nov. 9  
135. Malik McCree, 25, shot on Nov. 11 taken off life support 11/17

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### **SACRAMENTAL BLESSINGS**

**We celebrate the BAPTISMS of Edith Agnes Menzenski** (daughter of Sarah Chao and Matthew Menzenski) who was baptized last Saturday and **Otto Jeffrey Reardon** (son of Lucy Carter and Frank Reardon) who will be baptized next Saturday, November 27.

**We ask for prayers for our FIRST RECONCILIATION candidates** - Margaret Brush, Brynn Cheah, Truman Duckworth and Dashiell Wagner - who will receive the Sacrament this Friday evening, November 19.

**We will be introduced to and bless our CONFIRMATION candidates** at the 10:30 Mass this weekend: Cecilia Antista, Joe Browne, Alice Coates, Jesse De Lira, Lucas Hull, Luke Huntley, Margot Keitges, Luca Nicotra, Zander Nicotra, and Michael Udo.

*May God continue to bless our SFX youth!*

**IGNATIAN YEAR PILGRIMAGE STOP #3 BELIZE** Saturday, November 20, 5:30 pm (Central Time). Father Brian Christopher, SJ, superior of the Belize Jesuit Community, will present on "The Mysticism of Open Eyes: A Spiritual Path for the Church in Our Age." Click [HERE](#) to join the Zoom call or view on [YouTube](#).

**SOUL FOOD TUESDAY November 23 and 30** 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. This month our study/prayer group will be exploring "Life, Death, Grief, Memory and the Immortality of Love." All are welcome. For more information contact [Mariann](#). Or just join us on Tuesday: [Soul Food Tuesday Zoom Link](#).

**NOVEMBER PRAYER WALK** November 27, the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. 9:30 am. Neighborhood Park at 57<sup>th</sup> and Forest (5626 Forest Avenue). Our walk will include a stop at Tracy Gardens (a Heartland All Species Project) and end at Blackhole Bakery (5531 Troost). 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, cold or snow – dress for the weather! Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

### **HeART and Soul - HeART continues the first Tuesday of the month**

#### **December 7 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 Thursday, December 2.** Nancy, a spiritual director, and Peg, a retreat leader, are both graduates of the Ignatian Spirituality Center "Prayer Companions" certificate program. For more information, Zoom link, and supply list contact [Mariann](#).

**"PROCESSION,"** a documentary film featuring six adult survivors of clergy sexual abuse from the Kansas City Metro, is being released on Netflix November 19. Our diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection assisted the film crew on location in 2019 and the diocese is now encouraging parishioners to participate in a series of three **Community Conversations** to be held to provide a safe space to gather, share and work through the strong feelings the film may evoke.

### **Community Conversations:**

November 30 | Red Bridge Library | 7:00 pm

December 16 | Location TBD | 7:00 pm

January 9 | Location TBD | 1:00 pm

The diocesan Office of Communications, the Office of Child and Youth Protection, and Journey to Bethany are working together to provide resources for survivors and their families, pastoral ministers, pastors, and all those harmed by this issue.

For questions or interest in volunteer opportunities, contact Jennifer

Prusa, [prusa@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:prusa@diocesekcsj.org), or 816-683-8999. Learn more

at [www.journeytobethany.org/conversations](http://www.journeytobethany.org/conversations).

**HOW POPE FRANCIS IS CHANGING THE VATICAN'S TONE on LGBT PEOPLE** Check out the latest from Father James Martin and America Media [HERE](#).

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**Spiritual Direction** - The holidays can be difficult for those who have experienced losses. [Sue](#) and [Mariann](#) are certified spiritual directors and will journey with you through the holidays. Contact either of us. We are here for you.

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**Christmas Baskets** – Sign-ups and shopping lists will be in the back of church after all Masses this weekend. Shopping lists look a little different this year. Since the pandemic began, Harvesters has had the ability to obtain *a lot* of food from the government. In turn, they have passed their bounty on to their agencies. We were able to acquire much of the food that was on our shopping list for *free*. As good stewards, we ordered corn, green beans, mixed fruit, stuffing, and peaches and took them off our list. We were also able to get items like butter which we are giving out. We added some baking items that we thought our neighbors would appreciate but might have difficulty affording. Dollar Tree and Aldi are reasonable sources for the new items we are requesting. As always, your generosity is greatly appreciated. Contact Sue if you have any questions.

**The SFX Cookie Project is back!** We will be putting HOMEMADE Christmas cookies into the baskets we give out to our neighbors in need with YOUR HELP. Please sign-up in the back of church. We are asking each baker to bake THREE DOZEN cookies. Drop your cookies off at Xavier Hall (or bring them to the narthex) the weekend of December 18/19. We'll package the cookies for inclusion in our Christmas baskets in Xavier Hall on Sunday, December 19 immediately after the 10:30 Mass. Baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, December 21. If you are not able to bake HOMEMADE cookies, please consider volunteering to help us package the cookies. Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to participate.

**Justice & Life Committee meets this Sunday** - Join us between the Masses from 9:0-10:15 in the Romero Room as we read a short biography on St. Francis Xavier and discuss the many varied aspects of the Justice & Life ministry. All are welcome!

**Amazon Smile** - If you shop Amazon, please remember to do it via <https://smile.amazon.com> and make St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (make sure it's our Kansas City church) the cause you support! Thank you!

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**Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community**

The day after *Black Friday* is **Buy Black Saturday** (Nov. 27) in Kansas City. Several Black-owned businesses will set up shop for this one-day event at 2525 E. 27th St., the SW corner of 27th and Prospect directly across from the East Patrol Station of KCPD. Doors open at 10AM and close at 4PM. Several vendors will offer a variety of merchandise: holiday decorations, jewelry, neckwear, fashion, artwork, body oils and other good stuff. A food truck will be on site and there will be entertainment, as well.

**HAUNTED BY GOD: The Life of Dorothy Day** - An acclaimed one-woman show about an American Catholic hero, performed by Lisa Wagner-Carollo, founder and artistic director of Still Point Theatre Collective. Monday, December 6, 7:00 pm Precious Blood Renewal Center in Liberty. Social distancing and masks required. Click [HERE](#) for more information and for tickets.

### **November Blessings!**

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

**See something that interests you? Contact us:**

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