



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

SFX UPDATE – April 1, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

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

Holy Week Schedule:

- Palm Sunday: Sat 4:00pm, Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
- Wednesday, No Mass
- Holy Thursday: 7:00pm
- Good Friday: 7:00pm
- Easter Vigil: 8:00pm
- Easter Sunday: 10:30am ONLY

HELP US CELEBRATE Easter is just two weeks away!

Hospitality: Please contact [Joan McMahan](#) if you can help set up/serve/clean up.

- At the Easter Vigil, we will have cookies and lemonade in the narthex to help welcome our 6 new members
- Easter Sunday, after the 10:30am Mass we plan to have coffee and donuts

Parking: Please contact [Becca](#) if you can help with parking at the Easter Sunday 10:30am Mass

- SFX will need 4 volunteers to direct our traffic to allow parking on our lot, Rockhurst Parking garage and Berkley Child Care lot.
- On Easter Sunday, please arrive at 10:00am, you will be given a reflector vest and name tag upon arrival.
- Please gather at the back door off parking lot for instructions by Becca. We appreciate your help very much!

Would you be willing to be willing to have your feet washed on Holy Thursday?

I need 6 people to help with getting their feet washed in the sanctuary who will then begin the feet washing in the congregation. Please contact me, Fr. Jim by Tuesday, April 5, pastor@sfx-kc.org.

No Easter Egg Hunt this year...maybe in 2023?

Pastor's Corner

Song of the Week: [O God, Will You Restore Us? Bifrost Arts "Lamentations"](#)

Psalm 85: A national lament reminding God of past favors and forgiveness (Ps 85:2–4) and begging for forgiveness and grace now. The psalmist represents the people who wait humbly with open hearts. God will be active on their behalf.

This week we hear Jesus saying to us all, "Let the one who is without sin cast the first stone." More than ever, we are a people in need of conversion. You look around the world and know that it's not supposed to be like this. Pride, thirst for power, domination, lead to the destruction all around us, the poverty which destroys human dignity, wars which unleash the plague of death and despair. Last week we prayed for Russia to be consecrated to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Would that the world be reconsecrated, and our hearts converted.



April 1 – TODAY! Join us for:

4:30-5:30 pm – Public Witness

5:30-6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

6:00-6:30 pm – Simple supper in Xavier Hall (fish, cole slaw, mac and cheese, movie snacks)

6:30-8:30 pm – Watch *Jesus Christ Superstar* in Xavier Hall

For more information or to RSVP, contact [Sue](#).

We continue to pray for all Kansas City Metro homicide victims at our weekend liturgies. In a special way we remember:

- Tobias Wilson, 2 months. Died on 1/6/22. Determined to be a homicide on 3/14/22.
- Davonte Robinson, 18. Died on 2/22/22.
- Anthony Villarreal, 33. Died on March 25.
- Danny E. Scott, 52. Died on March 29.
- Unknown man. Died on March 29.

Take the Synod Survey [NOW](#). Pope Francis has called for a meeting of all the Church to explore how we might journey together in the third millennium. This is a two-year process of listening and dialogue, culminating in a meeting of the world's bishops in Rome in 2023. Between now and then the world's 1.34 billion Catholics are asked to participate by sharing their **hopes and dreams, thoughts and ideas, criticisms and concerns** about the Church. YOU can participate in the Synod by taking the St. Francis Xavier survey. Results will be compiled and shared with our SFX parish leadership, Bishop Johnston, and ultimately with Pope Francis! **Please submit your survey by Thursday, April 7.** [Click HERE to take the Synod Survey.](#)

Children's Liturgy of the Word continues to be offered on Zoom at 9:45 am on Sunday mornings and in-person during 10:30 Mass. Please contact [Mariann](#) for Meeting ID, Passcode, and link. **AND please consider joining this important ministry. We need adults and teens to revitalize our children's ministries.** Contact [Mariann](#) for more information. All volunteers undergo a screening interview, a criminal background check, read and sign the "Ethics and Integrity in Ministry" Code of Conduct, and must be certified in "Protecting God's Children," the diocesan safe environment training program.

HeART and Soul continues the first Tuesday of the month April 5 11:00 am -12:30 pm on Zoom. Space is limited to 12. Registration deadline is TODAY Friday, April 1. For more information or to register to receive Zoom link and supply packet contact [Mariann](#).

Snack & Spirituality 2022 concludes Wednesday, April 6, 7:00-8:00 pm in Xavier Hall. Our theme this year: **"The Good News of Lent: Praying the Sunday Gospels."** We have been using art to help us reflect more deeply on our faith. If you missed this week's reflection on **Christ and The Adulteress**, you can watch the video from Loyola Press we viewed [HERE](#). Join us next week for snacks, plenty to learn about the Palm Sunday Gospel of **Entry of Christ into Jerusalem** and good fellowship to share! Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. Unvaccinated people are required to wear masks. For more information, please contact [Mariann](#).



Prayer Walks: Third Saturday of the Month

April 16

9:30 am

Mark your calendar for our monthly prayer walks. Holy Saturday (April 16) we'll **meet in the SFX parking lot** for a walk around the SFX and RU campuses and "find God in all things." All ages are welcome! Rumor has it the Easter Bunny is going to drop off some candy-filled eggs for folks who come to the Prayer Walk! Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

April is Child Abuse Awareness and Prevention Month. For us as Catholics this awareness and commitment to prevention is especially important. Our world-wide community of faith has been rocked by child sexual abuse at the hands of clergy and the sinful and criminal cover-up of that abuse by our bishops and popes. As Pope Francis has said, **“It is essential that we, as a Church, be able to acknowledge and condemn, with sorrow and shame, the atrocities** perpetrated by consecrated persons, clerics, and all those entrusted with the mission of watching over and caring for those most vulnerable.”

Diocesan Day of Prayer in Atonement for Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse: Prayer Service

Tuesday, April 26, 6:30 pm
St. Francis Xavier Church

This is an opportunity for all to share in praying for victims and survivors of childhood sexual abuse, particularly those who have been abused by someone in the Catholic Church, and for their families, friends and our entire community. For more information contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) or Sue (srobb@sfx-kc.org).

RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) Committee Update – *Afghan family update*

There has been an excellent response to the Signup Genius for things needed by the Afghan family. Thank you so much SFX family. If you still want to donate, go to the Signup Genius at:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA9AC29A1F8C43-items>. A large truck will be in the SFX parking lot every day (except Sunday) from 10 to noon starting Sat April 2 to Friday, April 9 to store items being donated. If anyone wants to assist, please call Bill Schmidt at 816-977-3853.

EmbRace meeting THIS Sunday, April 3 – 9:00 am Xavier Hall – Join us as we continue our discernment on ways to educate ourselves and our parish about the deeply rooted sin of racism and to advocate for change in our community.

EmbRace Recommends: Coming to our meeting 😊 AND the KC Public Library’s new podcast, *Anatomy of a Crisis: The Impact of Racism on Public Health in America*. It explores the relationship between social policies and our quality of life and how they can influence health, looking at the ways in which the COVID-19 pandemic, the murder of George Floyd, and other events of 2020 affected personal well-being.

Our Gas Buddies program is up and running! We started our program this past week and our neighbors are elated! We gave away \$280 worth of gas since starting it on March 21. Thanks to all who are volunteering to hang out here at SFX each week to gas up tanks. If you are not able to give the time, consider donating to [Social Ministries](#) to ease the pain at the pump for our neighbors in need and keep the gas flowing in our Justice &

Life ministry. We will continue this program as long as gas prices remain high and it is feasibly possible. Thank you!

Pizza and a Movie! You are invited to watch the Academy Award winning movie *Fog of War* on **Tuesday April 19 at 4 PM in the Romero Room**. Robert McNamara shares 11 lessons learned while reminiscing about his experiences as secretary of defense through the ending of World War II and the Vietnam War. These shocking revelations will stir your hearts and minds to ponder more deeply current events, comments from Pope Francis, and the teachings of Jesus. Time for conversation is included. This film will be followed by *The Reluctant Prophet* and *King in the Wilderness* in upcoming weeks. Rated PG -13. RSVP's are helpful, but not required. Sponsored by Gospel Nonviolence.

MADP (Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty) - SFX is a member of MADP. [Carman Deck](#) is the next human being scheduled to be executed (read: "legally murdered") MADP is circulating petitions asking Governor Mike Parson to grant clemency. Here is an opportunity to get more involved: You can sign the advocacy petition seeking clemency for Carman Deck today at: www.bit.ly/ClemencyForCarman AND you can join MADP on their **State Lobby Day on April 26th** which will include a Petition drop for Carman Deck. Check out [Home | Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty \(madpmo.org\)](#) to see the good work they do and to become more involved.

On the eve of Mr. Deck's scheduled execution, we will have speakers covering the legal, medical, and theological aspects of the death penalty. Mark your calendars and join us **Monday evening, May 2 at 6:30 pm in Xavier Hall** for this important discussion. For more information, please contact [Sue](#) or Tom Bradshaw.

Food Pantry Needs – We are in need of paper towels, size 4 diapers, protein drinks for seniors, and medium and large adult diapers for both men and women. Thank you!

Ignatian Parish Justice Summit - June 14-16, 2022 – The Ignatian Spirituality Network is sponsoring this event in St. Louis this year. This is a terrific opportunity to:

- Connect with leaders from parishes across the U.S. seeking to enhance their community's work for justice inspired by the Ignatian charism.
- Exchange real-life strategies for parish justice engagement from your own work and the work of fellow parish leaders.
- Workshops and resource sharing will deepen knowledge and capacity for advocacy in the areas of migration, ecology, and racial justice.

The cost is \$350 (only \$150 if you know someone you can stay with in St. Louis). For more information and to sign up, go to [Ignatian Parish Justice Summit 2022 \(wufoo.com\)](http://ignatianparishjustice.org) and let Sue know you are attending!

Adopt a Street – We were approached by the city asking if our parish would be willing to adopt a mile and clean it up 3 times a year. The minimum commitment is 2 years. If anyone is interested in helping with this ministry, please contact [Sue](#) for more details.

FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS

POPE FRANCIS' VISION FOR THE CHURCH IN AN AGE OF PANDEMICS

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City
Rockhurst University, Arrupe Hall Auditorium, Kansas City, MO
Friday, April 22 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City invites you for an evening with Professor J. Matthew Ashley of the University of Notre Dame. Professor Ashley's presentation is part of our 2022 Ignatian Weekend. In this evening presentation Professor Ashley will share how Ignatian spirituality provides a lens for understanding how Francis exercises his Petrine ministry today. For more information and to register for this free lecture, see Ignatian Weekend 2022 at www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events.

Wheelchairs and walkers for Ukraine – The Ukrainian Club of Kansas City is collecting wheelchairs and walkers for hospitals in Ukraine. Items may be dropped off at Prairie Village City Hall, 7700 Mission Road. Check out their [Facebook page](#) for more information.

Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House –3308 E 12th Street This amazing ministry started by Dorothy Day welcomes volunteers to help with the following jobs:

Shower Support Team: Pick a shower day and come volunteer while we're open!
Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday from 7-11:15am

Laundry Team: Collects and folds laundry in the afternoons after shower days. Pick a day: Monday, Tuesday, or Thursday.

Morning Meal Team: Love to cook? Either cook in your own home and bring it to us before a shower morning, or let us know you're coming and cook the morning of! We especially need help preparing for Mondays and Thursdays.

Food Rescue Team: Rescue food from local grocery stores and bring it back and sort it at Cherith Brook. Food needs to be picked up around 11am on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays. We can plug you into a rotation for this, if needed.

Maintenance Team: Help keep the Cherith Brook building and grounds running. Help could especially be used on Tuesday afternoons.

Dirt Farming and Compost Team: Keep our dirt and compost happy warm by tending it weekly or on a schedule.

Second Saturday of the month: "Work Day", 9-12:00, either indoor or outside cleaning or maintenance. Beekeeping? Chicken care? Fruit trees? They have it all!

Lenten Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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