St. Francis Xavier Parish is a Roman Catholic, Jesuit community of faith called together by God to experience Jesus Christ in His Word, in the sacraments, and in each other. Joined in Baptism and inspired by the Holy Spirit, we strengthen our faith through prayer and worship, spiritual formation, intellectual rigor, diversity of membership, hospitality and fellowship, and concern for social justice. Guided by the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, we strive to use our many gifts for the greater glory of God.

Stewardship is the grateful response of a Christian disciple who recognizes and receives God’s gifts and shares these gifts in love of God and neighbor.

Additional ministry information forms are available:

- on our website, www.sfx-kc.org
- at the church entrances
- from the parish office (816) 519-5115 x201
- or pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org
Administration

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Pastoral Council
Our pastoral council advises the pastor in setting parish mission, vision, and values. Members serve as the ears and mouthpiece of our parishioners. The council works to promote unity in diversity—keeping the parish together by enabling people to think, pray, work and play together. Members are appointed by the pastor after discernment and consultation with present members.

Finance Council
Our finance council assists the pastor in the planning and administering of all parish financial matters. They also help set parish financial policy and procedures to provide effective management of our parish assets. Members are appointed by the pastor and meet about six times per year.

Development/Marketing Committee
Support the mission of St. Francis Xavier parish by helping devise and recommend philanthropic and fund development opportunities, including grants and endowments.

Fundraising Committee
This committee is responsible for creating, planning, implementing and reviewing at least two major fundraising events for the parish. Also raise funds for small projects and help create social events for parishioners. Meets monthly, at least 9 times a year.

Front Desk Assistant
Attend to the front desk and assist with a variety of duties, including answering the telephone, answering the doors and directing visitors. Individuals may volunteer on a regular basis or be placed on a list to be called as needed.
**Collection Counter**
Count our weekend collections and prepare them for deposit. Time commitment is 1-1.5 hours every other week. Contact Business Manager for further information.

**Food Pantry Worker**
Fill orders on a weekly basis, help keep the pantry stocked, clean and orderly, and sort food donations. Time required is usually 1 to 2 hours and may be done weekdays and on specified nights. Must be able to negotiate stairs and be able to carry grocery bags/boxes 10 to 15 pounds in weight.

**Homebound Food Delivery**
Deliver food orders to clients with health or transportation issues. Must have own transportation and ability to carry grocery bags/boxes to homes and apartments, sometimes requiring the climbing of stairs. Deliveries are done during daylight hours, majority in our parish boundaries.

**Food/Goods Pick-Up and Offloading Assistance**
- Product pick-up from Giving the Basics on west 31st St. on the 1st Friday of the month, 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. A large vehicle for the pick-up would be helpful and/or the ability to lift and carry boxes up to 25 pounds.
- Unload USDA Commodity delivery from Harvesters on the 2nd Wednesday of the month, 8 a.m. Must be able to lift and move cartons/sacks weighing up to 50 pounds.
- Assist in the monthly pick-up/unloading of food from Harvesters on the 4th Wednesday of the month, 8:30 a.m. Must be able to lift and move cartons sacks weighing up to 50 pounds and a large vehicle like a truck helpful.

**Christmas Project**
Opportunities include volunteer and food sign-ups, cookie-making, food and gift gathering, sorting, bagging, delivering to homebound, and welcoming and helping our families on the day of gifting. Hours will be days, evenings or weekends and sign up opportunities in November & December.

**Harvesters (Outreach)**
3801 Topping Ave., KCMO. 2nd Thursday of the month with parishioners from St. James. Please call Sarah Hirsch of St. James Parish by the Wednesday morning just prior to the volunteer day, if you would like to volunteer: 816-728-6115.

**Holy Family Catholic Worker House (Outreach)**
Serve and clean up the evening meal at 912 E. 31st Street, KCMO on the 5th Wednesday of the month, 4:00 to 8:00 p.m. There is no need to bring any food.
Morning Glory Café (Outreach)
Join with others from SFX and St. James Parish as we serve the hungry in downtown Kansas City at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on the 2nd Thursday of the month. Time is 6:30-8:30a.m. Other dates available.

St. James Kitchen (Outreach)
Serve those who are hungry at 3934 Troost Ave. 4th Tuesday of the month, 4:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Jackson County Jail/Juvenile Detention Ministry (Outreach)
Volunteers will be trained for outreach through faith to those who are at the very margins in our society.

Journey to New Life (Outreach)
Mentors needed to journey with those post incarceration to help them with life skills and navigating employment, housing, and other issues as needed at 3144 Troost Ave. KCMO.

Justice & Life Committee (Umbrella Group)
This committee helps plan and coordinate parish activities and ‘action’ items and events in collaboration with other existing committees, as well as lead in education efforts with regards to Catholic Social Teaching.

Life Committee
Address issues focusing on beginning of life, child abuse and domestic violence, seniors, and death penalty.

Migrant/Immigration Committee
Parish education and activities regarding migrant and immigrant peoples as well as education and advocacy Outreach possibilities with El Centro, Guadalupe Center, Westside Can Center, the Migrant Farmworkers Project and communities of farmworkers in nearby areas.

St. Francis Xavier-Visitation Social Concerns Ministry Team
These two parishes work together to increase our commitment and action based on Catholic Social Teachings. This is a one-year commitment, starting in August with monthly meetings. Activities include: Christmas in October, House of Abraham/Habitat Project, Lenten Hunger Banquet, Just Faith/Just Matters.

Sister Parish Committee
Responsible for facilitating St. Francis Xavier’s commitment to the Sister Parish Covenant with St. Martin de Porres in Belize City, Belize. Initiate/coordinate activities within our parish that will foster faith sharing, community building and cultural understanding with our sister parish. Need committee members with an interest/training in education, health care, marketing and leadership.
Sustainability Committee
Provide educational opportunities through films, discussion, groups, seminars and other activities. Committee members will provide concrete examples and opportunities for action to reduce our impact on the Earth as individuals and as a parish.

Faith Formation
Contact Mariann McCormally at (816) 381-9163 or mccormally@sfx-kc.org

For youth involvement, curriculum materials and parish/diocesan training are provided. All volunteers must fill out a written application, undergo a screening interview, submit to a criminal background check, read and sign the Ethics and Integrity Ministry Policy, and be certified in “Protecting God’s Children,” the diocesan safe environment training program.

Adult/Youth Formation Administrative Help
Help is needed to set up tables and chairs for formation classes, retreats, events, etc. Help is also needed to bring food, make reminder phone calls, send out mailings, etc.

Middle School Youth Group Worker
Assists with fun, service and faith-building activities for our 6th, 7th and 8th graders. The group meets the first Sunday of the month, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Offsite service projects and social activities on Saturdays and weeknights are also planned.

Children’s Liturgy of the Word Aide
Assist with the Children’s Liturgy of the Word on Sundays during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Adults and teens are needed to assist with leading the prayer and music.

Sunday School for Ages 2-4 Assistant
Assist Sunday School teacher on Sundays, during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Children ages 2-3-4 come to learn about God’s love, pray together and learn in a safe and creative environment. This could be be a weekly, twice-a-month or monthly commitment.

Family Faith Aide
Assist in this once-a-month intergenerational faith formation gathering. We meet the second Sunday of the month from 9:00 a.m. to 10: 15 a.m. Persons with interest in music, drama and art are particularly encouraged to volunteer.

Adult Faith Formation Committee
Responsible for working with parish staff to plan programs and events for the adults in our parish including “Soup and Spirituality,” guest speakers, book discussions, retreats and other special events.
Baptismal Preparation Catechist
Meet with the parents presenting their child for baptism. Share with them the Catholic understanding of the Sacrament of Baptism and ideas on how to “pass on” our faith to our children. Prepare the family for the actual ceremony of baptism, explaining the symbols and ritual. Volunteers are also needed to assist with the actual baptisms at Mass on the third Sunday of each month. Training is provided.

First Communion and First Reconciliation Catechist
Assist in the preparation of second graders for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion. Preparation takes place on Wednesday evenings. A love of children and patience are musts. Parish/diocesan training is provided.

First Communion and First Reconciliation Aide
Assist catechist in the preparation of second graders for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Children’s Catechumenate Catechist
Work with older children seeking the Sacrament of Baptism and/or First Communion. Preparation takes place on Wednesday evenings. Curriculum materials and parish/diocesan training are provided.

RCIA Team Member and/or Sponsor
Welcome new members into our community through the RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults). Sponsors and team members accompany these new members in their faith journey by participating in the Thursday evening sessions. Team members also present some of the course content.

Liturgy & Music
Contact Pat Woodrum at (816) 381-9164 or pwoodrum@sfx-kc.org

Greeter
Greet parishioners and visitors before each of the weekend Masses. Distribute bulletins and other flyers, answer questions, give directions to restrooms, etc. You may volunteer for a particular Mass time, and commitment is based on a rotation schedule.

Altar Server
Assist the presider and other ministers at the altar during Mass. Open to all who have received their First Communion. You may sign up for the Mass time of your choice; time commitment is based on a rotation schedule. Training and formation required.
Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion
Assist with distributing Communion under both species during Mass. You may sign up for the Mass time of your choice; time commitment is based on a rotation schedule. Training and formation required.

Lector
Proclaim the Word of God and lead the general intercessions during Mass. Time commitment is based on a rotation schedule. Training and formation required.

Sacristan
Prepare the sacred vessels and the bread and wine for weekend and weekday liturgies. Time required is approximately 15 minutes before and after Mass. Training and formation provided.

Usher
Assist with collection, seating and answering questions as needed. Training and formation provided.

Art and Environment
Assist in creating a prayerful environment by volunteering your talent in sewing, woodworking, floral design and arranging, banner making, etc.

Church Cleaning
Help clean the church seasonally, especially for Lent/Easter and Advent/Christmas.

Linen Care
Launder and iron linens weekly as needed; launder presider and server albs as needed. Commitment is for a month at a time. Training and formation provided.

Choir
Supports the sung prayer of the assembly. All parishioners are welcome to sing with the choir. No audition required. Weekly rehearsal is held on Wednesdays from 7:00 - 8:30 P.M.

Cantors
Lead the assembly in the sung prayer of the liturgy. The cantor shares in proclaiming the Word of God, particularly as psalmist in the Liturgy of the Word. Auditions required.

Organists, Pianists or Guitarists
Proficiency in organ, piano or guitar. You may volunteer for a particular Mass time; commitment is based on a rotation schedule. Audition required.

Instrumentalists
Share your talent with the parish; all instruments are welcome. Audition required.
Child Care
Provide childcare during parish events. Days and times vary as needed. TV-DVD, craft materials, books, games and toys provided.

All volunteers must fill out a written application, undergo a screening interview, submit to a criminal background check, read and sign the Ethics and Integrity in Ministry Policy, and be certified in “Protecting God’s Children,” the diocesan safe environment training program.

Communion Ministry to the Sick and Homebound
Trained Ministers of Communion who take Communion to the sick and homebound parishioners. Formation and training required and will be provided.

E-Mail Prayer Network
Receive requests for prayers for the parishioner, his or her family and friends via e-mail.

Hospitality after Saturday and Sunday Mass
Prepare and host the weekend post-liturgy hospitality for parishioners on the 1st full weekend of each month.

Homebound Ministry
Visit parishioners, as requested, to maintain contact and support with St. Francis Xavier Community. Formation and training required and will be provided.

Ignatian Spirituality Center
This ministry of the Jesuits is based at our parish and serves the Kansas City area and more. Parishioners can participate in learning about Ignatian spirituality, discernment, experience the Spiritual Exercises (retreat) in various formats as well as go deeper in their life of prayer. Information and programs published through their website, http://www.ignatianspirituality.com/

Marriage Preparation and Sponsor Couple
Work with engaged couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage and with those who want to convalidate their civil marriage in the Catholic Church. Training is provided; what is most needed is the ability to work with engaged couples and share your reflections on your own experience as a married couple in the Church. This is a ministry where both the husband and wife serve together. Contact the Marriage Preparation coordinator for more information. Coordinator is Kathy Malone
Parish Photographer
Take pictures at various parish events. You may use your own camera or check out the parish camera from the office.

Parishioner Registration
Welcome and assist new parishioners as they register in the parish. Registration is held the 1st weekend of each month after all Masses in the Narthex of the church. This commitment requires just a few minutes, and you are able to choose the Mass time at which you would like to serve.

Sodality of Our Lady
Sodalists are encouraged to participate in retreats, religious activities and community volunteer programs. Meetings are held the 1st Sunday of each month (September through June), after the 8:00 a.m. Mass.

Special Events Hospitality Team
Provide homemade treats for small receptions after parish special events. This is an occasional commitment and volunteers won’t have to provide refreshments for every event.

Transportation Ministry
Assist parishioners who need transportation to parish events, Sunday Mass, doctor’s appointments, etc. Volunteers will be contacted as needed.

Xavier Club
Help with spiritual and social activities for seniors. Meeting on the 2nd Tuesday of the month starting with 11:00 a.m. Mass at the parish.

Operations

Building and Grounds
Ongoing maintenance, repairs and custodial work of the church building, the parish office building and the grounds.

Building Committee
Address issues concerning maintaining and improving building interiors and exteriors, new construction additons as well as the plantings and hardscape around the site. Experience in architecture, engineering, construction and/or landscaping is most helpful.
New Parishioner Welcome
Participants will focus on calling new members and greeting them personally. This personal welcome will allow us to answer any questions and investigate individual interests to serve and volunteer.

Stewardship Committee
The committee is charged with supporting the parish mission by finding ways to build a stronger sense of community within the parish and encourage active participation in parish life and ministries.
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