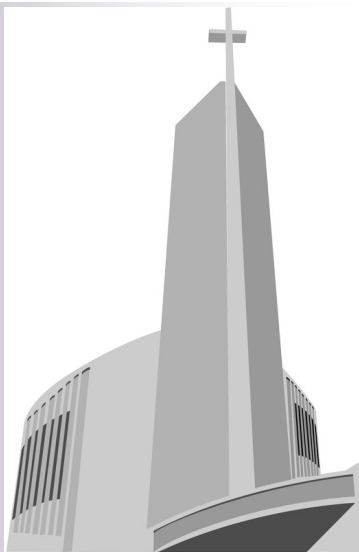


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## PASTORAL COUNCIL

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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1-800-392-3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected *sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult* to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Jenifer Valenti, at 816-812-2500 or [JeniferValenti@att.net](mailto:JeniferValenti@att.net), if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph.

The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact Victim Advocate Kathleen Chastain at 816-392-0011 or [chastain@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:chastain@diocesekcsj.org) for more information.

## MASS SCHEDULE

<b>Tuesday through Friday</b>	7:00 am and 12:00 pm
<b>Saturday</b>	4:00 pm
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00 am and 10:30 am (6:00 pm University Student Liturgy during Fall & Spring semesters)
<b>Sunday School (ages 2, 3 &amp; 4)</b>	during 10:30 am Sunday Liturgy
<b>Children's Liturgy of the Word</b> Mariann McCormally	during 10:30 am Sunday Liturgy 816-381-9163

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

<b>Saturday</b>	3:00-3:45 pm (or by appointment)
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## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

<b>Thursday</b>	12:30 pm to 2:00 pm
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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Infant Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation, Confirmation, Adult Catechumenate (RCIA)**

Mariann McCormally 816-381-9163

**Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist to Homebound or Hospitalized**

Fr. Stephen Yavorsky, S.J. 816-381-9162

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**Marriage**

Fr. Bob Hagan, S.J. 816-501-3288

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

<b>Centering Prayer Group</b>	3rd Monday Monthly
<b>Choir Practice</b> Pat Woodrum	Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 pm 816-381-9164
<b>Community Garden</b> Peg Hornsby	765-748-4135 or <a href="mailto:peghornsby@gmail.com">peghornsby@gmail.com</a>
<b>Cub Scouts</b> Steve Livingston	Every other Saturday, 10-11:30am 816-444-6721
<b>Emergency Assistance</b> R E Jackson	By Appointment 816-381-9173
<b>Food Pantry</b>	By Appointment 816-381-9174
<b>Justice &amp; Life</b> Steve Bruns	3rd Sunday Monthly 816-804-6097 or <a href="mailto:sbruns51@gmail.com">sbruns51@gmail.com</a>
<b>Ignatian Spirituality</b> Mary Anne Morgenegg	816-381-9168
<b>SFX-Adult Faith Formation</b> Karen Stigers	1st Tuesday Monthly 913-262-8994
<b>SFX-Sister Parish</b> Jim Bell	Monthly 913-449-7505
<b>SFX-Sustainability</b> Cindy Schmidt	Monthly 816-914-9498
<b>SFX-VIS Social Concerns</b>	Monthly
<b>Sodality of Our Lady</b> Marie Dupree Johnson	816-333-7928

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

**Monday at 12:00noon**

## 2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### OUR MISSION

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 of the Church, and in each other. We, as the body of Christ, joined in Baptism and inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, enrich our faith through prayer and worship, spiritual formation, intellectual rigor, diversity of membership, hospitality and fellowship, attention to family life, 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.

### PARISH NEWS

#### ◆ ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICE

St. Francis Xavier will celebrate our communal reconciliation service on **Saturday, December 16 at 2:30pm**. Several priests will be available to hear your confession.

### MUSIC & LITURGY

#### ◆ OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**December 12** is the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe, the patroness of Central America. We will have a special celebration for this Feast Day with Masses at **7:00am and 12:00pm**.

#### ◆ CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donate the money for a poinsettia or other arrangements in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion, and help decorate our church for Christmas. Please return your contribution in the envelope in your monthly contribution packet or in a plain envelope in the collection basket or by mail. Clearly mark the envelope *Christmas Flower Memorial* and print the name(s) of those you wish to honor on a separate piece of paper.

### FAITH FORMATION

◆ **CHECK OUT "MESSAGE FROM MARIANN"** a weekly blog on our website from our Pastoral Associate for Faith Formation Mariann McCormally. Go to [sfx-kc.org](http://sfx-kc.org) and click the "Faith Formation" tab. The blog is also posted on our St. Francis Xavier Facebook page. Have you "liked" our page, yet?

#### ◆ LABORING WITH GOD TOWARDS RECONCILIATION PRAYER SERVICES

The Adult Faith Formation and Justice & Life Committees of SFX invite you to attend a series of prayer services focused on personal and social sin, reconciliation, transformation, and righteousness.

Sunday, December 17th at 6:30pm *At Risk Life/  
Marginalized Individuals*

Thursday, January 18, 2018 at 7:00 *Peace/Nonviolence*  
All services will be held at SFX and are open to the public.

For further information, contact:  
Karen Stigers [karen.stigers@gmail.com](mailto:karen.stigers@gmail.com)  
Steve Bruns [sbruns51@gmail.com](mailto:sbruns51@gmail.com).

#### ◆ ROSARY BEFORE MASS

We will not be praying the rosary before the 4:00 and 8:00 Masses the weekend of December 23/24 or December 30/31. Plan to join us in the Cry Room at 3:40 on Saturdays or 7:40 on Sundays starting the weekend of January 6/7.

#### ◆ HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BAKE SALE

**December 16-17, after all the Masses**

Mark your calendar! Plan on getting some homemade Christmas treats AND helping our teens raise money for their urban immersion service trip to Chicago this summer.

#### ◆ CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 FAMILY MASS

We need YOU, **young people and adults!** To help make our celebration complete we need: greeters, ushers, candle-bearers, gift-bearers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers, altar servers and SINGERS! FYI, our Intergenerational Choir will rehearse on the Sundays of December immediately following the 10:30 Mass. For more information or to volunteer contact Mariann (816-381-9163).

#### ◆ SOUL FOOD TUESDAY

**Tuesdays, 11:00-11:55 AM (dismissed in time for those who wish to attend 12:00 Noon Mass), The Romero Room**

Participation in this study/prayer group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. The "content" of each block will be determined in consultation with the participants. Our next block is **November 28, December 5, 12, 19**. We will be reading, discussing and praying about **Racism and the Catholic Church**, including the work of Father Bryan Massingale and Tanner Colby's "Some of My Best Friends are Black." Come study and pray with us! For more information and/or to register to participate, please contact Mariann McCormally (816-381-9163 or [mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)).

#### ◆ NEW PARISHIONER GATHERING

**January 13/14, 2018 after all the Masses, Parish Library**

Have you joined the parish since July 2016? We're having a New Parishioner Gathering for all those who have become a part of SFX since Father Steve became pastor. Mark your calendar now and plan to join us for some light refreshments and a chance to meet and visit with Father Steve, Father Bob, the parish staff and parish leadership.

### JUSTICE & LIFE

#### ◆ FROZEN TURKEYS

**Those who have signed up to donate frozen turkeys** are to bring them to St. Francis Xavier and put them in the chapel hallway (through glass door on backside of church) on **Thursday morning, December 14<sup>th</sup>, between 7:00am and 11:00am, or on the parish office porch if before 7:00am that morning**. If you need to make other arrangements for turkey drop off, please leave a call and leave a message with the Parish office at 816-381-9160. Thank you for your continued generosity.

◆ **FINANCIAL DONATIONS FOR THE CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT**

Financial donations may still be made and mailed to Becca Jackson in the SFX Parish Office. Checks are to be made to "SFX Social Ministries." If we receive more financial donations than we need for the Christmas Baskets, we will use the remainder for other client needs through our ongoing Parish Emergency Assistance Program. All financial donations made to the Christmas Basket Project or to our Parish Emergency Assistance Program will be included in your end of the year church statement.

◆ **THANK YOU FOR YOUR RESPONSE TO THE CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT!**

Your generous response will allow our parish to share Christmas blessings with many of our dear neighbors. On this Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, we will give out or have delivered non-perishable food, turkeys, apples, oranges, potatoes, candy, homemade Christmas cookies, and gift certificates. We are grateful to all of you for your support, prayers, and contributions. We are also grateful to the Rockhurst University community, Visitation parishioners, Russell Stover, and our other friends who have contributed to this project.

**SFX ANNOUNCEMENTS**

◆ **SFX CELEBRATION BRICKS**

Commemorate all the moments in your lives with a celebration brick installed in the St Francis Xavier Mary Garden. Great for weddings, births, baptisms or remembrances. The order form is here <https://www.bricksrus.com/order/SFX/>.

◆ Holiday lights burned out? Old strings cluttering the attic? Don't throw them in the trash! The **SFX Sustainability Committee** will help you recycle old or unwanted light bulbs. Committee members will take them to Southeast Enterprises where employees will prepare them for recycling as part of the KC Holiday Lights Recycling Project!

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

◆ The 25th annual "SUPPORT OUR SEMINARIANS" Benefit Dinner is dedicated to Our Lady of Guadalupe, Queen of the Americas. It is scheduled for **Friday, January 26, 2018**. This event benefits seminarians from the Archdiocese of KCK, the Diocese of KC/St. Joseph & Conception Seminary College. It promises to be an evening filled with fun and laughter, celebrating our Catholic faith, dining on wonderful food, and socializing with our priests and seminarians! We have wonderful speakers this year, Archbishop James P. Kelleher, Archbishop Emeritus of the Archdiocese of KCK, Fr. Jerry Arano-Ponce, and Paul Sappington who is in Pre-Theology II at Kenrick-Glennon Seminary in St. Louis. SOS will be held at Union Station, 30 West Pershing Rd, KCMO. The reservation price is \$175.00 per person at tables of ten people. To reserve your place, or an entire table, or donate to the marketplace or VIP silent auction, contact: Martha Hodes (913) 207-9893 or [mmmhsos512@gmail.com](mailto:mmmhsos512@gmail.com). Check out our new website: [www.supportourseminarians.com](http://www.supportourseminarians.com).

◆ **A CELEBRATION OF THE WINTER SOLSTICE, In a Dark Time...Eyes Begin to See: A Celebration of the Winter Solstice** led by **Fr. Joseph Nassal, C.P.P.S.** - We pause in the midst of a most beautiful but busy season to reflect on the darkness of our times captured in the longest of nights. But the natural world holds great lessons about the renewal of the human spirit and how in the darkest of times we begin to see how we are deeply connected to one another and to the earth. **Thursday, December 21st, 5:30 PM.** Suggested donation: \$20.00 (includes soup supper). Scholarship funds available. Register by December 19th at [info@pbrenewalcenter.org](mailto:info@pbrenewalcenter.org) or 816.415.3745. Precious Blood Renewal Center, 2130 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO 64068.

◆ **KEELER WOMEN'S CENTER**, a ministry of the Benedictine Sisters is located at 2220 CENTRAL AVE., KCK. All programs are free. Donations are welcome. Call 913.906.8990 or register on-line at [www.keelerwomenscenter.org](http://www.keelerwomenscenter.org).

**Recycling Art: Mod Podge**, Be creative in decorating a canvas with recycled (and some new) materials: the sky's the limit. A large supply of materials **will be provided**, but bring photos or mementos if you desire **Thursday, December 14, 1:00-2:30 pm**

**Medicare**, New to Medicare? Need help understanding your current benefits? This class is for you! Bilingual (Spanish/English) **Wednesday, December 13, 2016, 10:00-11:30 am**

**Monthly Book Club, 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesdays, (December 12) 6:00-7:30 pm** The book for December is **Bookshop on the Corner** by Jenny Colgan. (Some books available for club members. Call the office.)

**Create Beautiful Cards, 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday monthly, (December 13) 10:00-11:30am** Reservations required. Space is limited.

Supplies for Christmas, New Year's, winter, birthdays, thank you notes and more will be furnished.

**Parenting Support Group**, Collaborate in finding ways to connect with your children and form strong bonds. Share with other parents ways of building a strong foundation with your children. **Mondays, 1:30-3:00 pm**

**Pretty Nails, Appointment times are available on Thursday, December 14, 10:00 a.m.-noon.** Please call to schedule an appointment 913.906.8990.

◆ **WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER**  
Register for the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend – it's the best gift you'll ever give to each other and your marriage! Make your reservation now! The next Weekend in Kansas City is **April 20-22, 2018**. For more information or to apply, please visit our website: [www.wwme4youandme.org](http://www.wwme4youandme.org) or call Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066 or email [tonybarbz@prodigy.net](mailto:tonybarbz@prodigy.net).

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## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### DECEMBER 16/17

#### LECTORS:

Sat	4:00pm	Peggy Beal	Catherine Green
Sun	8:00am	Peggy Everist	Mary Danaher
Sun	10:30am	Rebecca Thompson	Brian Weiford

#### EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat	4:00pm	Jessica McGannon	Paul McGannon
		Bob Maxwell	
Sun	8:00am	Dixie Heinrich	Lisa Morrison
		Maureen Dahnke	
Sun	10:30pm	John Veal	Marie Pickard
		Jason Roberts	Chris Kinkor
		Lisa Madsen	Nick Antista
		Donna Adams-Crahan	

#### SACRISTAN:

Sat	4:00pm	Mary Kline
Sun	8:00am	Mike DiDonna
Sun	10:30am	MaryAnne Morgeneegg

#### SERVERS:

Sat	4:00pm	Larry Skogerson	
Sun	8:00am	Peg Burns	
Sun	10:30am	Luke Huntley	Daniella Johnson
		Maya Manese	

#### GREETERS

Sat	4:00pm	Louis Anello	VOLUNTEER
Sun	8:00am	Julia Clardy	VOLUNTEER
Sun	10:30am	Jennifer Rouyer	Dave Rouyer
		Bob Magaha	VOLUNTEER

## MASS READINGS

### ◆ DECEMBER 11 - DECEMBER 17

**MONDAY:** Isa 35:1-10/Luke 5:17-26

**TUESDAY:** Zech 2:14-17 or Rev 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Luke 1:26-38 or Luke 1:39-47

**WEDNESDAY:** Isa 40:25-31/Matt 11:28-30

**THURSDAY:** Isa 41:13-20/Matt 11:11-15

**FRIDAY:** Isa 48:17-19/Matt 11:16-19

**SATURDAY:** Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Matt 17:9a, 10-13

**SUNDAY:** Isa 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/John 1:6-8, 19-28

### One Sentence Sermon

Nothing else ruins the truth like stretching it.

**"Remember: you can now give to SFX online."**

## CALENDAR

### Monday, December 11

No Activities

### Tuesday, December 12

11:00am Soul Food Tuesday (RR)

### Wednesday, December 13

7:00pm Choir Practice

### Thursday, December 14

6:30am Morning Glory Café

12:30pm Adoration (chapel)

1:00pm Christmas Basket Distribution (RR)

### Friday, December 15

No Activities

### Saturday, December 16

10:00am Cub Scouts (BVM)

4:45pm High School Service Trip Bake Sale (narthex)

### Sunday, December 17

8:45am High School Service Trip Bake Sale (narthex)

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (chapel)

10:30am Sunday School: ages 2-3-4 yrs (RR)

10:30pm Confirmation Class (RR)

12:00pm High School Service Trip Bake Sale (narthex)

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Sat 12/9 4:00pm** SFX Parishioners

**Sun 12/10 8:00am** For Repentance and Hope  
**10:30am** To Prepare the Lord's Way

**Tues 12/12 7:00am** For Women Who Have Abortions  
**12:00pm** For Blessings For the Americas

**Wed 12/13 7:00am** Ruth DiDonna  
**12:00pm** To Find Rest In Jesus Christ

**Thurs 12/14 7:00am** Sr. Lucy and Associates  
**12:00pm** For All Carmelites

**Fri 12/15 7:00am** Donald Trump  
**12:00pm** For the Freedom of Christ

**Sat 12/16 4:00pm** To Be Eager For Christ's Coming

**Sun 12/17 8:00am** SFX Parishioners  
**10:30am** Christopher Camarena †

"To love at all is to be vulnerable. Love anything and your heart will be wrung and possibly broken. If you want to make sure of keeping it intact you must give it to no one, not even an animal. Wrap it carefully round with hobbies and little luxuries; avoid all entanglements. Lock it up safe in the casket or coffin of your selfishness. But in that casket, safe, dark, motionless, airless, it will change. It will not be broken; it will become unbreakable, impenetrable, irredeemable. To love is to be vulnerable."  
— C.S. Lewis, *The Four Loves*