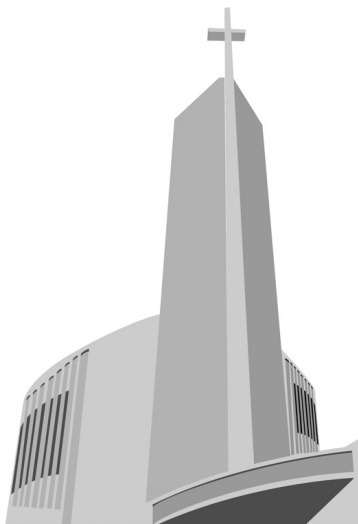


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province are committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

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, 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 for more information.

In addition, if the abuse involves a Jesuit please contact Carol Zarinelli Brescia, MSW, LCSW at (314) 915-7168 or UCSO Outreach@Jesuits.org. Both phone and email are confidential.

MASS SCHEDULE

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

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm (or by appointment)

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday 12:30pm to 2:00pm

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

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Marriage

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OTHER ACTIVITIES

Centering Prayer Group	3rd Monday Monthly
Choir Practice Pat Woodrum	Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm 816-381-9164
Community Garden Peg Hornsby	765-748-4135 or peghornsby@gmail.com
Cub Scouts Steve Livingston	Every other Saturday, 10-11:30am 816-444-6721
Food Pantry	By Appointment 816-381-9174
Justice & Life Steve Bruns	3rd Sunday Monthly 816-804-6097 or sbruns51@gmail.com
Ignatian Spirituality Stephanie Hudson	816-381-9168
SFX-Adult Faith Formation Karen Stigers	1st Tuesday Monthly 913-262-8994
SFX-Sister Parish Jim Bell	Monthly 913-449-7505
SFX-Sustainability Cindy Schmidt	Monthly 816-914-9498
SFX-VIS Social Concerns	Monthly

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00noon

NOTE: For holiday bulletins, submit at least 5 days earlier.

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.

SFX ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLECTIONS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 26—DEC 2, 2018

Offertory (cash and checks)	\$8,095.55
Online offertory (SFX WeShare)	\$1,995.40
Combined-All Offertory	\$10,090.95

Thank you for your generosity.

MUSIC & LITURGY

◆ SECOND COLLECTION – RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

DECEMBER 8/9 Help support the retirement and healthcare needs of senior members of religious communities.

JUSTICE & LIFE

◆ CLERICAL ABUSE GROUP

Join us at **9:00am next Sunday, December 16** as we continue our discussion about how to respond to the Clerical Abuse scandal and cover-up in our diocese and in our church. Carrie Cooper and Kathleen Chastain from the Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP) will be here to talk to us and support us in our next steps to be a parish that is actively responding to this issue. Depending on the size of the group, we will either meet in the Romero Room or Xavier Hall. For more information, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org. Interested and concerned parishioners from other parishes are welcome to attend.

◆ CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT

WOW! What an amazing response we have had! Thank you so much for all you've provided. This week is the final push to give our friends and neighbors a wonderful Christmas dinner. Join us on **Tuesday, December 11 from 6:00-7:15pm** as we bag 1800 pounds of produce, generously donated by Chartwells, the company that supplies RU's food. If you can't make that, we will be distributing meals and spreading holiday cheer on **Thursday, December 13 from 12:15-3:30pm**. Thank you again for your generosity. Please pray for good health, prosperity, and justice for our friends and neighbors as they enter the new year.

◆ RIM (REFUGEE, IMMIGRANT, AND MIGRANT) COMMITTEE MEETS JANUARY 19

Are you interested in being a part of a grassroots endeavor for immigrant children? The RIM Committee met last week and heard from Meaghan Fanning from Jewish Vocational Services. She shared the work she does with immigrants in the Northeast, especially children. There is a strong need for art and cooking programs. If you would like to explore this ministry opportunity to provide art or cooking classes for children, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

◆ FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DECEMBER 15/16

Next week is our monthly food pantry collection. We are in need of razors, assorted cereals, side dishes (noodles, potatoes, etc.), and fruit cups. We can always use toilet paper, diapers, and wipes. Many thanks for your generosity!

◆ STAN KENTON CONCERT

You have one more chance to be part of the 1st Annual Stan Kenton Christmas concert experience which is a benefit for Habitat for Humanity. Take an hour next **Sunday, December 16 at 2:00pm** and head to Johnson County Community College's Pol-sky Theater to hear the music of Stan Kenton. The concert is FREE, and is a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, so donations are most welcome! Go to the SFX J & L Committee's Facebook page or YouTube and preview the great music you will hear. Tell your friends!

◆ CHRISTMAS BASKET GIFT CARDS

If you purchased a \$20 Walmart gift card for our neighbors who are receiving Christmas baskets, please drop it in the collection basket when you're at Mass or bring it to the parish office. Many thanks for your generous support.

◆ MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Are you involved in *any* aspect of the Justice & Life Ministry here at SFX or do you want to make a New Year's resolution to get involved? If you answered yes to either of those, mark your calendar for **January 4, 2019** and plan to attend our J & L Appreciation Dinner and Planning Meeting in Xavier Hall from **6:00-9:00pm**. We will share a meal and reflect on our ministry's strengths and areas of growth as we plan for the coming year.

◆ GREENING YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – WRAP YOUR GIFTS IN AN ECO-FRIENDLY WAY

- Buy gift wrap made from recycled materials.
- Make your own gift wrap from cloth and other materials.
- Save wrapping paper from gifts you receive to use next year.
- Reuse boxes for shipping and gifts, rather than buying new ones.
- Recycle wrapping paper (if allowed by your recycling service) and boxes rather than throwing them away.

FAITH FORMATION

◆ HSYOUTH GROUP ENCUESTRO PROJECT DEPOSIT DUE

Young people planning on participating in the July 6-13, 2019 service/immersion trip to El Paso, Texas must register and pay a \$150 non-refundable deposit by December 14. Contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163 for more information.

DECEMBER 9, 2018

◆ 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).

◆ BLUE CHRISTMAS

Monday, December 10, 7:00 pm, SFX Chapel

The holidays can be a hard time for those of us dealing with the death of a loved one, facing life after divorce or separation, coping with the loss of a job, living with illness, disability, or diminishment. Others of us just feel sad because of the suffering of our brothers and sisters and the injustice we see in our church and our world. Many of us are blue at Christmas. SFX joins an increasing number of churches creating a sacred space to reflect on and accept where we really are and holding on tight to our faith in a good God. Join us! For more information contact Mariann at mccormally@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9163.

◆ HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP CHRISTMAS SOCIAL

Tuesday, December 11, 2018

5:30-8:00 pm

SFX BVM Room (below the Chapel)

Join us for dinner, cookie decorating and "Elf." For more information or to RSVP contact Mariann McCormally mccormally@sfx-kc.org 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 **December 11, 18**. We will be reading, discussing and praying about **The Infancy Narratives of Scripture: What Does Baby Jesus have to Teach Us?** For more information and/or to register to participate, please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

◆ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER, KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH, IS HOSTING A LIVE VIDEO CONFERENCE WITH JESUIT FR. JAMES MARTIN, SJ

"Building a Bridge: How the Catholic Church and the LGBT Community Can Enter into a Relationship of Respect, Compassion, Sensitivity"

Thursday, January 31, 2019

7:00 - 8:00 PM (doors open at 6:00 PM)

Arrupe Hall Auditorium

Rockhurst University (campus entrance at 54th and Troost).

This is a public event. No cost. All are Welcome. We at SFX want to be a church "where God's inclusive love is proclaimed."

Please register your attendance by Monday, January 28 by contacting Mariann McCormally mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163. Childcare for ages 2-12 will be provided at SFX. Contact Mariann to reserve your child's spot.

◆ SAVE THE DATE

French Toast Breakfast

January 27, 2019

Xavier Hall

Help our High School Youth raise funds for their summer service/immersion trip to work with Father Rafael's Encuentro Project in El Paso, Texas. A delicious way to support a good cause!

◆ ROSARY INTENTION FOR NOVEMBER - DECEMBER

Mary, we pray this holy rosary for all immigrants and refugees in our country and in the entire world. We remember that Joseph took you and Jesus to Egypt in order to escape the murderous wrath of Herod! We ask that through your intercession, these men, women, and children will be able to remain together as families, be taken care of body, mind, and soul, and find safe homes. We pray that our government agencies be inspired and that the organizations of caregivers and legal representatives be empowered to accomplish these goals.

◆ THE KANSAS CITY CATHOLIC FOOTBALL LEAGUE (KCCFL)

is looking to include more players within the KC Metro. The League is open to all boys of the diocese in 4th through 8th grades and there are no tryouts as teams are formed with geography in mind. The goal is to provide the boys with football fundamentals in a fun, Christian environment and a chance to learn some powerful life lessons through football. Most importantly, "we put a big emphasis on playing the game in the safest manner possible." For more information, contact Kevin Stone at stmcy-clonefb@gmail.com or 816.309.3251.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ PRECIOUS BLOOD RENEWAL CENTER

2120 Saint Gaspar Way, Liberty, MO 64068

Navigating Through the Holidays While Grieving led by spiritual directors, Fr. Ron Will, CPPS and Kathy Keary. Gain support from others and learn practical ways to create new traditions as you navigate through this difficult terrain while honoring your loved one. **Wednesday, December 12th, 7:00 - 8:30pm. Register by December 10th** at info@pbrenewalcenter.org or 816.415.3745. Free will offering accepted.

Darkness and Light: Living the Mystery led by Fr. Joe Nassal, CPPS, **Friday, December 21, 6:00 - 8:00pm**. The Winter Solstice reveals a rhythm of life that teaches patience and nurtures hope as we wait for the coming of the Light. A meditative walk to the labyrinth with luminary to light our path and a simple soup supper will be included. Suggested donation: \$20.00. Scholarship funds are available. **Register by December 16** at info@pbrenewalcenter.org or 816.415.3745.

◆ COFFEE AND SILENCE

Sophia Spirituality Center, 751 South 8th Street, Atchison, KS, Thursday, December 13, 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

We offer our space for private retreat times on days when we have no groups scheduled. Come for a morning or a day. Spend time in silence. Walk our beautiful grounds. Visit Saint Scholastica Chapel. Coffee is provided. Call 913.360.6173 or visit the website at www.sophiaspiritualitycenter.org. Donations accepted.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 15/16

LECTORS:

Sat 4:00pm
Sun 8:00am
Sun 10:30am

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 4:00pm
Sun 8:00am
Sun 10:30pm

SACRISTAN:

Sat 4:00pm
Sun 8:00am Mike DiDonna
Sun 10:30am

SERVERS:

Sat 4:00pm
Sun 8:00am
Sun 10:30am Matthew Waters Grace Adams
Cecilia Stanislav

GREETERS

Sat 4:00pm Stephanie Hudson VOLUNTEER
Sun 8:00am Mike DiDonna VOLUNTEER
Sun 10:30am Gene Huelskamp VOLUNTEER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/8	10:00am	The United States of America
		4:00pm	Ruth Taylor
Sun	12/9	8:00am	SFX Parishioners
		10:30am	For Patience & Hope in Christians
Tues	12/11	7:00am	John Robert Gaona †
		12:00pm	For All the Americas
Wed	12/12	7:00am	Bertha Farmer †
		12:00pm	To Share Mary's Faith & Hope
Thurs	12/13	7:00am	Bill Sanders †
		12:00pm	For the Blind
Fri	12/14	7:00am	Jesuit Priests
		12:00pm	John Corlette †
Sat	12/15	4:00pm	SFX Parishioners
Sun	12/16	8:00am	To Treat Others Justly
		10:30am	Christopher Camarena †

“Miracles are a retelling in small letters of the very same story which is written across the whole world in letters too large for some of us to see.”

— C.S. Lewis

CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 10

No Activities

Tuesday, Dec 11

11:00am Soul Food Tuesday (RR)
5:30pm HSYG Gathering (BVM)
6:00pm Christmas Basket Fruit/Vegs Bagged (library)
6:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting (RR)

Wednesday, Dec 12

8:00am ISC~Breakfast Club (RR)
7:00pm Choir Practice (HR)

Thursday, Dec 13

6:30am Morning Glory Café
10:30am Fr. Bob Bible Study (RR)
12:30pm Adoration (chapel)
12:30pm Christmas Basket Distribution (RR)
6:00pm Social Concerns Committee Meeting (RR)
7:00pm RCIA (RR)

Friday, Dec 14

No Activities

Saturday, Dec 15

All Day Food Pantry Weekend (church)
8:30am Fund Raising Process Meeting (RR)
10:00am Cub Scout Meeting (BVM)

Sunday, Dec 16

All Day Food Pantry Weekend (church)
9:00am Clerical Abuse Group (RR)
9:00am Justice & Life Committee Meeting (RR)
10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (chapel)
10:30am Sunday School 2-3-4 yr olds (RR)
6:00pm RU Student Mass

REST IN PEACE

Ray Shatto, husband of parishioner Diane Shatto, died November 27 after a brief illness. His funeral is December 15, 11:00 am, at St. Elizabeth's.



MASS READINGS

◆ DECEMBER 10 - DECEMBER 16

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

TUESDAY: Isa 40:1-11/Matt 18:12-14

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

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: Zep 3:14-18a/Phil 4:4-7/Luke 3:10-18

One Sentence Sermon

The heart is happiest when it beats for others.