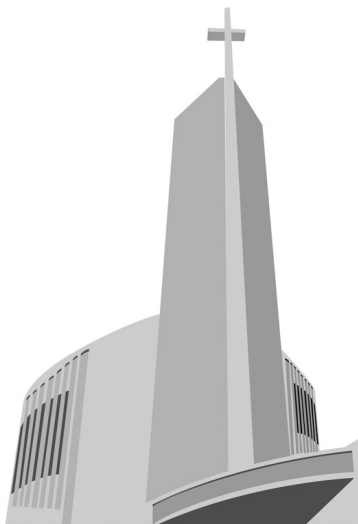


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province are committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

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)
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EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday	12:30pm to 2:00pm
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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

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

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

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.

3RD 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 FINANCIAL UPDATE JULY 1 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2018

INCOME

Offertory (cash and checks)	\$228,236.38
Fundraising and gifts	\$54,419.76
Operational income (e.g. rental income)	\$34,471.61
Income for SFX ministries and programs	\$19,969.79
TOTAL INCOME	\$337,097.54

EXPENSES

Lay and Clergy personnel	\$165,534.87
Facilities (e.g. utilities and maintenance)	\$ 67,386.53
Operational (e.g. insurance, postage, printing)	\$72,542.20
Ministry and program expenses	\$19,405.82
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$324,869.42
NET INCOME	\$12,228.12

For more detailed information, please pick up a financial report by the exit doors. Thank you for your generosity.

FACILITY & MAINTENANCE

◆ CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

SFX Church will be having their Christmas Eve Mass on Monday, December 24, 2018 beginning at 4:00pm. They have been given permission to have attendees use the Rockhurst University north parking garage for parking. Sgt. Heinrich will have the garage gate arms up for the event.

JUSTICE & LIFE

◆ FOOD PANTRY NEEDS DECEMBER 15/16

Our Giving the Basics order was incomplete, so thankfully we are closed around the Christmas holiday, but if you want to help us out, we could use some bar soap and toothpaste to make it through to our next order. Many thanks for your generosity!

◆ CLERICAL ABUSE GROUP

Join us at 9:00am this Sunday, December 16 as we listen and learn from Carrie Cooper and Kathleen Chastain from the Office of Child and Youth Protection (OCYP). 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. Other parishes have been invited and anyone is welcome to attend.

◆ CHRISTMAS BASKET PROJECT

Watch for highlights and details about this amazing event in next week's bulletin.

◆ 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.

◆ RIM (REFUGEE, IMMIGRANT, AND MIGRANT) COMMITTEE MEETS JANUARY 20

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.

◆ GREEN YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS BY ATTENDING THE STAN KENTON CONCERT

Part of greening your holidays is to create experiences rather than buy 'stuff'. Grab some friends and head to Johnson County Community College's Polsky Theater to hear the music of Stan Kenton today Sunday, **December 16 at 2:00pm**. The concert only lasts an hour, 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 to preview the great music you will hear.

FAITH FORMATION

◆ GRACIAS

Many thanks to all who supported our High School Youth Group raffle (congrats to Kaler Bole on winning the tv!) and the December 1 Open House Reception to raise funds for our Summer 2019 trip to El Paso's Euncuentro Project. We have raised over \$9,000! Go to our sfx-kc.org webpage to learn more.

DECEMBER 16, 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).

◆ 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).

◆ 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!

◆ 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.” Parking available in the SFX Church parking lot and the Rockhurst University parking garage at the NE corner of 52nd and Troost. Childcare for ages 2-12 will be provided at SFX. Please register your attendance (and reserve a childcare spot for your child) by Monday, January 28 by contacting Mariann McCormally mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163.

◆ ROSARY INTENTION FOR 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.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **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.

Affirmations & Living Free Growth Group for Women Weekly, Mondays, noon – 1:30pm, This group helps women change the way they think about themselves and their lives.

Quill and Pluma (Bilingual) A Writing and e-publishing Collaborative facilitated by Kari O'Rourke, Mondays 11:00 – 12:00

Chronic Pain by Faye Miller, Monday, December 17, 1:30-3:30pm, This 2 hour workshop will offer participants some life skills to cope with chronic pain and its effects on your life. Materials will be included in the workshop.

Healthy Relationships: Domestic Violence Education and Support Facilitated by Jaime Peterson, Tuesdays 10:00 – 11:00

Caregivers Support group for (men and women) Facilitator by Jackie Tigges, MSW, LCSW., 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 1:30-3:00pm. Caring for a loved one is very difficult and support helps

Parenting Support Group: A program of education and support Presented by Marqueia Watson, MSW, Tuesdays, 6:00 – 7:30

Knitting and Crocheting Group – Learn a new skill or work on current projects, Tuesdays 6:30-8:00

Scripture Study and Reflection facilitated by Heather Neds, Wednesdays 9:30-11:00

Gospel Non-Violence Facilitated by Peg Burns Kerbawy, Study Group, Tuesday, December 18, 11:30-1:30pm, Meet with others who seek to live as Jesus lives; experience the message of non-violence, preached by Jesus

Pretty Nails, Appointment times are available on Thursday, December 20, 10:00am-noon., Please call to schedule an appointment 913.906.8990.

One Sentence Sermon

The heart is happiest when it beats for others.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 22/23

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 Joe Gray
Sun 10:30am

SERVERS:

Sat 4:00pm
Sun 8:00am
Sun 10:30am Luke Huntley Amanda Udo
Vincent Antista

GREETERS

Sat 4:00pm Stephanie Hudson VOLUNTEER
Sun 8:00am Julia Clardy VOLUNTEER
Sun 10:30am VOLUNTEER VOLUNTEER

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12/15 4:00pm SFX Parishioners
Sun 12/16 8:00am To Treat Others Justly
10:30am Christopher Camarena †
Tues 12/18 7:00am President Donald Trump
12:00pm End to Abortion in MO
Wed 12/19 7:00am Dixie Corlette †
12:00pm Staff at SFX
Thurs 12/20 7:00am Paul, Toni & John Mannion †
12:00pm For Those That Are Alone
During The Holidays
Fri 12/21 7:00am George Golder †
12:00pm Linda Airheart †
Sat 12/22 4:00pm To Share Mary's Faith
Sun 12/23 8:00am SFX Parishioners
10:30am Students on Winter Break

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CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 17

6:30pm Cub Scout Meeting (RR)
7:00pm SFX Centering Prayer (chapel)

Tuesday, Dec 18

11:00am Soul Food Tuesday (RR)
6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (RR)

Wednesday, Dec 19

7:00pm Choir Practice (HR)

Thursday, Dec 20

10:30am Fr. Bob Bible Study (RR)
12:30pm Adoration (chapel)
6:00pm Social Concerns Committee Meeting (RR)

Friday, Dec 21

12:00pm Parish Office Closes

Saturday, Dec 22

No Activities

Sunday, Dec 23

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

MASS READINGS

◆ DECEMBER 17 - DECEMBER 23

MONDAY: Gen 49:2, 8-10/Matt 1:1-17

TUESDAY: Jer 23:5-8/Matt 1:18-25

WEDNESDAY: Judg 13:2-7, 24-25a/Luke 1:5-25

THURSDAY: Isa 7:10-14/Luke 1:26-38

FRIDAY: Song 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Luke 1:39-45

SATURDAY: 1 Sam 1:24-28/Luke 1:46-56

SUNDAY: Mic 5:1-4a/Heb 10:5-10/Luke 1:39-45

Sunday Funny A Pastor's Proverb

"A great prayer partner keeps your
secrets, laughs at your jokes, and always
has the wisdom to know the difference."

-The Rev. Robert St. John

◆ Please remember St. Francis Xavier Parish when estate
planning and in your will.

**ESTATE
PLANNING**

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