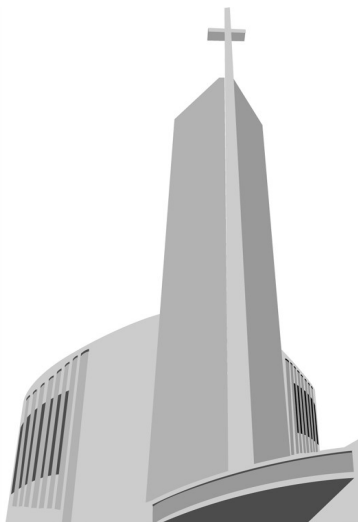


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph and the Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province are committed to combating sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you *observe or suspect* sexual abuse:

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

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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.

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT—DECEMBER 23, 2018

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.



Let the just rejoice,
for their Justifier is
born. Let the sick
and infirm rejoice,
for their Savior is
born. Let the
captives rejoice,
for their Redeemer is
born. Let slaves
rejoice, for their
Master is born. Let
free persons rejoice,
for their Liberator is
born. Let all
Christians rejoice,
for Jesus Christ is
born.

St. Augustine

Merry Christmas Happy New Year

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PARISH NEWS

◆ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLECTIONS

WEEK OF DECEMBER 3—DEC 9 2018

Offertory (cash and checks) \$49,593.25

Online offertory (SFX WeShare) \$1,881.26

Combined-All Offertory \$51,474.51

Offertory was higher than usual this week due to a few annual parishioner donations. If you are interested in more detailed financial information please pick up a copy of the current Parish Financial Report by the exit doors. Thank you for your generosity.

◆ THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS!

Please give a big “thank you” to Bill Schmidt and all those who volunteered and worked the concessions stands at Royals and Chiefs games to raise money for the parish. So far, they have raised \$7,538! This group of dedicated volunteers have braved hot and cold weather conditions, exuberant fans, overtime games, and much more – all in service to our parish mission. We are grateful for their dedication and persistence. Tip of the hat to Bill and his team of workers!

◆ CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

SFX will have Christmas Eve Mass on Monday, December 24 beginning at 4:00pm. We have been given permission to use the RU north parking garage for parking. Sgt. Heinrich will have the garage gate arms up for the event.

FAITH FORMATION

◆ **STRONG BLESSINGS ON OLIVER HINCHEY CHASE** (son of Alexander Michael Chase and Kathleen Marie O’Flaherty) who will be baptized on Saturday, December 29. May he – and all our children – grow up in holy and loving families.

◆ EIGHT DAY IGNATIAN RETREAT

Creighton University Retreat House, March 8-March 17, 2019

Griswold, Iowa (about 40 miles due east of Omaha, 2.5-3 hour drive)
The directors for this retreat are students of Creighton’s Graduate Certificate program in Spiritual Direction (including SFX parishioner Nancy Seibolt). Contact Nancy (nanzeebo@aol.com) for more information OR Colleen Hastings at Creighton (colleenhastings@creighton.edu 402-280-2303).

◆ REMEMBERING CHURCH

Have you been away from the Catholic Church for a while? Do you have questions? Are you hurting? Or angry? ReMembering Church at St. Francis Xavier is a series of six Tuesday evening sessions beginning January 15 to welcome and reconnect returning Catholics. It’s a safe, open place to ask questions, share your story and learn more about the Catholic Church in the 21st Century. January 15, 22, 29 and February 12, 19, 26
7:00-8:00 pm, Hearth Room

Contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163 to register and/or for more information.

◆ COOKIE PROJECT 2018 REPORT

Many thanks to our bakers who made over 2,700 cookies to include in the Christmas baskets for our neighbors in need! Thanks also to those who donated re-sealable gallon bags, those who let us borrow their big plastic totes, those who carried the cookies over to Xavier Hall (and back to the Parish Office), those who helped plate and bag all those cookies, and those who washed and dried and wiped off tables! Metal tins, plastic containers and totes are in the Hospitality Room in the back of Church. Please pick them up ASAP. A BIG THANK YOU to Mary Turner for coordinating this effort.

◆ 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!

THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY & JOSEPH—DECEMBER 30, 2018

◆ ANNUAL WORLD PEACE MEDITATION

An Interfaith Gathering

Monday, December 31, 2018 6:00 am, (please arrive 5:30 am)

Rime Buddhist Center, 700 West Pennway KCMO 64108

The program consists of religious observances from various cultures and faith traditions including Native American smudging, Tibetan Buddhist chanting and meditation, Christian prayer, devotional music, Sufi dance, and the Muslim “call to prayer.” Members of the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council will offer a prayer for peace from each of their faith traditions. A highlight of the event will be the presentation of the Bodhisattva Award. Our award this year will be given to the Midwest Innocence Project. The Keynote Speaker is **Lamonte McIntyre**. The Midwest Innocence Project (MIP) is a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to the investigation, litigation, and exoneration of wrongfully convicted men and women in a five-state region. The Midwest Innocence Project was founded in 2001 through the UMKC School of Law and is part of the national Innocence Network. Lamonte McIntyre, a recent exoneree from Kansas City, Kansas, spent 23 years in prison for a crime he did not commit. Join us as we pray for peace! For more information: www.rimecenter.org 816-471-7073.

◆ 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.

◆ 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 Encuentro Project. We have raised over \$9,000! Go to our sfx-kc.org webpage to learn more.

JUSTICE & LIFE

◆ JUSTICE & LIFE COMMITTEE MEETS JANUARY 6

The Justice & Life Committee will meet on January 6 at 9:00am in the Romero Room. All are welcome to attend to hear reports from the leaders of the various J & L ministries.

◆ RIM COMMITTEE MEETS JANUARY 20

At this meeting we will hear from Suzanne Gladney who will speak to us on the work being done with the migrant population in Lexington. All are welcome to join us at 9:00AM in the Romero Room. We will also have updates from the Encuentro delegation and discuss the great progress we are making to provide art and cooking classes to refugees. There’s still a need for volunteers! Please join us!

◆ ONE CITY CAFÉ

Have you thought about getting more involved in social causes in the new year? If so, consider joining the SFX team who serves monthly at what will soon be called One City Café (formerly Bishop Sullivan Center at 39th and Troost). Their new facility opens January 1 and help will be needed to serve approximately 200 dinners on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 4:00-6:30PM. Our next service date will be January 22. For more information, contact Karen Stigers at karen.stigers@gmail.com.

◆ GREEN YOUR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS -

- Relax and enjoy the treasure of this 4th week of Advent. How does that green your holiday? Realize that what you have done to this point is enough. The gift of Christmas is relationships and experiences, not in the stuff.
- Before you put away your holiday decorations, check out what you didn’t unpack and use and consider donating it.

◆ 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 questions, mark your calendar for **Friday, 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. An RSVP to srobb@sfx-kc.org by January 2 is necessary for proper planning.

◆ DO YOU SEW?

Kansas City Hospice is in need of volunteers to make several of the fabric bags that can be hung on a walker. If you are interested in making some, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

◆ CAN YOU HELP LEAD A COOKING OR ART CLASS FOR REFUGEE KIDS?

There is a strong need for art and cooking programs and there appears to be interest growing among some of our parishioners to provide these for refugee kids. If you would like to explore this ministry opportunity, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

◆ CHRISTMAS FUNNIES:

- What do you call a broke Santa Clause? Saint Nickel-less.
- Why was Santa's little helper depressed? Because he had very low 'elf esteem'.
- A dentist and a manicurist married. They fought tooth and nail.
- I got some batteries that were given free of charge.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	12/22	4:00pm	To Share Mary's Faith
Sun	12/23	8:00am	SFX Parishioners
		10:30am	Students on Winter Break
Mon	12/24	4:00pm	That God Take Flesh In Us
		9:00pm	For All Witnesses to the Faith
Tues	12/25	10:00pm	For Christmas Joy
Wed	12/26	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Daily Mass	
Thurs	12/27	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Daily Mass	
Fri	12/28	No 7:00am or 12:00pm Daily Mass	
Sat	12/29	4:00pm	The Elderly & Infirm
Sun	12/30	8:00am	SFX Parishioners
		10:30am	The Homeless & the Hungry
Mon	1/1	10:00am	For World Peace
Tues	1/2	7:00am	For Understanding of the Gospels
		12:00pm	SFX Staff
Wed	1/3	7:00am	For the Society of Jesus
		12:00pm	Pete Guignon †
Thurs	1/4	7:00am	For the Sisters of Charity of St. Joseph
		12:00pm	For All Children Victims
Fri	1/5	7:00am	That All Nations Know the Lord
		12:00pm	For All Families
Sat	1/6	4:00pm	Pete Guignon †
Sun	1/7	8:00am	SFX Staff
		10:30am	SFX Parishioners



MASS READINGS

◆ DECEMBER 24 - JANUARY 5

MONDAY: Isa 62:1-5/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Matt 1:1-25 or 1-18

TUESDAY: Isa 52:7-10/Heb 1:1-6/John 1:1-18

WEDNESDAY: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Matt 10:17-22

THURSDAY: 1 John 1:1-4/John 20:1a, 2-8

FRIDAY: 1 John 1:5—2:2/Matt 2:13-18

SATURDAY: 1 John 2:3-11/Luke 2:22-35

SUNDAY: 1 Sam 1:20-22, 24-28/1 John 3:1-2, 21-24/Luke 2:41-52

MONDAY: 1 John 2:18-21/John 1:1-18

TUESDAY: Num 6:22-27/Gal 4:4-7/Luke 2:16-21

WEDNESDAY: 1 John 2:22-28/John 1:19-28

THURSDAY: Sir 51:8-12/Phil 2:1-11/Luke 2:21-24

FRIDAY: 1 John 3:7-10/John 1:35-42

SATURDAY: 1 John 3:11-21/John 1:43-51

SUNDAY: Is 60:1-6/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Matt 2:1-12

CALENDAR

Monday, Dec 24

4:00pm Christmas Family Mass

9:00pm Christmas Vigil

Tuesday, Dec 25

11:00am Soul Food Tuesday (RR)

6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (RR)

Wednesday, Dec 26

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Thursday, Dec 27

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Friday, Dec 28

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Saturday, Dec 29

No Activities

Sunday, Dec 30

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

Monday, Dec 31

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Tuesday, Jan 1

Parish Office Closed / No Daily Mass

Wednesday, Jan 2

7:00am & 12:00pm Daily Mass resumes

7:00pm Choir Practice (HR)

Thursday, Jan 3

12:30pm Adoration (chapel)

6:00pm Social Concerns Committee Meeting (RR)

Friday, Jan 4

6:00pm J & L Appreciation Dinner/Planning Meeting (XH)

Saturday, Jan 5

All Day Family & Friends Weekend (church)

10:00am Cub Scout Meeting (BVM)

2:00pm Marian Group (RR)

Sunday, Jan 6

All Day Family & Friends Weekend (church)

9:00am J & L 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 (church)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

December 29/30

All As Assigned

January 5/6

All As Assigned