The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatt[ing 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, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, 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 the Victim Advocate, Kathleen Chastain, at 816.392.0011 or chastain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
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

🎨 Annual Catholic Appeal Update
Thank you to everyone who has responded to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of November 20th, Francis Xavier parishioners have submitted 58 pledges in the amount of $12,900. This number represents 50% of our goal of $26,000 in pledges. Across the Diocese, 3,503 households have pledged $1,012,078, representing 53% of their goal of $1,900,00 for the 2020 ACA Campaign. The ACA formally continues through November. Stay tuned for future updates on our progress.

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St. Francis Xavier collections

Week of November 1 - November 17, 2019

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Thank you for your generosity.

Justice & Life

Men's Retreat
Our parish is planning a weekend men's retreat at the historic White House Jesuit Retreat in St. Louis for May 14-17, 2020. This will be a group retreat directed by one of the Jesuits in residence at the White House or a visiting Jesuit and based on the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises. This is part of our parish's effort to observe the Jesuit Apostolic Preferences confirmed this year by Pope Francis, which include "Showing the Way to God through the Spiritual Exercises & Discernment". If interested, please contact Bill Schmidt (schmidtwil@sbcglobal.net) or Tom Bradshaw (tbradshaw2111@gmail.com).

Sustainability in Action
We are so grateful to Compost Collective KC who generously picks up our composted waste, which they transform into a valuable soil amendments. Their work saves space in landfills, saves money on trash disposal, allows us to be better environmental citizens, and actually helps slow climate change. For more information about composting services, visit https://www.compostcollectivekc.com/. Thank you, Compost Collective KC!

Health Ministry
Are you an active or retired health professional? If so, we are hoping to start a health ministry here at SFX for our parishioners and possibly for our neighbors. If you would like to be a part of this emerging ministry, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

Faith Formation

Strong Blessings on Aden Lawrence Arndt
(son of Waylon Thomas Arndt and Megan Diane Hollenbeck Arndt) who is baptized today. May he, his big brother Barrett, and all our children grow up to people of peace. "They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks... O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!"
Isaiah 2:4-5 First Sunday of Advent.

Soul Food Tuesday – December Edition
Tuesday, December 10
11:00-11:55 AM (dismissed in time for those who wish to attend 12:00 Noon Mass), Romero Room
Participation in this study/prayer group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. Join us in December for some quiet prayer and a reflection on minimalism. For more information and/or to register to participate, please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

Middle School Lock In
Friday, December 6 8:00 pm – Saturday, December 7 8:00 am
There won't be any sleep, but there will be a lot of fun (and some service, too). Youth in Grades 6-7-8 are invited to join us for a lonnggg night that will include Mass, a movie, late-night pizza, baking Christmas cookies and sorting canned goods for our parish Christmas Basket Project, and other good stuff led by our MSYG leaders Dan Shaver and Katie Eilerman. The Lock-In will conclude with a sunrise prayer service over on the Rockhurst Quad (yep – OUTSIDE bundle up!). Bring a friend. You don’t need to be a member of SFX (or Catholic) to participate. BUT. REGISTRATION is required! For more information and the registration form/parent permission liability waiver contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

"Remember: you can now give to SFX online."
THE PRAYER FLAG PROJECT
Monday, December 2, 2019
7:00 pm
Jewish Community Campus – Social Hall
5801 W. 115th Street, Leawood KS
For peace seekers of any religious faith or none, join us for a night of small group story sharing, learning about Tibetan prayer flags from Lama Matthew Rice, and participating in a hands-on project creating a travelling string of personal commitments toward building a just, loving and sustainable community. For teens and adults. $8 student/$12 adult. Presented by the Ecumenical/Interreligious Commission of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, Rime Buddhist Center, Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, The Jewish Community Center, The Dialogue Institute, Faith Always Win, and the Greater Kansas City Interfaith Council.

HIGH SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SOCIAL
Wednesday, December 11
6:30-8:00 pm
Romero Room
ALL youth in Grades 9-12 are invited for an evening of fun. Bring a friend. You don’t need to be a member of SFX (or Catholic) to participate. For more information contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-ks.org 816-381-9163).

TWELFTH ANNUAL SFX COOKIE PROJECT
Help us put HOMEMADE Christmas cookies into the baskets we give out to our neighbors in need. We’re asking each baker to bake FOUR DOZEN cookies. Drop your cookies off at Xavier Hall (or bring them to the narthex) the weekend of December 14/15. We’ll package the cookies for inclusion in our Christmas baskets in Xavier Hall on Sunday, December 15 immediately after the 10:30 Mass. Baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, December 17. If you are not able to bake HOMEMADE cookies, please consider volunteering to help us package the cookies OR allowing us to borrow your large plastic tote containers with lids (we need something to keep the plated and bagged cookies in from Sunday to Tuesday). Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to participate.

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! For more information or to volunteer contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-ks.org 816-381-9163).

HEART AND SOUL AT SFX
First Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm
December 3, January 7, February 4...
Romero Room
Join SFX Parishioners Nancy Seibolt and Peg Hornsby as we use mixed media as a way to express what is on our minds and in our hearts. For more information, contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-ks.org 816-381-9163).

ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE
Do you possess an Our Lady of Guadalupe statue that’s at least 2ft tall and would you be willing to loan it to the parish for the Feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe and the Masses that weekend? The Arts and Environment committee would like to place a statue of Our Lady of Guadalupe in the chapel for daily Mass on that day, and then move it to the Mary altar in the Church for Sunday’s Masses.

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is December 12, if you are interested in assisting us, please contact Becca Jackson at rjackson@sfx-ks.org, Tara Harris at tharris@diocesekcsj.org, or Maggie Ratterman at rattermann@diocesekcsj.org. Thank you.

FACILITY & MAINTENANCE

SFX THANKS LANDSCAPING VOLUNTEERS
Please thank the following volunteers for digging up, and transplanting some of our perennial Hosta plants: Bill and Cindy Schmidt, Seamus Prim, Fridolin Rouyer, and Jackie Palmer. There is more to do but we made progress!

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

12TH ANNUAL BEST OF KC CATHOLIC TOURNAMENT
Over the holiday break, it is difficult for CYO and Parochial League teams to practice and play to improve before starting back up their season. The Best of KC Catholic Youth Basketball Tournament is a perfect opportunity for your team to play in some fun, competitive games and improve as well. December 30, 2019 and January 1, 2020
Avila University, Sion High School, Rockhurst High School, St. Thomas More
Boys and Girls 3rd-8th Grade Teams. Teams of all levels are encouraged to play.
Cost: $150 per team (Registration Deadline is December 17th at Noon). You can go to http://catholicicyouthbasketball.com/ to view tournament details. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Tournament Directors Jim Huber at (816) 728-2341 / jim@coachhuber.com.

GALA THANK YOU
Thank you to everyone who sponsored, attended, or volunteered their time to help make the Gala a huge success. We’re fortunate to be able to continue our work with the poor and vulnerable of our Diocese because of generous supporters like you. With your help we were able to raise awareness and funds to put toward our work with Children and Families as well as Employment, Veterans’ and Emergency Services. If you were unable to attend but would still like to donate, please contact Lynn Lichte, Donor Stewardship Specialist at 816-659-8243 or llichte@ccharities.com.

HOLIDAY MARKET AT GUARDIAN ANGELS PARISH
Guardian Angels Parish will have a Holiday Market on December 7 and 8, 2019. Guardian Angels Parish is located at 1310 Westport Road in Kansas City, Missouri. Parishioners will be selling a variety of handmade items, such as crocheted and knitted items, jewelry, toys, décor items and seasonal items. If you have questions, contact Ann Scott at greatscott1953@gmail.com.
DECEMBER 7/8

LECTORS:
Sat 4:00pm Tom Whittaker  Jason Roberts
Sun 8:00am Maureen Dahnke  Siabhan May Washington
Sun 10:30am Dan Lumma  Mary Gwilt

EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS:
Sat 4:00pm Lissa Whittaker  Paul McGannon
Sun 8:00am Kim Bush  Barb Tonnies
Sun 10:30pm Marie Pickard  Terry Noel
Ruth Noel  Beth Ward
Donna Adams-Crahan  Vickie Silverman
MaryAnne Morgenegg

SACRISTAN:
Sat 4:00pm Peg Burns
Sun 8:00am Joe Gray
Sun 10:30am

SERVERS:
Sat 4:00pm Peg Burns
Sun 8:00am Jolene Ruth
Sun 10:30am Amanda Udo  Naomi Kriege
Vincent Antista

GREETERS:
Sat 4:00pm VOLUNTEER
Sun 8:00am Julia Clardy  VOLUNTEER
Sun 10:30am Mary Adams  Chris Livingston  VOLUNTEER

MASS READINGS

◆ DECEMBER 2 - DECEMBER 8

MONDAY:  Is 2:1-5/Matt 8:5-11
TUESDAY:  1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mark 16:15-20
WEDNESDAY:  Is 25:6-10a/Matt 15:29-37
THURSDAY:  Is 26:1-2/Matt 7:21, 24-27
SATURDAY:  Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Matt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8
SUNDAY:  Is 11:1-10/ Rom 15:4-9/Matt 3:1-12

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

CALENDAR

Monday, December 2
10:00am  s. Beckett Organ Practice (church)

Tuesday, December 3
11:00am  HeART & Soul (RR)
4:30pm  ISC Board Meeting (RR)
7:00pm  Advent Evening of Reflection (church)

Wednesday, December 4
10:00am  SFX Staff Retreat (off-site)
2:30pm  Staff Meeting (RR)
5:45pm  Stewardship Meeting (RR)
7:30pm  Choir Practice (HR)

Thursday, December 5
5:00pm  Fr Bob Bible Study (RR)
12:30pm  Adoration (chapel)
7:00pm  RCIA (RR)

Friday, December 6
5:00pm  MSYG Winter Lock-in (XH)

Saturday, December 7
All Day  Christmas Basket sign-ups
All Day  Family & Friends Weekend (church)
All Day  Second Collection - Religious Retirement
8:00am  MSYG Winter Lock-in ends (XH)
10:00am  Cub Scout Meeting (BVM)
2:30pm  Advent Reconciliation Service (church)
3:00pm  Spiritual Direction (RR)

Sunday, December 8
All Day  Christmas Basket sign-ups
All Day  Family & Friends Weekend (church)
All Day  Second Collection - Religious Retirement
10:15am  Confirmation Prep Class (XH)
10:30am  Children’s Liturgy of the Word (chapel)
6:00pm  RU Student Mass (church)

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 11/30 4:00pm  Mary Lynn Phillips  †
Sun 12/1 8:00am  SFX Parishioners
10:30am  For Those in the Military
Tues 12/3 7:00am  Ed Sanders  †
12:00pm  Myrna West  †
Wed 12/4 7:00am  Pat Donnelly  †
12:00pm  George Golden  †
Thurs 12/5 7:00am  Hoping for Justice & Resolution
12:00pm  For All the Donors of the Ignatian Spirituality Center of KC & Their Deceased Loved Ones & Other Special Intentions
Fri 12/6 7:00am  Ruth Taylor  †
12:00pm  For All Selfless Benefactors
Sat 12/7 4:00pm  PeGuignon  †
Sun 12/8 8:00am  That the U.S. Be Purified
10:30am  SFX Parishioners

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