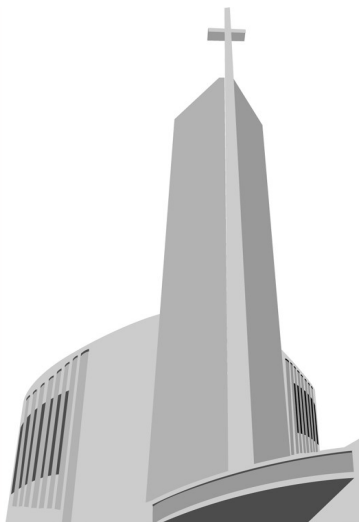


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

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.

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)
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. 816-500-5743

Marriage

Fr. Bob Hagan, S.J. 816-500-5743

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Centering Prayer Group	3rd Monday Monthly
Choir and Choir Practice Laura and Rick Worms	Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm 816-942-5918 or r.worms@sbcglobal.net
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
Gospel Non-Violence Peg Burns	pegburns00@gmail.com
Justice & Life Sue Robb	3rd Sunday Monthly 816-381-9167
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 Social Concerns	3rd Thursday Monthly

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00pm

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.

PARISH NEWS

◆ ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLECTIONS

WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25 - DECEMBER 1, 2019

Offertory (cash and checks)	\$ 9,791.28
Online offertory (SFX WeShare)	\$ 2,714.80
Combined-All Offertory	\$12,506.08

Thank you for your generosity.

◆ ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who has responded to the 2020 Annual Catholic Appeal. As of December 3rd, St. Francis Xavier parishioners have submitted 61 pledges in the amount of \$13,550. This number represents 52% of our goal of \$26,000 in pledges. Across the Diocese 4,014 households have pledged \$1,185,179 representing 62% of their goal of \$1,900,00 for the 2020 ACA Campaign. Stay tuned for future updates on our progress.

◆ HELP WANTED AT THE 4PM MASS ON DECEMBER 24TH

Are you planning to attend the Intergenerational Mass at 4pm on December 24th? Are you willing to put on a safety vest and help direct cars? If so, we need you! We are looking for 4 volunteers to help direct visitors and parishioners with parking. We will assemble in the narthex at 3:40pm and usually everyone is inside by 4:10pm. Please contact Ann Sheridan at 816/381-9165 or asheridan@sfx-kc.org to sign up.

ARTS & ENVIROMENT

◆ CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIAL DONATIONS

Donate the money for a poinsettia or fresh cut flower arrangement in memory of a loved one, or in honor of a special occasion, and help decorate our church for Christmas. Please use the envelopes in the pews or in your monthly contribution packet. Thank you.

JUSTICE & LIFE

◆ SPIRIT SISTERS HOLIDAY CONCERT IS THIS SUNDAY

Watch the Chiefs beat the Broncos then come to SFX Sunday, December 15 at 4:00pm and enjoy a delightful one-hour holiday concert by the Spirit Sisters. Your spirit will be lifted by the harmonious melodies played on the dulcimer, guitar, banjo, and percussion instruments. The concert is free, and is also a fundraiser for Habitat for Humanity, so donations will be appreciated.

◆ CHRISTMAS BASKET UPDATE

Our distribution day is just hours away!

Thanks to all who have taken tags, signed up to volunteer, brought food, donated Aldi gift cards and money, and baked cookies. YOU make our Christmas basket program the successful event that it is! We will distribute your generosity this TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17. You can drop off turkeys at *Xavier Hall* that morning, preferably before 9:00am. Again, thank you for your overwhelming support of this SFX tradition!

◆ SUSTAINABILITY IN ACTION

We have composted over 25 gallons of food waste since October, thanks to Compost Collective KC who generously picks up our waste and transforms 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

What do you need? – Thanks to those who have responded and who are interested in helping with the new health ministry! Now we want to hear from those who might benefit from the services of these health professionals. What medical services would you like to see offered here at SFX? Monthly blood pressure checks? Diabetes education? Educational seminars pertaining to oncology, chronic pain, aging, addictions, health and wellness? If you have ideas, please share them with Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

FAITH FORMATION

◆ CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 FAMILY MASS

We need YOU, **children, teens 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).

Like our new Facebook page!
You can find us on Facebook at
www.facebook.com/SFX.KC



◆ **BLESSING OF THE BABY JESUS FIGURE**

Good and gracious God,
You so loved the world
that you took on human flesh
and were born among us
as a little baby.
As we prepare to celebrate the birth of Christ
we ask that you bless this figure
of your Son, our Savior.
May they help us to remember
the true meaning of the season:
that the Word became flesh
and made his dwelling among us.
Bless all of us
who look upon these figures.
May the Christmas gospel come alive in our hearts,
may we be moved to rejoice in the mystery of the Incarna-
tion.
May our thoughts be raised up to him,
who is God-with-us
and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
May the blessing of God rest on these figures
and upon all of us
in the name of the Father, the Son +
and the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

◆ **GIVING THE GIFT WARMTH**

We are blessed to partner with the Knights of Columbus throughout the diocese of KCSJ in the Coats for Kids Drive. The Knights have done an amazing job of raising funds and providing coats for school children in need. We are hopeful that their example of generosity will spread as we begin our winter drive to collect hats, gloves and scarves for our clients coming through the Welcome Center. This time of year is especially challenging for the homeless and those in need. Please consider giving the gift of warmth this season by donating to our drive. For more information please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.

◆ **ANNUAL ST. THERESE SENIOR CENTER CHRISTMAS PARTY**

Seniors of Christ the King, St. Peters, Visitation, St. Elizabeth, St. Louis, St. Monica, St. Francis Xavier, Seton Center Please join us for the Annual St. Therese Senior Center Christmas Party. Wednesday, December 18, 10:00am-2:00pm, St. Therese Little Flower Catholic Church, 5814 Euclid, Kansas City Missouri 64130. RSVP to Sharon [Sanders](mailto:ssanders@stlfc.org) - ssanders@stlfc.org by December 15, 2019.

◆ **HOLY ROSARY CREDIT UNION**

Let's work together to create a community without poverty by providing economic opportunity at a financial institution based on Catholic social teaching. Help yourself while you help others by banking at Holy Rosary.

HRCU Offers Its Members:

- A complete array of free or low-cost banking products
- Competitive rates on loans including mortgages, vehicle, HELOCS, personal, alternatives to payday loans and more
- Financial stability building products and education
- Convenient Mobile and Online Banking, as well as access to 5,000+ branches
- A pathway for members to go from basic membership to home ownership

We follow the Holy Father's vision of a financial institution that operates on Christian principles. ". . . *Predatory lending is a scourge on our society that harms the inviolable dignity of the human person.*" - POPE FRANCIS I

For more information, please contact us via our website at www.HolyRosaryCU.org, or contact Karen Schamel, Parish Coordinator via email at karen.schamel@holynosarycu.org or at 816-777-5403.

◆ **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 913.689.9375 or register on-line at www.keelerwomenscenter.org.

KEELER WILL BE CLOSED December 23 – January 1

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.

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

Gospel Non-Violence Facilitated by Peg Burns Kerbawy - Study Group, 1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 11:30-1:30pm. Meet with others who seek to live as Jesus lives; experience the message of non-violence, preached by Jesus.

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

Medicare by Susan Marcos - Provides basic information and answers questions pertaining to Medicare. Wednesday, December 18, 10:00 – 11:30

Christmas Around the World by Teresa Moreno (bilingual) - Thursday, December 19, 11:00 – 12:30pm.

Follow Fr. Steve on Twitter!!

To follow him, go to:

www.twitter.com/StephenYavorsky



LITURGICAL MINISTERS

DECEMBER 21/22

LECTORS:

Sat	4:00pm	Catherine Green	Peggy Beal
Sun	8:00am	Steve van de Castle	Peggy Everist
Sun	10:30am	Jim Hafner	Tom Bradshaw

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat	4:00pm	Bob Maxwell	Nan Maxwell
Sun	8:00am	Addie Quick	Jennifer Quick
		Nick Blakely	
Sun	10:30pm	Marie Pickard	Terry Noel
		Ruth Noel	Joshua Stigers
		Heidi Stigers	Nick Antista
		MaryAnne Morgeneegg	

SACRISTAN:

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

SERVERS:

Sat	4:00pm	Ed Locke	
Sun	8:00am	Jolene Ruth	
Sun	10:30am	Daniella Johnson	Grace Adams
		Maya Manese	

GREETERS

Sat	4:00pm	VOLUNTEER	
Sun	8:00am	Julia Clardy	VOLUNTEER
Sun	10:30am	Seamus Prim	Nathan Stigers
		VOLUNTEER	

MASS READINGS

◆ DECEMBER 16 - DECEMBER 22

MONDAY: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a/Mt 21:23-27

TUESDAY: Gn 49:2, 8-10/Mt 1:1-17

WEDNESDAY: Jer 23:5-8/Mt 1:18-25

THURSDAY: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a/Lk 1:5-25

FRIDAY: Is 7:10-14/Lk 1:26-38

SATURDAY: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Lk 1:39-45

SUNDAY: Is 7:10-14/ Rom 1:1-7/Mt 1:18-24

◆ WINTER WEATHER CANCELLATIONS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

Winter is approaching! You can get information on cancellations or other announcements in two ways.

*Check the home page of our website: www.sfx-kc.org, where they will be listed in red.

*Call our parish office number: 816-523-5115. As soon as the welcome message begins, enter pound (#) then extension 250. You do not need to wait through the welcome message or for any prompts

CALENDAR

Monday, December 16

7:00pm SFX Centering Prayer (chapel)

Tuesday, December 17

9:00am Christmas Basket Distribution (XH)

6:00pm Cub Scouts (BVM)

6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (RR)

Wednesday, December 18

8:00am ISC~Breakfast Club (RR)

6:30pm HSYG Christmas Social (RR)

7:30pm Choir Practice (HR)

Thursday, December 19

10:30pm Fr Bob Bible Study (RR)

12:30pm Adoration (chapel)

Friday, December 20

No Activities

Saturday, December 21

All Day Food Pantry Weekend (church)

3:00pm Spiritual Direction (RR)

Sunday, December 22

All Day Food Pantry Weekend (church)

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 12/14 4:00pm -Jack Coakley †

Sun 12/15 8:00am SFX Parishioners

10:30am -Jean Scholz †

Tues 12/17 7:00am That Wisdom Teach the Way of Prudence

12:00pm For Peace of Mind

Wed 12/18 7:00am -Pat Donnelly †

12:00pm That God Redeem Us With Outstretched Arms

Thurs 12/19 7:00am That The Root of Jesse Redeem Us Without Delay

12:00pm For All First Responders

Fri 12/20 7:00am -Toni Mannion †

12:00pm That the Key of David Free Us From Darkness and Death

Sat 12/21 4:00pm SFX Parishioners

Sun 12/22 8:00am That We Believe In God's Promises

10:30am -George Golder Family †

"We were promised sufferings. They were part of the program. We were even told, 'Blessed are they that mourn,' and I accept it. I've got nothing that I hadn't bargained for. Of course it is different when the thing happens to oneself, not to others, and in reality, not imagination."

— C.S. Lewis, *A Grief Observed*