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.


2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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
The parish office will be closed on Monday, January 20 for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, January 21 at 9:00am.

St. Francis Xavier Collections
Week of January 6 - January 12, 2020

- Offertory (cash and checks) $ 4,268.67
- Online offertory (SFX WeShare) $ 5,812.80
- Combined-All Offertory $10,081.47

Funds Available for Building & Grounds Maintenance Projects $12,949.00

Thank you for your generosity.

Capital Campaign Update
Following the parish town hall meetings on November 23/24, the Pastoral Council and Finance Council continue to evaluate the possibility of initiating a capital campaign to address a number of structural needs of the main church building, the parking lot, and parish grounds. These needs, all focused on the continuing structural safety and integrity of the facility, were summarized in a handout that was delivered at the town hall meetings. The handout can also be found online via the SFX website. The general consensus of those attending the town hall meetings was that a multi-year capital campaign, undertaken in partnership with the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph, is the likely path forward to fund these needed improvements. Parishioners interested in hearing more details about the capital campaign planning should contact Kaler Bole, Chairperson-Finance Council, at kalerbole@yahoo.com.

SFX Social Committee
The St. Francis Xavier Social Committee is looking for volunteers to join in the fun! Our next Social Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, January 16th at 5:30 in the Romero Room. We will begin planning our next event (Valentine’s Day party) and additional winter activities. If you like to plan and host parties, have a creative streak, or simply want to get involved in doing something fun for the parish, please consider being part of the action. Contact Shelby at belvit73@gmail.com.

Faith Formation

Rockhurst University Martin Luther King Jr. Day of Service
Monday, January 20, 2020
12:30-5:00pm
Our Middle School and High School Youth will once again be participating in the RU MLK Day of Service. Contact Mariann McCormally for more information and/or to register (mccormally@sfx-kc.org or 816-523-5115 x 204).

Looking Ahead: First Communion Prep Classes Begin
Wednesday, January 29, 6:30-7:45pm. Children AND PARENTS will meet in the Chapel. First Communion will be celebrated here on Sunday, May 3 at the 10:30 Mass.

Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 During 10:30 Mass Resumes This Sunday
Many thanks to the wonderful women and men who staff our Sunday School.

- Sunday School will be offered the first and third Sunday of the month: January 18, February 2, 16, March 1, 15, April 5, 19, May 3, 17.
- Parents and grandparents are always welcome to bring your little ones to the Romero Room before 10:30 Mass, meet our teachers and learn more about our program where the children learn about God’s love, pray together, play and have fun in a safe and creative environment.
- We are looking for more folks (teens and adults) to join the team led by Sara Norèna. All volunteers undergo a screening interview, a criminal background check, read and sign the “Ethics and Integrity in Ministry” Code of Conduct, and must be certified in “Protecting God’s Children,” the diocesan safe environment training program. For more information contact Mariann McCormally (816-523-5115 x 204 OR mccormally@sfx-kc.org).

January Family Faith Acting for Justice in Big Ways and Small
Sunday, January 26
Parish Library 9:00 -9:15 Donuts, Juice, Coffee
Chapel 9:15-10:15
Our once-a-month intergenerational faith-formation program is for ALL families with school-aged children (and for young adults, elders, and everyone in between who wants to deepen their knowledge and faith). Family Faith is required for those families who have a child preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion and strongly encouraged for families with children in Grades 3-4-5. Contact Mariann McCormally (816-381-9163 or mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more information.

Normie: The Illusion of Normal and The Beauty of Love
Special Screening presented by iCare Ministries
January 20, 2020
1:00pm
Glenwood Arts (3707 W. 95th Street OPKS)
$10
A full-length documentary about Annemarie Carrigan – a millennial living with Down’s Syndrome. She’s a woman of faith, songwriter, blogger, choir singer, self-advocate, and activist working for inclusive social, educational and career opportunities for people of all abilities. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) 816-381-9163 OR go to www.tugg.com for more information.


**JANUARY 19, 2020**

**CONFIRMATION 2020**
January 26 Lunch and Road Trip to Visit the Downtown Cathedral
February 9 RETREAT DAY (Letter to Pastor DUE)
February 16 Rite of Covenant with Sponsors at 10:30 Mass, Lunch and Practice for Ceremony
February 23 CONFIRMATION
9:00am Talk with Bishop Johnston for Candidates and Sponsors
10:30am Mass
12:00noon Luncheon
*Please pray for our candidates, their families and sponsors, and our team.*

**REMEMBERING CHURCH**
Have you been away from the Catholic Church for a while? Do you have questions? Are you hurting? Or angry? Do you have a friend or family member who is inactive or alienated from the Church? ReMembering Church at St. Francis Xavier is a series of six Tuesday evening sessions beginning January 14 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 21, 28 and February 11, 18, 25
7:00-8:00pm, Parish Library
Contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163 to register and/or for more information.

**SUSTAINABILITY IN 2020**
Improving the way we, at St. Francis, live out the 4th Apostolic Preference – *Care for Creation* – is a priority of this parish and the J & L ministry. We strive to reduce our carbon footprint and are always looking for ways to co-exist in greater harmony with our earth and our Kansas City community. As you attend Mass and meetings here at the Parish, please look for ways we can improve and contact Sue or any staff member with your suggestions.

**SFX DOES IT AGAIN!**
Last Fall, we sent out a request for knitters and crocheters who might make hats and scarves for KC Residential Facilities for the Developmentally Challenged. The response was beautiful! Enough items were crafted and collected to provide Christmas gifts for not 1…but 2…but 3 residential facilities!

*Cover them with Love* provided gifts for 356 individuals and donated 150 hats to Project Warmth. There are a few SFX parishioners who have expressed interest in getting together monthly to knit, crochet, and socialize. Watch the bulletin for more information!

**COMPOSTING**
We are so grateful to partner with Compost Collective KC! We are committed to being an environmentally aware parish and we appreciate them for generously picking up our waste and transforming it into valuable soil amendments. If you’re interested in composting in 2020, contact https://www.compostcollectivekc.com/.

**FOOD PANTRY NEEDS**
Our greatest need as we enter the new year is PEOPLE to help! We could use 2-4 hours each week in the food pantry office, returning phone calls and taking orders and we still need help on Fridays with deliveries and our monthly pick up of toiletries. If you are able to give a little time, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org or Tim Driscoll at sfxfoodpantry@gmail.com.

**UPCOMING WHITE HOUSE RETREATS**
The 80-acre, Jesuit-run White House Retreat Center, located on Mississippi River in St. Louis, has hosted retreats for 98 years. Separate men’s and women’s White House retreats for SFX parishioners are on the books for May. The men will attend May 14-17; the women, May 28-31. Thirteen spots remain for the men’s retreat and six remain for the women’s. If you are interested, please contact Sue for the women’s retreat (srobb@sfx-kc.org) and Tom Bradshaw (tombradshaw818@yahoo.com) or Bill Schmidt (schmidtwilliam1219@gmail.com) for the men’s retreat.

**RIM UPDATE**
The RIM Committee entered a discernment process last November and recently met to set their direction for 2020. They want to focus on the following areas: 1) Expand awareness of the southern border realities through the Encuentro Project, local education, and advocacy. 2) Support the work of the migrant Farmworker Project in Lexington, MO by collecting items and volunteering at least once during the apple picking season (August-October). 3) Support AIRR (Advocates for Immigrants Rights & Reconciliation) by attending their meetings, fundraisers, and training to support immigrants. 4) Educate and promote Fair Trade practices. 5) Gather more information about sponsoring a family seeking asylum. Watch for more information. The RIM Committee meets again March 1 and welcomes all.

**GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CATHOLIC CHARITIES KCSJ IMPACT**
During the past fiscal year, Catholic Charities KCSJ served 10,000 heads of households. Nearly half of all those served had children in the home and 74% of those coming to us were unemployed. 85% of those we served were widow, single, divorced or separated, 61% were female, 25% were seniors, 26% were ex-offenders, 20% were disabled and 11% were veterans. We provided over $1,000,000 in rent, utility and other emergency assistance. In addition, we served 236 households whose homes were either severely affected or destroyed in the Missouri spring floods. Although we’re proud of the impact and results we achieve, we’re very aware that we can’t and don’t do it alone. Thank you for your continued support of our outreach. For more information on our programs please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ucharities.com.

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

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**Liturgical Ministers**

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**Mass Readings**

**JANUARY 20 - JANUARY 26**

**Monday, January 20**
- All Day Parish Office Closed
- All Day MSYG & HSYG MLK Day of Service (offsite)
- 10:00am Sam Beckett Organ Practice
- 12:30pm MSYG MLK Day of Service (RU)
- 7:00pm SFX Centering Prayer (chapel)

**Tuesday, January 21**
- 6:30pm Pastoral Council Meeting (RR)
- 7:00pm ReMembering Church (library)

**Wednesday, January 22**
- 8:00am ISC~Breakfast Club (RR)
- 6:00pm Marian Meeting (RR)
- 7:00pm Prayer Service: Martin Luther King (chapel)
- 7:30pm Choir Practice (HR)

**Thursday, January 23**
- 10:30am Fr. Bob Bible Study (RR)
- 12:30pm Adoration (chapel)
- 4:30pm Ignatian Center Meeting (RR)
- 7:00pm RCIA (Library)

**Friday, January 24**
- 9:15am Staff/Food Pantry Breakfast (RR/library/kitchen)

**Saturday, January 25**
- 10:00am Cub Scout Meeting (BVM)
- 3:00pm Spiritual Direction (RR)

**Sunday, January 26**
- 9:00am Family Faith (chapel/library)
- 10:30am Children’s Liturgy of the Word (chapel)
- 10:30am Confirmation Prep Class (XH)
- 6:00pm RU Student Mass (church)

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“For you will certainly carry out God’s purpose, however you act, but it makes a difference to you whether you serve like Judas or like John.”
— C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

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