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.
7TH 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

❖ ASH WEDNESDAY is February 26. Masses will be at 7:00am, 12:00pm and 7:00pm, all in the church. Ashes will be distributed during the Masses.

❖ OFFERTORY REPORT
Please check back next week for the February 10th through 16th offertory report. The report was delayed due to the President’s Day holiday. Thank you for your patience.

Faith Formation

❖ SOUP & SPIRITUALITY 2020: THE WORLD’S CRY IS GOD’S CALL TO ACTION
Wednesdays, 6:00-7:30 pm
Xavier Hall
March 11 – Rev. Bill Sheahan, Rector Kansas City Jesuit Community
March 18 – Doug Langner, Director of One City Café on Troost
March 25 – SFX Youth
April 1 – Mary Silwance, Environmental Writer, Poet, & Activist
Join us for four evenings of reflecting on the Society of Jesus’ Universal Apostolic Preferences for the next ten years. As the Jesuits focus on the Spiritual Exercises and Common Discernment, Accompanying the Poor and Outcast of Society, Walking with Youth to Build a Hope-filled Future, and Care for our Common Home, ALL of US are called to listen to the World’s Cry and God’s Call to Action. If you can donate a crockpot of soup or some bread or help with set up or clean up, please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163), go to www.sfx-kc.org and click on Faith Formation/Adult Faith Formation/Soup&Spirituality, OR https://www.signupgenius.com/go/409044ca9ac28a1fe3-soup2.

❖ A LENTEN RETREAT FOR CATHOLIC WOMEN
A Multi-Cultural Day - Uniting as Women to Transform our Hurting World
Sunday, March 8, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Sophia Center, 751 S. 8th Street, Atchison, Kansas
Mary Kay Whitacre, D.Min. & Maritza Espino, MA
What can we, as Catholic women do to be sources of healing in the face of so much pain and suffering today? How can we be the loving presence of Christ for others? Can we make a difference? We will begin the day by joining the Sisters of Mount St. Scholastica for Mass followed by brunch. In the afternoon, the voices of prophetic women like Guatemalan activist, Rigoberta Menchu and African-American, Sister Thea Bowman will invite us to respond to the needs around us. Together, we will focus on how we can be instruments of transformation in a world that is divided and hurting.
Brunch included. Donations accepted. Register online at www.mountosb.org or call 913.360.6173. Register by March 1.

❖ STRONG BLESSINGS ON OUR CONFIRMANDI:
Vincent Nick JOSEPH Antista, Emory JOSEPH Apodaca, Maureen Margaret CATHERINE Walker Browne, Naomi Marie RUTH Kriege, Liberty Alan VALENTINA MacLean, Fridolin Daniel Stallbaumer FRANCIS of ASSISI Rouyer, Amanda Imaobong AUDREY Udo, William Imo ANTHONY Udo and Mary-Kathryn Jaymes HOLLICE Wert. Many thanks to the sponsors and small group leaders Jason and Kelly Gordon who journeyed with these young people. May these young people – and all our youth – continue to grow strong in the Spirit.

❖ CONTEMPORARY SPIRITUALITY: LENTEN SPEAKER SERIES WALKING WITH MODERN DAY SAINTS
Saturday, February 29 9:30-11:30 am Thomas Merton (Country Club Christian Church)
Wednesday, March 11 6:00-8:00 pm Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (One City Café)
Wednesday, March 25 6:00-8:00 pm Dorothy Day (St. Elizabeth Parish)
Saturday, April 4 9:30-11:30 am Dietrich Bonhoeffer (Country Club Christian Church)
Each gathering will include a movie about the saint, followed by discussion. $15 for each event or $40 for all four. Flyers at the church doors. For more information contact Mike Matteuzzi 913-253-2510 or register online: https://contemporaryspirituality.eventbrite.com

❖ FEBRUARY FAMILY FAITH: LENT AND OPERATION RICE BOWL
Sunday, March 1
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.

❖ LENT IS COMING.
Catholic Relief Services OPERATION RICE BOWL
Rice Bowls are available at the church doors. Please be sure to take one home and use the easy and fun resources to deepen your Lenten experience. Go to www.crsricebowl.org/ to learn more or and download the CRS mobile app to get daily reflections for Lent, track your Lenten sacrifices, prepare meatless meals and more.
Your prayers, fasting and almsgiving this Lenten season will help Catholic Relief Services continue to provide life-saving assistance in nearly 100 countries. CRS works on our behalf to care for the poorest in our world and to end global poverty.
FEBRUARY 23, 2020

**LITTLE BLACK BOOK FOR LENT**
Join your fellow SFX parishioners in prayerfully preparing for Easter by using the *Little Black Book: Lent*. Copies of the booklets are available at the Adult Faith Formation table in the back of church after all the Masses this weekend. One per household; a free will offering will be gratefully accepted. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9163) for more information.

**ARE THESE BOOKS REALLY IN THE BIBLE? LITTLE KNOWN BIBLICAL NARRATIVES**
Biagio Mazza
**Wednesdays, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 1 7:00-9:00 pm**
**Thursdays, March 5, 12, 19, 26, April 2 10:00 am – 12:00 noon**
**St. Sabina Parish (700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO)**
Judith, Esther, Ruth, Daniel, Tobit – these narratives communicate key values about family and community bonds, fidelity to one’s religious beliefs and practices, and maintaining religious identity under foreign domination or while living in foreign lands. They are examples of humor, irony, the unexpected reversal of fortunes, and the presence of God acting through persons and human events. Bring a Bible and a friend!
For more information and/or to register contact Biagio (816-979-3153 biagio@stsabinaparish.org).

**THE QUR’AN AND THE BIBLE**
Biagio Mazza
**Mondays, March 2, 9, 16, 23 30 6:30-8:00 pm**
**Village Presbyterian Church (6641 Mission Rd, Prairie Village, KS)**
The sessions will address the relationship between the Bible and The Qur’an with regards to the same stories and characters that appear in both sacred text, people like Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham, Moses, Mary, and Jesus.
For more information and/or to register contact Biagio (816-979-3153 biagio@stsabinaparish.org).

**JUSTICE & LIFE**

**GOSPEL NON-VIOLENCE OFFERINGS**
Join us on **March 8 in the Romero Room after the 10:30 Mass** to view and discuss *Of Gods and Men*, a true witness to French monks living among Muslims during the outbreak of war in Algeria. Food & drinks will be served.

**MAY WHITE HOUSE RETREATS**
The Women’s Retreat is FULL but we are still taking names for the wait list. The men’s retreat is also taking names in the hope of adding more spaces. Spaces open 30 days before the scheduled retreat. If you are interested in either, please contact Sue for the women’s retreat (srobb@sfx-kc.org) or Tom Bradshaw (tombradshaw818@yahoo.com) for the men’s retreat.

**LENTEN RETREAT**
Join us in Xavier Hall on March 7 from 9:00-12:30 for a Lenten Retreat led by Sr. Cele Breen, CSJ and Denise Simeone. The retreat will engage us around the Lenten readings for the season.

**RIM MEETING**
The RIM (Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant) committee will meet at 9:00 AM on March 1 in the Romero Room. We will be discussing details of hosting a Fair Trade weekend and will evaluate our progress on our other objectives. New members are always welcome.

**MADP LOBBY DAY IS COMING TUESDAY, MARCH 3, 2020**
Join Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty in Jeff City to lobby elected officials to repeal the death penalty and address other legislation that would protect those with death sentence cases. Training will take place in Jeoff City at 10:00 at St. Peter’s Church. Have lunch with other lobbyists, meet with legislators from 12:00-2:30, and return to St. Peter’s to view the film *In the Executioner’s Shadow*. For more information, email info@madpmo.org.

**SISTERS OF SELMA: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29, 2020**
St. Teresa’s Academy, 5600 Main St. Kansas City, MO 64113
The March to dismantle racism continues with Rosemary Flanigan, CSJ and Barbara Moore, CSJ who marched on Selma in March 1965. Join the Sisters and others to mark the 55th anniversary of the marches from Selma, Alabama to the state capital of Montgomery that were part of the civil rights movement in 1965. Sisters Rosemary and Barbara will share how their experiences at Selma shaped their futures, as well as their fellow sisters’, to be at the forefront of social justice issues. How far has our society come addressing racism, and where do we still need to go? Doors open at 8:30am. Program 9-11am. $15 per session. Lunch included. Register online at Linger Over Breakfast. Please register by Wednesday, February 26.

**HEALTH UPDATE**
As we close out Heart Health month, here are some sobering statistics from the CDC:

- **One person dies every 37 seconds** in the United States from cardiovascular disease.
- **About 647,000 Americans** die from heart disease each year—that’s **1 in every 4 deaths**.
- Heart disease cost the United States about **$219 billion** each year from 2014 to 2015. This includes the cost of health care services, medicines, and lost productivity due to death.

**Coronary Artery Disease**
- Coronary heart disease is the most common type of heart disease.
- **About 18.2 million adults** age 20 and older have CAD (about 6.7%).
- **About 2 in 10 deaths** from CAD happen in adults less than 65 years old.

**Heart Attack**
- In the United States, someone has a heart attack **every 40 seconds**
- **Every year**, about **805,000 Americans** have a heart attack. Of these, **605,000 are a first heart attack**
- **200,000 happen** to people who have already had a heart attack
- **About 1 in 5 heart attacks is silent**—the damage is done, but the person is not aware of it.
**CALENDAR**

**Monday, February 24**
- 10:00am Sam Beckett Organ Practice
- 7:00pm SFX Centering Prayer (chapel)

**Tuesday, February 25**
- 4:00pm One City Café

**Wednesday, February 26**
- 7:00am Ash Wednesday Mass (church)
- 12:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass (church)
- 2:30pm Staff Meeting (RR)
- 7:00pm Ash Wednesday Mass (church)
- 7:30pm Choir Practice (HR)

**Thursday, February 27**
- 9:30am Support Staff Meeting (RR)
- 10:30am Fr. Bob Bible Study (RR)
- 10:30am ISC Lenten Small Group Program (XH)
- 12:30pm Adoration (chapel)

**Friday, February 28**
- No Activities

**Saturday, February 29**
- 4:00pm RCIA Rite of Sending (church)
- 7:00pm RCIA Rite of Election w/ Bishop Johnston (cathedral)

**Sunday, March 1**
- 9:00am Family Faith (library/chapel)
- 9:00am RIM (RR)
- 10:30am Children’s Liturgy of the Word (chapel)

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Mass Readings**

**February 24 - March 1**

**Monday:** Jas 3:13-18/Mk 9:14-29

**Tuesday:** Jas 4:1-10/Mk 9:30-37

**Wednesday:** Jl 2:12-18/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

**Thursday:** Dt 30:15-20/Lk 9:22-25

**Friday:** Is 58:1-9a/Mt 9:14-15

**Saturday:** Is 58:9b-14/Lk 5:27-32

**Sunday:** Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11

"Nor am I greatly moved by jocular inquiries such as, 'Where will you put all the mosquitoes?' - a question to be answered on its own level by pointing out that, if the worst came to worst, a heaven for mosquitoes and a hell for men could very conveniently be combined."

— C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

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**MASS READINGS**

**FEBRUARY 29/MARCH 1**

**LECTORS:**
- Sat 4:00pm Bob Edsall  
  Mary Danahaer
- Sun 8:00am Kevin Collison  
  Kathleen Leighton
- Sun 10:30am Rebecca Thompson  
  Brian Weiford

**Eucharistic Ministers:**
- Sat 4:00pm Jessica McGannon  
  Paul McGannon  
  Mary Kline
- Sun 8:00am Kim Bush  
  Barb Tonnies  
  Dixie Heinrich
- Sun 10:30pm James Prim  
  Heidi Stigers  
  Joshua Stigers  
  Chris Kinkor  
  Nick Antista  
  Eve Rouyer  
  Donna Adams-Crahan

**SACRISTAN:**
- Sat 4:00pm Mary Kline
- Sun 8:00am Joe Gray
- Sun 10:30am

**Servers:**
- Sat 4:00pm Larry Skogerson
- Sun 8:00am Kate Zon
- Sun 10:30am Maya Manese  
  Jude Huntley  
  Amanda Udo

**Greeters:**
- Sat 4:00pm Stephanie Hudson  
  VOLUNTEER
- Sun 8:00am Joe Gray  
  VOLUNTEER
- Sun 10:30am Mary Adams  
  Connor Adams  
  VOLUNTEER

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