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.
**1ST SUNDAY IN LENT**

**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.

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**Parish News**

**SFX 2020 Pledge**
By now all parishioners should have received a 2020 pledge packet in the mail. We’ve received 102 completed pledge cards as of February 25th. Your offertory pledge helps us plan and budget for the year. We ask that you return your pledge card no later than March 5.

**Hospitality**
Please join your fellow parishioners for hospitality after mass today. If you would like to help with hospitality, sign up at the table.

**SFX Homebound Ministry**
Please join the SFX Homebound Ministry team to provide social connections with parishioners who would benefit from a home visit -- or visit to an assisted living facility, hospital, etc. -- from a fellow SFX parishioner. Together, the SFX Homebound Ministry team will form and commission a community of volunteers so all may experience God’s goodness through the kindness of others. Volunteers who are Eucharistic Ministers can deliver the Holy Eucharist to those who ask: training is offered to interested Ministers.

Please contact Jennifer Quick jpquickwrites@gmail.com with the following information.

1. I would like to participate as a SFX Homebound Ministry volunteer, visiting homebound parishioners. I am currently an Eucharistic minister. If not, I would like to be trained as an Eucharistic Minister for the homebound.
2. I would like visits from a SFX Homebound Ministry volunteer.
3. I already provide Homebound Ministry to SFX members. Please include who you already visit so we may create a comprehensive list.

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**Arts & Environment**

**Easter Memorial Flowers**
The beautiful Easter lilies and other flowering spring plants that adorn our worship space are a special part of the celebration of Easter at St. Francis Xavier Church. We invite all parishioners to share in the experience through a memorial or thanksgiving gift by using the envelope in your packets. Donations toward the cost of Easter flowers in the Church may be made in memory or honor of your family members and friends. This is a wonderful way to remember loved ones, honor friends, and offer thanksgiving to God for prayers answered and blessings received. **The suggested donation is $15.00 per remembrance.** Please place your envelopes in the collection basket, or bring them to the Parish Office before April 14th. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. Memorial Envelopes will be placed on the altar throughout the Easter Season. The names of all those for whom our Easter flowers are in memory of will be printed in the parish bulletin during the Easter Season.

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**Music & Liturgy**

**Stations of the Cross**
Please join fellow parishioners in praying the Stations of the Cross during Lent. This popular devotion during Lent has attracted a growing following. We will present the Stations on the following Friday’s during Lent at 5:00pm in the Church: March 6, 13, 20, 28th and April 3rd. On Good Friday, April 10th, the Stations will be held at 3:00pm.

If you have any question or would like to participate as a reader, please contact Steve Bruns at 816.804.6097.

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**Faith Formation**

**Soup&Spirituality 2020: Hearing God’s Call in the World’s Cry — The Universal Apostolic Preferences**

Wednesday, 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, and 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.

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**Heart and Soul at SFX**

First Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm, March 3, April 7, May 5
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. Visual journaling isn’t just for artists. Join us! For more information, contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

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**High School Youth Group**

Sunday, March 8, 9:00-10:15 am, Parish Library
Youth in Grades 9-12 are invited to join us. Bring a friend (you don’t have to be a member of SFX or Catholic to attend!). A special invitation to those newly confirmed! Continue building friendships and growing closer to God through fun and service.

For more information about MSYG contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).
MARCH 1, 2020

FIRST COMMUNION NEWS
Gathering for Children AND PARENTS
Wednesday, March 4, 6:30-7:45 pm, BVM Room

MIDDLE SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP
Sunday, March 8, 6:00-8:00 pm, BVM Room
Youth in Grades 6-7-8 are invited to join us. Bring a friend (you don’t have to be a member of SFX or Catholic to attend!). Supper, fun, prayer, more fun, and a farewell to youth leader Dan Shaver. He is leaving the ministry after many, many, many years—because he and his wife are expecting their first child in early April! Please pray for Dan and Claire and their unborn child. For more information about MSYG contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

MANY THANKS to all who helped us celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation: the choir and musicians, the greeters and ushers, the sacristans, the art and environment committee, those who created the decorations for the tables at Xavier Hall and did the set up there, those who brought desserts, all those who helped serve, clear the tables, compost the food waste, wash the dishes and sweep the floor. A special thanks to our small-group leaders Jason and Kelly Gordon. May all of us continue to grow strong in the Spirit.

SOUL FOOD TUESDAY
Sister Joan Chittister, OSB “A Time to Weep: 2020”
Tuesdays, March 10, 17, 24, 31
11:00-11:55 AM (dismissed in time for those who wish to attend 12:00 Noon Mass), The Romero Room
Participation in this study/prayer group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. The “content” of each block will be determined in consultation with the participants. This block will be using Sister Joan’s “A Time to Weep.” This resource includes a weekly reflection by Sister Joan on the Lenten Sunday readings, questions, action suggestions, a daily mantra and “soul-gripping” art by award-winning street artist LMNOPI. For more information and/or to register to participate, please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

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 booklet 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.

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.csricebowl.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.

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.

LENTEN RECONCILIATION SERVICE
Please plan to join us for our Lenten Reconciliation service which will take place on March 28 at 2:30 PM in the church.

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 Jeff 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.

JESUIT FORMATION: SPIRITUALITY AND SEXUALITY
How are Jesuits formed in these areas? How do they use their faith and the teachings of Jesus and Ignatius to realize their full humanity and help us realize ours? How has the Clerical Abuse scandal affected their community?
Join Frs. Bill Sheahan and Steve Yavorsky next Sunday, March 8 at 9:00am in the Romero Room as they weave together the history, ongoing formation, and the realities of Jesuit life in light of the Clerical Abuse sins that plague our Church.

CARE FOR CREATION - THE 4TH UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCE
Thanks to our recycling efforts and our partnership with Compost Collective KC, we were able to put on last Sunday’s Confirmation Dinner for over 140 people and end with less than one bag of trash. Composting makes a difference! As food breaks down in landfills, it releases methane gas. When composted, it becomes valuable nutrients for the soil. Thank you, Compost Collective KC for generously picking up our waste and transforming it. If you’re interested in composting, contact https://www.compostcollectivekc.com/.

JUSTICE & LIFE

Visit https://www.marybridgetthomascollective.org/ and https://www.marybridgetthomascollective.org/careers to learn more about our mission and how you can join us in the work of justice and peace. MARY BRIDGET THOMAS COLLECTIVE, inc. is a 501(c)(3) organization. Gifts are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Contact info@marybridgetthomascollective.org or 314-577-9491.
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"Remember: you can now give to SFX online."

### Mass Readings

**March 7 - March 8**

**Monday:** Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46  
**Tuesday:** Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15  
**Wednesday:** Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32  
**Thursday:** Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12  
**Friday:** Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26  
**Saturday:** Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48  
**Sunday:** Gn 12:1-4a/2 Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

“All your life an unattainable ecstasy has hovered just beyond the grasp of your consciousness. The day is coming when you will wake to find, beyond all hope, that you have attained it, or else, that it was within your reach and you have lost it forever.”  
— C.S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*