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@ombudsmankcj.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 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.

Parish News

St. Francis Xavier Collections
Thank you for your offertory donations. Please check this week’s bulletin insert for detailed information about the financial status of SFX.

Have you returned your pledge card? It isn’t too late!

Help Wanted - Janitorial & Maintenance Worker
SFX has an opening for someone to help with janitorial duties and buildings and grounds upkeep. The right candidate is skilled at addressing the janitorial needs of public buildings, can do light repairs (e.g., fix a leaky faucet, light carpentry), can help set up and tear down meeting rooms, can lift up to 40 pounds, and who can help us keep the exterior parking lot and grounds maintained. We need an organized self-starter who is willing to work a flexible schedule, approximately 20 hours per week. A background check required for hiring.

If you are interested or know someone who is a good fit, please contact Ann Sheridan in the parish office at 816/381-9165 or asheridan@sfx-kc.org.

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 pray 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.

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.

Justice & Life

Gospel Non-Violence Offerings
Join us this Sunday, 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.

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.

Third Thursday Threaders
Do you enjoy knitting or crocheting? Would you like to gather with others to socialize and create either for your personal enjoyment or for a cause? Bring your supplies and join us on Thursday, March 19 from 10AM-12PM in Xavier Hall for coffee, pastries and two hours of focused, social crafting. This idea emerged from a local program called Cover them with Love. Area crafters are asked to make hats, scarves, lap blankets and other items for developmentally disabled adults who live in institutional settings. If you’re interested, but don’t know how to crochet or knit, come help with the lap blanket project which consists of cutting and tying. All skill levels are welcome. For more information, contact Mary Gwilt at mgwilt69@gmail.com or Sue Robb at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

CDH Blood Drive – March 29, 2020 9:00-2:00 PM

Did you know:
- 4.5 million Americans will a need blood transfusion each year
- 43,000 pints: amount of donated blood used each day in the U.S. and Canada
- Someone needs blood every two seconds.
- Only 37 percent of the U.S. population is eligible to donate blood - less than 10 percent do annually.
- About one in seven people entering a hospital need blood.
- One pint of blood can save up to three lives.

Watch the bulletin to learn more about how blood donations saved the life of a young parishioner and join us at the end of the month for the CDH Blood Drive.

Iftar Dinner
Please plan to come (and invite your friends to come) to the Iftar dinner SFX is hosting on Wednesday, May 6 in Xavier Hall. The program will begin at 7:30 PM and a catered dinner will be served beginning at sunset, which is at 8:16 PM. Free-will donations to the Raindrop Foundation will be accepted. Also, as a sign of solidarity with our Muslim brothers and sisters, you are invited to fast from sunrise until dinner at 8:16. All are welcome!

Need a Notary?
SFX will notarize your documents for free. Contact Sue Robb at srobb@sfx-kc.org to set up an appointment.
MARCH 8, 2020

VISITING SCHOLAR LECTURE: THE REV. GREGORY BOYLE, S.J.
Tuesday, March 24, 2020 - 7:30pm Convocation Center
Founder of Homeboy Industries, a model youth organization for getting kids out of gangs and into productive careers, and author of Tattoos on the Heart and Barking to the Choir, the Rev. Greg Boyle, S.J., will bring his inspirational message of love’s power to transform lives to Rockhurst. This talk is sponsored by the Rockhurst Student Activities Board and is free and open to the public. Seating is limited and registration is required. Go to https://www.rockhurst.edu/events/03-24-2020/visiting-scholar-lecture-rev-gregory-boyle-sj for the link to register.

2020 LENTEN DAY OF PRAYER
Sponsored Ladies of Charity & Friends of Rockhurst University Library
Tuesday, March 31, 2020, Rockhurst University, Massman Hall 9:00 am – 12:45 pm (includes Mass and Lunch)
Flyers with more information at the church doors. To register call 816-501-4607 or go to https://engage.rockhurst.edu/register/dayofprayer20.

SOUP&SPIRITUALITY 2020: HEARING GOD’S CALL IN THE WORLD’S CRY – THE UNIVERSAL APOSTOLIC PREFERENCES
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, 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.

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 MSGY contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).

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, discussion 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).

Contemporary Spirituality: Lenten Speaker Series
WALKING WITH MODERN DAY SAINTS
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

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.

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.

2nd Collection Sunday
Both collections have envelopes, for those who receive envelopes:
- March 15th Easter Flowers
- March 22nd Catholic Relief Services
## Calendar

**Monday, March 9**
- 10:00am  SB Organ Practice

**Tuesday, March 10**
- 11:00am  Soul Food Tuesday (RR)
- 2:00pm  Directory Pictures (XH)
- 6:30pm  Liturgy Committee Meeting (RR)

**Wednesday, March 11**
- 2:30pm  Staff Meeting (RR)
- 6:00pm  Soup & Spirituality (XH)
- 6:30pm  First Communion Prep gathering (BVM)
- 7:30pm  Choir Practice (HR)

**Thursday, March 12**
- 6:30am  Morning Glory Café (RR)
- 7:45am  Finance Council Meeting (RR)
- 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)
- 7:00pm  RCIA (Library)

**Friday, March 13**
- 5:00pm  Stations of the Cross (church)

**Saturday, March 14**
- No Activities

**Sunday, March 15**
- 9:00am  J & L Committee Meeting (RR)
- 10:30am  Children’s Liturgy of the Word (chapel)

### Mass Readings

**Gemini, March 9 - March 15**

**Monday:** Dn 9:4b-10/Lk 6:36-38

**Tuesday:** Jer 18:18-20/Mt 20:17-28

**Wednesday:** Jer 17:5-10/Lk 16:19-31

**Friday:** Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

**Saturday:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

**Sunday:** Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

“...The mold in which a key is made would be a strange thing, if you had never seen a key; and the key itself a strange thing if you had never seen a lock. Your soul has a curious shape because it is a hollow made to fit a particular swelling in the infinite contours of the divine substance, or a key to unlock one of the doors in the house with many mansions.

Your place in heaven will seem to be made for you and you alone, because you were made for it -- made for it stitch by stitch as a glove is made for a hand.”

— C.S. Lewis, The Problem of Pain