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@ombudsmancsj.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.
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.

SFX PARISH UPDATE

Following a directive from the Diocese of Kansas City - St. Joseph, effective immediately:

All weekday and weekend Masses are suspended through April 3.

Confession will be continue to be offered at St. Francis Xavier church on Saturdays from 3:00pm to 3:45pm.

All scheduled face-to-face meeting and classes are suspended or will take place via conference call.

Please call ahead before coming to the office for previously scheduled appointments.

Soup & Spirituality is suspended (all dates)

Stations of the Cross suspended (all dates)

May God bless us all.
NOTICES:
We communicate through a portal called Constant Contact. If you are not receiving periodic updates from ‘St Francis Xavier’, please contact the parish office 816-523-5115 or any staff member to be added to our distribution list. Updates will be shared as the situation changes.

Please also check our website at www.sfx-kc.org for updates.

Parishioners should contact the parish if they or a family member becomes ill.

Prayer requests can be made to sfxpraying@sfx-kc.org.

If you, or anyone you know, is in need of groceries, please contact SFX at 816-381-9174. We will help to the best of our ability.

ONLINE GIVING
The Parish office has received calls and emails from Parishioners asking how to continue their offertory contributions now that all public Masses are suspended through April 3rd. Thank you. While the well-being of all parishioners and those they love is of most importance, we know that that keeping St. Francis Xavier parish financially secure during these trying times is crucial for the life of our parish community. Please consider the following:

- Mail your offertory donation to the parish office at 1001 East 52nd Street, Kansas City MO 64110
- Make your donation online at https://sfx-kc.weshareonline.org/. From here, you can set up a one-time donation or recurring donations on the schedule you prefer. This site also has funds for Justice & Life (food pantry and other outreach programs), second collections, and the SFX Building Fund. WeShare is safe, easy to use, and helps SFX maintain a steady income stream. If you have questions about WeShare or would like help getting your account set up, please contact Ann Sheridan at the Parish Office, asheridan@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9165.

PRAYER FOR A PANDEMIC
May we who are merely inconvenienced remember those whose lives are at stake.

May we who have no risk factors remember those most vulnerable.

May we who have the luxury of working from home remember those who must choose between preserving their health or making their rent.

May we who have the flexibility to care for our children when their schools close remember those who have no options.

May we who have to cancel our trips remember those who have no safe places to go.

May we who are losing our margin money in the tumult of the economic market remember those who have no margin at all.

May we who settle in for a quarantine at home remember those who have no home. As fear grips our country let us choose love.

During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. Amen.

Author Unknown, but appreciated.

FROM THE KC-SJ DIOCESE: BISHOP JOHNSTON’S DISPENSATION
As at least one community transmission of COVID-19 (the Coronavirus) has been declared in our area (i.e., widespread infection), public celebrations of the liturgy will cease. As COVID-19 begins to spread in Missouri because of community transmission, the following additional measures will take immediate effect for the Diocese of Kansas City – St. Joseph until April 3:

- The suspension of all public Masses. This includes the extension of the dispensation by the Bishop for all the faithful from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sunday.
- The faithful are also encouraged to celebrate Sunday as a domestic church by taking time to pray together as a household.
- The sacrament of confession should still be offered, but penance services are to be canceled. When celebrated individually, proper social distancing should be observed as much as possible.

Please see https://kcsjatholic.org/coronavirus-updates/ for the most recent Diocesan updates.

A PRAYER FOR THOSE AFFECTED

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.”

At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global spread of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love.

Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another.

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders.

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow.

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at rest with you in your eternal peace.

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. May they know your peace.

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection and peace.

Be with the leaders of all nations. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of the people they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for or prevent future outbreaks. May they know your peace, as they work together to achieve it on earth.

Whether we are home or abroad, surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare. In place of our anxiety, give us your peace. Jesus Christ, heal us. Amen.

https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2020/03/02/coronavirus-prayer
**Liturgical Ministers**

**Calendar**

All scheduling is suspended until the public daily and weekend Masses resume

**Mass Readings**

**March 23 - March 29**

**Monday:** Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54

**Tuesday:** Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46: 2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16

**Wednesday:** Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [19a]/Jn 7:40-53

**Thursday:** Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47

**Friday:** Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23 [9a]/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

**Saturday:** Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53

**Sunday:** Ez 37:12-14/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

**Mass Intentions**

Priests will offer these intentions when they say private Mass

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**Lockdown**

Yes there is fear.
Yes there is isolation.
Yes there is panic buying.
Yes there is sickness.
Yes there is even death.

But,
They say that in Wuhan after so many years of noise
You can hear the birds again.
They say that after just a few weeks of quiet
The sky is no longer thick with fumes
But blue and grey and clear.
They say that in the streets of Assisi
People are singing to each other
across the empty squares,
keeping their windows open
so that those who are alone
may hear the sounds of family around them.
They say that a hotel in the West of Ireland
Is offering free meals and delivery to the housebound.
Today a young woman I know
is busy spreading fliers with her number
through the neighborhood
So that the elders may have someone to call on.
Today Churches, Synagogues, Mosques and Temples
are preparing to welcome
and shelter the homeless, the sick, the weary
All over the world people are slowing down and reflecting
All over the world people are looking at their neighbors in a new way
All over the world people are waking up to a new reality
To how big we really are.
To how little control we really have.
To what really matters.
To Love.

So we pray and we remember that
Yes there is fear.
But there does not have to be hate.
Yes there is isolation.
But there does not have to be loneliness.
Yes there is panic buying.
But there does not have to be meanness.
Yes there is sickness.
But there does not have to be disease of the soul
Yes there is even death.
But there can always be a rebirth of love.
Wake to the choices you make as to how to live now.
Today, breathe.
Listen, behind the factory noises of your panic
The birds are singing again
The sky is clearing,
Spring is coming,
And we are always encompassed by Love.
Open the windows of your soul
And though you may not be able
to touch across the empty square,
Sing.
Fr. Richard Hendrick, OFM