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@diocesekcjs.org for more information.
SFX COVID-19 SURVEY: WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!
As we ease out of shelter-in-place restrictions, we’d like to know your thoughts about returning to public Mass and the tools we use at SFX to communicate with you. Your answers will help us plan for the months ahead. We ask that you take a moment to answer a brief, 5-question survey. Providing your name on the survey is optional and your specific responses will only be viewed by Fr. Steve and SFX staff. Summarized information will be provided to the Parish Council, the Liturgy Committee, and others as needed. We would really appreciate hearing from you. Go to https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/7Y83JM5 Thank you.

Remember: All staff emails are under the domain of @sfx-kc.org (Fr. Steve’s domain is: @jesuits.net). If you receive an email that has our names, but a different domain, please do not open it. It is not from us.

GOOD NEWS

GOOD NEWS: CONGRATULATIONS TO...
MELISSA ECKLER will be teaching Third Grade at St. Joseph Catholic School in Shawnee in the fall. Melissa will continue her work with our High School Youth Group and our Children’s Liturgy of the Word (when we are able to reinstate CLW).

MAGGIE BERNARD will be teaching Spanish at Kavod Charter School in San Diego, California in the fall. Kavod is a Hebrew immersion school. Maggie will be moving to San Diego soon. She and her fiancé Ensign Ryan O’Neal will come back to Kansas City to be married here at SFX in August. Maggie plans to continue to work with our High School Youth Group. She can Zoom from California!

FAITH FORMATION

CATHOLIC CHARITIES OUTPACE POVERTY VIRTUAL 5 K SXFCELLENT WALKERS AND RUNNERS.
May 31 is the last day to join the team or make a donation. As of press time we had raised $1,945 to benefit programs and services of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph! (Last year we raised $1800). Go to https://app.mobilecause.com/vf/outpace/team/SXFcellentWalkersandRunners to make a difference. For more information contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163). (And we’d love to see a selfie of your walk/run or a screenshot of your step-counter!)

SOUTH FOOD TUESDAY VIA ZOOM
JUNE 2, 11:00 AM – 12:00 NOON
This study/discussion/prayer group inspired by the work on Contemplation and Action of Father Richard Rohr, OFM, is continuing to meet. Membership is OPEN to anyone who would like to participate. On June 2 we will be reflecting on “theological one-liners.” What is the saying inside of you that sums up your vision or philosophy of life, and helps you make sense of your suffering? (for example, “One day at a time” or “God works everything for good” or “This too shall pass”). Is this still working for you? Do you need a new one-liner? Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9163) for Zoom Meeting ID # and password.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP VIA ZOOM
JUNE 15, 7:00-9:00 pm
Contact Rebecca Thompson (becca63@everestkc.net) for Zoom meeting id and password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to http://contemplativeoutreachkc.org/

IGNATIAN CONVERSATION
During these challenging times, let us remember the principles of Ignatian Conversation:
Be slow to speak.
Listen attentively.
Seek the Truth in what others are saying.
Disagree humbly, respectfully, thoughtfully.
All the conversation the time it needs.

PRAY THE ROSARY
Our Marian Devotion Group 'Truly Our Mother' continues to meet and will lead a rosary via Zoom each Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm. Please contact Gail Fein (gafein10@gmail.com or 913-961-3201) for Zoom Meeting ID # and password.

YOUTH GROUP SUMMER PLANS
CALLING ALL RISING NINTH GRADERS YOU are invited to join our High School Youth Group. The group is for young people in Grades 9-12. And our recent grads will continue to be involved as peer leaders. The group meets Tuesday evenings, twice a month by Zoom. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163) to register. Parents need to sign a waiver allowing their son/daughter to participate.

CALLING ALL RISING SIXTH GRADERS. Our MSYG leaders are organizing regular GroupMe chats and monthly Zoom meetings. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163) to register. We will need parent and youth emails and cellphone numbers. Parents need to sign a waiver allowing their son/daughter to participate.
The food pantry is in need of an UPRIGHT FREEZER. If you have one to donate or know of someone who might like to donate one, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org. Thank you!

RIM COMMITTEE VIRTUAL MEETING
The needs of our brothers and sisters on the borders are more critical than ever. Our partner organizations are coming up with some creative ways we can serve. We will be making summer activity packets for the migrant farm children in Lexington and still collecting dry pinto beans, dry white rice (not Instant), ball caps, and white men’s socks. There is a great need for financial donations to Manos Amigas in Anapra, MX. Food is scarce and expensive and children and the abuelas (grandparents) were given food baskets to sustain them.

SFX FOOD PANTRY – We are so thankful we have been able to stay open during this pandemic. While our lines aren’t wrapped around the building, we are seeing many new faces. Our ability to help our neighbors is due to your generous support. We have noticed that our ordering options through Harvesters have become limited so if you would like to pick up a few items for us next time you go to the grocery store, we could use: pasta, corn muffin mix, jello, small bags of flour, side dishes (like Pasta-Roni and side potatoes), shampoo, paper towels. Many thanks for helping us ease the burden so many face.

SPRING 2020 - A TIME TO REMEMBER
What will you remember as you look back on this time of pandemic isolation? How have you changed? Have there been any unexpected blessings or benefits during this time? Send your reflections to Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org and we’ll share them with our faith community.

HEALTH MINISTRY – This has been a trying time and many emotions arise as we struggle to decide whether to venture out or stay in place. The health ministry is here to support you if you have any emotional, spiritual, mental or physical needs. We offer confidential support to all parishioners and families. If you or someone you know is in need, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

MASK MAKING
Parishioner Ruth Noel has been making face masks for staff at St. Joseph Hospital. She has been asked to make even more as doctors and nurses begin to schedule elective surgeries and she would appreciate some help. If you are able to help, contact her at: ruthnoel1942@gmail.com. Thank you!

SUPPORTING FAIR TRADE
Our parish RIM (Refugees, Immigrants & Migrants) Committee selected fair trade as one of its five focus areas in January, with plans to host a fair trade festival this year. With the pandemic, we are now looking at other ways to support fair trade (which allows people to stay in their home countries instead of immigrating).

Locally, the Ten Thousand Villages store in Overland Park, part of a nationwide network of fair trade stores, is celebrating its 20th anniversary. Instead of the original Global Festival, a virtual event is now planned for Saturday, June 27. It will include silent and live auctions, a rug raffle, guest presentations and lots of fun. If you would like an invitation to this event, email Jody Craig, j craig1946@gmail.com.

In the meantime, you can support fair trade AND get your coffee fix buying fair trade coffee from the store. Call Karen at 913-642-8368 to order and drive by to pick up.

SFCOLLECTX CART – We are still collecting eye glasses for the Lion’s Club, clean, empty pill bottles with labels removed for KC Spay and Neuter, soda can tabs for Ronald McDonald House, paper sacks with handles for our food pantry. You can drop them off when you come to Mass or at the back door of the parish offices during the week. Thank you for repurposing these items and helping others!
The Prayer for the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit:

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who, before ascending into heaven, didst promise to send the Holy Ghost to finish Thy work in the souls of Thy Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of Thy grace and Thy love.

Grant me the Spirit of Wisdom that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal,

the Spirit of Understanding to enlighten my mind with the light of Thy divine truth,

the Spirit of Counsel that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining Heaven,

the Spirit of Fortitude that I may bear my cross with Thee, and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation,

the Spirit of Knowledge that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints,

the Spirit of Piety that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable,

the Spirit of Fear that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God, and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord, with the sign of Thy true disciples and animate me in all things with Thy Spirit. Amen.