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.
Monday, June 1, 2020

Very dear members of St. Francis Xavier parish,

This past Sunday was the celebration of Pentecost, the birth of the Church and gift of the Holy Spirit. It is in listening to the Spirit and part of the province’s apostolic discernment, guided by the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus, that I write the following announcement.

There have been some changes in the parish administration and governance in discussion for the past few months. As you can guess many parties are involved, not least of which is Bishop Johnston and the diocese. Fr. Ron Mercier, SJ, provincial, presented the province’s pastoral plan for parishes to Bishop Johnston and the bishop agreed to Fr. Ron’s and the province’s proposals for SFX as part of its overall apostolic vision.

Had we known that the diocese was going to announce the pastoral changes in all the parishes on June 1, which includes SFX, we would have sent you this notification a bit earlier. Sometimes, the Spirit gets ahead of us! Fr. Ron had already been scheduled to speak at the Sunday mass on June 14 which would have been the wider announcement to the parish.

Personnel Changes:
Fr. Bob Hagan, SJ will move from being Parochial Vicar here to pastoral ministry in St. Louis.
Fr. Steve Yavorsky, SJ will be working at the Ignatian Spirituality Center and will become the Parochial Vicar for the Parish.

Personnel & Structural Changes
In the past, the pastor of a parish was responsible for the pastoral and administrative functions of the parish. Those roles are now being divided and a new governance structure is taken its place.

Ann Sheridan, who has been Business Manager at SFX parish, will become the Pastoral Administrator. As a Jesuit apostolate, Ann will become the “Director of the Work” i.e., the person who reports to the provincial as the person responsible for the overall life of the apostolate.

Fr. Jim Caime, SJ will become the canonical Pastor of SFX with all of the obligations that entails. He will be responsible for the sacramental, liturgical, and spiritual aspects of the parish. Fr. Jim has most recently worked at Rockhurst University as Director of Mission and Identity.

With this new structure, Fr. Jim and Ann will be working closely together to implement this revised way of proceeding and they are excited to be working together, helping to continue to build on the great strengths and life of all the SFX parish family.

The official start date for both Ann and Fr. Jim in these new roles begins on July 1, 2020.

Fr. Ron will return sometime in July to officially appoint Ann as Director of the Work at one of the Sunday liturgies. At a date to be determined, Fr. Jim will be “officially” installed as pastor either by Bishop Johnston or his delegate.

It is important to note that SFX parish is an integral part of the Jesuit apostolates in Kansas City and is here to stay. The changes being made here are part of the commitment of the Society of Jesus to SFX parish. There is great hope for deeper collaboration between all the Jesuit apostolates in Kansas City.

I began my role here as your pastor four years ago and it has been a privilege to serve you and walk with you. None of us does this alone and we could not have accomplished all we have done without the great staff and parishioners of SFX. I am happy that my new assignment will keep me here in Kansas City so I can continue the wonderful friendships and relationships I have had with many of you.

Very warmly in Christ,
Fr. Stephen Yavorsky, S.J. – Pastor of St. Francis Xavier parish
**Parish News**

**St. Francis Xavier Offertory Collection Report**
To our wonderful Parishioners and all friends of St. Francis Xavier Parish - thank you for your generosity, your prayers, and good wishes. Please check back next week for detailed income and expense information for fiscal year-to-date July 2019 through May 2020.

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**SECOND COLLECTIONS**

| Catholic Relief | $110.00 |
| Holy Land      | $74.06  |
| Tomorrow’s Priests | $463.05 |
| Peter’s Pence  | $195.00 |

**Justice & Life**

St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church vehemently condemns the killing of George Floyd by ex-officer Derek Chauvin and the other officers who failed to intervene as Mr. Floyd lay dying. We fervently support the cries across our nation for justice and an end to racism; however, we denounce both the riots that are ensuing and create systemic change. We join our voices to support those who are struggling to pay your rent or utility bills because of a Covid 19 layoff? SFX may be able to help. Contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

**RIM Committee Update**
This past week, SFX created 60 summer activity packets for children of migrant farmworkers in Lexington, MO. The farmworkers will begin picking peaches next week and so many programs for youth have been suspended. Please pray for all the marginalized who live with no health care and no benefits.

**Pen Pal Opportunity**
Due to COVID-19 isolation, MAX Prison & Jail Ministry has seen an increase in requests for pen pals from prisoners all throughout the U.S. Pen Pals change lives. If you are over 18 and can commit to writing one letter each month for a year to someone behind bars, please join us. Our program is safe and secure – providing complete direction. Contact Laurie Jo Holmes, 816.714.2364 or holmes@diocesekcsj.org.

**Faith Formation**

**Outpace Poverty 2020**
$2,485! Many thanks to all those who were part of Catholic Charities Outpace Poverty Virtual 5K this year. The SFXcellent Walkers and Runners raised $2,485 to benefit the programs and services of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. We didn’t have the largest team or raise the most money – but we raised more than the $1800 we did last year. WOW. Way to go the (social) distance!

**Anti-Racism Training**
As a parish, St. Francis Xavier commits to anti-racism training for all ages — children, teens, adults and elderly. Let us educate ourselves about the legacy of slavery and the reality of white privilege. Some resources to consider (suggested by parishioner Dr. Siobhan May Washington):
- White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo
- Between the World and Me by Ta-nehesi Coates
- Post Traumatic Slave Syndrome by Dr. Joy DeGruy,
- Stamped from the Beginning by Ibram Kendi
- Cracking the Codes: Joy DeGruy’s “A Trip to the Grocery Store”
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Wf9QBnPK6Yg&feature=youtu.be
- Inclusion, Exclusion, Illusion and Collusion: Helen Turnbull at TEDxDelrayBeach
- https://youtu.be/zdV8OpXhl2g
- What resources (books, articles, podcasts, TED talks, interviews) have you found helpful? What has challenged you? What has helped you teach your children? Please share your ideas with Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163)

**Strong Blessings on Marlo Jane Wright**
(daughter of Caroline Williams and Cole Wright) who was baptized on June 6. May she and all our children — grow up to know, love and serve our merciful and gracious God.

**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/.

**Help is Available**
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Truly Our Mother: Marian Devotion
Reflection on St. Elizabeth by Gail Fein

St. Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist, might not readily come to mind as a great Marian saint, but I think she should. I have been reading more about the Visitation, the second Joyful Mystery, and can just picture a young teenage Mary, mother to be, with dusty clothes and dirty, sandaled feet finally arriving at her cousin’s abode after a long journey of 80 miles! How she must welcome a warm bear hug from the motherly Elizabeth!

Mary must be pondering, not only her miraculous pregnancy, but also the unbelievable news of Elizabeth. They have so much to share, not only expecting a child for the first time, but their faith in the God of Israel!

In Jewish culture, it was probably unheard of for an older person to show such reverence for a young girl, but Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, actually gives us part of the wording with which we recite the rosary! “Blessed art thou among women! And blessed is the fruit of thy womb!” She also exclaims, “How is it that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard your greeting, the child in my womb leapt for joy!” And Mary is inspired to respond with the great “Magnificat,” by which she proclaims her great faith in God and exhibits the wondrous humility by which she has forever captured our hearts!

Mary remains with Elizabeth for three months and probably is there for the birth of John the Baptist. It might be the first time Mary witnesses childbirth! We know so little detail of Mary’s life and we can just imagine her awe of seeing a child come into the world, as well as the shared experiences, laughter, and discussions these two holy women must have enjoyed together!

Only recently during some research have I realized that John the Baptist was probably also sought by King Herod in the “slaughter of the innocents,” since Herod was aware of the unusual circumstances of his conception and birth! Some Christian traditions say that Elizabeth took her child into the hills to avoid the advance of Herod’s murderous soldiers and was protected from them by God.

Her feast day is September 23.

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.

Liturgical Ministers

Calendar

All scheduling is suspended until the public weekly and all weekend Masses resume

Mass Readings

June 8 - June 14
Monday: 1 Kgs 17:1-6/Mt 5:1-12
Tuesday: 1 Kgs 17:7-16/Mt 5:13-16
Wednesday: 1 Kgs 18:20-39/Mt 5:17-19
Friday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-16/Mt 5:27-32
Saturday: 1 Kgs 19:19-21/Mt 5:33-37
Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58

Mass Intentions

Priests will offer these intentions when they say private Mass

Sat 6/6 4:00pm -Pierre “Pete” Guignon †
Sun 6/7 8:00am SFX Parishioners
10:30am

Tues 6/9 7:00am
12:00pm
Wed 6/10 7:00am
12:00pm
Thurs 6/11 7:00am
12:00pm

Fri 6/12 7:00am
12:00pm -John Beaven †
Sat 6/13 4:00pm SFX Parishioners

Sun 6/14 9:00am

2nd Collection Sunday, June 21 - Catholic Communication Campaign

The essential mission of the CCC is to contribute to the process of evangelization by fostering activities in relation to television, radio, internet, and other media, and through special projects of the Catholic press. An annual collection is taken up in the dioceses, which remit 50% of the funds collected to the National Office. From these funds, grants are made by the USCCB Subcommittee on the Catholic Communication Campaign. The remaining portion of the collection is retained by the dioceses for use in local communication projects.