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.
Help is Available
Are you a registered parishioner who is 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.

Migrant Farmworkers Needs
Currently, farmworkers in Lexington, MO are picking peaches. Hundreds more workers will come in late July to begin harvesting apples. We are supporting the work of Migrant Farmworkers network by collecting dry pinto beans, dry white rice (not instant), new white men’s crew socks, and gently used ball caps. If you aren’t coming to church, but want to participate, please contact Sue at kceb@kceb.org for a no-contact pick-up. Thank you!

Calling All Knitters and Crocheters
Even though it is 90 degrees outside, there will be a need for warm hats and scarves in a few months. Through the work of our hands, we want to show our love to those with disabilities, to the homeless, and anyone in need of warmth. If you need something to occupy your time during this unusual year, consider knitting or crocheting some hats, scarves, or lap blankets. You can drop them off at church anytime. Thank you!

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@diocesekc.org.

White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo
This month, we will begin a Zoom book study to discuss this New York Times bestseller. Depending on interest, we will have multiple sessions and keep the groups small to encourage deeper reflection. We plan to hold sessions on Monday at 6:00 PM (beginning July 13) and Wednesday at 1:00 PM (beginning July 15). If you are interested in joining, please order the book and contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org to let her know which session you’d like to attend.

Habitat for Humanity
Habitat for Humanity is in great need of volunteers to work on their houses. If you are interested in volunteering, go to https://www.habitat.org/volunteer or call (816) 924-1096 for more information.

Free Notary Services Available for Jackson County Residents
Need something notarized? Contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org to set up an appointment.

Missouri Voters Take Note!
The Missouri Legislature recently passed a Cinderella law that will allow every registered voter in Missouri to request a ballot and vote by mail this year. The law expires on December 31, 2020. But it means that we can all vote safely by mail in the August 4 primary and the November 3 general elections this year. The process is easy. If you live in Kansas City, Missouri (which I think all of you do), you should go to the website of the Kansas City Election Board (kceb.org). Hover over the Absentee Voting dropdown menu and click on the "Forms & Applications" link. At this time, you can download the vote by mail request form for the August 4 primary. That form is here: https://www.kceb.org/useruploads/8_4_202/Absentee_application_for_AUGUST_MAIL-IN.pdf
Print off the request form, fill it out, sign it, and then either scan it and email it to kceb@kceb.org or fax or mail it to the Election Board. You don’t need to have the mail ballot request form notarized!
The KCEB will then send you an email confirming receipt of your mail ballot request, and - within a few weeks - you should receive your ballot in the mail. You can mark your ballot at home, put it in the ballot envelope, seal it, and have your signature on the return mail envelope notarized. We did this by going to our local UMB branch’s commercial drive through lane. It was very easy and took less than 5 minutes.
You will need to make a separate request a mail-in ballot for the November 3 general election after the August 4 primary. If you live outside of KCMO but in Jackson County, your election authority is the Jackson County Election Board, and the mail in ballot request form is fillable and is here: https://www.jcebmo.org/wp-content/uploads/No-Excuse-Mail-InBallot-App-with-instructions.pdf.

Community Garden
To date, our Community garden has produced 209.5 pounds of healthy radishes, turnips, mustard greens, broccoli, collard greens, beets, lettuce, and cabbage. Our neighbors who frequent the food pantry greatly appreciate the fresh food they can receive with their monthly orders. Thanks to all who water, weed, plant, and harvest weekly and make life better for others.

SFX is on Amazon Smile!
If you shop on Amazon, consider making St. Francis Xavier your designated charity. It is easy to sign up. Go to smile.amazon.com and below the search bar, type in St. Francis Xavier Kansas City. (Make sure you select our church in Kansas City.) Each time you shop, visit smile.amazon.com (not just amazon.com). That is the only way purchases are credited. During this uncertain time, your support to SFX in this way is greatly appreciated!
FAITH FORMATION

First Communion
Please pray with joy and thanksgiving for Joshua Blasi, Thea Gap- sch, Liya Huntley, Violet Huntley, Miles Hutton, and John McLarty. Father Steve will celebrate two family-only Masses on Tuesday, July 7 at which Joshua, Thea, Liya, Violet and Miles will receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Communion for the first time. John will receive his First Communion at a later date. The Masses will be small and simple and we’ll all be wearing masks, but we will encounter the Real Presence of Christ in the assembly gathered, the Scriptures proclaimed, the person of the priest, and in the consecrated bread and wine. May we all become bread for the world! (Many thanks to catechists Elise Antista and Stephanie McElwrath who helped prepare the children).

High School Youth Group
(for young people in Grades 9-12 in the fall) continues to meet biweekly via Zoom during the summer, Tuesdays at 8:00 pm. Coming up: July 7, July 21. Our recent grads continue to be involved as peer leaders. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163) to register. Parents need to sign a waiver allowing their son/daughter to participate.

Middle School Youth Group
(for those in Grades 6-7-8 in 2020-2021) Tuesday, July 14, 2020 7:30-8:30 pm via Zoom. This group gathers for prayer, fun and learning. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163) to register and for Zoom Meeting ID and password. Parents need to sign a waiver allowing their son/daughter to participate.

Baptism Pandemic Protocol
During the pandemic Baptisms are scheduled for Thursdays (not during the Sunday Mass). Here are our pandemic protocols:
+ family members and guests will enter the church by the Chapel Entrance
+ all participants must wear masks at all times while in the building (except for children under age 2)
+ participants will be seated in designated pews in household groups
+ six-feet social distancing must be maintained as much as possible
+ the gathering should last no longer than 45 minutes (including picture taking before and after the Baptism)
In addition it should be noted that
+ persons exhibiting symptoms should not attend
+ persons over the age of 60 or vulnerable due to underlying health conditions are encouraged not-to-attend
+ family members and guests will have access to the Chapel bathroom
+ family members and guests will not have access to a drinking fountain
Please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163) for more information.

St. Dominic, O.P (Order of Preachers), and the Evolution of the Rosary
written by parishioner Cory Sorio, member of the SFX “Truly Our Mother” Marian Devotion Group
Born c. 1170 – Died Aug. 6, 1221, Canonized July 3. 1234. Feast day Aug. 8
Dominic Guzman was born in Castille, Spain, at a time when many regions were under the Moorish yoke. He had a degree in liberal arts and sacred sciences from University of Palencia and was ordained a priest at the age of 24. On a mission to France with his Bishop, he became aware of the Albigensian heresy. This heresy taught that only the spiritual is good, and all matter is evil and whatever concerns the body — eating, drinking, procreation, possession of worldly goods — is essentially evil, and should be renounced. The heresy also taught that a person could experience salvation only if freed from the imprisonment of their flesh.

Pope Innocent III launched a mission to preach against the heresy, without success. Dominic suggested that preachers must practice austerity equal to the heretics: tramping the roads barefoot and in poverty, giving birth to Dominic’s “evangelical preaching” and founding of the Dominican order. Dominic was granted permission to preach in France, gaining few conversions.

In earnest prayer, he asked God what he needed to be able to overcome the heresy. Our Lady appeared to him saying, “his labors were spent on barren soil not yet watered by the dew of Divine grace. When God willed to renew the face of the earth, He began by sending down on it the fertilizing rain of the Angelic Salutation (Angel Gabriel’s greeting to the Virgin Mary at the Incarnation.)”

The Blessed Virgin directed him to preach the Psalter composed of 150 Angelic Salutations and 15 Our Fathers. She gave him the mysteries to preach with the Psalter prayers: stories focusing on the Incarnation, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ, which directly contradicted the Albigensian heresy.

The Battle of Muret is looked upon as a miracle and the fruit of prayer. Albigensian forces, determined to take over France, outnumbered the Catholic forces 2 to1. Full of confidence, they spent the eve of battle with debauchery and drunkenness while the Catholic forces prayed the Rosary, and celebrated Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the battle, St. Dominic went to church to pray. It is said that “Dominic warred by prayer while Count de Montfort, the Catholic leader, warred by arms.”

Religious art portrays St. Dominic receiving from Our Lady the Rosary such as we use today. This is not how it was during Dominic’s time. The name ROSARY was not used yet. There was no pendant (the CROSS and 5 extra BEADS) as we have now. The OUR FATHER and the GLORY BE TO THE FATHER was not then part of the ROSARY. Only the first half of the HAIL MARY was used. The word JESUS was not added until the 14th century, and the second half of the prayer came later still. The MYSTERIES of the ROSARY were not fixed. When the ROSARY devotion was revived by Alan de Rupe, O.P., 250 years after St. Dominic, he preached the MARIAN PSALTER of 150 HAIL MARYS and 150 MYSTERIES divided into 3 groups of fifties dedicated to the Joyful, Sorrowful and Glorious Mysteries. The 15 MYSTERIES in use today were officially established by Pope Pius V in 1569.
PLANS FOR FALL?
Will your child be in Second Grade in Fall 2020? Do you have an older child in need of Baptism, First Reconciliation or First Communion? Are you or someone you know interested in joining the Catholic Church? Please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163) for more information about how we plan to offer sacramental prep programs during the pandemic.

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.

ZOOM CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD
Coming soon! We will start offering a Children's Liturgy of the Word via Zoom for our 5 - 10 year olds. The plan is to offer this at 10:30 on Sunday mornings. Please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more details and Zoom login and password.

PARISH NEWS

PARISH DIRECTORY UPDATE
Due to the pandemic, our plans to publish the parish pictorial directory are on hold. Hopefully we will be able to schedule more photo sessions in the fall.

GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

SMA GUARDIAN GOLF CLASSIC - MONDAY, JULY 27, 2020
Time to tee up for Catholic Education! Please join us Monday, July 27th at Lakewood Oaks Golf Course for a day of fun on the fairways! Player registration includes green fees, cart rental, contest plus lunch and refreshments out on the course. Tee times are scheduled on a first come, first serve basis. Register today at http://www.smacatholic.org/guardian-golf-classic/. Proceeds benefit St. Michael the Archangel and The Guard which supports SMA activities and athletics. For additional information, contact Mary Haggerty Kroening at mkroening@smacatholic.org or Stacy Needels at sneedels@smacatholic.org or (816) 499-8609.

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LITURGICAL MINISTERS

CALENDAR

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

MASS READINGS

JULY 6 - JULY 12
MONDAY: Hos 2:16, 17b-18, 21-22/Mt 9:18-26
TUESDAY: Hos 8:4-7, 11-13/Mt 9:32-38
WEDNESDAY: Hos 10:1-3, 7-8, 12/Mt 10:1-7
THURSDAY: Hos 11:1-4, 8e-9/Mt 10:7-15
FRIDAY: Hos 14:2-10/Mt 10:16-23
SATURDAY: Is 6:1-8/Mt 10:24-33

MASS INTENTIONS

Priests will offer these intentions when they say private Mass

Sat 7/4 4:00pm Pierre “Pete” Guignon †
Sun 7/5 9:00am SFX Parishioners
Tues 7/7 7:00am SFX Parishioners
       12:00pm
Wed 7/8 7:00am SFX Parishioners
       12:00pm
Thurs 7/9 7:00am SFX Parishioners
       12:00pm
Fri 7/10 7:00am SFX Parishioners
       12:00pm
Sat 7/11 4:00pm SFX Parishioners
Sun 7/12 9:00am

CHECK OUT OUR NEW YOUTUBE CHANNEL
ST. FRANCIS XAVIER – KC
We will begin streaming Masses from SFX on our YouTube Channel. Subscribe and follow us!

Please remember St. Francis Xavier Parish when estate planning and in your will.