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 witness 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 cray.on@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 chas.tain@dioceskcsj.org for more information.
**Faith Formation**

- **High School Youth Group**
  (for young people in Grades 9-12 in the fall) will have its last ZOOM meeting for the summer Tuesday, July 21 at 8:00 pm.
  No meetings in August. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9163) to register. Parents need to sign a waiver allowing their son/daughter to participate.

- **Soul Food Tuesday Zoom: The Black, Indigenous and People of Color (BIPOC) Movement**
  Tuesday, July 14, 2020
  11:00 am – 12:00 pm.
  Join us for a time of contemplative prayer, reflection on St. Kateri Tekakwitha (it’s her feast day!), learning more about the movement to recognize and respect all BIPOC, and personal sharing. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to receive the Zoom meeting id and password.

- **Our Lady of Mount Carmel Meeting and Rosary**
  Thursday, July 16, 2020
  Meeting 6:30 pm Rosary 7:00 pm
  Join members of the Marian Devotion Group “Truly Our Mother” via Zoom for either the meeting, the rosary, or both. Please contact Gail Fein (gafein10@gmail.com or 913-961-3201) for Zoom Meeting ID # and password.

- **Centering Prayer Group via Zoom**
  Monday, July 20, 2020
  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/](http://contemplativeoutreachkc.org/).

- **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.

**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.

**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.

**St. Padre Pio**
(written by parishioner Gail Fein, member of the SFX “Truly Our Mother” Marian Devotion Group)

Francesco Forgione was born to peasant farmers on May 25, 1887, in the town of Pietrelcina in southern Italy. His family was very religious, attending Mass daily and praying the Rosary nightly. By the age of 5 he wanted to devote his entire life to God, and until the age of 10 he looked after his family’s sheep. During his youth, he was afflicted with various illnesses, including gastroenteritis and typhoid fever. But as a youth, he also experienced heavenly visions!

After three years of public education, his parents took him at age 10 to a monastery to see if he was eligible to enter. The friars insisted he have more education. His father went to the United States in search of work to pay for the tutoring of his son. At the age of 15, having passed the academic requirements, he entered the monastery, took the Franciscan habit and vows, then began a 7-year study for the priesthood. During those years, he not only fell ill with several different maladies, but also, experienced ecstasies and was seen levitating above the ground by fellow friars.

In 1910 he was ordained a priest, and by 1911 started feeling pains in his hands and feet. In 1912 he wrote to his spiritual confessor that he had a strong devotion to the Mystical Body of Christ and had the intuition that he himself would one day bear the stigmata of Christ.

It wasn’t until 1918 that he again had the physical occurrence of the stigmata, which lasted for the next 50 years! The stigmata disappeared a few days before his death on September 23, 1968. (Some parishioners of St. Francis Xavier today may remember hearing about Padre Pio in their youth.) The blood flowing from the stigmata supposedly smelled of flowers or perfume. In addition to the wounds, he felt pain from the crown of thorns and the scourging, as well as feelings of humiliation and embarrassment. This would indicate that Jesus suffered all the mental, social, and emotional agonies of humankind as well as the physical torture.

The story of Padre Pio is very lengthy because of the all the medical and theological scrutinies connected to the stigmata. The Church has never taken apparitions and supernatural occurrences for granted. But I think his ministering to people and his great devotion to Mary are the main interests to us in our lives!

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**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.

**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.

**Justice & Life**

**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 (kc.electionb.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_20/2_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 kc.electionb.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.

**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 srobb@sfx-kc.org for a no-contact pick-up. Thank you!

**Free Notary Services Available for Jackson County Residents**

Need something notarized? Contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org to set up an appointment.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 most unusual year, consider knitting or crocheting some hats, scarves, or lap blankets. You can drop them off at church anytime. Thank you!

**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!

**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.
Parish News

Parish Directory Update
Due to the pandemic, our plans to publish the parish pictorial directory are on hold. We hope to be able to schedule more photo sessions in the fall.

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!

General Announcements

New CEO Introduction
After months of searching, we joyfully announce Karen Noel as the new Chief Executive Officer of Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Our tagline, “To Serve & To Lift,” encapsulates the passion and history of Catholic Charities KCSJ, and is the same passion that has ultimately brought our agency to Karen’s leadership. Karen is actively engaged in and promotes continuing education as a bridge out of poverty. Between Karen’s credentials, passion, and personal love for our work, we are excited to begin this next chapter together with the friends, family and clients of Catholic Charities. For more information on the services we provide, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager, at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.

Jewish Family Services
Now more than ever. During this anxious and difficult time, you can count on JFS. JFS wants to ensure individuals and families can safely access the resources and services needed to weather this crisis. Call today for confidential assistance:
Kesher KC Food Pantries - The Kesher KC pantries are well-stocked and open. Groceries are by appointment on a drive-up basis. Delivery is available for older adults and others within our service area that are unable to leave home.
Support for Basic Needs - Social workers are providing telephonic support and connection with critical resources and assistance. If you have lost employment or income and are experiencing difficulties meeting basic needs, please call to talk about available resources to help improve your financial security.
Mental Health Support - Mental health counselors are providing therapy by video or telephonically. If you are in need of emotional support or counseling, mental health services are available, accessible, and provided regardless of ability to pay.
Older Adult Services - Care managers are ensuring older adults have access to food and other necessities, medication, essential transportation and home repair services. Calling Connections volunteers are providing regular social support with check-in calls.
Please call the JFS Navigator line at 913-327-8250 or email navigator@jfskc.org to discuss how we can help during this time. JFS Brookside East 425 E 63 St, KCMO 64110

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

Calendar

Monday, July 13
No Activities

Tuesday, July 14
11:00am Soul Food Tuesday - Zoom
6:30pm Liturgy Committee Meeting

Wednesday, July 15
2:30pm Staff Meeting

Thursday, July 16
9:30am Support Staff Meeting

Friday, July 17
No Activities

Saturday, July 18
All Day Marian Group Rosary - Zoom

Sunday, July 19
9:00am Mass

Mass Readings

July 13 - July 19

Monday: Is 1:10-17/Mt 10:34—11:1
Tuesday: Is 7:1-9/Mt 11:20-24
Wednesday: Is 10:5-7, 13b-16/Mt 11:25-27
Thursday: Is 26:7-9, 12, 16-19/Mt 11:28-30
Friday: Is 38:1-6, 21-22, 7-8/Mt 12:1-8
Saturday: Mi 2:1-5/Mt 12:14-21
Sunday: Wis 12:13, 16-19/Rom 8:26-27/Mt 13:24-43 or 13:24-30

Mass Intentions

Priests will offer these intentions when they say private Mass

Sat 7/11 4:00pm SFX Parishioners
Sun 7/12 9:00am
Tues 7/14 7:00am 12:00pm
Wed 7/15 7:00am 12:00pm
Thurs 7/16 7:00am 12:00pm
Fri 7/17 7:00am 12:00pm-Paul V. Mannion †
-Anthony Nicholls †
 Sat 7/18 4:00pm
Sun 7/19 9:00am SFX Parishioners