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@ombudsmanksj.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.
**JUSTICE & LIFE**

**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**
We continue to support the work of the Migrant Farmworkers. Please consider buying and dropping off 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!

**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!

**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.

**White Fragility by Robin DiAngelo**
Our book study has begun and will continue through the first week in August. If you would like to join, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

**Community Garden**
To date, our Community garden has produced almost 300 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!

**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, 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_202/2Absentee_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.

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.

**Faith Formation**

**Zoom Children’s Liturgy of the Word**
We are now offering a Children’s Liturgy of the Word via Zoom for children ages 5-10. Sundays, 10:30 am. Please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more details and Zoom login and password.

**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 816-381-9163) to register. Parents need to sign a waiver allowing their son/daughter to participate.

**Centering Prayer Group via ZOOM**
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/.
St. Padre Pio Part 2
(May 25, 1887-September 23, 1968)

During his lifetime, Padre Pio underwent numerous medical, psychiatric, and church “investigations” into the presence of the “stigmata.” At various times he was prevented from performing his priestly duties. The Holy See denied that the events in Padre Pio’s life were due to any divine cause from 1924 to 1931. But the people of the community knew of his special gifts of healing, speaking other languages, conversions, abstinence from food and sleep, and other miracles. They continued to seek him for confession and spiritual direction. A Mass celebrated by Padre Pio often took hours because of the visions and sufferings he experienced during those times.

Padre Pio’s famous quote, “Pray, Hope, and Don’t Worry,” could be directed at us now during the turbulent times of this pandemic! He encouraged people to examine their consciences morning and night, confess their sins, receive Communion, read spiritual texts, and meditate. He also had a fervent devotion for the Blessed Virgin Mary and has been quoted at length about her:

“Some people are so foolish that they think they can go through life without the help of the Blessed Mother.”

*When asked if Our Lady is present at Mass: “Yes, she places herself at a side, but I can see her, what a joy! She is always present. How can it be that the Mother of Jesus, present in Calvary at the foot of the Cross, who offered her Son as a victim for the salvation of our souls, not be present in the mystical Calvary of the altar?”

“Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her rosary is the ticket! So take the ticket to enter Heaven!”

*On one occasion Bishop Paolo Corta visited Padre Pio, together with a friend of his, an officer in the Italian army. The bishop jokingly asked Padre Pio for an entry ticket to Paradise for the military man. Padre Pio, smiling, replied, “Ah! Yes! Yes! With pleasure! To enter Paradise requires something very important! You must have the access ticket to the Blessed Virgin Mary. If this is achieved, we have achieved everything. She is the Gate of Heaven. And the ticket that allows you to enter Heaven is the Holy Rosary. This is the ticket! So take the ticket to enter Heaven!” he said to the military officer, while with his hand he extended a rosary.

Let’s Keep Learning (and Unlearning): Anti-Racism Training

During these challenging times of pandemic, economic crisis, civil unrest tied to systemic racism in policing, education, healthcare, housing and employment, and the upcoming elections, let us keep sharing resources that are helping us to grow into the people God calls us to be. Check out https://lifeteen.com/blog/taking-steps-toward-anti-racism/ for things to read, to watch, to listen to.

Greater Kansas City Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend

The mission of Worldwide Marriage Encounter is to proclaim the value of Marriage and Holy Orders in the Church and in the world. We provide couples, priests and religious with the opportunity to enter more deeply into their sacrament through a weekend experience designed to enhance the skills needed for living out God’s plan for a fruitful and loving relationship, in all the circumstances of life!

The future seems uncertain . . . But God has a plan for you and your marriage; a plan that is so much more than you could ever imagine. You are invited to attend an upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend (July 31-August 2 or September 18-20) and discover all the beauty and joy that God desires for you as a couple. For more information, or to apply for a weekend, visit www.wwme4youandme.org, or call/email Tony & Barb Zimmerman at 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net. Check out this link for a video invitation - https://youtu.be/3k6mfs27afg.

For more information about Worldwide Marriage Encounter and how our ministry can support the couples in your parish you can contact us at the following:

- Local Area Leadership Couple: Rich & Wendy Lorenz, 815-761-6591, wendyteach3@yahoo.com
- Local Area Leadership Priest: Fr. Ron Will, 816-390-7950, rlwill2@juno.com
- Weekend Application Couple: Tony & Barb Zimmerman, 816-741-4066, tonybarbz@prodigy.net
- Inviting Resource Couple: Ralph & Jan Lewis, 913-909-1028, encounteredcouple@gmail.com

School Supply Drive

Many families will struggle even more this year to provide for their children’s school supplies. Often, we take for granted the ability to afford things such as crayons and pencils when there are others who have no means to give their children the supplies they need. We are collecting backpacks and essential supplies to offer to schools in the lowest income areas of the KCSJ Diocese. This year’s tax-free school supply shopping in Missouri runs from August 7 - 9. For more information or to give a gift of a backpack filled with supplies, please contact Nancy Butters, Development Manager at nbutters@ccharities.com or 816-659-8266.
**SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF CARONDELET**
As of July 1, we are pleased to announce that the motherhouse has reopened to visitors and guests under limited conditions. These parameters have been put in place for the safety of our staff, residents and visitors, and we appreciate your cooperation.

The motherhouse is open during business hours, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. We welcome individual visitors and groups of 10 or less during business hours. No overnight guests are permitted at this time. Visitors and guests are subject to the COVID screening process.

These restrictions are continually being evaluated and are subject to change. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to help us minimize the risk of the coronavirus in our community. We are all responsible for each other’s safety and wellbeing. Thank you again for your cooperation, and we look forward to seeing you again. For more information https://www.csjsl.org/news/coronavirus-alert.

**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 https://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.

**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.

"Remember: you can now give to SFX online."

Like our new Facebook page!
You can find us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/SFX.KC

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

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**CALENDAR**

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

**Mass Readings**

- **JULY 20 - JULY 26**
  - **MONDAY:** Mi 6:1-4, 6-8/Mt 12:38-42
  - **TUESDAY:** Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Mt 12:46-50
  - **WEDNESDAY:** Sq 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17/Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
  - **THURSDAY:** Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13/Mt 13:10-17
  - **FRIDAY:** Jer 3:14-17/Mt 13:18-23
  - **SATURDAY:** 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28
  - **SUNDAY:** 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46

**Mass Intentions**

Priests will offer these intentions when they say private Mass

- **Sat 7/18 4:00pm**
- **Sun 7/19 9:00am** SFX Parishioners
- **Tues 7/21 7:00am**
  - 12:00pm
- **Wed 7/22 7:00am**
  - 12:00pm - Spencer Wood †
- **Thurs 7/23 7:00am**
  - 12:00pm
- **Fri 7/24 7:00am**
  - 12:00pm
- **Sat 7/25 4:00pm** Francis Zipple
- **Sun 7/26 9:00am** SFX Parishioners

**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! https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCc6OcQ7--hKfXUMFbsObdIq?view_as=subscriber

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