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 chas-tain@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
**18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### Faith Formation

**Strong Blessings on James Daniel Shaver**  
(Son of Dan and Claire Shaver) who is baptized this weekend. May James – and all our children – grow up to “find God in all things.”

**High School and Middle School Youth Groups Will Not Meet in August.**

Many thanks to our youth leaders for Zooming with our teens and tweens regularly since mid-March! Pandemic or no, we have been able to share our “highs,” our “lows,” and our “moments closest to God” and find God in all things.

**Soup & Spirituality – COVID Style**

“Caring for our Common Home” with Mary Silwance  
Wednesday, August 12, 2020  
7:00-8:00 pm  
Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163 for Zoom Meeting ID and Password).  
We are re-imagining and rescheduling our Lenten Soup & Spirituality speaker series. Join us for this interactive workshop on Zoom with award-winning, internationally published environmental writer, poet and activist Mary Silwance. Mary will lead us in a meditation on how every part of the earth is home. Next we will travel the world to bear witness to the ways in which we desecrate our common home. Finally we will explore specific ways we can become each other’s keepers in our mission of reconsecrating our shared home. We will be challenged and strengthened for the work!

**Day of Prayer for Farm Animals**  
Monday, August 3, 2020  
Abbot Benedict Neenan OSB of Conception Abbey will preside at a diocesan celebration at St. Rose of Lima Church in Savannah, Missouri (about an hour north of SFX) beginning at 7 p.m. There is sufficient land for owners to leave animals in trailers or take them outside on a rope. All animals - even domestic ones - are welcome.  
“If the farmer is blessed with a good harvest, the city dweller has plenty of good food; if the city dweller makes a living wage, he or she can buy the farmer’s food. It is this universal dependence of the members of Christ’s Body on one another that makes the blessing of the farmer a blessing also for the city dweller. It is faith that traces the origin of good food beyond the...grocery store to the shipper—beyond the shipper to the farmers whose job it is to produce food, and beyond the farmer to God the Creator. So it is fitting for the man or woman in the city...as well as the farmer in the little rural church to pray together...” (Family Sacramentals: Walter Sullivan, O.S.B.)

**Soul Food Tuesday Zoom**  
Tuesday, August 11, 2020 Lament and Reconciliation  
11:00 am – 12:00 pm  
Join us for a time of contemplative prayer, reflection and discussion on the topic, and personal sharing. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to receive the Zoom meeting id and password.

**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.

**Parenting Support from Catholic Charities**  
Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph offers amazing support to pregnant women and new parents: Mom’s Empowerment Program (support and education for women and their families throughout pregnancy and until the baby’s first birthday), St. Germaine’s Little Lambs (support and education for parents/caregivers with children birth to 5 years of age), and the Parent Café (monthly sessions held virtually on Wednesday mornings to provide social, emotional and behavior support for parents and caregivers with children birth to 60 months old). To register or for more information contact Nancy at 816-659-8285 or cf@ccharities.com.

**Don’t Forget To Vote – Tuesday, August 4**  
**YES on Amendment 2**  
The Missouri Catholic Conference and the Bishops of Missouri, in an effort to uphold the dignity of the human person in accord with Catholic social teaching, is lending its support to Amendment 2, a ballot initiative which would expand Missouri’s Medicaid program to provide health insurance coverage to low-income Missouri citizens currently living without it. As Catholics we are called to live-out our faith – both in and outside the voting booth. We are called to vote, to get involved, to serve those in need, and to advocate for justice. We are not aligned with any party, but we shine the light of faith on issues facing our community. We have a dual heritage as both faithful Catholics and American citizens and have an obligation to exercise our rights and duties as participants in our democracy. We are also called to imitate Christ by modeling civility where we live, work and worship by seeking to understand, treating others with respect, and engaging with them even when we disagree, and by approaching conversations with love and charity. To read Bishop Johnston’s statement on Amendment 2 go to https://kcsj catholic.org/2020/07/amendment-2/. For more information on Faithful Citizenship go to www.faithfulcitizenship.org

**Finally Welcome!**  
Please pray for Sarah Ealey and Madeline Shriver as we welcome them fully into the Catholic Church on Saturday, August 1 at a special 7:00 pm Mass. Sarah, baptized Catholic as a baby, will make a Recommitment to the Catholic Church, be Confirmed, and receive her First Communion. Maddie, baptized in the Presbyterian Church, will make a Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church, be Confirmed, and receive her First Communion. Sarah is a student at Rockhurst U. Maddie graduated from RU in the spring and is beginning Law School at KU this fall. We will follow all our SFX COVID 19 safety protocols at this Mass, including limiting the number of people who can attend. If you are interested in attending (perhaps you joined the Church through the RCIA?), please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org 816-381-9163).
AUGUST 2, 2020

◆ 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.

◆ 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.

Justice & Life

◆ NEED A RIDE TO VOTE ON TUESDAY?
We have parishioners who will take you to the polls to vote. Contact Sue to get connected with one. Please note, the four Missouri Bishops have come out in support of Amendment 2 - Medicaid expansion. Check out the Diocesan website to read their letter. https://kcscatholic.org/2020/07/amendment-2/

◆ 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.

◆ CURA COMMUNITIES (FORMERLY CIRCLES OF SUPPORT)
One of the Jesuit charisms is Cur a Personalis or Care for the whole person. As the pandemic lingers, we strive to live out that charism by forming virtual communities who will connect via phone or on Zoom. If you would like to organize one or be a part of one, contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

◆ COMMUNITY GARDEN
The garden continues to provide beautiful, healthy produce for our neighbors. If you have extra produce, you can donate it to the pantry and we’ll share it with our neighbors.

◆ MIGRANT FARMWORKER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY #1
Hundreds of farmworkers and their families are arriving for the apple picking season and SFX is going to Lexington, MO August 17 from 3:00-8:00pm to bag groceries and pack hygiene kits. Safety and social distancing measures will be in place. If you would like to join us, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

◆ PUBLIC WITNESS FOR RACIAL EQUITY
Wear your mask, bring your water bottle, and join us on August 14 from 4:30-5:30pm as we stand on Troost and show our support for Racial Equity. Read up on the Springfield Race Riots of 1908 which happened 112 years ago...and the battle for equal rights continues. Bring a sign to show your support or we’ll have one for you. Contact Sue if you have any questions srobb@sfx-kc.org.

◆ HEALTH COMMITTEE OFFERINGS –
The Health Committee will be hosting a series of Zoom meetings on Advance Directives, End of Life conversations and decisions, and other pertinent topics. We will hear from public health specialists and an attorney. Resources will be provided from the Center for Practical Bioethics, Midwest Transplant Network, and Turning Point. Join us to ask questions, learn how to plan ahead and have these conversations with your loved ones. Even if you have your documents in order, this series will help you and your family be well prepared for the greatest transition of our lives. Watch the bulletin for dates and times.

◆ WORTHY ORGANIZATIONS IN NEED OF OUR HELP:
Cherith Brook Catholic Worker House - Socks (esp. men’s), tennis shoes (men’s and women’s), boxers and panties, summer clothes (t-shirts and shorts), foot and baby powder, OTC pain meds/cough drops, razors, deodorant, toilet paper, sleeping bags/blankets.
Niles Home for Children – SFX is partnering with St. James United Methodist Church to provide teen girls with magazines featuring African American role models, hair care products, hygiene products and school supplies. Learn more about Niles Home by going to https://hospitals.kvc.org/locations/niles/.
Migrant Farmworkers – 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, or drop off your donations at SFX back porch. Thank you!

General Announcements

◆ SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE
With tax-free school shopping coming up next weekend in Missouri, August 7-9, please consider purchasing and donating supplies for the students whose families struggle to provide the most basic needs. We are collecting backpacks and essential supplies to offer to schools in the lowest income areas of the KCSJ Diocese. 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.
Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass
On Sunday, September 27, 2020 has been cancelled due to the ongoing issues of the corona virus and the health and safety of our elderly couples.
Contact Peggy at 816-381-9161 or pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org with your names and home addresses by August 15. Bishop Johnston would still like to congratulate couples reaching this milestone with a gift and card by mailed to your home.

Need Prayer and Inspiration in Your Life?
Try the Spiritual Exercises.
The Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life are based on the conversion experience of St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).
The Spiritual Exercises, made in a nine-month prayer program, are a framework and a dynamic to experience spiritual growth, interior freedom, a deeper relationship with Jesus Christ and to find God in all things. The program includes praying with Scripture, journaling, and meeting weekly with a trained Ignatian prayer guide.
If you are interested and want to find out more go to www.ignatiancenterkc.org/the-spiritual-exercises.
If you have direct questions, please contact: Stephanie Hudson at shudson@ignatiancenterkc.org or (816) 812-8284.

Covid Poem
When this is over, may we never again take for granted
A handshake with a stranger
Full shelves at the store
Conversations with neighbors
A crowded theatre
Friday night out
The taste of communion
A routine checkup
The school rush each morning
Coffee with a friend
The stadium roaring
Each deep breath
A boring Tuesday
Life itself.

When this ends, may we find that we have become more like the people we wanted to be we were called to be and may we stay that way—better for each other because of the worst.

- Laura Kelley Fanucci

Liturgical Ministers

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

Mass Readings

August 2 - August 9
Monday: Jer 28:1-17/Mt 14:22-36
Tuesday: Jer 30:1, 12-15, 18-22/Mt 14:22-36
Wednesday: Jer 31:1-7/Mt 15:21-28
Thursday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14/2 Pt 1:16-19/Mt 17:1-9
Friday: Na 2:1, 3; 3:1-3, 6-7/Mt 16:24-28
Saturday: Hb 1:12—2:4/Mt 17:14-20
Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:9a, 11-13a/Rom 9:1-5/Mt 14:22-33

Mass Intentions

Priests will offer these intentions when they say private Mass

Sat 8/1 4:00pm -Pierre “Pete” Guignon †
Sun 8/2 9:00am -Shon Stovall †
Tues 8/4 7:00am
12:00pm
Wed 8/5 7:00am
12:00pm
Thurs 8/6 7:00am
12:00pm
Fri 8/7 7:00am For the Needs of the Church &
of the Society
12:00pm For the Needs of the Church &
of the Society
Sat 8/8 4:00pm
Sun 8/9 9:00am St. Francis Xavier 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--hKfXUMFbsobd1Q?view_as=subscriber

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