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@ombudsmankc.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@diocesekc.org for more information.
**Faith Formation**

**May the Choirs of Angels Come to Meet You.**
Please remember in your prayers parishioner Joe Fein (who died on Saturday, August 1) and John Burns (brother of parishioner Peg Burns, who died on August 8).

**Communion to the Homebound**
Would you like to receive Holy Communion at your home? Would you be willing to be a Eucharistic Minister to the homebound? On June 26 Bishop Johnston granted permission to clergy and Eucharistic Ministers of Holy Communion (with the approval of the pastor) to distribute Holy Communion in a private home where all persons residing there have been absent any fever, chills, cold or coronavirus symptoms for the previous 14 days. The Communion Minister is to wear a mask the entire time in the home (no exceptions), sanitize their hands upon entry prior to set up that maintains six feet of distance from all persons present (except at the brief moment of distribution of Holy Communion) and sanitize one’s hands after distribution of Holy Communion and again outside the residence’s door and prior to entry into one’s vehicle. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) if you would like to receive Communion in the home OR if you would like to be part of this ministry.

**SFXPraying Prayer Journals**
Would you like a special SFXPraying Prayer Journal to record the prayer requests from our SFXPraying Email Network? SFXPraying coordinator Maureen Hardy and parishioner (and artist!) Peg Hornsby have designed and produced such a journal. Please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to arrange to have your journal delivered to your home or to pick it up at church. SFXPraying is an email network to request prayers for our family, friends and the world we care about AND to share prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. It was established at SFX in 2007. If you’re not on the network yet, contact Maureen at SFXpraying@sfx-kc.org. If you have no e-mail but would like community prayers for yourself or a loved one, call Maureen (816-361-5433) and she will send out your request. THANK YOU all for your faithful ministry of prayer!

**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 3:30pm. Please contact Gail Fein (gagein10@gmail.com or 913-961-3201) for Zoom Meeting ID # and password.

**Centering Prayer Group via Zoom**
August 17, 2020 7:00-9:00pm.
Contact Rebecca Thompson (becca63@everestkc.net) for Zoom meeting id and password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to http://contemplativeoutreachkc.org/.

**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.

**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, 10:30am. Please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more details and Zoom login and password.

**Justice & Life**

**Upcoming Book Discussion**
*How to Be An Anti-Racist* by Ibram Kendi will be the next book discussion we will have. Purchase your copy soon or download it. Based on the results of the survey, we will have one evening and one daytime session. Watch the bulletin and Constant Contact for dates and times.

**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 begin Monday, September 14 at 7:00pm talking about Advance Directives for health care. 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. For more information, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx.kc.org.
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.

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 to 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 to 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. 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.

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!

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

CURA COMMUNITIES (FORMERLY CIRCLES OF SUPPORT)
One of the Jesuit charisms is Cura Personalis or Care for the whole person. As the pandemic lingers, we strive to live out that charm 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.

GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS
This mass, originally scheduled 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 18. Bishop Johnston would still like to congratulate couples reaching this milestone with a gift and card by mailed to your home.

ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY
CREATING A HOME FOR ALL:
PANEL DISCUSSION ON RACE AND JUSTICE
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 -12:00pm to 1:30pm
Please join Fr. Curran, S.J. and RU Chief Inclusion Officer, Dr. Leslie Doyle, as they lead a panel discussion around racial injustices at Rockhurst and our world. The conversation will include a brief look at the past at Rockhurst, how Rockhurst plans to move forward and the many experiences of some of our valued alumni and staff. The panel includes:
• Chief Randy Hopkins- Chief Security Officer at Rockhurst University
• Sly James, ’80- Former Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, Rockhurst University Board of Trustees Member, and Co-Owner of Wickham James
• Carolina Cruz, ‘16- Bilingual News Reporter/Fill-in Anchor at WFSB TV (Hartford, CT)

To join or for questions, please contact Morgan Maloney at morgan.maloney@rockhurst.edu or 816-501-4807.

"Remember: you can now give to SFX online."
**Amazon Wish Lists**

The needs of our clients continue to grow. Because many of you have a particular cause that is dear to your hearts, we have created Amazon Wish Lists that reflect the individual needs of each of our pillars: Welcome Center (Emergency Assistance), Children and Family, Workforce Development, and SSVF (Supportive Services for Veterans Families). When you log on to Amazon, search for Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. in the list of charities. If something is unavailable on those lists or you would like to purchase a similar item elsewhere, we would certainly appreciate any donations.

For questions regarding the Amazon Wish Lists, please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager, at 816-659-8266 or nbutters@ccharities.com.

**Click here to join Mass at SFX, offered every Sunday at 9:00am, live-streamed on You Tube.**

Sunday Mass at 9:00am will be live streamed on our SFX You Tube channel “St. Francis Xavier – KC”. To join the Mass “live” at 9:00am, click the link above. It can take a few hours for the recorded version to upload if you want to view the video of the Mass at a later time. We are using our new live-streaming equipment for this Mass, please let us know your thoughts. We welcome your feedback. If you haven’t already, please take a moment to click the Sunday Mass link above and “Subscribe” to our SFX You Tube channel. Thank you!

**Manifestations of Your Light**

Good and gracious God,
Who loves and delights in all people,
we stand in awe before You,
knowing that the spark of life within each person on earth is the spark of your divine life.

Differences among cultures and races are multicolored manifestations of Your Light.

May our hearts and minds be open to celebrate similarities and differences among our sisters and brothers.

We place our hopes for racial harmony in our committed action and in Your Presence in our Neighbor.

May all peoples live in Peace.

Sisters of Mercy of the Americas