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@diocesekcjs.org for more information.
Faith Formation

Strong Blessings on Henry Burton Tonnies
(Son of Sarah and Burt Tonnies and grandson of SFX parishioner Barb Tonnies) who will receive his First Holy Communion at the 9:00 am Mass today. May he – and all of us – receive Jesus into our hearts more and more each day.

Creating a Home for All: Racial Injustice Panel Discussion
Wednesday, September 9, 2020
12:00 noon – 1:30 pm on Zoom
Rockhurst University is inviting SFXers to join this Zoom event moderated by Father Tom Curran, SJ, President of Rockhurst. The panelists include: Dr. Leslie Doyle, Chief Inclusion Officer at Rockhurst University, Chief Randy Hopkins,’20 EMBA, Chief Security Officer at Rockhurst University, Carolina Cruz, ’16, Bilingual News Reporter/Fill-in Anchor at WFSB TV (Hartford, CT), Sly James, ’80, Former Mayor of Kansas City, MO and Rockhurst University Board of Trustees Member. To register go to https://engage.rockhurst.edu/register/homeforallpanel.

SFXPraying Prayer Journals
Would you like a special SFXPraying Prayer Journal to record the prayer requests from our SFXPraying Email Network? SFX-Praying 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!

Communion in your Home
For those who are not attending Mass during this Covid pandemic, Eucharistic ministers are available to bring Communion to you in your home. The Communion Minister will wear a mask the entire time in the home (no exceptions), sanitize his/her 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.
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Soup & Spirituality – COVID Style
“WE FIND GOD WHEN WE FIND THE POOR” with Doug Langner from One City Cafe
Wednesday, September 16, 2020
7:00-8:00 pm
Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org or 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 Doug Langner, site director for One City Café at 39th and Troost (part of Bishop Sullivan Center).

“Truly Our Mother” Marian Devotion Group Share Stories That Inspire Them
Mary, the Undoer of Knots by parishioner Judi Albors
The concept of Mary untying knots is derived from a work by St. Irenaeus of Lyons, Adversus haereses (Against Heresies). In Book III, Chapter 22, he presents a parallel between Eve and Mary, describing how “the knot of Eve’s disobedience was loosed by the obedience of Mary. For what the virgin Eve had bound fast through unbelief, this did the virgin Mary set free through faith.”
This devotion to Mary, Undoer of Knots, is quite old but has become more popular recently because of Pope Francis’ devotion to her.
The story begins with the German Nobleman Wolfgang Langenmantel and his wife, Sophia, who were having marriage problems and were close to a divorce. Wolfgang went to a Jesuit priest, Father Jakob Rem, for help. They often prayed together to the Blessed Virgin Mary during their counseling sessions. On September 28, 1615, Wolfgang gave Father Rem his wedding ribbon. This is a ribbon used during the wedding ceremony in Germany to tie the couple together as a symbol of unity. Father lifted the ribbon to an image of Our Lady of Snows and asked her to “untie the knots” of the marriage. The ribbon untied and turned immaculate white, and the couple reconciled.
Years later, the couple’s grandson, Father Hieronymus Langenmantel asked for a painting to be made of the miracle. This picture hangs in Augsburg, Bavaria, in Germany. Pope Francis saw it in the 1980s when he was studying there, and he took a copy of the painting to Argentina where the devotion was renewed. This devotion is especially helpful with struggles that seem impossible to fix.
Pope Francis said, “Nothing is impossible for God’s mercy! Even the most tangled knots are loosened by His Grace.” The painting itself highlights Mary, standing on a crescent moon with the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove above her head. The crescent moon is the usual way of depicting Mary as the Immaculate Conception. The angel on the right is passing a knotted ribbon into the hands of Mary and the angel on the left receives the untied ribbon from her hands. The only church in North America named for Our Lady, Undoer of Knots, is in Pikesville, MD. The devotion to Our Lady under this title is especially popular in Argentina and Brazil.

Justice & Life

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 http://build.habitatkc.org/ge/hoa or call (816) 924-1096 for more information.

Gospel Nonviolence Group
The Gospel Nonviolence group is starting up a new session. We are looking for a few more interested folks. We watch movies, listen to retreats and have serious discussion as a means to understand what Jesus taught about faith and violence. Please contact Peg Burns at pegburns00@gmail.com or 816-786-5619.

CuraCommunities (Formerly Circles of Support)
CuraCommunities (formerly Circles of Support) – CuraCommunities are still forming! One of the Jesuit charisms is Cura 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.

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 7:00 PM 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.
Worthy Organizations in Need of Our Help:

Cerith 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

SIP! SIP! SOIRÉE
Soirée 2020 is going virtual! This annual event is sponsored by the Catholic Charities Junior Board. Join us Friday, September 18 for a virtual Cocktail Party in conjunction with local distillery, J. Rieger & Co. With your ticket purchase you will receive a Rieger cocktail kit and a Zoom link for a live cocktail making course taught by one of Rieger’s expert bartenders. Plan to join us for a fun evening in and a chance to refine those mixology skills while supporting a great cause.

Go to www.virtualsoiree.splashthat.com to purchase tickets. For more information contact Aundraya Garcia, Special Events Coordinator, at agarcia@ccharities.com or 816-659-8213.

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

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. If you want to view the video of the Mass at a later time it can take a few hours for the recorded version to upload. We are using our new live-streaming equipment for Sunday 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!

Mass Intentions During the Covid Pandemic

Mass intentions for each month will be said at the KC Jesuit Community. With fewer daily Masses, our ability to say a Mass for a particular person on a specific date is not possible. However, a Mass will be said the requested intention during the specified month.

September Mass Intentions
Pierre “Pete” Guignon †
Shon Stovall †
Zoila Nicholls †
SFX Parishioners
Paul, Toni, and John Mannion †

Mass Readings

August 31 - September 6

Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Lk 4:16-30
Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Lk 4:31-37
Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Lk 4:38-44
Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Lk 5:1-11
Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Lk 5:33-39
Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Lk 6:1-5
Sunday: Ez 33:7-9/Rom 13:8-10/Mt 18:15-20

Calendar

Monday, August 31
No Activities
Tuesday, September 1
7:00pm Adult Faith Formation Committee (Zoom)
Wednesday, September 2
2:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)
Thursday, September 3
No Activities
Friday, September 4
No Activities
Saturday, September 5
3:00pm Marian Group Rosary (Zoom)
Sunday, September 6
10:30am Children’s Liturgy of the Word (Zoom)
Kansas City, MO
Lazarus House

Rachel Mahlik In-City Coordinator

Erin Boddie (She/Her/Hers)
Erin Boddie, a Mount Kisco, New York native, attended College of the Holy Cross, where she was privileged to be educated in Spanish and International Studies. During her time at Holy Cross, she was a member of the Women's Swimming and Diving Team as well as being one of the leaders of the largest campus club, SPUD (Student Programs for Urban Development). In addition to her activities at school, Erin has a passion for traveling and learning about new cultures globally. After attending a modified Spiritual Exercises retreat at Holy Cross she was called to JVC. This year, she serves at Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund in Kansas City.

Emma Chabolla (She/Her/Hers)
Emma Chabolla grew up in Maryland, and attended Susquehanna University in Pennsylvania. She majored in Psychology with a minor in Political Science, rode for the English Equestrian team, and was an active member in her sorority. Emma's passion for social justice and service led her to JVC, and she plans to become a licensed clinical social worker in the future. Emma is serving at Journey to New Life in Kansas City, Missouri.

Amy Lepp (She/Her/Hers)
Amy Lepp grew up in the Pacific Northwest, and studied Writing-Intensive English at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Before graduating from college in the "Class of COVID-19," she played trumpet in the pep band, worked in international admissions, and spent a semester in studying restorative justice in Cape Town, South Africa. This year, Amy serves at Donnelly College in Kansas City.

Veronica Lugtu (She/Her/Hers)
Veronica Lugtu graduated in May 2020 with a B.S. in Healthcare Studies from The University of Texas at Dallas. During her time as an undergraduate student, she took up a job as a Student Leader within her university’s volunteer department, where she facilitated and led various volunteer events, particularly at the university's community garden. She was also part of her university's Pre-Physician Assistant Society and Newman Catholic Ministry. Her passion for service, patient care, and Catholicism led her to JVC. This year, she serves as a medical & dietary program assistant with KC CARE Health Center in Kansas City, MO. A fun fact about Veronica is that she is growing a young mango tree.

Sara Turpen (She/Her/Hers)
Sara Turpen attended Indiana State University, where she pursued a degree in Recreation Management and Youth Leadership. Sara is a Registered Behavior Technician and has experience working in youth camps, aquatics, and children with Autism Spectrum Disorder. Sara will be serving in Kansas City, Missouri at The Learning Club as an Assistant Site Director. In her free time she enjoys practicing the kazoo.
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