

SFX UPDATE – Friday, August 14, 2020

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Please help us plan! – Thanks to all who have been able to access and complete the survey. Please accept our apologies for the broken link sent out in Sunday's Survey reminder. We hope you'll try again using this link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WD8MLFF> We had some amazing discussions this week during our staff planning days and we are eager to tailor our programming to you during this most challenging time. Please help us do that most effectively by completing the survey.

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Mass begins tomorrow!

- To sign up to attend the **4:00 p.m. Saturday Masses** in August, click [here](#).
- To sign up to attend **9:00 a.m. Sunday Masses**, click [here](#). **We still need a LOT of help at this Mass!!**
- Don't forget to use the tabs to sign up for multiple weeks.
- 4:00 Mass attendees: If you're new and have signed up for a job, please arrive at 3:15 this first week. We'll go over each job description and cleaning procedures. If you would like to be trained to serve as a volunteer at either the 4:00 p.m. or 9:00 a.m. Masses, please show up about 20 minutes before Mass and we'll get you trained.
- If you are still not ready to come back to Mass, please subscribe and watch the 9:00 a.m. Mass on our **YouTube channel - St. Francis Xavier – KC**. It is live-streamed each Sunday and available throughout the week.

Zoom Children's Liturgy of the Word – Mariann is now offering Children's Liturgy of the Word via Zoom for children ages 5-10 on Sundays at 10:30 a.m. Please contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more details and for the Zoom login and password.

Public Witness for Racial Equity – Join us **TODAY, Friday, August 14, from 4:30 - 5:40 p.m.** We will stand on Troost in support of racial equity and remember the Springfield Race Riots of 1908 in our short prayer following the Witness. Bring your signs (or borrow one of ours) and continue the call for systemic change. This ongoing event is held on the 2nd and 4th Fridays of the month. The next witness will be August 28.

CuraCommunities – *Cura Personalis* (Care for the Whole Person) is a hallmark of Ignatian spirituality and we are structuring ways for parishioners to connect with - and care for - one another. Our first group meets next Thursday. If you would like to be part of a CuraCommunity, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.

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 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.

Health Committee Offerings – Mark your calendar and plan to attend a series of Zoom meetings sponsored by the Health Committee. Each Monday meeting will take place from 7:00-8:15 p.m.

September 14 – Linda Ward, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from the Center for Practical Bioethics will present on **Advance Directives**. Prior to the meeting, download the Caring Conversations booklet she will be referencing by going to <https://www.practicalbioethics.org/resources/caring-conversations.html>

September 28 – Parishioner and retired Hospice & Palliative physician, Nancy Seibolt will talk about **end of life care**.

October 12 – Attorney Chris Morgan will discuss **legal documents** and information your family will need when you become disabled or die. Free notary services will be available for any documents needing a witness. Depending on interest, we can also offer sessions on organ donation and resiliency. Watch the Constant Contact and bulletin for log-in information as the event approaches. Even if you have your documents in order, these presentations are great conversation starters for your family discussions.

IFTJ – Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice - October 19-26, 2020 - This year's theme is *Prophetic Resilience: Breaking Down, Building Up*. Since the Teach-in is virtual this year, it is both cheaper (only \$35 if you register by September 16) and it is longer – a week vs. a weekend! Speakers include Fr. Bryan Massingale, Fr. James Boyle, S.J., Sr. Simone Campbell and many others! Contact Sue for the registration code and more information.

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!

Thanks for reading to the end!

Don't forget to take our survey! Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WD8MLFF>

God bless you!!

Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Mariann, Peggy, & Sue