

SFX UPDATE – Friday, August 7, 2020

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We had a great response to our announcement to re-start the Saturday, 4:00 p.m. Mass!

- 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](#).
- Don't forget to use the tabs to sign up for multiple weeks.
- 4:00 Mass attendees: Please sign up for a "job" and plan to arrive at 3:15 next Saturday, August 15. 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 contact Sue (srobb@sfx-kc.org) ASAP! We anticipate losing several of our 9:00 a.m. volunteers to the 4:00 p.m. Mass. **Remember: We cannot offer in-person Masses without your help!**
- If you are still not ready to come back to Mass, 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.

Please help us plan! – Soon, you will be receiving a separate communication from us with a link to a short survey. *Please, please* take time to complete it and give us feedback on what you want and need from us! We are setting aside two days next week for planning and we need your input. Click [here](#) to take this important survey now.

Second Collection - This weekend our second collection is for the Missionary Plan of Cooperation. Since the pandemic has made travel and in-person appeals impossible, the Mission Office cancelled direct appeals by missionaries and replaced it with a diocesan wide collection. This year we are supporting the Precious Blood Missionaries. Learn more about their good work at <https://preciousbloodkc.org/>. You can donate to the Precious Blood Missionaries by mailing a check to the office, placing a donation in the basket at Mass this weekend, or online at <https://sfx-kc.weshareonline.org/ws/opportunities>.

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.

Soul Food Tuesday: Lament – Praying with Hope in Times of Trouble - Join us Tuesday, August 11, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon for a time of contemplative prayer, reflection and discussion, and personal sharing. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to receive the Zoom meeting id and password.

Soup & Spirituality – COVID Style "Caring for our Common Home" with Mary Silwance Wednesday, August 12, 2020 7:00-8:00 p.m. 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 re-consecrating our shared home. We will be challenged and strengthened for the work!

Assumption of Mary Meeting and Rosary - Thursday, August 13, 2020, Meeting 6:00 pm, Rosary 7:00 pm. Join members of the Marian Devotion Group "Truly Our Mother" via Zoom for either the meeting, the rosary, or both. Please contact Gail Fein (gafein10@gmail.com or 913 -961-3201) for Zoom Meeting ID # and password.

Public Witness for Racial Equity – Friday, August 14, from 4:30 - 5:30 p.m. The second Friday of the month is approaching and again we will stand on Troost in support of racial equity and remember the Springfield Race Riots of 1908. 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.

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. If you would like to be part of a CuraCommunity, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org. Groups will begin meeting next week.

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 15) and it is longer – a week vs. a weekend! 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!

May the choirs of angels come to meet you. Please remember in your prayers Joe Fein who died on Saturday, August 1. A private funeral Mass was offered on Friday. He is survived by his wife Gail Fein, three children, and eight grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to St. Francis Xavier food pantry or [Doctors Without Borders](#).

Table in need of Refinishing – We have a beautiful wood table that is in desperate need of refinishing. If you have some time on your hands during this pandemic and would be willing to sand it down and give it new life, please contact Becca at rjackson@sfx-kc.org.

Thanks for reading to the end!

Don't forget to take our survey! Go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KMG27Q3>

God bless you!! Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Mariann, Peggy, & Sue