The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combattting 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@dioceskcsj.org for more information.
HEALTH COMMITTEE OFFERINGS
This coming Monday, September 14 at 7:00pm the Health Committee will host a representative from the Center for Practical Bioethics for a Zoom meeting on sickness and end of life planning. Visit the Center for Practical Bioethics website to download their workbook on advance directives then 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 and for the Zoom link, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx.kc.org.

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).

SOU’L FOOD TUESDAY – MORNING AND EVENING EDITION
STARTING SEPTEMBER 15
“Care for Creation and The Need for Restorative Justice”
Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon September 15, 22, 29
Tuesdays, 6:30-8:30 pm September 15, 29 (no evening class on September 22 because of First Communion Mass)
October 20, 27 “Christians and Citizens: Holy Engagement with Politics”
November 10, 17, 14 “A Great Cloud of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints”
December 8, 15 “Christians for Grown-ups”
Fall 2014 Father Rafael and Mariann led prayer/study/discussion groups on Richard Rohr’s “An Alternative Orthodoxy.” Our “Soul Food Tuesday” study/prayer group grew out of that experience. For the past six years the group has met on Tuesday mornings 11:00-12:00 noon and has prayed together and learned together about a wide range of faith topics. This year we will be offering a morning AND EVENING group (all via Zoom for the foreseeable future). Participation is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. For more information and to receive the Zoom link, contact Mariann at mccormally@sfx-kc.org.

MIGRANT FARMWORKERS
We continue to support the work of the Migrant Farmworkers. We will go to Lexington, MO to volunteer again on September 21. If you would like to join us, please contact Sue. 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. And as you enjoy the fall and everything made from apples, please lift up the migrant farmworkers in your prayers.

CENTERING PRAYER GROUP VIA ZOOM
Monday, September 21, 2020
7:00-9:00 pm. Contact Rebecca Thompson (becca63@everestkc.net) for Zoom meeting ID and password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to http://contemplativeoutreachkc.org/.

PUBLIC WITNESS FOR RACIAL EQUITY
Wear your mask, bring your water bottle, and join us at 52nd & Troost on Saturday, September 26 from 4:30-5:40 for our next Public Witness for Racial Justice. Bring a sign to show your support or we’ll have a sign for you. Contact Sue if you have any questions srobb@sfx-kc.org.

PRAY THE ROSARY WITH US
Join members of our SFX Marian Devotion Group “Truly Our Mother” on Wednesdays at 6:00 pm and/or Saturdays at 3:30 pm to pray the rosary on Zoom. Contact Gail Fein at gafein10@gmail.com for Meeting ID and Password. All are welcome!

HOW TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST BY IBRAM KENDI BOOK DISCUSSION
We will begin our next book discussion on September 30 and October 1. Based on the results of the survey, we will have a series of four Wednesday evening sessions from 6:30-7:45pm and Thursday morning sessions from 9:30-10:45am. You are welcome to join either one. Purchase your copy soon or download it. For questions or to sign up to attend either discussion, contact Sue or click here.

VOTER REGISTRATION
A team of parishioners is forming to help others with voter registration. Our timeline is short and we need your help! If you would like to be a part of this group, please contact Sue at srobb@sfx-kc.org.
Do you have any Good News you’d like to share with the parish? If so, send information and pictures to Peggy Beaven Calia at pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org.

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

EASY ESTATE PLANNING
**Holy Land Collection Will Be Saturday, September 12 and Sunday, September 13.**

The Holy Land Collection is used to carry out its mission of preserving most of the shrines connected with the life of Jesus. This collection is also used for providing pastoral care to the region’s Catholics, running schools, operating charitable institutions and training future priests and religious. “The Christian communities in the Holy Land, while exposed to the risk of contagion and often living in very trying circumstances, benefit every year from the generous solidarity of the faithful throughout the world, to be able to continue their evangelical presence, as well as to maintain schools and welfare structures open to all citizens for education, peaceful coexistence and care, especially for the smallest and poorest ones,” the Vatican said.

**Second Collection September 19/20 is for the Church in Latin America**

The Collection for the Church in Latin America supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America throughout Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programmatic expenses and excludes building construction except in cases of emergency.

**Our Lady of Kibeho**

Thirteen years before the 1994 genocide in Rwanda, the Virgin Mary appeared to three young girls in Kibeho, a small village in Rwanda. The Virgin appeared to the girls in their high school from November 28, 1981 to November 28, 1989. She appeared with the name Our Lady of the Word. The teens reported that the Virgin Mary asked for everyone to pray to prevent a terrible war. In a vision in 1982, the girls were shown visions of violence, destruction, dismembered corpses, and a river of blood. Our Lady asked for people to repent and to pray with fervor. She also asked for people to pray the Rosary of the Seven Sorrows.

The Seven Sorrows rosary consists of seven groups of seven beads (Hail Marys) each separated by a bead that stands for one of the seven sorrows (Our Father). Another series of three beads joins the group and these three beads (Hail Marys) are dedicated in prayer to the tears of Our Sorrowful Mother. The Seven Sorrows are: The Prophecy of Simeon that a sword would pierce the heart of Mary, The Flight into Egypt after Our Savior’s birth, The Loss of the Child Jesus for three days, The Meeting of Jesus and Mary during the Way of the Cross, Mary Stands at the Foot of the Cross, Mary Receives the Dead Body of Jesus in Her Arms, and The Burial of Jesus. There are a variety of prayers recited before each Our Father beginning each group of Hail Marys. These can be heard on line through various recitations of this rosary and one does not have to possess the rosary itself for this beautiful devotion.

People did not listen or believe and the warnings became a tragic reality in Rwanda during the 100 day genocide. For this reason, in 2001 the Vatican declared the authenticity of the apparitions. This is the only approved Marian shrine in Africa. The feast of Our Lady of Kibeho is celebrated on November 28.

**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**

**September 14 - September 20**

**Monday:** Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

**Tuesday:** 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

**Wednesday:** 1 Cor 12:31—13:13/Lk 7:31-35

**Thursday:** 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

**Friday:** 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

**Saturday:** 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

**Sunday:** Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a

**Calendar**

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Tim Driscoll began working in the food pantry with Janice Hughes in 2004 picking up and putting away food from Harvesters. He eventually took over the management, food ordering, and coordination of food pantry volunteers after Dave Fines retired. Throughout the COVID 19 pandemic, Tim has made sure our neighbors are being fed and our food pantry remains open.

A member of St. Francis Xavier Parish since 2005, Tim also serves on the Pastoral Council, was a member of the Justice & Life Committee, and is a regular platelet donor. Tim is married to Laura and when not working at the food pantry, he helps his son in his landscaping business and enjoys reading. Through his commitment to feeding the poor, his quiet, unassuming nature, and his care and concern for others, Tim truly exhibits the Jesuit charisms of being a man for others and one who lives a faith that does justice.

Melissa Eckler, a widow from Louisiana, found her way to St. Francis Xavier and chose us for her church after experiencing our warm, inclusive welcome of all people. A teacher by training, Melissa volunteered to work with children and youth as a High School Youth Group Leader and a catechist for Children’s Liturgy of the Word. In addition to monthly Youth Group Meetings and every-other-week CLW sessions, Melissa helped the youth organize, fundraise and participate in service trips to Father Rafael’s Encuentro Project in El Paso and the Ignatian Family Teach-In in Washington, DC in 2019.

When the COVID 19 pandemic turned our world upside down, Melissa made sure our youth were cared for by working with the other youth leaders to host weekly Zoom sessions. Melissa is a third-grade teacher at St. Joseph School in Shawnee. When she’s not teaching or tending to SFX children and teens she enjoys her dogs, her home in Waldo, kickboxing, and spending time outdoors.

Congratulations and thank you, Tim and Melissa!
When you are unable to make your own health care decisions, rest assured your wishes will be carried out by having an Advance Directive and a durable power of attorney for healthcare decisions. Download this informative workbook, invite your loved ones, and join us as a representative from the Center for Practical Bioethics guides us, helps us plan, and answers our questions.

Click here for the Zoom link and contact Sue at srobb@fx-kc.org for more information.
Doug has degrees in Political Science, Sociology, Theology and a Masters of Divinity. He served as both an associate pastor and pastor before marrying his wife. For the last nine years he has ministered at Bishop Sullivan Center, managing all operations of the Troost location and all pantries of their operation, as well as opening up One City Café.

Wednesday, September 16, 2020
7:00-8:00 pm via Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86809439141?pwd=SnduSER6cmIUTSS5WTBPaHZDZ1Z0UT09
Meeting ID: 868 0943 9141
Passcode: 625562

For more information, please contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org). Registration is not required, but helps us plan.

“Is serving a meal to those in need enough? Can we do more than fill people’s stomachs?”
SFXcellent Books
September 15-October 15

Share a favorite title (or two!) and be entered in a drawing for a giftcard.

What are your reading?
Parishioners of all ages are invited to submit the title of a book that is important to them for a chance to win a gift card to Rainy Day Books.

There are TWO categories (children/teen and adult).
Submit more than one title and increase your odds of winning the drawing.
We will publish the book list – making all of us winners!

The book can be contemporary or a classic, secular or religious, fiction or non-fiction, serious or fun, something you just finished reading or something you read a long time ago that is still with you.

Please send your entry (including your name, your age category, and a one-sentence description of why the book is important to you) to mccormally@sfx-kc.org. The drawing for the gift card will be held on Sunday, October 18.

Sponsored by the SFX Adult Faith Formation Committee.
For more information, email mccormally@sfx-kc.org.
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