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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@diocesekcsj.org for more information.
SFXcellent Books! September 15-October 15
What are you 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 mccorrally@sfx-kc.org. The drawing for the gift card will happen on Sunday, October 18.

Soul Food Tuesday – Morning AND Evening Edition
Starting September 15
Care for Creation and the Need for Restorative Justice”
- Tuesday, September 15: 11:00 am to 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
- Tuesday, September 22: 11:00 am to 12:00 noon (no evening class this week)
- Tuesday, September 29: 11:00 am to 12:00 noon and 7:30 pm to 8:30 pm
In 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 mccorrally@sfx-kc.org.

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.

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/.

Our Lady of Peace Meeting and Rosary
Thursday, September 24, 2020 6:00 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.

Strong Blessings on Joshua Blasi and John McLarty
Who will receive their (pandemic-delayed) First Communion on Tuesday evening, September 22 at a small family-only Mass. May they – and all our children – continue to find God in All Things.

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!

Public Witness for Racial Equity
Wear your mask, bring your water bottle, and join us at 52nd & Troost on September 25 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.

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.

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time
O ur M ission
St. Francis Xavier Parish is a Roman Catholic, Jesuit community of faith called together by God to experience Jesus Christ in His Word, in the sacraments of the Church, and in each other. We, as the body of Christ, joined in Baptism and inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, enrich our faith through prayer and worship, spiritual formation, intellectual rigor, diversity of membership, hospitality and fellowship, attention to family life, and concern for social justice. Guided by the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, we strive to use our many gifts for the greater glory of God.
**Health Committee Offerings**

On Monday, September 28 at 7:00pm, the Health Committee will host Dr. Nancy Seibolt, retired Hospice & Palliative Care physician who will talk about end of life decisions. What is the difference between hospice and palliative care? How do I know when to make that decision?

**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 session. Purchase your copy soon or download it. For questions or to sign up to attend either discussion, contact Sue or click here.

**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.

**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. 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.

**Community Garden**

Thanks to our wonderful volunteers who have been working all summer to feed the hungry with fresh produce from our garden. We are currently harvesting tomatoes, peppers, and cucumbers and have harvested over 550 pounds of food!

**Faithful Citizenship and Civic Engagement**

While SFX does not endorse or support any candidate or party, the Jesuits have published an excellent document on civic engagement. Click here to access it.

**Panhandler Around SFX**

Occasionally, we have a rather aggressive panhandler who approaches people after Mass asking for money. We discourage you from giving cash and we encourage you to contact a staff member who can help him get the services he needs.

**Easing into Contemplative Prayer with the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City**

Are you looking to go deeper in your relationship with God? Do you desire to notice God more in your prayer and your life? This Fall, Ignatian prayer guides will be virtually leading small groups in a 6-week long experience of exploring the four stages of prayer that lead to contemplation. We will be reading together The Armchair Mystic by Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ and praying his suggested exercises to help cultivate a deeper relationship with our Lord. You will read about 5 pages per day and pray for 30 minutes and meet weekly with your group to reflect and share about your prayer experience. Weekly gatherings will be provided via Zoom and will not be more than 90 minutes. For more information on this and our other offerings, please visit the events & programs page of our website at https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events.

**Catholic Charities Support**

Catholic Charities has been busy serving and lifting our clients. Thanks to generous supporters we have been able to meet the needs of many in our communities. From January 1 - June 30 this year, the Welcome Center (Emergency Assistance) served 2,767 clients and provided 29,262 lbs. of food. We also provided $111,781 in mortgage/rent and $51,882 in utility assistance and had 138 clients participating in Employment Services job prep classes. New this year is our focus on COVID 19 related needs. 34% of clients in KC and 10% in St. Joseph requested help due to the virus. For information on our services, please contact Nancy Butters, Parish Outreach Manager at 816-659-8266 or ncbutters@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. 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!

**Help Wanted: Simple Upholstery Work Needed**

We have 12 dining room chairs that are in pretty good shape but are in desperate need of a new seat! SFX will pay for the upholstery and padding, and we would thank you from the “bottom” of our hearts if someone could give new life to these chairs! Contact Sue for more information.
**MY MASK**

Holy God, you see me and you hear me.

Through my mask, you see if I smile or if I scowl.

Through my mask, you hear me if I whisper a brief prayer or mutter a muffled curse.

My friends don’t see or hear or know; nor do my family; nor my colleagues.

But you do.

This mask takes away power – the power of clear communication but also the possibility to infect. But it also grants a freedom to be with.

My smiles, my thoughts, my mumbles, though – these I know, but they are a greater mystery to others now.

But not to you, Lord. You see past my mask, you hear through it, you know.

But your mask, Lord, what about your mask? Who can see through your mask? Hear through it?

I cannot.

I cannot see if you smile or if you scowl.

I cannot hear if you whisper an answer to my prayer or brush off my curse.

I cannot sense if you are pleased with me or if you are waiting for me to do much better.

Can we all take off our masks, Lord? Put them away?

When the disease that moves us to mask our faces for safety fades away, will our eyes and our ears be stronger, better able to see and to hear the smiles and the frowns, the cries and the whispers of those who fill our lives? Who make our lives worth living?

Will we see, Lord, that what we think of as your mask is really also our own, our inability to find you in the rush of our lives, our failure to see you in all the wonders you show us, our incapacity to hear your gentle voice in the tumult that surrounds us.

Can we know, Lord, that we put on many masks so we can cope, avoid, pretend, be acceptable? (What scar did the Phantom’s mask hide? “Who was that masked man?”)

Help us, Lord, to move beyond our masks. You are here for us to see and to hear. Help us. Let us take off our masks.

~ Fr. Edward Schmidt SJ

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**CALENDAR**

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**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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 †
Gerald Harms †