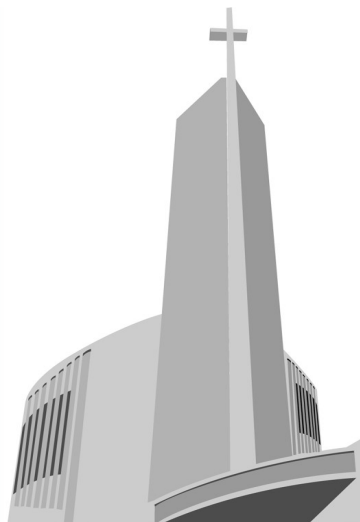


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The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

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.

OCTOBER 3/4, 2020

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday

4:00pm Mass

Sunday

9:00am Mass

**FOR PASTORAL CARE, PLEASE
CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE AT
816-523-5115**

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday

by appointment

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Thursday

Currently Suspended

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

**Infant Baptism, First Eucharist, First Reconciliation,
Confirmation, Adult Catechumenate (RCIA)**

Mariann McCormally 816-381-9163

**Reconciliation, Anointing of the Sick, Eucharist to Homebound
or Hospitalized**

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Marriage

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Centering Prayer Group 3rd Monday Monthly Rebecca Thompson crt98@everestkc.net	Community Garden Peg Hornsby 765-748-4135 or peghornsby@gmail.com
Choir & Choir Practice Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm Laura Worms 816-942-5918 or r.worms@sbcglobal.net	Cub Scouts Suspended At SFX Steve Livingston 816-444-6721
Food Pantry By Appointment 816-381-9174	Gospel Non-Violence Peg Burns pegburns00@gmail.com
SFX-Adult Faith Formation 1st Tuesday Monthly Cathy Daly cdaly18@gmail.com	Ignatian Spirituality Stephanie Hudson 816-381-9168

BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00pm

NOTE: For holiday bulletins, submit at least 5 days earlier.

27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

OUR MISSION

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 CARE DECISIONS AT END OF LIFE

Did you know 85% of people die without the ability to make a decision about how they die? Start educating yourself and have these end of life conversations now with your family and friends. Join members of our health committee and parishioner and retired Hospice & Palliative doctor, Nancy Seibolt, in a Zoom discussion about end of life on **Monday, October 5 at 7:00pm**. Contact Sue or click [here](#) for the Zoom link.

Then, join us on **Monday, October 12** as attorney Chris Morgan reviews the legal documents that will make the transition of your passing easier for your family.

◆ PUBLIC WITNESS FOR RACIAL EQUITY

Join us **Friday, October 9 from 4:30 - 5:40pm** as we stand on Troost in support of racial equity. 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.

Need help with your mail-in or absentee ballots? We will have volunteers and notaries available during this time to help you!

◆ FAITHFUL CITIZENSHIP AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

If you need help with your mail in or absentee ballot, stop by SFX from 4:30-6:30pm **October 9 & 10**. Free help and notary services will be available. 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.

◆ IGNATIAN FAMILY TEACH-IN FOR JUSTICE

The IFTJ is coming soon! *Prophetic Resilience: Breaking Down, Building Up* takes place **October 19-26, 2020**. Since the Teach-in is virtual this year, it is both cheaper and longer – a week vs. a weekend! Speakers include Fr. James, Martin, SJ, Fr. Bryan Massingale, Fr. James Boyle, SJ, Sr. Simone Campbell and many others! Go to <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj/> for more information and to sign up.

◆ WHAT ABOUT CONFIRMATION?

We celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation every-other-year at SFX with young people in Grades 9-10. Our next Confirmation Prep Class will begin in the spring of 2021 for those currently in Grades 8-9. They will be confirmed as freshmen and sophomores in late winter/early spring 2022 (date and place to be determined). In the meantime, let's pray for our tweens and teens (and all our parish youth).

◆ 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 mccormally@sfx-kc.org. The drawing for the gift card will happen on Sunday, October 18.

◆ SOUL FOOD TUESDAY – MORNING AND EVENING EDITION “Christians and Citizens: Holy Engagement with Politics”

- October 20, 27 Tuesday, 11:00am to 12:00noon and 7:30pm to 8:30pm

“Soul Food Tuesday” is a study/prayer group that that meets 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

◆ SFX BOOK STUDY *HOW TO BE AN ANTI-RACIST*

It's not too late to join the weekly discussions occurring on Wednesday evenings at 6:30pm and Thursday mornings at 9:30am Click [here](#) to sign up to attend. For more information or to be signed up, contact [Sue](#).

◆ CURACOMMUNITIES

We have 2 groups (one every other Thursday evening and one every other Wednesday morning) that would welcome new members. As we move through this most unusual year, take time to care for your mind, body and spirit and connect with other SFX parishioners. Contact [Sue](#) to join a group.

◆ SPIRITUAL DIRECTION

Are you wondering where God is in the midst of all that is going on in our world? Do you feel God is not listening to your fervent prayers? The results from our August survey indicated many parishioners feel the need for additional spiritual support and direction through this pandemic. In response to that, Sue Robb, a certified Spiritual Director, is offering parishioners free spiritual direction. Please contact [Sue](#) for more information.

◆ **RESPECT LIFE—ALL LIFE**

October is Respect Life Month. This Sunday is called Respect Life Sunday. Respecting all life, most especially the least, the vulnerable and the forgotten, is at the heart of the Christian life. Jesus clearly articulates this in the parable of the Last Judgment in Matthew 25: "Whatsoever you did for the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me." The hallmark of the Christian life is respecting all life, from womb to tomb. Pope Francis says this best in his 2018 Apostolic Exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate, Rejoice and be Glad*, "Our defense of the innocent unborn, for example, needs to be clear, firm and passionate... Equally sacred, however, are the lives of the poor, those already born, the destitute, the abandoned and the underprivileged, the vulnerable infirm and elderly exposed to covert euthanasia, the victims of human trafficking, new forms of slavery, and every form of rejection." Let us pray for ourselves and one another as we discern and do "what is mine to do" to respect all life.

◆ **"A PRAYER FOR THE EARTH" POPE FRANCIS**

In 2015 Pope Francis declared September 1 – October 4 as the Season of Creation. Now more than ever we need to pray – and act – to care for our Common Home.

*All-powerful God,
you are present in the whole universe and in the smallest of your creatures.*

You embrace with your tenderness all that exists.

Pour out upon us the power of your love, that we may protect life and beauty.

Fill us with peace,

that we may live as brothers and sisters, harming no one.

O God of the poor,

help us to rescue the abandoned and forgotten of this earth, so precious in your eyes.

Bring healing to our lives,

that we may protect the world and not prey on it,

that we may sow beauty, not pollution and destruction.

Touch the hearts of those who look only for gain at the expense of the poor and the earth.

Teach us to discover the worth of each thing,

to be filled with awe and contemplation,

to recognize that we are profoundly united with every creature

as we journey towards your infinite light.

We thank you for being with us each day.

Encourage us, we pray, in our struggle for justice, love and peace.

◆ **GOOD NEWS**

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.

◆ **HELP WANTED: SIMPLE UPHOLSTERY WORK NEEDED**

We still need someone to "chair" this project. A generous parishioner had volunteered to pay for the upholstery for the 12 dining room chairs that are in *desperate* need of new seats! Please contact Sue if you are able to help.

◆ **SFX IS ON AMAZON SMILE!**

If you shop on Amazon, please consider making St. Francis Xavier your designated charity. It is easy to sign up. Go to smile.amazon.com and below the search bar, type in St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church. (Make sure you select our church in Kansas City.) Each time you shop, visit smile.amazon.com (not just amazon.com). That is the only way purchases are credited. Thank you.

◆ **PLANNED GIVING**

Have you wondered how your faith can create a legacy? Your retirement plan assets can create a financial support legacy that enables Catholic Charities KCSJ to continue our work of supporting the poor and vulnerable. By designating Catholic Charities KCSJ on a "beneficiary designation form" with the amount, you can create your own legacy gift. You can find beneficiary forms on the website of your IRA, 401 k, 403 b Administrator. For more information contact Whitney Meiners, Major Gifts Manager, at wmeiners@ccharities.com or 816-221-4377.

◆ **INTERNATIONAL ROSARY & MARIAN PROCESSION**

Mary Queen and Mother of Mercy

Date: Saturday, October 10

Time: 10:00am-12:00noon

Location: St. Patrick's Parish 1357 NE 42nd Terrace, Kansas City, MO 64116 *

All events will be outdoors Information: <https://kcsjcatholic.org/office/divine-worship/>

Schedule: 10:00am Welcome and International Rosary
10:30am Marian Procession to Divine Mercy Park

11:45am Balloon Rosary, send off

12:00pm Departure

◆ **ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL**

Is offering an Open House on October 24. Registration required. Time slots for tours will be available all day. See the website to register smacatholic.org/open-house.

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

**ESTATE
PLANNING** 

◆ **DIocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Rosary
Congress October 3-9, 2020**

Eucharistic Adoration Around the Clock

7 Days –168 Hours of Adoration Join in and pray around our diocese in 7 different parishes for 7 days

HOLY ROSARY EVERY HOUR ON THE HOUR Pray the Rosary at the beginning of each hour for Life, reparation of sins, peace in our world, for families, for our Bishop, and our diocesan priests and religious

SPECIAL EVENTS-Opening Mass Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception October 3, 2:30 PM Closing Mass Our Lady of Lourdes, Raytown October 9, 7:00 PM • Bishop Johnston Presiding

MARIAN INTERNATIONAL ROSARY & PROCESSION

October 10th St. Patrick North 10:00 am-12:00 pm

SIGN UP FOR A HOLY HOUR: OR JUST SHOW UP!

PLEASE CHECK EACH PARISH WEBSITE ON HOLY HOUR SIGN UP- 24 HOURS 7 DAYS IN 7 DIFFERENT PARISHES –OCT3-9

Oct 3rd Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception
2:30pm Open Mass-Adoration

Oct 4th Coronation of Our Lady - Grandview, MO
10:30am Mass-Adoration

Oct 5th Our Lady of Guadalupe - St. Joseph, MO
8:00am Mass -Adoration

Oct 6th Our Lady of Good Counsel - Kansas City, MO
12:00pm Mass -Adoration

Oct 7th St. Mary, Independence, MO 12:00pm Mas-Adoration

Oct 8th Holy Rosary, Clinton, MO 8:30am Mass – Adoration-until 7pm

Oct 8th Our Lady of Lourdes, Raytown, MO 6:00pm Mass-Adoration

Oct 9th Our Lady of Lourdes, Raytown, MO 7:00 pm Closing Mass

MASS READINGS

◆ **OCTOBER 5 - OCTOBER 11**

MONDAY: Gal 1:6-12/Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY: Gal 1:13-24/Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY: Gal 3:7-14/Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY: Gal 3:22-29/Lk 11:27-28

SUNDAY: Is 25:6-10a/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

"Remember: you can now give to SFX online at sfx-kc.weshareonline.org.

CALENDAR

Monday, October 5

No Activities

Tuesday, October 6

7:00pm Adult Faith Formation Committee (Zoom)

Wednesday, October 7

2:30pm Staff Meeting (Zoom)

6:00pm Marian Meeting (Zoom)

6:30pm Book Discussion (Zoom)

6:30pm First Reconciliation Prep Gathering (Zoom)

7:00pm Prayer Service: Our Lady of the Rosary (Zoom)

7:30pm First Reconciliation Prep Gathering Family Prayer Time (Zoom)

Thursday, October 8

9:30am Book Discussion (Zoom)

10:00am Day for Parish Staffs (Zoom)

Friday, October 9

4:30pm Public Witness (front lawn)

4:30pm Voter Registration (parking lot)

4:30pm Wedding Rehearsal (church)

Saturday, October 10

All Day Annual Catholic Appeal (church)

12:00pm Wedding (church)

4:30pm Voter Registration (parking lot)

Sunday, October 11

All Day Annual Catholic Appeal (church)

10:30am Children's Liturgy of the Word (Zoom)

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.

OCTOBER MASS INTENTIONS

Pierre "Pete" Guignon †

Donald George Langferman †

Paul, Toni & John Mannion †

SFX Parishioners

◆ **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 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!