



**Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
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## SFX UPDATE – Friday, September 11, 2020

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**MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday, 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m. Masses**

We now use Eventbrite for Mass sign-ups. To sign up for either Mass, please click [here](#).  
You do NOT need to bring a "ticket".

- ◆ 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 OR if you would like to be a **Covid Volunteer Coordinator**, please contact Fr. Jim or any staff member.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Music** – Check out our website for a list of songs that will be played at Mass this weekend!
- ◆ **Children's Liturgy of the Word** – Email [mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for details and log-in information.

**Public Witness for Racial Equity** – Join us **TODAY Friday, September 11 from 4:30 - 5:40 p.m.** as we stand on Troost in support of racial equity and remember key events in Black history as well as the momentous attack on the Twin Towers and Pentagon. Bring your signs (or borrow one of ours) and continue the call for systemic change. This ongoing event is held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of the month.

**First Reconciliation/First Communion Prep** and **RCIA** begins the week of September 20. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for information and registration materials.

**Fr. Jim wants to get to know you!** It's so hard to get to know a new pastor during this pandemic, but if you would be interested in joining Fr. Jim and other parishioners on a "Get to know the Pastor" Zoom meeting, click [here](#) to choose your preferred meeting times and dates. Fr. Jim will contact you and others who sign up to set up a time and date to meet.

**Advance Directives Meeting via Zoom- Monday, September 14 - 7:00-8:15 p.m.** Having an advance directive for health care is important when you can't make decisions for yourself. Linda Ward, Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from the Center for Practical Bioethics, will lead us through the Caring Conversations booklet which you can download [here](#) and share the importance of having conversations with all your family members about your wishes.

**Early Registration for Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice ends September 15** - The IFTJ takes place **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! 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 contact Sue for the registration code.

**Adult Faith Formation Events** Contact [mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for information and log-in information about:

- ⇒ **“Soul Food Tuesday: Care for Creation and the Need for Restorative Justice”** Tuesdays, September 15, 22, 29, 11:00 am -12:00 noon and repeated 7:30-8:30 p.m.
- ⇒ **“SFXcellent Books”** Parishioners of all ages are invited to submit a title of a favorite book for a chance to win a gift-card. 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. Entry (including your name, your age category, and a one-sentence description of why the book is important to you) due by October 15.
- ⇒ **“We Find God When We Find the Poor” with Doug Langner from One City Café** Wednesday, September 16, 7:00 – 8:00 pm. Presentation, discussion and challenge to action.

***Easing into Contemplative Prayer with the Ignatian Spirituality Center KC*** - 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 pray 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>

**Voter Registration** – A group of SFX parishioners is spearheading voter registration drives and assisting people who want to register and update their registrations. If you would like to be a part of this most important effort, please contact Sue at [srobb@sfx-kc.org](mailto:srobb@sfx-kc.org). Tom Bradshaw will lead a training via Zoom tomorrow, **Saturday Sept 12 at 9:00 a.m.** Contact Sue for the Zoom link. Time is limited, so please act now!

**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.

**SFX Book Study: *How to Be an Anti-Racist*** – We will begin discussing this book by Ibram X. Kendi in a few weeks. We will have an evening and daytime session to accommodate your schedule. Discussions will take place on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. and repeat on Thursday mornings at 9:30 a.m., beginning September 30 and October 1 and last 4-5 weeks. Order or download the book today! Click [here](#) to sign up to attend. For more information or to be signed up, contact Sue at [srobb@sfx-kc.org](mailto:srobb@sfx-kc.org).

**Panhandlers 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.

**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.

Thanks for reading!

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