SFX UPDATE – Friday, September 18, 2020

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MASS SCHEDULE & SIGN-UP
• Saturday, 4:00 p.m. and Sunday, 9:00 a.m.
• To sign up for either Mass, please click here.
• Check out our website for a worship aide that you can download and sing along at home!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
We could truly use your assistance with welcoming our parishioners to Mass and cleaning up afterwards. If you would like to be trained to serve as a volunteer, please contact Fr. Jim or any staff member.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!
We thank you for your continued financial and spiritual support of SFX during the COVID-19 pandemic. We appreciate your continued online giving as well as our collections at Mass. Thank you for your prayers and support for the staff and your fellow parishioners.

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.

Adult Faith Formation Events Contact mccormally@sfx-kc.org for information and log-in information about:

“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.

“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.
**Centering Prayer Group:** Monday, September 21, 7:00-9:00 pm. Contact Rebecca Thompson (becca63@everestkc.net) for Zoom meeting id and password.

**Our Lady of Peace Meeting and Rosary:** Thursday, September 22, 6:00-7:30 pm. Contact Gail Fein (gafein10@gmail.com) 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.

**Public Witness for Racial Equity** – Join us **Next Friday, September 25 from 4:30 - 5:40 p.m.** 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 to check or update your **voter registration** status? We will have volunteers available to help you!

**SFX Book Study How to Be an Anti-Racist** – We will begin discussing this book by Ibram X. Kendi in two weeks, with evening and daytime sessions 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 for 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.

**Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice - Prophetic Resilience: Breaking Down, Building Up.** The IFTJ 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.

**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.

**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 new seats! 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.
OFFERINGS FROM OUR APOSTOLATES...

_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 other offerings, please visit the events & programs page of our website at [https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events](https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events)

_Thanks for reading!_

_Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue_