



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish
1001 East 52nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

SFX UPDATE – Friday, September 25, 2020

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SFX 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 our website for a worship aide that you can download and sing along at home!
- **Mass VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** –
 - We truly need more people to pitch in with being greeters, ushers, and cleanup crew to successfully maintain our COVID protocols. Please contact [Fr. Jim](#) or any staff member to be trained or for more information.
 - Thank you for those who have signed up to welcome parishioners, usher, and clean the pews after mass. Reminder, if you sign up for a specific task you do *not* need to register as "General Parishioner."

RU WEEKDAY MASS

- **Beginning October 5th**, SFX parishioners will be able to attend weekday Mass at Rockhurst University. **Masses will be on Mon, Tue, & Thu at noon in the Mabee Chapel on Rockhurst's campus.** The chapel is located in the Massman building. Next week we will post a link where you will be able to sign up to attend. You will be allowed to park on Rockhurst's campus from 11:30am – 1:00pm on those days. These Masses will be offered Oct 5 – Nov 19.

Public Witness for Racial Equity – Join us **TODAY - 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 during this time to help you!

SFX Book Study: *How to Be an Anti-Racist* – Weekly discussions begin Wednesday, September 30 at 6:30 p.m. and repeat on Thursday morning October 1 at 9:30 a.m. Order or download the book today and click [here](#) to sign up to attend. For more information or to be signed up, contact [Sue](#).

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 7:00 PM**. Contact Sue or click [here](#) for the Zoom link. *(Please note: The date was changed from Sept 28 to October 5 to avoid the Chiefs conflict.)*

Fr. Jim wants to get to know you! Fr. Jim has been meeting via Zoom with small groups of people so he can get to know you and you can get to know him. 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.

Feast of St. Francis of Assisi Blessing of the Animals—Bring your pet (or a picture of your pet) and your family to our Pet Blessing on **Saturday morning, October 3 at 10:00 AM**. We will have a short prayer service in the parking lot and then your pet will receive a blessing. This is one event where **no** advance registration or Zoom link is needed!

Care for Creation – September 1-October 4 is the “Season of Creation.” The designation began in 1989 and is recognized by the Orthodox Church, the Roman Catholic Church, the Anglican Communion, the Lutheran Federation, and the World Council of Churches. It is the hope that this season will become as well-known and observed by Christians as Advent and Lent. Amid the pandemic, the wildfires, and the state of our country, we may forget to recognize the beauty in our world. Take 3 minutes to restore your spirit and enjoy this [video](#).

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.

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. If you have recently moved or need to check your voter registration status, stop by SFX from 4:30-6:30 September 25 & 26.

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.

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

Help SFX through your Amazon purchases – 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.

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.

OFFERINGS FROM OUR APOSTOLATES...

Rockhurst University – Environmental Justice Rally NEXT Friday MORNING - October 2 - 7:00-8:00 a.m. - 52nd & Troost - Celebrate the closing of the season of Creation by attending this rally to honor and support our planet. Bring a sign, wear a mask, and contact Bill Kriege (bill.kriege@Rockhurst.edu) for more information.

Ignatian Spirituality Center KC: *Easing into Contemplative Prayer*- 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>.

Thanks for reading!

Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Fr. Steve, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue

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