SFX UPDATE – Friday, October 23, 2020
Click HERE to read this week’s bulletin or visit https://www.sfx-kc.org/ to check out our website and donate.

SFX MASS SCHEDULE & SIGN-UP
• Saturday, 4:00pm and Sunday, 9:00am 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 still need more people to pitch in as greeters, ushers, and cleanup crew to successfully maintain our COVID protocols.
  o When you register to attend mass, you may choose one of the volunteer options instead of “General Parishioner.” Please just come 30 minutes prior to mass and let the volunteers know that this is your first time and need to be trained.

WEEKDAY MASSES AT ROCKHURST UNIVERSITY
• Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday at noon in the Mabee Chapel in the Massman building on Rockhurst’s campus. You will be allowed to park on Rockhurst’s campus from 11:30am – 1:00pm on those days. CLICK HERE to sign up!

Public Witness for Racial Equity – Join us TODAY Friday, October 23 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.

Parish Clean-up – Sunday, October 25, 10:00-12:00 – It’ll be chilly, but it’s supposed to be dry so bring your family and your yard implements and help spruce up our parish grounds before winter. We have a lot of bushes to trim, leaves to rake, and shrubs to cut back. You will be assigned a “zone” in which to work so social distancing is guaranteed. We will start after the 9:00am Mass and end about noon. Though not required, it would be helpful to know who is coming. Click here to sign up.

Vote and Pray on Election Day – On November 3 from 8am - 8pm, stop by the church and pray for our country, our citizens, our leaders, and our world.
**All Souls Candles**
The Church sets aside the month of November as a time to honor and remember those who have gone before us. The weekend of October 31/November 1 our All Souls Candles, remembering those who have died this past year (November 1, 2019-October 31, 2020), will be placed on the altar railing (no procession this year due to COVID 19).

**Adult Faith Formation Events** - Contact **Mariann** for information and log-in information about:
- **SFXcellent Books.** Congratulations to Amelia Krueger and Cory Sorio for winning the drawing! Many thanks to all who participated. CLICK HERE to see the list of book recommendations.
- **Soul Food Tuesday** Morning AND Evening Edition via Zoom. October 27 “Christians and Citizens: Holy Engagement with Politics” 11:00 am – 12:00 noon and 7:30-8:30 pm.
- **Marian Group** “Truly Our Mother” via Zoom meets every Wednesday at 6:00pm and every Saturday at 3:30pm to pray the rosary together. All are welcome. For Meeting ID and password, contact **Gail Fein**.
- **Voting is an Act of Love Guide** is available here Voting is an Act of Love

**Youth** - Contact **Mariann** for information and log-in information about:
- Children’s Liturgy of the Word for children ages 5-10 continues to be offered Sundays at 10:30.
- Keep our children, tweens, teens and their parents in your prayers. The pandemic continues. The weather is changing. We’re all living with many losses and a lot of frustration. Parishioner and HSYG leader Melissa Eckler reminds us, “It’s hard enough for us adults who have experience with very difficult times and a full vault of self-care and coping strategies. Our kiddos are still developing cognitively and emotionally. We can’t pray enough for them.”

**CuraCommunities** – As we move through this most unusual year, take time to care for your mind, body and spirit and connect with other SFX parishioners. Next week’s group meets Wednesday morning at 9:00am. Contact **Sue** for the Zoom information.

**It’s time to start thinking about Christmas Baskets for our neighbors!** – We are hopeful that the pandemic won’t affect your ability to donate food items for our Christmas baskets this year. Here’s what we need: **14-16 oz cans of corn, green beans, fruit cocktail, pears, peaches, cranberries, pineapple, and yams, as well as boxed stuffing mix, gravy packages (no jars), jello, marshmallows, cake mix, cake frosting and $25 Aldi cards.**

We will be distributing on December 17-18 from 9:00-1:00 and we will need people to sign up to drop off turkeys on both those days. That link will come later. You can start dropping off your
food items when you come to Mass or anytime during the week. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Annual Catholic Appeal** – This year’s theme, *“One Family... Walking Together in Faith* enables the diocese to fund the ministries, services, and programs that are vital for the mission and work of our 88 Parishes and 10 Missions. The 2021 Annual Catholic Appeal helps fund more than 30 ministries along with administrative support for both parishes and the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Please prayerfully consider donating to this year’s appeal.

**Zoom with Fr. Jim!** Fr. Jim is still meeting with small groups of people via Zoom so he can get to know you and you can get to know him. If you are 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.

**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.

**Offerings from other KC Jesuit Apostolates and surrounding Parishes:**

*October Blessings!*

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:
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