



**Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church**  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
1001 East 52<sup>nd</sup> Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

## SFX UPDATE – Friday, October 30, 2020

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***Don't forget to "FALL BACK" this weekend!***

### 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.
  - When you register to attend mass, you may choose one of the volunteer options instead of "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!

### Altar of Remembrance

The Church sets aside the month of November as a time to honor and remember all those who have gone before us. Our **All Souls Candles** in honor of those who have died this past year will remain in the sanctuary during the month of November. In addition, parishioners are invited to place photos or other mementos of their beloved dead at our **Altar of Remembrance** (the St. Joseph Altar). "May the souls of the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace."

**Vote and Pray on Election Day** – On **November 3 from 8am - 8pm**, the church will be open for you to stop by and pray for our country, our citizens, our leaders, and our world.

**Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Peace & Unity** – **Friday, November 6 – 5:00-5:46** – We will witness and pray for 46 minutes for our President and elected leaders. Due to cooler weather and the end of Daylight Saving time, this will conclude our regularly scheduled public witness events until further notice.

**Antiracism at SFX** - Still want to educate yourself and work for systemic change? SFX is forming an Anti-racism ministry designed to assess ways to make our parish more inclusive and anti-racist. Using the highly successful Crossroads Antiracism Training Program, we will assess the health of our parish and design targeted efforts to increase diversity and inclusivity in our parish and in our community, while educating ourselves on the roles we can play to dismantle racism. If you would like to be a part of this most needed ministry, please contact [Sue](#).

**Annual Catholic Appeal** – 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. Raiza Guevara and Laurie Jo Holmes from the Diocese and Sue will briefly speak at next weekend’s Masses (Nov 7/8) to share the good work done by diocesan ministries. Please prayerfully consider donating to this year’s appeal.

As of October 26, 2020: Total Diocese gifts/pledges received/keyed: 1,326

Total Diocese \$415,510

SFX has 10 gifts so far for \$2,030

**Save the Date!** The St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council is hosting a virtual Parish Town Hall Meeting on **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 – 2:00pm**. Please join us to learn about the vision the Pastoral Council is working on for the parish, along with updates from the Building Committee and the Finance Council. Details on how to attend will be published closer to November 15<sup>th</sup>. See you there!

**Adult Faith Formation Events** - Contact [Mariann](#) for information and log-in information about:

- **“Via Negativa” Book Study and Meet the Author Event** Read the novel about a homeless priest searching for redemption by Dan Hornsby (son of parishioners Peg and Jeff Hornsby) and then join with other SFXers to reflect on the story and ask the author questions. November 2 and November 9, 7:00-8:00 pm. For more information [click HERE](#).
- **Soul Food Tuesday** Morning AND Evening Edition via Zoom. November 17 and 24 **“A Great Cloud of Witnesses: The Communion of Saints.”** What does the Church teach about heaven, hell and purgatory? What do you believe about the afterlife? Join us for a time of contemplative reflection on what happens after we die. 11:00 am – 12:00 noon and 7:30-8:30 pm.
- **Marian Group “Truly Our Mother” Pilgrimage to Our Lady of Perpetual Help** (Redemptorist Church) Sunday, November 8, 1:00-2:30. Father Andy Thompson, C. Ss.R., will lead us in a safe, masked and socially-distanced tour of this beautiful church. All are welcome. Parishioners are also invited to join the group via Zoom every Wednesday at 6:00pm and every Saturday at 3:30pm to pray the rosary together. For pilgrimage information and Zoom Meeting ID and password, contact [Gail Fein](#).

- **New Cardinals** Last Sunday Pope Francis named 13 new cardinals from 11 different nations including one Jesuit (Archbishop Jean-Claude Hollerich from Luxembourg) and Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C. (the first African-American cardinal in the history of the Church). Cardinals are advisors to the Pope and it is the College of Cardinals who will select Pope Francis' successor after his death or retirement. Check out America Media's short bios of each man [HERE](#) and learn more about how these new cardinals may shape the future of the Catholic Church [HERE](#).
- Listen to Becker's **The Litany of the Saints** for prayer by clicking [HERE](#).
- Another version of the Litany set to the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In." If you were in New Orleans, you'd be dancing. [HERE](#)

**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.
- **Halloween ("All Hallow's Eve), All Saints and All Souls** are important feasts to teach our children, teens and tweens about our family of faith and our trust in God, even (especially!) at the time of death. Parents and grandparents are encouraged to tell the stories of the saints and the sinners in our families and our church. We honor the ancestors when we remember their stories and commit to following their best example. Check out Loyola Press's Pop Up Catechesis on November as the month of All Souls [HERE](#).

**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 *CuraCommunity* 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 would like all donations (preferably in brown paper sacks with handles 😊) by December 13 so we have time to purchase what we need. 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 drop off your food items when you come to Mass or anytime during the week. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**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](https://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.

### *October Blessings!*

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

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