



**Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

*Kansas City's Jesuit Parish*

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## SFX UPDATE – Friday, November 6, 2020

Click [HERE](#) to read this week's bulletin or visit <https://www.sfx-kc.org/> to check out our website and donate.

### Fr. Jim's Song of the Week: "In Every Age"

- This song by Janet Sullivan Whittaker speaks of our longing for God and deeper remembrance that God is our strength, refuge, and hope. This will also be the communion song this weekend. [CLICK HERE TO LISTEN](#)

### 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!

**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.  
Offered thru Nov 19

**Candlelight Prayer Vigil for Peace & Unity – TODAY, Friday, November 6 – 5:00-5:46 – We will witness and pray for 46 minutes for our President and elected leaders.** We will have candles and signs for you or bring your own and witness to our neighbors Jesus' message of unity, hope, and reconciliation. Due to cooler weather and the end of Daylight Saving time, this will conclude our regularly scheduled public witness events until further notice.

**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!

## **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.”

**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 this weekend’s Masses (Nov 7/8) to share the good work done by diocesan ministries. Please prayerfully consider donating to this year’s appeal.

SFX Annual Catholic Appeal progress as of November 2<sup>nd</sup>.

- SFX: 15 donations / \$3,860 / 16% of goal of \$24,000
- Diocese: 2,185 donations / \$712,657 / 39% of goal of \$1,800,000

**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 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](#).

- **Happy Birthday Dorothy Day!** November 8 is the anniversary of the birth of Dorothy Day (1897-1980), journalist, radical, pacifist, devout woman of faith, and the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. Check out Father James Martin's [Saints in 60 Seconds](#) about Dorothy and learn more about her from [the archives of America Magazine](#).

**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.
- **Examen for Teens, Tweens, Children and Families** Now, more than ever, we need to help our young people stay rooted in the God who loves them and calls them to love themselves, others, all creation. Our Ignatian tradition gives us a wonderful practice in the Examen. The Examen can be done daily, weekly, or just every-once-in-awhile (Friday nights, quarterly during the school year, birthdays, anniversaries, New Year's Eve). In this spiritual practice we thank God for our consolations and surrender our desolations. Some families do this by sharing "roses, thorns and buds" each evening. Others take the time to answer these two questions: for what moment today am I most grateful? for what moment today am I least grateful? Another way to think about it is, "highs, lows, and moment closest to God." In their book [Sleeping with Bread](#) the authors Jesuit Matthew Linn, SJ, his brother Dennis Linn, and Dennis' wife Sheila Fabricant Linn suggest that after sharing "what did you feel good about today?" and "what was your biggest struggle today, or when did you feel sad, helpless or angry?" each person brings their answers to God in thanksgiving for the consolation and in prayer for help with desolation. For more resources go to [A Daily Examen for Children](#) and [Examen for Teens with Anxiety](#).

**Drumroll, please!** Our Community Garden produced over 800 pounds of food for our neighbors this year! Thanks to all who lovingly planted, watered, and tended our *radishes, mustard greens, beets, turnips, apples, lettuce, broccoli, cabbage, collard greens, tomatoes, peppers, cucumbers, peaches, sweet potatoes, and cantaloupe!*

**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 Thursday evening at 7:00pm. Contact [Sue](#) for the Zoom information.

**It's time to start thinking about Christmas Baskets for our neighbors!** – *Thanks to those who have already dropped off food and gift cards!* We already have over 50 people signed up and we have served several new families this year. We are hopeful that the pandemic won't affect your ability to donate food items for our Christmas baskets. 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** – As the holidays approach, please consider making St. Francis Xavier your designated charity on Amazon. 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.

#### **FROM OUR APOSTOLATES:**

**[Rockhurst University's Center for Arts and Letters is hosting two Zoom virtual events. Click on the links for more information and to register.](#)**

[Visiting Scholar Lecture: Kelly Weinersmith](#)

Monday, November 9, 2020 - 7:30pm to 9:00pm

"Technical Changes That May Profoundly Impact Our Lives for Good or Ill"

[Midwest Poets Series: Featuring Kansas City Poet Jenny Molberg](#)

Thursday, November 12, 2020 - 7:00pm to 8:00pm Zoom

Virtual Event

[Where Do We Go From Here?](#)

Wednesday, November 11, 2020 7:00pm - Join students and faculty in a healing conversation about the post-election climate in our country. Register for this week's session [here](#).

*November Blessings!*

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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