



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church

Kansas City's Jesuit Parish

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SFX UPDATE – Friday, November 13, 2020

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Save the Date! The St. Francis Xavier Pastoral Council is hosting a virtual Parish Town Hall Meeting **THIS Sunday, November 15th 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. To register to attend, please click this link: [Register to attend SFX Town Hall meeting, Sunday, Nov 15th at 1:00pm](#) or email Ann at asheridan@sfx-kc.org. *See you there!*

SFX MASS SCHEDULE & SIGN-UP

- **Saturday, 4:00pm and Sunday, 9:00am - To sign up for either Mass, please click [here](#).**
- ***Why is it important to sign up when Mass isn't full?*** This excellent question was asked by a parishioner last week. Simply put, you need to sign up so we can contact you if someone notifies us that they attended Mass and subsequently tested positive for COVID. During this most challenging time, please help us maintain the highest level of safety for our parishioners. Please click on the link above and sign up today!
- Check our website for a worship aide that you can download and sing along at home!

Fr. Jim's Song of the Week: [Song for Hope](#)

This instrumental piece seems most appropriate this week as we celebrated Veteran's Day, are in the midst of rising COVID cases, and moving toward a change in national leadership.

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

STRONG BLESSINGS on Nolan Kanren Yang (son of Andrea and Sam Yang and baby brother to Theodore) who will be baptized this Sunday, November 15 after our 9:00 Mass. May he – and all our children – grow to “find God in all things.”

WELCOME to Katie Harmon RU junior who will participate in the RCIA Rite of Welcome this Sunday, November 15 at the 6:00 pm Student Mass. May she – and all spiritual seekers – find a place of comfort, a place of challenge, and a place to serve.

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

- **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.
- **Meet-the-Author Dan Hornsby: “Via Negativa”** You can view the recording of our Monday evening event [HERE](#).
- **McCarrick Report** On Tuesday, the Vatican released its report on the investigation of former Cardinal Theodore McCarrick and the decades-long cover-up of his sexual misconduct. Click here for [Top 5 Takeaways from the McCarrick Report](#) from America Magazine. Our diocese has published this [McCarrick Report: Response Guide](#).
- **Prayer for Jesuit Martyrs** Monday, November 16 is the 31st anniversary of the deaths of the Jesuits and their companions in El Salvador in 1989. Join with the Ignatian Solidarity Network in prayer at 11:00 CT [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.
- **Thankfulness Prayer Walk** Saturday, November 28. Families of babies, toddlers, children, tweens and teens are invited to meet in the SFX parking at 10:30 am the Saturday after Thanksgiving. We’ll take a walk around our neighborhood, talking with friends old and new, and stop to pray, faith-share, and thank God for all good gifts. Plan to bundle-up and wear a mask!
- **Blessed Carlo Acutis, Pray for Us** Carlo (1991-2006) died from leukemia when he was only 15 years old, but he lived a life full of love, service to those in need, great devotion to the Eucharist and to Mary – and he was a genius computer programmer! He loved film editing and website creation. He was beatified on October 10 by Pope Francis, on his way to being canonized a saint. Learn more about his life, watch videos, and pray for his intercession [HERE](#).

Antiracism at SFX – The Ignatian Solidarity Network is hosting a [A Parish Journey for Racial Justice and Equity](#) - Wednesday, November 18 at 2:30PM CT. Join with other SFX parishioners

and parishes across the U.S. and learn from St. Francis Xavier College Church on Saint Louis University's campus, about their work to become an anti-racist parish. [Register here](#). We, at SFX are exploring the use the Crossroads Model the College Church will be sharing. For more information about our budding program, contact [Sue](#).

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.

Perplexing Plexiglass Propagation and Production Plea – We want so badly to bring back our flute player at Mass, but we need a plexiglass barrier to protect against air transmission. Pre-made stands from music companies are backordered indefinitely. We are hoping someone might know of a place where we can purchase plexiglass and then have an SFX saint assemble something for us. We have pictures of what we would like and would pay for all supplies. If you would like to pursue this perplexing plea, please contact [Ann](#) or [Sue](#).

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.

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 60 people signed up and we have served several new families this year. Here's what we need:
14-16 oz cans of corn, green beans, fruit cocktail, pears, peaches, 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 appreciate 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!

The Dialogue Institute is hosting the 15th Annual Friendship Gathering at 7:00pm on Wednesday, November 18. We have 2 tickets to this virtual event. If you would like to attend, please contact Sue for the log-on information.

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 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:

Help Grandma's Pantry feed hungry RU Students! You're invited to [submit your favorite holiday recipe](#) (appetizer, side dish, main entree, dessert, beverage, etc.) by **Thursday, Dec.3**. All recipes will be compiled to make up the e-cookbook and will be available for sale beginning Dec. 7. ROCKin' Holiday Recipes will cost \$10, but for those who submit a recipe, you will be able to purchase it for a discount at \$5! *All proceeds from the cookbook sales will go toward [Grandma's Pantry](#).*

Abundant November Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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