



**Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church**

*Kansas City's Jesuit Parish*

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## **SFX UPDATE – Friday, November 20, 2020**

*The food pantry and parish offices will be closed from 1:00pm Wednesday, November 25 until 9:00am Monday November 30.*

*We wish you a safe, healthy, and blessed Thanksgiving!*

*Watch for an Advent mailing coming your way!  
If you do not receive one by Tuesday, contact [Peggy](#).*

Click [HERE](#) 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.

### **Fr. Jim's Songs of the Week for Christ the King:**

- [Soon and Very Soon](#) - Sung by a wonderful gospel choir
- [The Least of These](#) - This song speaks of this coming Sunday's gospel from Matthew 25.

**Praying while you Prep and Peel** – Whether you're prepping for your day or peeling veggies for your Thanksgiving dinner, join Fr. Jim, some SFX staff, and other parishioners on Zoom at **9:00am Thanksgiving morning** for a brief [prayer service and check-in](#). So many of us aren't gathering with family this year due to the pandemic so if you are feeling blue, missing your family (extended or SFX), or would just like to see each other, click the link above. Questions? Contact [Sue](#).

**Candles of Remembrance** - You may pick up the candles with the names of your loved ones after each Mass this weekend.

**Parish Town Hall Meeting** - Many thanks to everyone who participated in the Parish Town Hall meeting on Sunday, November 15. The meeting was hosted by the SFX Pastoral Council and included updates from the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and the Building Committee. Special tip of the hat to the presenters: Steve Bruns from Pastoral Council, Kaler Bole from the Finance Council, and Vincent Gauthier from the Building Committee. We had a great turn-out and we are grateful to everyone who took the time to attend. The meeting was recorded and is available via the SFX website homepage at [sfx-kc.org](http://sfx-kc.org) or our YouTube channel.

**Annual Catholic Appeal** - The Diocesan Annual Appeal officially ends this Sunday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. As of November 16, we've had 24 donations totaling \$7,725 which represents 32% of our parish goal of \$24,000. In total, the Diocese has received \$980,700 representing 54% of their goal of \$1,800,000.

**Can you help?** Due to the limited number of blue towels we use to clean the pews after Mass, would anyone be willing to take them a couple times a month and launder them for weekend services? It would help us a great deal in being sustainable and cost effective. Please contact Becca at [rjackson@sfx-kc.org](mailto:rjackson@sfx-kc.org) if you can help. Thank you!

**Adult Faith Formation** - Contact Mariann for information and log-in information about:

o **Soul Food Tuesday** Morning AND Evening Edition via Zoom. November 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 7:30-8:30pm.

o **St. Cajetan** We are called to keep praying so we can keep caring – especially for those among us who are unemployed or underemployed due to the pandemic. Check out [Unemployed due to the pandemic? There's a saint for that!](#) and be heartened by the stories of those who went before us.

o **Hospice and Palliative Care** Parishioner, spiritual director and retired hospice doctor Nancy Seibolt gave a thoughtful, prayerful, and informative presentation on End of Life care to SFXers via Zoom in October. Watch the [VIDEO](#) here.

o **November is Black Catholic History Month** Established by the US Conference of Catholic Bishops in 1990, during the month of November we commit ourselves to learn more about the history of Black Catholics in the United States. Check out Monsignor Ray East's keynote talk at the 2017 RE Congress [Embrace Trust](#) where he challenges the myth that we are not all created in God's image with humor and joy.

**Youth** - Contact Mariann for information and log-in information about:

o **Children's Liturgy of the Word** for children ages 5-10 continues to be offered Sundays at 10:30.

o **Prayers for Calm and Confidence for our First Reconciliation candidates** who will receive the Sacrament Sunday afternoon: Louise Coates, Elsa DesMarteau, Asha Larson, Stella Miller, Harriet O'Connor, Leif Peterson, Liam Pfeiffer. May they – and all our children, tweens and teens, know God's love and forgiveness.

o **POSTPONED due to “Safer at Home” Order Thankfulness Prayer Walk** Saturday, November 28. We will reschedule! And in the meantime, individuals and families are encouraged to bundle up and get outside and “find God in all things.”

**Christmas Baskets Update** – We have over 85 people signed up! *Thanks to all who have dropped off food and gift cards and sent in money!*

- **Dry food donations are due by December 13.** Food items may be dropped off when you come to Mass or anytime during the week.
- **Turkeys are due December 17-18 between 6-9am.** Please click [HERE](#) to sign up and contact [Sue](#) with questions.
- **Now you can [donate online](#) to the Christmas basket fund!**
  - Your donation will be used to purchase dry goods, turkeys, and \$25 Aldi cards if we don't get enough. *Thank you in advance for your generosity!*

**Thanks to those who help SFX through your Amazon purchases** – As the holidays approach, please consider making St. Francis Xavier your designated charity. Go to [smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) and below the search bar, type in **St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church**. We will receive a percentage of your purchase. Thank you.

## FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and NEIGHBORS:

**Join our friends at St. Elizabeth's EmbRace Ministry** Meeting with Kansas City's City-Manager-in-Waiting, Brian Platt, on Monday, November 23 at 10 AM via Zoom. Mr. Platt will speak on his concerns and priorities for his new role here, especially as they relate to racial justice in our city. Contact Mariann for Zoom link.

**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.*

*Thanks for reading to the end! We are so very thankful for you!  
Abundant Thanksgiving Blessings!*

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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