



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish
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SFX UPDATE – Friday, January 1, 2021

Welcome 2021! Start 2021 off right! Grab a cup of coffee and join Fr. Jim and your SFX family on Zoom on **January 1, 2021 at 10:00 am**. As with Thanksgiving and Blue Christmas, we will host a virtual New Year's Day Check-in and Prayer Service. For more information, contact any staff member.

Fr. Jim's Song of the Week: [O Magnum Mysterium](#)

SFX MASS SCHEDULE & SIGN-UP - Saturday, 4:00pm and Sunday, 9:00am

- [Click here to sign up for Mass through Sunday, Feb 14, 2021](#)
- Go to our homepage for a song sheet that you can download and sing along at home for our Masses.

Was St. Francis Xavier on your Christmas List? Thank you to the many people who have responded to our Christmas Stockings for SFX campaign. If you are still "making a list and checking it twice" please consider a special gift this year to help us meet the expenses associated with an active parish. Your donation will help us offset the financial impact of the pandemic and is greatly appreciated.

STEWARDSHIP - DEVELOPMENT - Would you like to help? Do you know someone else who might? This is such critical work at a Parish, and we want to kick off 2021 by revitalizing our stewardship efforts at St. Francis. If you have any (or all) of Time-Talent-Treasure, we would love for you to join the small group of folks doing this important work. We have had great success in the past with the new windows, the heating/cooling and other small projects. It is a great way to work towards the future at SFX and continue to build our community of faith. Please give this your prayerful consideration or pass it on to someone else you think would be interested. Please contact SFX parishioner, [Christine Rankin](#) or [Ann Sheridan](#) with your interest.

Sights and Sounds Inside the Church - Fr. Jim, the Liturgy Committee, and the Art and Environment team have been working hard during the Advent and Christmas season. Please consider offering your financial help to support their efforts. Your donation will help offset the cost to engage talented musicians, offer a creative and welcoming atmosphere, purchase liturgical supplies, and cover expenses associated with sound, lighting, and live streaming in the church. Thank you for your support of the SFX Liturgy Fund! Click [HERE](#) to donate!

Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) – ARC will start sharing information to help us on our journey to becoming more aware of racism in ourselves, in our communities, and in our laws. Watch this [TED talk](#) by Bryan Stevenson, author of *Just Mercy* on the need to talk about injustice.

CuraCommunities – Our *CuraCommunities* continue to be a source of joy and connection for parishioners. We meet via Zoom twice a month for about an hour. If you want to check-in with your SFX family on a regular basis please, contact [Sue](#). We will meet again Wednesday morning, January 6 at 10:00 am and Thursday evening, January 7 at 7:00 pm. All are welcome!

Health Committee – Members of our Health Committee will be reaching out to you in the coming weeks to check in and say hi. As Covid lingers, we want you to know that we are here for you. Please feel free to engage and share how you're doing. We care.

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

- **Wednesday 6:00 pm and Saturday 3:30 pm Rosary** Join our Marian Devotion group "Truly Our Mother" via Zoom and pray for the needs of the parish, our nation and our world. Contact [Gail Fein](#) for Meeting ID and password.
- **SFXPraying Email Network** - SFXPraying is an email network to request prayers for our family, friends and the world we care about AND to share prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. If you have a request for prayer, a blessing to share, or wish to receive SFXPraying email messages, contact [SFXPraying](#), THANK YOU for your faithful ministry of prayer!
- **Dreams are Built Together** - Make plans now to read Pope Francis' latest encyclical letter *Fratelli Tutti Brothers and Sisters All*. Pope Francis invites us to "dream...as a single human family, as fellow travelers sharing the same flesh, as children of the same earth which is our common home, each of us bringing the richness of his or her beliefs and convictions, each of us with his or own voice." Read the document [HERE](#) or purchase your own copy. SFX will offer Zoom study/prayer groups after the first of the year.
- **Check out [Catholic Women Preach](#)** to listen to women (including women of color) preach for the Feast of the Holy Family and the Solemnity of Mary (January 1).

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.
- **Top Ten Most Common New Year's Resolutions for Teens are** Get Healthy. Get Happier. Be a Better Person. Find Love. Show More Love to My Family. Be a Better Friend. Get Better in School. Learn Something New. Be a Role Model. Make Some Money. As a parish community, let's commit to praying for and working with our youth to help them grow in faith-hope-and love in 2021!

A Labor of Love – We have been lucky this year in avoiding snow, but the snowiest and harshest months are yet to come. We still need a few more people to help keep our walks clear of snow and ice this winter season prior to the 4pm and 9am Masses. We will gather in the parking lot 1 hour before services (or when it stops snowing) and clear all venues into the Church. We have a snow blower for the walks and shovels for the patios. We also have an older parishioner who has requested help clearing his driveway when it snows. Contact [Becca Jackson](#) to help.

Wishing you good health, joy and peace in 2021!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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