



## SFX UPDATE – January 15, 2021

The food pantry and parish offices will be closed Monday, January 18 in honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

**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.

**Fr. Jim's Song of the Week:** [MLK "I Have a Dream"](#)

This week is a speech and not a song. The full speech is about 16 minutes and this version has subtitles to assist you.

**SFX Liturgy Fund** - Please consider offering your financial help to support our efforts to offset the some of the costs 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! Click [HERE](#) to donate!

**HELP WANTED:** We are looking for a volunteer(s) to help us run the livestream equipment for the Sunday, 9:00 am Mass. It is easy to do and all volunteers will be trained and fully supported. A stipend is available if that will help us find a few people. If you are interested or know of someone who may be interested, please contact Ann Sheridan at [asheridan@sfx-kc.org](mailto:asheridan@sfx-kc.org).

**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.

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

- **Dreams are Built Together** – The world, our nation, so many of our brothers and sisters, and the planet itself are suffering but 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 his latest encyclical **Fratelli Tutti – Brothers and Sisters All** [HERE](#) or purchase your own copy. Sign up for a Zoom study/prayer group:
  - **Tuesday, 11:00 am-12:00 noon January 19, 26, February 2**

- **Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm January 20, 27, February 3**
  - **Thursdays, 7:00-8:00 pm January 21, 28, February 4.**
- Click [here](#) to sign up.

**Our Lady of Peace Rosary and Meeting Sunday, January 17 at 2:00 pm.** 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.

**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity** January 18-25. Go [HERE](#) for more information and prayer resources for this ecumenical, international effort.

**Looking for a Spiritual Director?** The Ignatian Spirituality Center can help match you with a spiritual director to help you deepen your prayer life and “find God in all things.” Contact Executive Director Susan Friedrichsen [sfriedrichsen@ignatiancenterkc.org](mailto:sfriedrichsen@ignatiancenterkc.org) to begin the conversation. The Center also offers one-on-one and group guided prayer experiences. Go to [Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City \(ignatiancenterkc.org\)](#) to learn more.

**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.
- **MLK Day of Service** Teach for America has great ideas for how to observe Martin Luther King, Jr Day as a Day of Service virtually. Go [HERE](#) to learn more.
- **High School Youth Group Inauguration Day Check In** Wednesday evening, January 20 at 7:30 pm. Contact [Melissa](#) or [Mariann](#) for time and Zoom info. For those who rsvp a “special treat” will be delivered to your door!
- **Seven Ways to Manage ‘COVID Stress Syndrome’** Good advice for families from Our Sunday Visitor. Limit social media/news exposure. Practice good self-care. Engage in productive activities. Build relationships. Pray. Praise. Seek help. [Seven ways to manage 'COVID Stress Syndrome' - Our Sunday Visitor \(osvnews.com\)](#)

**Anti-Racism Committee (ARC)** – Check out MLK events happening through the [Sclc | SCLC Greater Kansas City Chapter | Kansas City \(sclcgkc.org\)](#). Also enjoy actor Wendell Pierce in a new play called *Some Old Black Man*, [streaming for free online](#). . It's "the classic confrontation of father and son."

**Honoring lives lost due to Covid** - President-Elect Biden is calling for a remembrance of lives lost to COVID on the eve and day of his inauguration; He is inviting towns, companies, and individuals to join in by lighting buildings and ringing church bells beginning at **4:30 CT on January 19**. Our carillon bells will toll at 4:30 and we invite you to mark this somber event by lighting a candle and joining in prayer.

**Caste Book Study begins January 25** - We will begin reading and discussing *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. She examines the different caste systems around the world and details how the American caste system developed 400 years ago when European immigrants came to America. The result is the system of injustice that people of color face today. Order the book and click [here](#) to sign up for the 4-week discussion! Also, mark your calendars and sign up now to [join the author](#) in a virtual talk through KCK Public Library on February 18 at 7:00 pm.

**Hunger Banquet** - Plan to join us for our virtual Hunger Banquet **Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm**. Our guest speaker will be Rosilyn Temple, founder and director of KC Mothers in Charge. The Hunger Banquet will be a good lead-in to our Soup and Spirituality series.

**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](#) for the Zoom link. We will meet again **Wednesday morning, January 20 at 10:00 am** and **Thursday evening, January 21 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.

**Covid Vaccine Information** – If you live in Jackson County, your ability to receive the vaccine could be a click away. Take this [survey](#) to find out when you will be able to receive your vaccine. General testing and vaccine information for Johnson County, Wyandotte, Clay and other counties can be accessed by going to the individual county's website.

**January is Human Trafficking Awareness Month** - Join in on **A Conversation on Anti-Human Trafficking, Tuesday, January 19, 2021, 2 p.m.** In preparation for the International Day of Prayer and Awareness Against Human Trafficking—February 8, 2021—Global Sisters Report offers this conversation with Srs. Gabriella Bottani and Jean Schafer, both leaders among Catholic sisters working against human trafficking. GSR staff writer Soli Salgado, who has been reporting on the anti-human trafficking work of the sisters for years, will facilitate this important conversation. [Learn more and register here.](#)

**A Labor of Love** – We have been lucky this year in avoiding the 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 4 pm and 9 am 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 snowblower 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.

**Do you have friends who might receive some consolation from what we do here at SFX?** If so, please consider sharing these weekly updates with your friends and family. Invite them to:

- like our [YouTube](#) channel and watch Mass.

- follow our [St. Francis Xavier Facebook page](#) and [Justice & Life Facebook page](#).
- join our community of faith and [sign up to attend Mass](#).

## Opportunities

### St. Elizabeth EmbRace Justice MLK Videos and Discussion

**Monday, January 18, 2021**

**7:00 pm**

Watch these two short videos and then join the Zoom prayer and discussion [HERE](#) .

[The March that Led to MLK's Arrest and Famous Letter](#)

[Letters to a Birmingham Jail](#)

### Contemporary Spirituality “White History Month: A Time for Truth Telling.”

**Wednesdays, February 3, 10, 24**

**6:00 pm**

February has traditionally been Black History Month, but this February seems like the time to tell the truth about our country’s history of white supremacy and racism. Zoom to view videos which will leave us far better informed about the often-untold truths of American history. Sign up for these free offerings on the Contemporary Spirituality website:

<https://www.contemporaryspirituality.net/upcoming-events>

*With you on the journey!*

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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