



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
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## SFX UPDATE – January 29, 2021

**Do you have friends who might benefit 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](#).

### **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.

### **Pastor's Corner**

- **Song of the Week:** [Never Gonna Break My Faith](#)  
This is sung by Aretha Franklin and The Boys Choir of Harlem. The photos shown with the video are moving. Something to pray with as we move forward.
- Here is a link to the article by Kayla August that I used in my homily on Jan 24. [A World Not My Own](#)
- **Ash Wednesday is Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. Masses at SFX will be at 7:00am, 12:00pm, 7:00pm. There will be a link in next week's update to sign up. The 12:00pm Mass will be live-streamed.** In accordance with diocesan guidelines, this year ashes will be distributed by a sprinkling of ashes on top of the head. This method is a more ancient form of the rite. Though the receiving of ashes to mark the beginning of Lent and a highly practiced tradition, Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. Given the concerns with COVID please do not feel obliged to attend mass.

**Strong Blessings on Ozinna Rayne Uwadiogwu** daughter of Oganya and Emmanuel Uwadiogwu who will be baptized by Father Steve on Saturday afternoon. May she – and all our children – grow up to “do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with our God.” (Micah 6:8)

**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.
- **Our High School Youth Group Leaders** have created a [Google Docs Survey](#) to gauge interest in more regular virtual gatherings. If your teen didn't receive the Google Survey, please share this link.
- **On Failure** From Debra Ross of the [KidsOutandAbout](#) Kansas City Newsletter “The pandemic has given us all plenty of occasions to fail, hasn't it? Millions of kids feel like they're failing at remote learning, and millions of parents feel like they're failing to help

their kids through it. But this mass sense of failure is a golden opportunity for kids to learn the secret lesson that no traditional school can afford to teach: Real progress requires failing mostly and succeeding sometimes.” Check out more [SuccessPictures](#) on Facebook.



**Caste Book Study** – It’s not too late to join our book discussion. We are reading and discussing *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson. Order or download the book and click [here](#) to sign up for the discussion occurring the next 3 Mondays at 7:00 pm. We will cover Parts 3 and 4 on Feb 1. 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. For more information, please contact Sue.

**Hunger Banquet Wednesday, February 10 at 7:00 pm on Zoom**, Plan to join us for our virtual “Hunger for Justice” event sponsored by the SFX-Visitation Social Concerns Committee. Our guest speaker will be Rosilyn Temple, founder and director of KC Mothers in Charge. [Here’s the LINK to the Zoom Webinar](#). The Hunger Banquet will be a good lead-in to our Lenten Retreat (Wednesdays, March 10 & 24, 7:00-8:30 pm). No Soup and Spirituality series this year...but just wait ‘til 2022!.

**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, February 3 at 10:00 am** and **Thursday evening, February 4 at 7:00 pm**. All are welcome!

**Health Committee** – Members of our Health Committee continue to reach out to parishioners 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, take this [survey](#) to find out when you will be able to receive your vaccine. If you live in Johnson County, [click HERE](#) to access the survey. If you live in Clay County, [click HERE](#). If you live in Platte County, [click HERE](#). If you are connected to [St. Luke's](#), [KU Med](#), or [Truman Medical Center](#), you may be able to get information from them. Click the name of the hospital and log in. Also, Walgreens is inviting people to [sign up](#) to get in the queue for the vaccine.

**February is Black History Month** – Did you know there are 937 Black saints recognized by the Catholic Church?! Visit [Black / African Saints A-Z - Saints & Angels - Catholic Online](#) each day in February to learn about one.

**Think Spring!** The diocesan day of prayer *At Seedtime* will be on Thursday, February 4. Bishop Johnston will preside for Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 12:15. All are welcome to bring seeds for blessing in anticipation of spring planting. Register to attend the Mass

at [www.kcgolddome.org](http://www.kcgolddome.org). Due to the pandemic, people may send or bring seeds to the Cathedral to be picked up later. A flyer to encourage family prayer is accessible [here](#).

**An Unimaginable Need – UPDATE** As expected, your response to this need has been profoundly heartwarming to this mother with 5 children (and one on the way) who lost everything in a fire. They will soon see the love St. Francis has for others. You may drop off your items **at Birthright (6309 Walnut, KCMO) TOMORROW, Saturday, January 30 between 10-2**. If you have larger items to donate, please call Catherine in advance at 816-547-8984. Monetary donations to support the work of Birthright are always welcome. We've added a few other needs so check out the list and please sign up [HERE on SIGN-UP GENIUS](#) to donate gently used or new items. Contact Sue if you have any questions. Thank you again for your amazing generosity.

### [Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others](#)

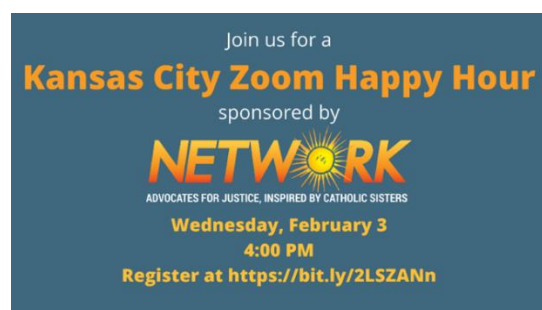
#### ***Easing into Contemplative Prayer: A Retreat for SFX parishioners with the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City***

*Facilitated by Fr. Jim Caimé, S.J. and Rev. Don Compier*

Are you looking to go deeper in your relationship with God? Do you desire to notice God more in your prayer and your life? This Lent join with other SFX parishioners for a 6-week long experience of exploring the four stages of prayer that lead to contemplation. We will be reading together *The Armchair Mystic* by Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ and praying his suggested exercises to help cultivate a deeper relationship with our Lord. You will read about 5 pages per day and pray for 30 minutes and meet weekly with your group to reflect and share about your pray experience. Weekly gatherings will be provided via Zoom on **Thursday evenings beginning on February 18**.

Mariann McCormally and Joe Snyder will also be facilitating the “Easing into Contemplative Prayer” retreat on **Tuesday afternoons beginning on February 23**.

For more information on this and our other offerings, please visit the events & programs page of our website at <https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events>



**Join the Nuns on the Bus for a **Kansas City** Zoom Happy Hour! Wednesday, February 3 at 4:00 PM Central**

During this hour-long session, we'll gather to build connections and explore ways that we can work together to continue promoting Catholic Social Justice in federal policy. To join, register [here](#).

*Together on the journey!*

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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