



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish
1001 East 52nd Street, Kansas City, MO 64110

SFX UPDATE – February 5, 2021

Do you have friends who might enjoy our wonderful parish?

If so, please consider sharing these weekly updates with your friends and family. Also, 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:** [I Believe by Carrie Newcomer](#) COVID fatigue, vaccine stress, and the Book of Job this weekend might make us forget what things are important to us and give us JOY. I hope you enjoy the song. The link above is to YouTube. [Click this link for the lyrics.](#)

Ash Wednesday is Feb 17th. Masses at SFX:

- 7:00am, 12:00pm, 4:30pm and 7:00pm.
- [Click here sign up to attend Ash Wednesday Mass](#)

Space is limited to 90 people for each Mass

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 is a highly practiced tradition, Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. Given the concerns with COVID please do not feel obligated to attend mass.

SAVE THE DATE, PARISH TOWN HALL, FEBRUARY 14: The Pastoral Council and SFX staff are hosting a parish Town Hall meeting on Sunday, February 14th at 1:00pm. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend this one-hour Zoom meeting. We'll cover parish updates and take your questions and suggestions. There is a lot going on here at SFX – you won't want to miss this! Zoom link to

join: <https://zoom.us/j/93882200182?pwd=eGV2dXF5TDk5Q3piYkZ6STBHQkNWZz09> or dial in to join by phone at 312- 626-6799. We hope to see you there.

Strong Blessings on George Francis Kelly son of Michael and Elizabeth Kelly who will be baptized by Father Jim Saturday morning. May he, his big sister Virginia Belle, and all our children grow up to love and serve God, God's people and Gods' creation.

Adult Faith Formation and Life & Justice Contact Mariann for information about:

"Joy is the most infallible sign of the presence of God." Pierre Teilhard de Chardin

Join our Soul Food Tuesday group Tuesday, February 9, 11:00 am to share a poem, a song, a painting, a plant, a photo, a joke, a story, a remembrance that brings you joy. It's been

a long, hard year...and we're only half-way through winter. Many of us are worn out. Let's take care of each other. Click [HERE](#) to join.

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.](#)

Ibram X. Kendi at UMKC Martin Luther King Jr Lecture Monday, February 15 at 6:00 pm. The online event is FREE but registration is required [HERE](#). Kendi is a professor at Boston University and the founding director of the BU Center for Antiracist Research. He is the author of many books, including "How to Be an Antiracist" and editor of "Four Hundred Souls: A Community History of African America." He was named one of Time Magazine's "100 Most Influential People in the World" in 2020.

Save the Date: "Soup & Spirituality Retreat" March 10 & 24 7:00-8:30 pm We won't have our traditional four-speaker Soup & Spirituality series this Lent. Instead the Adult Faith Formation Committee is offering a two-evening retreat with Stephanie Pino Dressman, "Lent - A Time of Uncovering and Discovering." Add this [RETREAT LINK](#) to your calendar.

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

- **Children's Liturgy of the Word Zoom** for children ages 5-10 continues to be offered Sundays at 10:30.
- **Special Ash Wednesday Children's Liturgy Zoom for Families and Children Ages 5-10** Wednesday, February 17 at 6:30 pm. Click [HERE](#) for the Ash Wednesday link.
- **Recommendations for Black History Month** Parents and grandparents, introduce your children, tweens and teens to **Sister Thea Bowman**, granddaughter of slaves who grew up to serve God and God's people with joy. She is on her way to sainthood! Check out this [Two Minute Video HERE](#). To learn about the good work of S. Thea Bowman Catholic School in East St. Louis, Missouri (where peacemaking skills are part of the curriculum) click [HERE](#).

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 [Christine Rankin](#) for the Wednesday morning group or [Maureen Hardy](#) or Cathy Daly for the Thursday group. We will meet again **Wednesday morning, February 17 at 10:00 am** and **Thursday evening, February 18 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](#), [Kansas Health System](#), 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 – Read about [St.](#)

[Josephine Bakhita](#) whose feast day is February 8. Her life is a testament to hardship, faith, and finding God in all things.

Want to watch a good movie? Check out *One Night in Miami*. Enjoy this fictional account where icons Muhammad Ali, Malcolm X, Sam Cooke, and Jim Brown gather to discuss their roles in the Civil Rights Movement and the cultural upheaval of the 1960's.

An Unimaginable Need – A Note of Thanks to the Parishioners of St. Francis Xavier Parish

When life handed a high-risk expectant mother of five a boatload of lemons in the form of a devastating fire, the parishioners of St. Francis Xavier made lemonade for her...gallons of it in the form of donated furniture, household goods and clothing for her family!

I thank each of you who donated to April's (name changed) family. Your generosity was truly spectacular! After the delivery of your wonderful donations to a small empty rental house in Independence, April and her children were able to end over three weeks of sleeping on the floor. They ate from real dishes with actual silverware and finally had chairs to pull up to a beautiful table for a family meal. A comfortable couch and several dressers completed the large furnishings in their new home. Next came some fantastic household goods. The boys seemed particularly pleased with a new toaster! They knew how to use that!

Clothes, my goodness, the clothes! Each child received a laundry basket of new and used clothing in their size. To top it off, they each got a Chiefs t-shirt. I think they believed that Christmas had moved to the end of January!

April was very grateful for everything that was donated to her family and said, "Please thank everyone at St. Francis Xavier who donated to my family and tell them that it has changed our lives. It is by far the nicest thing that has ever happened to us."

April's due date is in mid-April. I'll let you know when her baby girl arrives! In the meantime, please accept our sincere thanks and appreciation for your generosity, thoughtfulness, and prayers.

Catherine Martin, Volunteer
Birthright of Greater Kansas City



Eco-Corner

Gather up your nearly empty soap, shampoo, and laundry detergent bottles and take them to the Soap Refill Station at 7441 Broadway in Waldo. In 2020, Kansas Citians saved 15,625 bottles from landfills. Check out their [website](#) and consider this new way of protecting our fragile earth and supporting a local business.

Sue's News – I ask for your prayers. I will be having back surgery on Monday, February 8. I will be in the hospital 3-5 days and am required to stay home for 2 months to recuperate. I am hoping my surgery will be so successful that I will be able to return sooner. The strict regulations surrounding short term disability prohibit me from checking email or receiving phone calls, so please understand when I don't respond. During my recuperation, please know I will be praying for you. I would appreciate your prayers for me. If you need assistance:

1. To sign up to attend Mass, contact Fr. Jim at pastor@sfx-kc.org.
2. For SFX Food Pantry, please contact the Food Pantry at 816-381-9174 or sfxfoodpantry@gmail.com
3. For billing, donations, or information about SFX Justice & Life programs, please contact Ann Sheridan at 816-381-9165 or asheridan@sfx-kc.org.
4. For SFX Update submissions and all other inquiries, please contact Peggy Beavencalia at 816-391-9161 or pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org.

Thank you!
Sue Robb

[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 Caime, 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>

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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