



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

## SFX UPDATE – February 19, 2021

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### Parish Town Hall

“Thank you” to the SFX Pastoral Council for hosting the Parish Town Hall meeting on February 14 and “thank you” to all who joined the call on that cold Valentine’s Day afternoon. A copy of the presentation is on our SFX website for your review. At the Town Hall, we heard updates from the Parish Staff, the Pastoral Council, the Finance Council, and the Building Committee. It was an informative, encouraging meeting. We have a lot to be grateful for! If you’d like more detail, our contact information can be found here: [SFX Bulletins](#)

### 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](#).

### Sign up to attend Mass:

[Click this new link to register for Mass](#)

### Pastor’s Corner

- **Reflection and Song of the Week:** [Dr. Maya Angelou: "Be a Rainbow in Someone Else's Cloud"](#) The first reading this week is from Genesis. It is the story of God making a covenant with Noah and all creation, sealed by putting a rainbow in the sky. After you listen to Dr. Angelou’s reflection, you can listen to God Put a Rainbow in the Sky accompanied by, I thought this reflection by Dr. Angelou gives us a simple message to hold in our hearts. Angelou’s reflection, you can listen to [God Put a Rainbow in the Sky](#) sung by Mahalia Jackson which is accompanied by slides of the work for justice and peace.
- **Special thanks** to all who helped design and decorate our church environment for Lent: Muriel Hansen-Wolfe, Tara Harris, Peg Hornsby, Becca Jackson, Patti Meier, Maggie Ratterman, Nancy Seibolt, Joshua & Heidi Stigers.
- **Another note of thanks** to Bill Kriege and Rockhurst Univ. students Olivia Wilmsmeyer and Emily Rose for shoveling walkways on Ash Wednesday! The snow just kept coming down!

**Sue’s News** – Good news from Sue! She reports her “neurosurgeon and his nurse practitioner felt all went well and I am healing as I should.” If you would like to send a card to Sue there is a basket in the narthex of the church, or you are welcome to mail or drop the card by the parish office. We promise to forward your card to Sue right away! For assistance until Sue returns:

1. To sign up to attend Mass, contact Fr. Jim at [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org).
2. For SFX Food Pantry, please contact the Food Pantry at 816-381-9174 or [sfxfoodpantry@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:asheridan@sfx-kc.org).

4. For SFX Update submissions and all other inquiries, please contact Peggy Beaven-Calia at 816-391-9161 or [pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org).

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## Adult Faith Formation and Life & Justice

**Did you miss The Hunger Banquet?** You can watch the presentation by Rosilyn Temple from **KC Mothers in Charge** [HERE](#). Rosilyn spoke of finding her purpose after the death of her son by working with the KCMO police to reach out to the families of other homicide victims in Kansas City's innercity. Kansas City recorded **180** homicide victims in 2020, the highest number of killings in a single year in its history, as gun violence surged nationwide. The last time the city saw anywhere close to as many homicides was 2017 when it recorded 155 killings, including four fatal police shootings (The Kansas City Star).

**"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.

**Rosary Opportunities** Join our Marian Devotion Group for a Zoom Rosary. Every Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm and every Saturday afternoon at 3:30 pm. During the Fridays of Lent we will pray the Seven Sorrows of Mary Rosary at 6:00 pm. All are welcome. For Meeting ID and Password contact [Gail Fein](#).

**Black History Month: "The Cry of an Angry Black Man in a World Sick with Racism."** Click [HERE](#) to read an adaptation of the homily given by Jesuit Father Gregory Chisholm, SJ at the Black History Month Mass celebrated at St. Patrick's Cathedral on February 7, 2021.

**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.
- **High School Youth Group** Save the date: Thursday evening February 25 Gathering, 7:30 pm on Zoom
- **Catholic Relief Service OPERATION RICE BOWL** is a great way to engage the whole family in the Lenten disciplines to PRAY-FAST-LEARN-GIVE. This Lent we are invited to learn more about the lives of our brothers and sisters in Madagascar, El Salvador and Timor-Leste. Go to [CRS Rice Bowl](#) to learn more (including recipes for meatless meals!)

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**Birthday Party!** Many thanks to Nick Antista, Principal of Holy Rosary in Wea, Kansas and his students who assembled "birthday party in a bag" for our food pantry clients. The bags include cake mix, frosting, oil, plates and napkins, and party decorations - everything you'd need to make a party special. Thank you Nick and the students at Holy Rosary!



**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.

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## Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others

**Rockhurst University "Open Minds Book Discussion about Race: The Hate You Give." February 24, 7 p.m. Zoom Virtual Event** - Register in advance *Laura Forsberg, Ph.D.,*

Rockhurst University assistant professor of English, will lead a virtual book discussion about *The Hate U Give*, a novel by Angie Thomas (2017). This online event is presented in partnership with the Rockhurst University Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion. Rockhurst English department faculty will post or share book discussion questions inspired from the live discussion following the event. Learn more [HERE](#).

***"In Memory of Her" Women Interpreting Scripture with Biagio Mazza.*** Wednesday evenings, March 3, 10, 17, 24 7-9 PM and repeated Thursday mornings, March 4, 11, 18, 25 10 AM – 12 Noon on Zoom. An examination of the history and struggles of women biblical scholars and the different perspectives that they bring to the interpretation of the Bible. For more information or to register [Biagio Mazza](#) at St. Sabina's, Belton.

***Lenten Blessings!***

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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