



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

## SFX UPDATE – February 12, 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](#).

### Pastor's Corner

- **Song of the Week:** [Broken Things](#) In the gospel this week, though Jesus cures the leper of his leprosy, more important is that Jesus heals him and restores him to community. In this pandemic we have been isolated, quarantined, and deprived of physical contact. Jesus come and heal us! I hope you enjoy the song by Julie Miller. The link above is to YouTube. [Click here for the lyrics](#)

### Ash Wednesday is Feb 17<sup>th</sup>. 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 14<sup>th</sup> 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/93882200182pwd=eGV2dXF5TDk5Q3piYkZ6STBHQkNWZz09> or dial in to join by phone at 312- 626-6799. We hope to see you there.

**Strong Blessings on Ameila and Sarah Krueger** (daughters of Todd Krueger and Jennifer Howe) who will celebrate their First Reconciliation on Saturday. May they – and all of us – come to know ourselves as “loved sinners.”

**Please Pray for Katie Harms**, Rockhurst U junior and our one-and-only RCIA candidate this year. We will celebrate the Rite of Sending for Katie at the 6:00 pm Student Mass this weekend and hear testimony from her sponsor as to her readiness to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil this year. May she – and all those preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation – grow in strength and holiness during the Season of Lent.

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

**Centering Prayer Group** via Zoom. Monday, February 15, 2021. 7:00 pm. Contact Rebecca [Thompson](#) for Zoom Meeting ID and Password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to [Contemplative Outreach KC](#).

**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](#).

**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.
- **High School Youth Group** Save the date: Thursday evening February 25 Gathering.
- **Recommendations for Black History Month** Parents and grandparents, introduce your children, tweens and teens to [8 Black Saints & Holy People of God Every Catholic Should Know](#): St. Charles Lwanga, Ven. Augustus Tolton, St. Josephine Bakhita, Ven. Pierre Toussaint, St. Kizito, Servant of God Thea Bowman, St. Simon of Cyrene, and Servant of God Mary Lange,

**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.

**Sue's News** – We are happy to report that Sue's back surgery on Monday, February 8<sup>th</sup> went very well, and she is going home today, February 12<sup>th</sup>, as planned. If you would like to send a card to Sue there will be 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).

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:

Ann Sheridan – [asheridan@sfx-kc.org](mailto:asheridan@sfx-kc.org)

Becca Jackson – [rjackson@sfx-kc.org](mailto:rjackson@sfx-kc.org)

Fr. Jim Caime, S.J. – [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org)

Fr. Steve Yavorsky, S.J. – [syavorsky@jesuits.org](mailto:syavorsky@jesuits.org)

Mariann McCormally – [mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)

Peggy Beaven-Calia – [pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org)