



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
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## SFX UPDATE – April 30, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

### 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:

Watch our Mass live on our [YouTube](#) channel and subscribe to our channel.

Follow our [St. Francis Xavier Facebook page](#) and [Justice & Life Facebook page](#).

### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### Are you interested in being a Greeter or Usher?

Five people responded to this call, but we really need more.

**Greeter:** As part of our welcoming parishioners and visitors, the ministry of welcoming people to the mass is crucial to who we are as a parish. When we say, "All are welcome" you are the first person people meet when coming to Mass.

**Ushers:** Help us collect the offerings of our parishioners and visitors which help sustain the parish. Though many parishioners give online, many parishioners and visitors prefer to contribute in-person.

**We need to schedule people to be greeters and ushers.** We need three people for each ministry at each Mass. If you are interested in serving in either or both of these ministries, please contact me at [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org) to let me know at which Mass you might be willing to assist.

### Current SFX Mass Schedule

Saturdays: 4:00 p.m.

Sundays: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m. Masses will be live-streamed)

Wednesdays: 7:30 a.m. (Please enter thru the chapel door in the parking lot.)

**Pledge Drive 2021** The annual SFX Pledge Drive is in progress, and we've received 60 pledge cards so far! Your pledge enables us to embody the Society of Jesus' Universal Apostolic Preferences and the life of a vibrant and active parish. It covers the costs for: faith formation programs, liturgies, social justice ministries, youth programs, Ignatian Spirituality programs and a spirituality that infuses all we do, as well the administrative and bricks-and-mortar essentials. Please prayerfully consider your response this year. Please check out [SFX Pledge Drive Page](#) to learn more. This link will take you to a short video of Fr. Jim talking about the Pledge Drive at Mass on Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup> [Fr. Jim's Pledge Drive Message](#).

**Happy First Communion** to those who receive the Sacrament of the Eucharist this weekend: Louise Anne Coates, Elsa Sofie DesMarteau, Asha Elaine Larson, Stella Jane Miller, Harriet Kay O'Connor, Leif Anthony Peterson, and Liam Patrick Pfeiffer. May they – and all our children – stay joined to Jesus, let His teachings become a part of them, and produce lots of fruit! Many thanks to Elise Antista and Stephanie McElwrath who worked with our children this Zoom of a year!

**First Saturday of the Month Prayer Walk** May 1 (TOMORROW). Meet at **Troost Park (31<sup>st</sup> and Paseo) near the playground**. We will walk, talk and pray together and “find God in all things.” All ages welcome! **Parking is available on Tracy between 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. Wear a mask. For more information or to let us know you’ll be joining us contact [Mariann](#).

**May 1 is the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.** Pope Francis declared 2021 The Year of St. Joseph. Check out this video about [St. Joseph the Worker Action Steps](#) to learn more how we are called to follow St. Joseph’s example of putting Love in Action with BOTH works of charity and advocacy for social justice.

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word: Zoom and In-Person beginning May 16.** Miss Mariann and Miss Sara are vaccinated! We look forward to resuming in-person Children’s Liturgy of the Word for Children Ages 5-10 during the 10:30 Mass on May 16. as soon as families with children ages 5-10 are ready to return to Mass. **We will continue to offer Children’s Liturgy on Zoom at 9:45 am (NEW TIME)** to accommodate those families who are not able to worship in-person. Please contact [Mariann McCormally](#) with your ideas, suggestions, questions and concerns (AND if you are interested in helping with this important ministry).

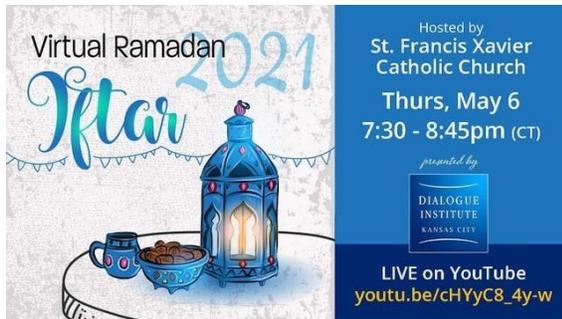
**Adult Confirmation** for practicing Catholics, age 21 and older, who “missed” being confirmed as a teenager, will be celebrated by Bishop Johnston **Wednesday, June 9** at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. Contact [Mariann McCormally](#) for information and to sign up for preparation classes.

**Ignatius500!** May 20 is the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Ignatius Loyola’s cannonball injury - and the beginning of his conversion! Father General Arturo Sosa, SJ, has declared the “Ignatian Year” May 20, 2021 - March 12, 2022 (the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the canonization of St Ignatius with St Francis Xavier). **Mark your calendar for Sunday, May 23 7:00 pm to pray with the worldwide Ignatian Family** <https://ignatius500.global/live/>.



**Congratulations to SFX parishioner Adelle Quick** (daughter of Bill and Jennifer Quick) on being named St. Teresa’s Academy “Academy Woman.” This honor recognizes a senior who exemplifies “the best of the best,” the finest personal qualities and characteristics of an STA student, including religious and moral character, leadership, loyalty, responsibility, and service. Addie will attend Marquette University in the fall.

**Directed Pentecost Women’s Retreat Opportunity- May 21-23** - Mariann and Sue are offering the women of the parish a directed Pentecost retreat experience. All Retreatants and Directors will meet on Friday morning for an orientation to the Retreat and a group prayer experience. Retreatants are encouraged to clear their schedules as much as possible and set aside three 30-minute periods for prayer as well as 30 minutes to meet with your Director each day to talk about what is stirring inside. We meet as a group of all Retreatants and Directors on Sunday afternoon to review and conclude the Retreat. The group is limited to 12 Retreatants. Please contact [Mariann](#) to sign up. There is no charge for this Retreat, though donations to the parish would be gratefully accepted.



**Virtual Iftar – Our virtual Iftar with the Dialogue Institute is THIS THURSDAY is May 6 from 7:30-8:45 pm.** Please [click here](#) to log on to YouTube and connect with speakers from around the country and the world as we engage with Muslim families in Belgium, Costa Rica, Germany, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, the Netherlands, the U.K., and the U.S.! This event is open to all so please invite your friends and family to join us as we share a virtual meal and learn from our Muslim sisters and brothers. You might consider fasting (from food, or both food and drink)

that day to

**SFX Purge – The purge continues.** We are going through all rooms, closets, nooks and crannies, and purging things that no longer serve our mission or that we have no room to display or store. Each week we will be offering you some of the treasures we find! Smaller items will be on the table in the Narthex and larger items will be shared here. Free-will donations are gratefully accepted. Our hope is to raise enough money to purchase furniture for the Hearth Room. The china hutch and armoire are still available, and we’ve added 3 beautiful tall bookcases. Scroll down to the end of this newsletter to see pictures of this week’s offerings. Contact [Sue](#) for more information!!

**Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice – SFX Parishioners:** Are you interested in going to the IFTJ November 6-8 in Washington, DC? If you *think* you might be, contact [Sue](#) asap. Registration opens this **THIS** Wednesday, May 5 and fills quickly. SFX will cover your conference fees and give a stipend for food. Keynote speakers include Fr. James Massingale and Fr. Greg Boyle. Gather to join other

**Gospel Non-Violence - Jesus' Way** and message is the way of forgiving, Nonviolent Love. One of the beautiful ministries we have at SFX is our Gospel Non-Violence Group. Small groups meet to watch movies of folks who lived Jesus' Way. We cover basis pertinent topics in part through the retreats of Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy (who gave a retreat at SFX in 2008). Our personal transformation is the strongest assurance that the Kingdom of God will be built on earth. Length of each session, time, location or zoom will all be determined by the needs of the participants. The time is ripe for a new group! For more information, please contact Peg Burns at [pegburns00@gmail.com](mailto:pegburns00@gmail.com).

**George Floyd Anniversary Public Witness – Tuesday, May 25 4:30-5:30 pm –** We haven’t forgotten his heartless murder, nor have we forgotten the countless of innocent people of color who have died since his death. On the one-year anniversary of George Floyd’s murder, we will have a public witness and prayer service along Troost from 4:30-5:45 pm at SFX. Mark your calendars and start making your signs! There is still much work to do!



**SFX Tote Bags** –We have these beautiful, large, customized tote bags available for a \$10 donation as we raise funds for our Hearth Room furniture. They are great to take to the City Market or on your grocery shopping trips. For more information or to get one, contact [Sue](#).

**Save the Planet and Support the Lions by saving your plastic, old clothing, and eyeglasses!**

Parishioner Karen Stigers is an active member of the Lions Club. Her club is collecting

- all soft plastic (newspaper sleeves, grocery bags, bubble, box liners, shrink wrapped groceries, etc) and need to collect 500 pounds of it to have a park bench made for the KS School for the Deaf.
- textile items for Savers. When you are cleaning out closets, or you know someone who is moving, Karen will take your unwanted clothing, linens, shoes, purses, belts, towels, rags, coats, etc.! Donations will be accepted until September!
- At SFX, we DO continue to collect unwanted eyeglasses for the Lions Club. You may place them in the box in the Narthex.
- Please contact Karen at [karen.stigers@gmail.com](mailto:karen.stigers@gmail.com) for your plastic and clothing donations. We do not have the ability to collect and store them at SFX.

The Lions help during disasters, provide glasses for those who couldn't otherwise afford them, do vision screenings in schools, and serve and support many other community-based needs. Thank you!

**Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others**

**MAX PRISON & JAIL MINISTRY PEN PALS** Pen Pals change lives. If you are over 18 and can commit to writing one letter each month for a year to someone who is incarcerated, please join us. Our program is safe and all directions are provided. To learn more, contact Bill Francis at 816.714.2367 or [francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:francis@diocesekcsj.org).

*Together on the Easter journey!*

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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