



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

SFX UPDATE – April 23, 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. Please subscribe to our channel.
- follow our [St. Francis Xavier Facebook](#) page and [Justice & Life Facebook](#) page.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Thank you to all who signed up for the Lector training workshop. We had 28 people sign up!!

Are you interested in being a Greeter or Usher?

- **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.
- **As we are no longer signing up to attend Mass, 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 to let me know which Mass you might be willing to assist.

There is no longer any need to sign up for attending Mass!! 😊

- Please sanitize your hands upon entering and exiting.
- The diocese now permits us to use hymnals once again.
- With current guidelines, we no longer need to wipe down surfaces.

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! 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 <https://www.sfx-kc.org/2021-pledge-drive/> to learn more.

COVID Vaccines Your SFX Staff is vaccinated and fully immunized! Some of us got Pfizer, others Moderna, and others J&J. Are you vaccinated? Do you need help finding a vaccine? Parishioner [Kathleen Connaghan-Gross](#) can help you find a vaccine, whether you need extra eyes watching for availability or aren't comfortable with or have access to online registration. Contact [Kathleen](#) and she can talk you through the process over the phone.

FAITH FORMATION

First Saturday of the Month Prayer Walk May 1, June 5, July 3, August 7 9:30-10:30 am. **May 1** we'll gather at **Troost Park (31st and Paseo) near the playground** to begin our walk, pray together, talk with each other, and "find God in all things." All ages welcome! **Parking is available on Tracy between 28th and 29th.** Wear a mask. We will social distance. For more information or to let us know you'll be joining us contact [Mariann](#).

America Magazine gathered responses from **Black and Latino Catholics on the conviction of Derek Chauvin**, including Father Bryan Massingale. Father Bryan writes "If the Catholic Church in the United States is serious about dealing with racism, it needs to do two things: First, embrace the teaching of Pope Francis, that anti-racism is an essential dimension of being pro-life... Second, engage in a proactive process of listening to the radically different experiences of its Black and Brown members." Read the full article [HERE](#).

Day of Prayer for Those who Died by Suicide Sunday, April 25 Bishop Johnston will offer the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Mass at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception on Sunday for those who have lost their lives by suicide and for the families and friends of those who have died by suicide. All are welcome and all are asked to pray for these intentions.

Annual Day of Prayer in Atonement and for the Healing of Those Harmed by Sexual Abuse April 26. Bishop Johnston has established this annual day of prayer as part of our diocese's response to clerical abuse. Go [HERE](#) for more information and resources. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is committed to combatting sexual abuse in the Church. If you are a victim of sexual abuse, or if you observe or suspect sexual abuse:

1. Call the Missouri Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738 (if the victim is currently under the age of 18), and
2. Contact your local law enforcement agency or call 911, and
3. After reporting to these civil and law enforcement authorities, report suspected sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult to the Diocesan Ombudsman, Joe Crayon, at 816.812.2500 or crayon@ombudsmankcsj.org, if the abuse involves a priest, deacon, employee or volunteer of the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. **The Diocese has a sincere commitment to providing care and healing resources to victims of sexual abuse and their families. Please contact the Victim Advocate at 816.392.0011 or victimadvocate@diocesekcsj.org for more information.**

Oscar Picks Books, TV, films can help us learn and grow in our faith. Check out National Catholic Reporter's conversation with film critic Sister Rose Pacatte about her picks and predictions for the 2021 Academy Awards [HERE](#).

Children's Liturgy of the Word Zoom? In-Person? BOTH? Miss Mariann and Miss Sara are vaccinated! We look forward to resuming in-person Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:30 Mass as soon as families with children ages 5-10 are ready to return to Mass. Perhaps in May? We plan to meet OUTDOORS (weather permitting). We will continue to offer Children's Liturgy on Zoom (perhaps moving it to 9:45 am?) to accommodate those families who are not able to worship in-person. Please contact [Mariann McCormally](#)

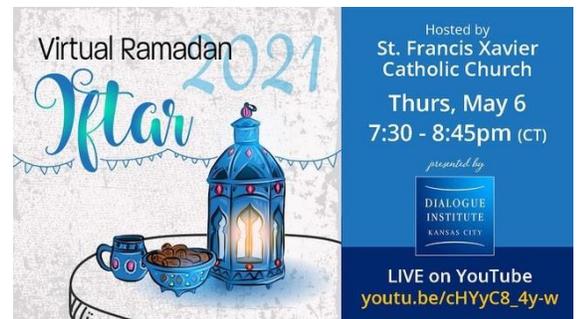
with your ideas, suggestions, questions and concerns (AND if you are interested in helping with this important ministry).

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.

Marian Group Meeting and Rosary Honoring Bernadette of Lourdes via Zoom Sunday, April 25 at 2:00 pm. **Rosary** via Zoom. Wednesdays at 6:00 pm, Friday at 6:00 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm. All are welcome. For Meeting ID and password contact [Gail Fein](#).

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 - We are partnering with the Dialogue Institute of Kansas City for a Virtual Ramadan Iftar on May 6 from 7:30-8:45 pm. Plan to log on to hear speakers from around the country and world. We will also engage with Muslim families in Belgium, Costa Rica, Germany, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, the Netherlands, the U.K., the U.S., and many more! Mark your calendars and invite family members outside Kansas City to join us as we share a virtual meal and learn from our Muslim sisters and brothers.



Continue to make Earth Day EVERY day. Here are some options:

- The [Ignatian Solidarity Network’s 21-day Environmental Justice Challenge](#) begins today. Sign up to learn more deeply about the impact our actions have on our world, especially our less fortunate brothers and sisters.
- Order and read Bill Gates’ new book *How to Avoid a Climate Disaster: The Solutions We Have and the Breakthroughs We Need*. He describes it, simply, as “a plan for eliminating greenhouse gas emissions” which are deemed the greatest threat to our earth by many scientists. Interested in reading and discussing it as a group? Let [Sue](#) know.
- Bring your important documents that need to be shredded to SFX **THIS weekend, April 24-25**. We will have our secure, locked shredding bin available in the Narthex for you.

SFX Purge – Over the next 6 weeks we are going through all rooms, closets, nooks and crannies, and purging things that no longer serve our mission and purpose or that we have no room to display or store. Each week we will be offering you some of the treasures we find! Some will be on the table in the Narthex and larger items will be shared here. Free-will donations are gratefully accepted. Our goal is to raise enough money to purchase furniture for the Hearth Room. At the end of this newsletter, you'll see pictures of this week's offerings. Make an offer!

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 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.

Save the Planet and support a good cause 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 needs to collect 500 pounds of it to have a park bench made for the KS School for the Deaf.
- They are also collecting 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!
- Please contact Karen at karen.stigers@gmail.com for your plastic and clothing donations. We do not have the ability to collect and store them at SFX. We DO continue to collect unwanted eyeglasses for the Lions Club. You may place them in the box in the Narthex.
- 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

Advance Care Directives Webinar - The Center for Practical Bioethics is offering free opportunities to learn about - or update - your advance care directives. You will have access to forms for documenting wishes, values, and preferences for your healthcare. You will learn ways to encourage friends and family members who may be reluctant to talk about these things and you'll have the knowledge and resources to help you and your family improve their healthcare experience by having caring conversations *before* a health crisis happens. For more information or to sign up, visit the [Center for Practical Bioethics](#).

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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