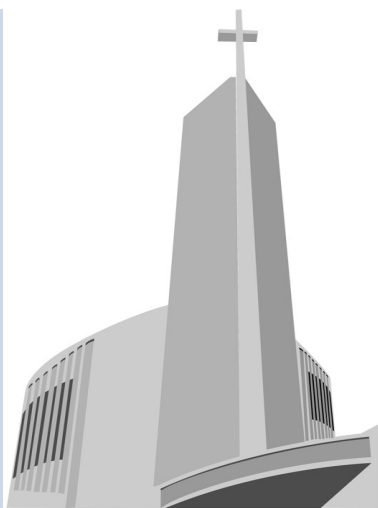


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BULLETIN DEADLINE

Monday at 12:00pm

**NOTE: For holiday bulletins,
submit at least 7 days earlier.**

MAY 8-9, 2021

MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday 4:00pm
Sunday 8:00am and 10:30am
Wednesday 7:30am

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By Appointment

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3rd Monday Monthly

crt98@everestkc.net

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765-748-4135 or peghornsby@gmail.com

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1st Tuesday Monthly

cdaly18@gmail.com

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.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

JUSTICE AND LIFE

◆ 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 Nonviolence Group. Small groups meet to watch movies of folks who lived Jesus' Way. We cover basic pertinent topics in part through the retreats of Fr. Emmanuel Charles McCarthy (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 be determined by the needs of the participants. The time is ripe for a new group! For more info, contact Peg Burns at pegburns00@gmail.com.

◆ GEORGE FLOYD PUBLIC WITNESS

Tuesday, May 25
4:30pm—5:45pm

We haven't forgotten George Floyd's heartless murder, nor have we forgotten the countless number of innocent people 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 at SFX. Mark your calendars and start making signs. There is still much work to do!

◆ MAY IS ASIAN AMERICAN AND PACIFIC ISLANDER HERITAGE MONTH

Celebrate the people who helped build our country and also brought us culinary delights and beautiful ethnic traditions. Here are some ways to grow and appreciate more deeply the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders:

- Watch the PBS show "Asian Americans"
- Watch a movie featuring Asian Americans
- Support small Asian-owned businesses or restaurants
- Read a book by an Asian author or one about the Asian and Pacific Island culture.
- Try your hand at Asian cooking!

FAITH FORMATION

◆ DIRECTED PENTECOST WOMEN'S RETREAT

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.

◆ MARIAN GROUP "TRULY OUR MOTHER" ROSARY

via Zoom.

Wednesdays at 6:00 pm,

Fridays at 6:00 pm

Saturdays at 3:30 pm.

All are welcome for this event. For Meeting ID and password contact Gail Fein at (gafein10@gmail.com).

◆ CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

May 16 (Zoom and In-Person)

Miss Mariann and Miss Sara are vaccinated! We look forward to resuming in-person classes for children 5-10 years old during the 10:30am Mass. We will continue to offer this class on Zoom, but at 9:45am, to accommodate families who are not able to worship in-person. Please contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) with your ideas, suggestions, questions and concerns (AND if you are able to assist with this important ministry) We plan to resume Sunday School for ages 2-4 in the Fall.

◆ CONGRATULATIONS TO SFX PARISHIONER,

ADELLE QUICK

Adell, daughter of Bill and Jennifer, was named St. Teresa Academy's "Academy Woman." This award recognizes a senior who exemplifies "the best of the best," in regard to religious and moral character, leadership, loyalty, responsibilities and service. Addie will attend Marquette University in the fall.

MAY 8-9, 2021

MISCELLANEOUS

◆ 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 wrap, box liners, shrink wrap, 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. until September.

Please contact Karen at karen.stigers@gmail.com for the plastic and clothing donations. We do NOT have the ability to collect and store these items at SFX. We do continue to collect unwanted eyeglasses for this organization. Unwanted glasses may be placed in the box, designated for this purpose, in the Narthex.

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

◆ CUB SCOUT FUN!

Saturday, May 15 at 9:30am

Cub Scout families are meeting in the parking lot of SFX on this date. We will spend some time learning about the program; at approx. 10:00am, we will carpool to Terrace Lake, located at 11103 Jackson Avenue in KCMO (at the dam). The plan is to fish until around noon. Bait, poles and tackle will be provided. To learn more, contact Cubmaster Steve Livingston at 816-547-5005. If you or someone you know might be interested in Cub Scouts, please watch this fun video at <http://www.sfx-kc.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/05/Three-Trails-St.-Francis-Church.mp4.mp4>

◆ JOIN US IN PRAYING FOR OUR YOUNG ADULTS GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL AND COLLEGE

June 6 at 10:30am Mass

Our graduates are invited to wear their cap and gown regalia to Mass and receive a special blessing. Please contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to make sure your graduate is on our list. We don't want to miss anyone!

◆ THE PURGE CONTINUES AT SFX!

We are going through all rooms, closets, nooks and crannies, and purging things that no longer serve our mission or items that we have no room to display or store. Each week, we will offer you some of the treasures we find! Smaller items will be on the table in the Narthex and larger items will be shared in the bulletin. 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 three beautiful tall wooden bookcases. Feel free to share these items on your Nextdoor page. Contact [Sue](#) for more information.

◆ A COME AND SEE INVITE ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN EVERYDAY LIFE

Wednesday, May 12, 2021 – 7:00pm (Online)

Are you desiring to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ? Are you wanting to develop a discerning heart? Come and see and learn more about the experience of making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. St. Ignatius desired to reorient his life to God and he kept notes of what was helpful as he grew more and more aligned with God. These notes became the Spiritual Exercises, and they have been used for over 460 years to help people in all walks of life deepen their relationship with God. To learn more consider attending a Come & See information evening with the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City. www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events.

◆ MAX PRISON AND JAIL MINISTRY PEN PALS

Pen pals change lives. If you are over 18 years of age 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 guidelines are provided. To learn more, contact Bill Francis at 816-714-2367 or francis@diocesekcsj.org.

◆ SFX TOTE BAGS

We have beautiful, large, customized tote bags available for a \$10 donation; we are raising money for our Hearth Room furniture. These are great for taking to the City Market or grocery shopping trips. To get one, contact [Sue](#).

LITURGY

MASS READINGS

◆ MAY 10-16, 2021

Monday:	Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26—16:4a
Tuesday:	Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11
Wednesday:	Acts 17:15, 22—18:1/Jn 16:12-15
Thursday:	Acts 18:1-8/Jn 16:16-20
Friday:	Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17
Saturday:	Acts 18:23-28/Jn 16:23b-28
Sunday:	Acts 1:1-11/Eph 4:1-13 or Eph 1:17—23/Mark 16:15—20

CALENDAR

Monday, May 10

No Activities

Tuesday, May 11

7:00pm Liturgy Committee Meeting
(Zoom)

Wednesday, May 12

7:30am Mass (chapel)
6:00pm Marian Group Rosary (Zoom)

Thursday, May 13

7:00pm Cura Community (Zoom)

Friday, May 14

6:00pm Marian “Truly Our Mother” Rosary
(Zoom)

Saturday, May 15

3:30pm Marian Group Rosary (Zoom)
4:00pm 2nd Collection: Tomorrow’s
Priests: Vocation Fund

Sunday, May 16

8:00 2nd Collection: Tomorrow’s
Priests: Vocation Fund
10:00am 2nd Collection: Tomorrow’s
Priests: Vocation Fund
10:30am Blessing for Peg Neal
2:00pm Marian Devotion Group Meeting
(Mary Garden outside)

OUR MISSION

St. Francis Xavier Parish is a Roman Catholic, Jesuit community of faith called together by God to experience Jesus Christ in His Word, in the sacraments of the Church, and in each other. We, as the body of Christ, joined in Baptism and inspired by the grace of the Holy Spirit, enrich our faith through prayer and worship, spiritual formation, intellectual rigor, diversity of membership, hospitality and fellowship, attention to family life, and concern for social justice. Guided by the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, we strive to use our many gifts for the greater glory of God.

LITURGY

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MAY 15-16, 2021

PRESIDER:

Sat 4:00pm	Fr. Jim
Sun 8:00am	Fr. Steve
Sun 10:30am	Fr. Steve

LECTORS:

Sat 4:00pm	Siabhan May-Washington
Sun 8:00am	Steve van de Castle
Sun 10:30am	Kim Meyer-Ungashick

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS:

Sat 4:00pm	Patti Dickinson
Sun 8:00am	Maureen Dahnke Lisa Morrison
Sun 10:30am	Mary Pickard and MaryAnne Morgenegg

SACRISTAN:

Sat 4:00pm	Lissa Whittaker
Sun 8:00am	Mike DiDonna
Sun 10:30am	_____

GREETERS:

Sat 4:00pm	Stephanie Hudson
Sun 8:00am	Joe Gray
Sun 10:30am	Gene Huelskamp

MASS INTENTIONS

◆ MASS INTENTIONS DURING THE COVID PANDEMIC

Mass intentions for each month will be said at the KC Jesuit Community. With fewer daily Masses, our ability to say a Mass for a particular person on a specific date is not possible. However, a Mass will be said for the requested intention during the specified month.

MAY MASS INTENTIONS

Pete Guignon†
Rebecca Corlese†

Remember: you can now give to
St. Francis Xavier online at
sfx-kc.weshareonline.org.

When Jesus ascended into heaven, He told the apostles to “wait for the promise of the Father.” For the nine days between the Ascension and the Feast of Pentecost the apostles were in prayer. This first “novena” gifted the apostles with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit: the same gifts we receive with Baptism and Confirmation. Let us pray together to reawaken those gifts and recognize them in these nine days before Pentecost.

What gifts do you pray for: for yourself, your family, your friends, your community, and the world?



NOVENA TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Begin your Novena:

Pause and take several deep breaths and be aware of the loving presence of God, who is with you as you continue this faith journey.

Prayer: Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth Your Spirit and they shall be created, and You will renew the face of the earth.

Read Scripture and reflection for appropriate day.

Closing Prayer:

Holy Spirit, give us the grace to be open to you in our lives. Let us recognize the gifts you have given us and use them for your greater honor and glory. Fill our community with the zeal of your Spirit and send an outpouring of your Spirit on our parish, our families, and on ourselves.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen

Day 1, May 14: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

The **Spirit of the Lord** rests upon us frequently - sometimes like a clap of thunder and sometimes in the stillness of our hearts.

- + When have I been aware of the Spirit in my life?
- + What can I do to be more open to the Spirit speaking to me?
- + How is the Spirit speaking now?

Return to closing prayer.

Day 2, May 15: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

Wisdom is the gift of the Spirit that lets us see things with God’s eyes. Wisdom opens our minds to the importance of keeping God and others in our lives. The wonders of nature, historical events, and the ups and downs of our lives take on deeper meaning. Wisdom is a desire to live up to the ways of God.

- + How can I use the gift of Wisdom to see God’s hand in all that comes my way?
- + Where do I fit into God’s plan for family, church, the world?

Return to closing prayer.

Day 3, May 16: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

Understanding gives us an accepting heart. It gives us the ability to accept and discern God’s message. Understanding allows us to care, listen, and forgive others. It helps us comprehend the meaning of God’s message.

- + How can I use the gift of Understanding in my life?
- + Where do I need this gift in my life now?
- + How can I share my gift of Understanding with others?

Return to closing prayer.



Day 4, May 17: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

Counsel, also known as the gift of Right Judgment, blesses us with the ability to make right and wise decisions. It enables us to judge how best to act. It brings light to our hearts and helps us recognize God’s will for our actions.

- + When do I need the gift of Counsel in my life?
- + When have I relied on seeking God’s will for me through the help of the Holy Spirit?
- + How can I more openly seek this gift?

Return to closing prayer.

Day 5, May 18: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

Fortitude gives us the **Courage** to do what is right. It gives us the strength to call out evil when needed and to take a stand against it. It helps us persevere in seeking good for others and overcoming the challenges we face.

- + When have I needed Courage to stand up for something good?
- + When have I needed Fortitude to resist temptation or direct my life toward the good choice?
- + What in my life today that requires this gift?

Return to closing prayer.

Day 6, May 19: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

Knowledge allows us to understand the meaning and purpose God has for us and to live up to that meaning. It is the ability to comprehend the truths of the universe. Knowledge allows us to get to know God better each day and to make God an active part of our lives. It is the ability to explore God's revelation not in an intellectual way but an intimate way, as a part of our daily lives, always there in all things.

- + Do I spend time getting to know God intimately?
- + Do I talk and listen to God as a friend, child, or lover?
- + What can I change to make myself more open to knowing God better?

Return to closing prayer.

Day 7, May 20: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

Piety brings to our soul a **Reverence of God** and a respect for others and all creation. It opens us to pray with true devotion. It takes our relationship with God beyond a sense of duty and gives us the desire to worship and pray. It awakens a joy in being children of God and brings praise to our lips. It allows us to pray with confidence in all situations, for all things and all people.

- + When was a time I felt a deep Reverence for God and expressed it through prayer?
- + Do I struggle with praying, going to Church?
- + Have I talked with God about my struggle?

Return to closing prayer.

Day 8, May 21: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

Fear of the Lord, also known as **Wonder and Awe in God's Presence**, is a sense of the greatness and majesty of God coupled with a deep realization of God's nearness. It is a feeling of amazement and closeness we do not want to lose. The greening of Spring, the blooming of flowers, a newborn baby, seeing mountains, the kindness of others, the hug of friends, and sometimes within your soul during prayer your being is filled with God's presence. We realize how great is God and how small we are and our need for God's love and relationship.

- + When have I been filled with the amazement in God?
- + Does God's love for me ever overwhelm me and how do I acknowledge that to God?

Return to closing prayer.

Day 9, May 22: *The Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him: a spirit of wisdom and of understanding, a spirit of counsel and of strength, a spirit of knowledge and of fear of the LORD, and his delight shall be the fear of the LORD. Isaiah 11:2*

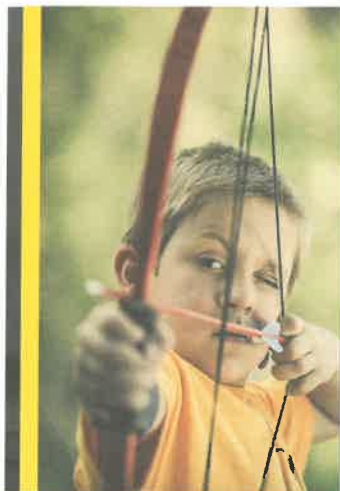
The Fruits of the Holy Spirit. The Fruits of the Holy Spirit are love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, modesty, self-control, and chastity. The **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** which come through Baptism and Confirmation are given to us freely. The **Fruits of the Holy Spirit** come gradually from inner growth. The Fruits are the produce of the awareness and use of the Gifts. "By their fruits you will know them." Matthew 7:16

- + What fruit would I like to cultivate?
- + What parts of my tree need pruning so growth can take place?
- + How do I recognize the fruits of the Spirit in other people?

Return to closing prayer.



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CUBSCOUTS



THE ADVENTURE STARTS HERE → [BEASCOUT.ORG](https://www.beascout.org)

Escape the Great Indoors, with Cub Scout Pack 4025!

Come Fishing with us on May 15th, 9:30am.

Meet at St. Francis Church, 5210 Troost KCMO 64113

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