



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

## SFX UPDATE – June 25, 2021

### All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

*The parish offices will close for Independence Day at noon on Friday, July 2 and will reopen at 9:00 am on Tuesday, July 6.*

*"For to be free is not merely to cast off one's chains, but to live in a way that respects and enhances the freedom of others." Nelson Mandela*

#### 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](#).

**Update on SFX COVID Policy for Masses: A more cautious return to "normal". Covid cases are on the rise again in KC** where the new Delta variant has been found in waster water.

- We have removed the social distancing requirement for Masses, however if you are immuno-compromised we encourage you to sit on the sides or in the back of church where you can distance more easily.
- We are still requiring people to wear masks for attending Mass until the end of June. At that time, we will look at the data and determine if we begin to relax the mask policy in July. *We appreciate your patience and care for one another.*
- The musicians and cantors will still use the shields.

#### 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.)

**New Bulletin Look!** As we continue to find ways to improve our communication tools, we are giving our bulletin a new look. Pick one up this weekend and let us know what you think!

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**ARCHITECTURAL TOUR 49-63 NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP** - A tour celebrating the historic architecture of St. Francis Xavier Church will be held Saturday, June 26 at 2:00pm. This 45-minute tour of the interior and exterior of the Barry Byrne designed edifice (c. 1951), will highlight the elements crafted by Alfonso and Margaret Ianelli, Emil Frei Studios, and others. It will immediately follow the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration of the 4963 Neighborhood Coalition on the Rockhurst University Quad from 11:00am-2:00pm, featuring food trucks, live music, and other fun. St. Francis Xavier parishioners played a vital role in establishing 4963 as the city's first neighborhood coalition, and thus working against the injustices of entrenched red-lining and blockbusting practices. All are welcome and encouraged to attend both events.

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**SURVEY SAYS!!!** Thanks again to the **82 people** who took time to fill out our summer survey. Here are some more insights we received:

- *Q6 As we move forward, would you prefer to attend Zoom meetings or in-person meetings at SFX? 52% of respondents stated they could meet either way, 9% preferred Zoom, and the remaining preferred to meet in person.*
- *Q7 In which Justice & Life ministries would you participate? The top 5 J & L areas of focus were: Anti-racism efforts (72%); book discussions (49%); voter registration (45%); RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, & Migrants) (35%); serving at Moring Glory or One City Café (27%). When asked which is the most important, many respondents noted the interconnectedness of all the issues which makes it difficult to focus on just one. (Q8)*
- *Q9 – In this Ignatian year, which 4 events are you likely to attend?*
  - *A virtual event with a national-known speaker. (64%)*
  - *A movie and discussion on the life of Ignatius (39%)*
  - *A book study on Ignatian Spirituality (36%)*
  - *SFX 101 (a 90-minute class on the life and work Ignatius, the Society of Jesus, Ignatian Spirituality, the Jesuits in Kansas City, and the history and mission of SFX Parish (34%)*
- *Q10 – 17% felt childcare was very important or at least helpful when planning parish activities.*
- *Q11 – 83% are interested in attending social events this summer and many like the idea of an outdoor concert on the lawn.*
- *Q12 – When asked: How are you doing? responses ranged from 0-100, with the average coming in at 78. If you are struggling, please know we are here to provide spiritual support and resources for you.*

Continue to let us know what you need and want to see from SFX. We are here to support you in your faith formation and in your call to respond to the injustices in our world.

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**XAVIER HALL KITCHEN CREW - WE NEED YOUR HELP:** Now that the mask mandate has lifted, we are planning more events at Xavier Hall, our beautiful parish gathering space. To make this work, we need people who are willing to learn how to run the kitchen equipment (coffee pots, dishwashers, etc.) and are willing to stay for set-up and clean-up at parish sponsored events. We'd love to have a list of people we can tap into. It's fun! If you are interested, please know you will be fully trained and supported. Contact Ann Sheridan, [asheridan@sfx-kc.org](mailto:asheridan@sfx-kc.org) or 816-381-9165. Thank you.

**PARISHIONERS SUPPORTING PARISHIONERS, SFX Funeral Ministry:** Similar to the request for help in the paragraph above, we'd like to identify people who are willing to help at funeral luncheons. This could include helping set up and serve the luncheon, bringing a casserole or dessert to share, and other acts of kindness towards your fellow parishioners experiencing the loss of a loved one. Many parishes do this very well, and we'd like to get this going at St. Francis Xavier. As "men and women for others" please consider this opportunity to serve. Contact Ann Sheridan at the email address or phone number above.

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**Strong Blessings, Mariann McCormally!** This weekend, Mariann is graduating from Souljourners, a 3-year spiritual direction program offered by the Benedictine Sisters in Atchison, KS. We celebrate you, Mariann, and are grateful for the many beautiful ways you share your faith! *Congratulations!*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD for Ages 5-10 on Zoom at 9:45 and In Person during the 10:30 Mass.** Contact [Mariann](#) for more information and Zoom link.

**Our Marian Devotion Group, "Truly our Mother"** will gather for a meeting and the rosary in honor of the **Immaculate Heart of Mary**, on **Sunday, June 27, 2:00 pm. SFX Chapel**. Members of the group also lead **the Rosary before the Masses** (Saturday 3:30 pm and Sundays 7:30 am). Contact [Gail Fein](#) for more information. Click [HERE](#) for St. John Paul II's Prayer to the Immaculate Heart of Mary.

**FIRST SATURDAY PRAYER WALKS Saturday, July 3, 9:30-10:30 am** at [Arleta Park](#) at 77<sup>th</sup> and Prospect. We'll gather near the playground. **Saturday, August 7, 9:30-10:30 am** at *Kaufman Memorial Gardens at 4800 Rockhill Road. We'll gather near the entrance. Meet and share faith* with parishioners. Discover a new part of the city. Find God in All Things - east and west of Troost. All ages welcome. Rain or shine. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

**ADULT FAITH FORMATION SUMMER BOOK READ: "Love, Loss and Endurance" by Bill Tammus.** Two decades after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, America still is reeling. Award-winning journalist Bill Tammus was among those who suffered the personal loss of a relative that day. In this book, Tammus tells the story of 9/11. He helps us to understand **the many sources of religious extremism -- and what can be done to stop it.** Finally, he invites us to **reclaim core values that can help all of us become peacemakers** in today's tumultuous world. The book is available (in paperback) wherever books are sold. **Save the date: Thursday, September 9, 7:00 pm.** We will gather as a parish community to remember 9/11, discuss the book and pray to become peacemakers. For more information contact [Mariann](#).

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**JUSTICE & LIFE FALL RETREAT & PLANNING COMMITTEE** – It's time to start planning our Fall J & L retreat and I really need your help! Also, consider being a part of a newly forming J & L Committee (similar to the Adult Faith Formation Committee) that would host and plan J & L events for our parish. Please contact [Sue](#) for more information.

**REFUGEE SUPPORT** – Thank you for your many donations, emails, and words of support for this wonderful family. If you know of a place they can rent in December, please contact [Jody](#) or [Bill](#) as they only have their current home for 6 months. 100% of any financial donations we receive will be used for the family. If you write a check, please indicate it is for REFUGEE SUPPORT. Check out the [items they still need](#). The generous response has been in typical SFX style! Thank you!

**HEAR WHAT WAS HAPPENING IN GEORGIA IN THE 1940'S---PONDER ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR TODAY** - Interested in the problem of racism? And peace, Jesus' Way? If so, you might be interested in gathering to watch this one-hour documentary *Briars in the Cotton Patch* about Clarence Jordan and then spending a few weeks reading and discussing his challenging interpretation of the Sermon on the Mount.

Clarence was a Baptist minister with a bachelor's degree in agriculture and a PhD in Greek. He started an interracial farming community in Georgia in the 1940's. He also translated the New Testament into the vernacular of the south. He lived the reality of Jesus' Way in the South 80 years ago! His message can be life transforming if we have the courage to let it be so. We will gather for the movie on **Thursday evening, July 22 at 6:30 pm**. Let [Sue](#) know if you're interested so we can determine the best location to host the movie. There *WILL* be popcorn and drinks!

**Rosary Rally prior to Police Board meeting - Tuesday, July 27, 2021** Gather with other parishes between 8:30 - 8:45 at the south end of Ilus Davis Park directly across from City Hall. At 8:50 we'll walk down the street (1/2 block) to Police HQ. Once in front of HQ, we'll start the Rosary. After the Rosary concludes, anyone who wants to attend the Police Board meeting may do so.

Signs like *Black Lives are Sacred. Black Lives Matter. Local Control. Names of BIPOC people killed by KC police, or other appropriate signage* are encouraged. For more information, contact [Sue](#).

**Wednesday Morning CuraCommunity** – In this Ignatian 500 year, the Wednesday morning *Cura* group is exploring Ignatian Spirituality more deeply. Join us every other Wednesday for an hour as we deepen our understanding of Ignatian concepts. Our next meeting will be Wednesday, July 7 at 10:00 am. We will continue to find God in all things and talk about consolation and desolation. If mornings don't work for you, consider joining our bi-weekly Thursday evening group. Contact [Sue](#) for the Zoom links.

**IT'S TIME TO HELP MIGRANT FARMWORKERS AGAIN!** Thank you! The donations are coming in! You may drop off items in the back of church or bring them to the parish during

office hours. We would like all donations by July 18 so we can deliver them before the farmworkers arrive.

This year, we are collecting the items listed below and have **3 dates** to serve - August 30, September 27, and October 18. ***Additionally, this month there are opportunities to go out during the week to help with special projects to prepare for their arrival.***

Let Sue know if you're interested in taking a beautiful drive into rural Missouri and helping on a Monday evening or during the week. Safety protocols will be followed. Also, as you eat fresh produce this summer, please remember and pray for those farmworkers who tended and harvested it. Thank you for your generosity.

- t-shirts - medium & large
- men's jeans - medium and large sizes - slightly worn is fine
- baseball caps
- men's lightweight long-sleeved shirts Medium & large - the pickers wear these when they're up on ladders in the trees.
- tube socks - white or gray - 9-11 size, knee high
- hygiene kits - gallon Ziplock bags, zipped tightly **w/ full size items** - deodorant, shampoo, bar of soap, washcloth, toothbrush, and toothpaste. *If you work or social group would like to collect these items and make up hygiene kits, it would be a huge help!*
- Zaditor or Alloway eyedrops, or the CVS, Walgreens, or Walmart equivalent. Small bottles are best. The pickers are out in the heat looking up toward the sun, so these drops help moisten and protect their eyes.
- Dry pinto beans
- Dry white rice (not instant)

**SFX TOTE BAGS** – We have about 30 tote bags left. Don't miss this opportunity to get one. They are available for a \$10 donation as we raise funds for our Hearth Room furniture. Contact Sue.

### [Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others](#)

**MISSOURIANS FOR ALTERNATIVES TO THE DEATH PENALTY VIRTUAL ANNUAL MEETING – Saturday, June 26, 2021 12:30-3:00** – Register for their [virtual annual meeting](#) and join other activists from around the state who advocate and work tirelessly for alternatives to the death penalty. So much work needs to be done on behalf of those sentenced to die and your voice is needed!

**Rockhurst University Religious Art at The Nelson** "Objects of Devotion: Highlights from Rockhurst University's Van Ackeren Collection of Religious Art," will be on view at the Nelson-Atkins Museum through June 17, 2022. The Museum is free of charge and is open to visitors. Click [here](#) for visitor information. Click on [LEARN MORE HERE](#) for information about the exhibition.

### **[From the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City 2021 – 2022 Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life](#)**

*The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City offers the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life retreat every year from September to May. This 8 to 9-month long individually-directed retreat in everyday life is for persons desiring to know and love Christ more*

deeply in order to follow Him more closely. This retreat in everyday life means that you will pray daily with specific exercises and then go about your day as usual. It is individually-directed in that you will be accompanied weekly by an Ignatian prayer guide who will companion you uniquely for this retreat journey.

We are currently taking applications for the 2021 – 2022 season. To find out more, visit us at [www.ignatiancenterkc.org](http://www.ignatiancenterkc.org) and click on Community, then “Make the 8 Month Exercises.”

If you have any questions or would like further info, please email Stephanie Hudson at [shudson@ignatiancenterkc.org](mailto:shudson@ignatiancenterkc.org) or call (816)381-9168.

### **Walking and Praying with St. Ignatius: An Ignatian Virtual Pilgrimage**

**Saturday, July 24 – Friday, July 30, 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM** **Cost: \$25 - \$50**

Be a pilgrim this summer without leaving home! Follow in St. Ignatius footsteps as he learned little by little how to let go of his ego-inspired dream and become attuned to God’s dream for him. Each evening you will receive prayer points and inspiration based on the wisdom of St. Ignatius’ experience. Find God the next day as you walk and pray. Connect and share your experience with other pilgrims in optional small groups beginning on Sunday, July 25 at 6:15 PM. For more information and to register, please visit our events page [www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events](http://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events) and look for Ignatian Virtual Pilgrimage.

### **Summer Blessings!**

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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