



# WELCOME

## ST. FRANCIS XAVIER PARISH TOWN HALL MEETING

*HOSTED BY THE SFX PASTORAL COUNCIL*

June 13, 2021

*THIS MEETING IS BEING RECORDED*



# OPENING PRAYER

“As we journey through this Ignatian Year, may we be shown the path to you, God of all people, and live out our vocation, becoming the person you have invited us to be. Give us the grace to work for reconciliation every day: with you, with others and with your creation. Open our eyes so we might see all things new in Christ. Amen”

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# AGENDA

FAITH FORMATION –Mariann McCormally

SFX JUSTICE & LIFE - Sue Robb

LITURGY COMMITTEE – Steve Bruns

PASTORAL COUNCIL - Steve Bruns

FINANCE COUNCIL – Kaler Bole

BUILDING COMMITTEE – Larry Skogerson, Vincent Gauthier

OTHER OPERATIONAL UPDATES – Ann Sheridan

GENERAL DISCUSSION / Q&A

CLOSING PRAYER





FAITH  
FORMATION  
UPDATES

MARIANN MCCORMALLY  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE, FAITH  
FORMATION

(Read out by Ann Sheridan)

# Faith Formation – Spring 2021



## Sacramental Prep and Liturgy

Baby Baptisms (seven w/ two more scheduled for June!)

- (work w/ parents and godparents and coordinating w/ priests)

Children's Liturgy of the Word: Zoom and In-Person

- (10-20 children ages 5-10) – shoutout to Sara Norena

First Communion Prep and Celebration (7 candidates)

- Shoutout to Elise Antista and Stephanie McElwrath

RCIA (one candidate)

- Shoutout to Barb Fegley and Linda Pearson

Adult Confirmation (one candidate)

# Faith Formation – Spring 2021

First Saturday Prayer Walks (April-May-June)

Graduation Yard Signs and Blessing at Mass

Soul Food Tuesday (10-15 participants)

Fratelli Tutti “Brothers and Sisters All” Study (two groups)

Vis-SFX Hunger Banquet – KC Mothers in Charge

Soup & Spirituality Retreat w/ Stephanie Pino-Dressman

Armchair Mystic Group w/ Ignatian Spirituality Center

Pentecost Novena -shoutout to Ruth Noel

Experiencing Gratitude: Mandala Workshop – shoutout to Kathy Malone

Marian Devotion Group – Weekly Rosaries

Centering Prayer Group – Monthly Meetings

Women’s Directed Retreat (Sue and Mariann)

Mariann Offering One-on-One Spiritual Direction and Group Spiritual Direction



# Faith Formation – Summer 2021

## Ministry that Continues

Baby Baptisms

Children's Liturgy of the Word

Spiritual Direction

First Saturday Prayer Walks (July 3 and August 7)

## Summer Work

“Love, Loss and Endurance” Book Read in advance of September 9 Remembrance of 9/11

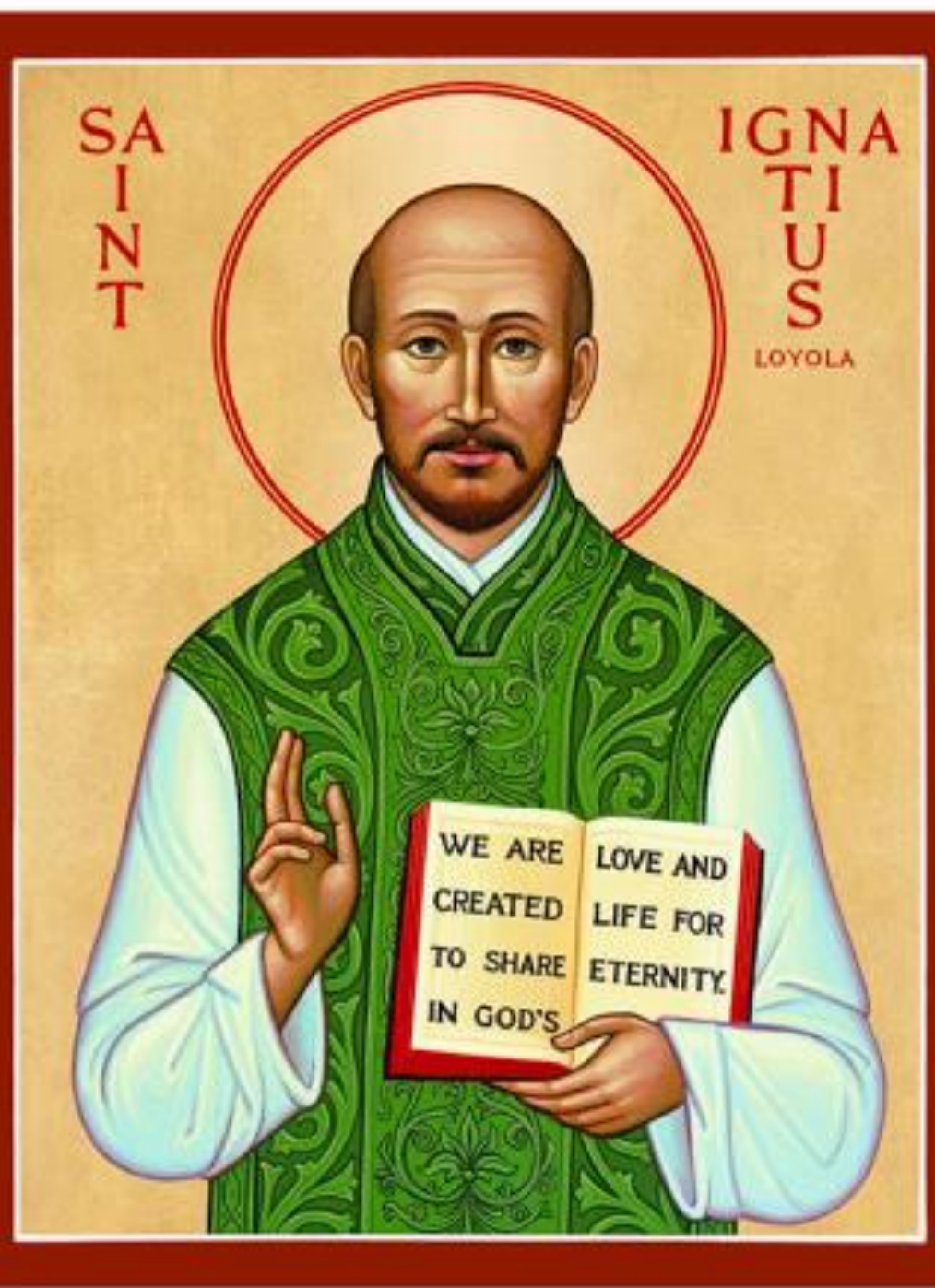
Prep work for “Jesus, A Pilgrimage” Parish Book Read for 2021-2022

Planning and Preparing for Fall Programs

Recruiting and Training New Volunteers

Mariann Vacation and Retreat





## Faith Formation –Fall 2021

### Rebuilding

- Middle School and High School Youth Groups
- Family Faith
- Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4

### Confirmation 2022 Prep Class

### Ignatian Year Programming (for all ages)





SFX JUSTICE  
& LIFE  
UPDATES

SUE ROBB  
PASTORAL ASSOCIATE  
JUSTICE & LIFE

# The Past Year

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Food pantry was open and fully operational throughout Covid; Community Garden continued to provide fresh produce. Shoutout to Tim Driscoll and truck, bagging, and delivery crews and Peg Hornsby and team.

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Distributed Christmas Baskets and \$25 Aldi gift cards to 90+ families.

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Hosted bi-weekly public witnesses last summer which drew 20-50 people from SFX and neighboring parishes.

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Offered book discussions on *White Fragility*, *How to be an Anti-Racist*, and *Caste*.

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Offered a 3-part series pertaining to End of life – Advance Directives, Hospice & Palliative Care, and Legal aspects of End of Life

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Continued to support Migrant Farmworkers through donations and presence in Lexington during picking season.

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Worked on special projects – the surveys, Covid protocols, and designing Advent/Lenten mailings.

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Formed 2 *Cura*Communities which continue to meet every other Wednesday and Thursday.

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Joined with St. Therese Little Flower to promote Voter Registration – shoutout to Tom Bradshaw and Christine Rankin

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Offered Zoom Prayer services on Thanksgiving morning and New Year's Day morning.

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Provided free notary services to Missouri residents.

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Offered Spiritual Direction to parishioners and Jesuit Volunteers

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Members of Health Committee attempted to call older parishioners to check on them – shoutout to Bill Schmidt for his leadership on this!

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Was out for 2+ months  
for back surgery



# Present and future...

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The office purge

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Hosted virtual Iftar with Dialogue Institute of KC

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Registered to attend Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice November 6-8 (7 spots remain)

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Offered Women's Pentecost Directed Retreat w/ Mariann

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Developed survey

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Offered George Floyd Prayer Service on 1-year Anniversary

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Offering free Spiritual Direction to parishioners and Jesuit Volunteers

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Sponsoring a refugee family – shout-out to Jody & Bill Craig

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Setting up Auschwitz exhibit

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Reconnecting with individual ministries and assessing future direction

# Survey Results Questions 1-5

Total Respondents - 81, 80% of whom are attending Mass in person. The majority of the remaining 20% have unvaccinated children or are immuno-compromised and don't feel safe yet. (Q1)

We received 4.9/5 on our Covid protocols and 4.8/5 on our Communication. Many people expressed appreciation for the Friday SFX Update and noted it as their primary source of communication. (Q2, Q3, Q4)

Re:, 60% of respondents used the Advent and Lenten packets and especially appreciated the little black/purple books; 12% thought they were OK, and 20% didn't use them. Some people noted they didn't receive them. If you are NOT a new parishioner and are not receiving our mailings, let us know. (Q5)

Meetings: In person or Zoom – 40% are OK meeting in person; 8% still want to meet via Zoom, and 52% are OK either way. Our challenge will be to make meetings accessible both ways to accommodate preferences.

## Survey Results Questions 6-8

Of the 12 J&L ministries/issues listed, respondents ranked the top 5 as:

- Anti-Racism (71%),
- Book Discussions (50%),
- Voter Registration (46%),
- RIM (36%)
- Serving meals at Morning Glory and One City Café (27%)

We will continue to be a parish that provides opportunities to serve *all* justice needs to which people feel called.

(Q 7 & Q8)

# Survey Results

## Question 9

To celebrate the Ignatian 500 year, respondents are interested in:

A virtual event with a nationally known Jesuit speaker (65%)

A movie/discussion on the life of Ignatius (38%)

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%)

## Survey Results Questions 10-11

10% of respondents felt childcare was VERY helpful; and to 76% it was not applicable (Q10)

Social events – over 83% of respondents are ready for social events, several preferring outdoor events.

- Ideas ranged from a softball game to movie night, dinner on the lawn, bingo in XH, coffee between Masses, social justice discussions, a concert...
- New parishioners are eager to get to know others!



# Survey Results

## Questions 12-13

### How are you doing now? (Q12)

- The average rating for all responses on a scale of 1-100 was 79
  - high = 100 and a low = 0
  - We are here for you!

### How can we support?/What do we need to know? (Q13)

#### Priorities:

- Reach out to new parishioners
- Maintain multiple formats for participation
- Find ways to connect needs of parishioners to those who can help/support.



LITURGY  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATES

STEVE BRUNS  
CHAIRPERSON  
LITURGY COMMITTEE





# LITURGY COMMITTEE UPDATES

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Musicians

Art and Environment

Lector Training

Eucharistic Minister training

Training for Communion to the homebound

Training for Greeters and Ushers



PASTORAL  
COUNCIL  
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STEVE BRUNS  
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PASTORAL COUNCIL



# PASTORAL COUNCIL UPDATES

## OUR TWO- YEAR VISION

- TO PROVIDE ALL PARISHIONERS WITH INCREASED AND VARIED OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY
  - TO WORK TO ENSURE THE LITURGY IS DYNAMIC, ENGAGING AND RELEVANT IN HOMILIES, MUSIC, PRAYERS, AND ENVIRONMENT
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Continuing our journey with Ignatian Spirituality.

Expanded reporting from Finance & Building Committees to the Pastoral Council

Seeking additional members to Council.

New Council is commissioned in September.





FINANCE  
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KALER BOLE  
CHAIRPERSON  
FINANCE COUNCIL



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We at the Finance Council appreciate your support and gifts to our Parish!

What is the role of the Finance Council?





Overview of  
several key  
financial  
metrics  
through May  
2021

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Savings: \$156,616

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Building Fund \$144,543

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Checking Accounts

Parish                      \$171,500

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Includes parish checking, J&L checking,  
and funds in checking for roof project.





# Offertory Comparison

<b>Offertory</b>	<b>July 2020 – May 2021</b>	<b>July 2019 – May 2020</b>	<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Envelopes</li><li>• Online</li><li>• Cash</li></ul>	<b>\$520,141</b>	<b>\$539,105</b>	<b>\$18,964</b>	<b>3.5%</b>



Pledge  
Drive 2021

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Year	Number of Pledges	Dollars pledged
<b>2022</b>	141	\$423,000
<b>2020</b>	109	\$292,869
<b>2019</b>	126	\$312,653

*Thank You For Your Generosity*



BUILDING  
COMMITTEE  
UPDATES



LARRY SKOGERSON  
CHAIRPERSON  
BUILDING COMMITTEE



# Progress on the Flat Roof Project



Approved by Diocese

BNIM finished construction documents

Randy Huber of A. L. Huber will be construction manager

Five roofing contractors have submitted bids;

Selection of roofing contractor should be completed in next week or two and our project will get into queue

When project is completed, we will have 12- year- old or brand-new roofing surfaces

Building Committee has worked closely with BNIM and Randy Huber and are happy with quality of their work



## Other Projects Completed This Year

- Repaired driveway between the church and the parish hall where drive meets Troost Avenue.
- Fixed persistent problem of ground water leaking into parish front office.
- Fixed problem of water leaking from Hearth Room into a first-floor office. We learned a lot about the stone and mortar work and will use this information for future exterior projects.

# Other Projects on the Radar

Study is underway to do comprehensive evaluation and prioritization of building-wide exterior surfaces

- Mortar joints
- Window/ stone joints
- Repair of veneer stones
- Cleaning of veneer stones

- Parking lot
- Sidewalks – move south sidewalk by brick garden away from church to prevent further damage to veneer stones
- Grading of church property to direct water flow away from building
- Windows in church, lighting, window wells



# National Register of Historic Places

Update by Vincent Gautier

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# Operational Updates

ANN SHERIDAN  
PASTORAL  
ADMINISTRATOR







# Operational Updates

## What's going on at Xavier Hall?

- Cordial email exchange with the building owners
- Xavier Hall is now in use, and available.
- Assembling teams to help run the kitchen, etc.
- Working on sound mitigation

## Lawn / Trees / Grounds

Parish Picnic scheduled for Saturday, September 11 following the 4pm Mass.

Hospitality, first weekend every month, waiting a little longer to resume.

Let's get together!





# WRAP UP

THANK YOU FOR JOINING TODAY!

CONTACT THE STAFF, STEVE BRUNS, KALER BOLE, LARRY SKOGERSON, FR. JIM CAIME, OR ANN SHERIDAN FOR MORE INFORMATION

JOIN US NEXT TIME FOR AN IN-PERSON TOWN HALL MEETING ON OCTOBER 9/10 AFTER EACH MASS. THE MEETING FOLLOWING THE 10:30 MASS WILL BE LIVESTREAMED.

*THIS RECORDED MEETING AND THE POWERPOINT WILL BE POSTED ON [SFX-KC.ORG](http://SFX-KC.ORG)*



# CLOSING PRAYER

We pray for the parishioners that have gone before us here at SFX and have given so much of themselves to establish SFX as we know it today. Inspired by their faith and determination may we continue to grow our parish to build the Kingdom of God at 52<sup>nd</sup> & Troost. Amen.