



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

## SFX UPDATE – July 30, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

### UPDATE ON SFX COVID POLICY FOR MASSES AS OF JULY 28

- Masks are required for everyone attending Mass.
- We have marked off every other pew so there is some distancing
- Children's Liturgy of the Word: Mariann and Sara will be masked with the children.
- If you come to the office for an appointment, masks are required as well.

**As always, please consult with your doctor/health care professionals about how best to proceed.**

**If you choose not to attend Mass for health reasons,  
a Particular Dispensation applies granted by the pastor, Fr. Jim**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Jim at [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org).

### 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](#).

### SFX MASS SCHEDULE

Saturdays Vigil: 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.)

**Staff Vacations** - Most staff members will be taking some time away from work in the coming weeks. Here are our vacation schedules. Bold denotes who is out of the office.

**Peggy – July 15-August 27**

**Sue – July 25-August 4**

Fr. Jim – August 5-13

Ann – August 10-15

Please pray for us as we renew ourselves so we can better serve you.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

**Thank you for your generosity in supporting the Missionaries of the Precious Blood in Vietnam.  
We collected over \$2,000!!**

**Come and Celebrate St. Ignatius:** On Sunday, August 1 we will be “celebrating” our Jesuit and Ignatian heritage at our **10:30 a.m. Mass**. Alumni from Jesuit schools, and those working in the local Jesuit works here in town will be coming to celebrate with us. **Fr. Tom Curran, S.J. president of Rockhurst University, will be our homilist at that Mass. After Mass, we will gather in Xavier Hall for light refreshments.** Hope you can come!!

**Interested in Forming an SFX Men's Club?** There will be an initial gathering on **Saturday, July 31 at 10:00 a.m. in Xavier Hall** to determine if there is interest in forming a Men's Club at SFX. The purpose of the group will be about forming friendships, assisting parish organizations, growing in one's spiritual life, ... oh yeah, and having some fun social events. If you are interested, please come to this initial gathering.

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**MAY THE ANGELS COME TO MEET HIM: Rev. Joseph Damhorst, SJ** who served at Rockhurst University 1970-1975 and then at SFX 1975-1980 (as pastor the last three years of the assignment) died on Sunday, July 18 in St. Louis. He was 84. Father Joe donated his body to science. A private Memorial Mass will be held Wednesday, August 4, 7:15 pm. All are invited to join a livestream of the service at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FgKfavgz9Is> Father Joe lived the Jesuit's life – in addition to Kansas City he worked with God's People in St. Louis, Denver, Colorado Springs, Belize, Wyoming and South Dakota, including at the Red Cloud Mission among the Lakota Sioux. He had a deep love for nature and the environment, Native peoples, and the marginalized and neglected. He was known for his wisdom and his kindness and sensitivity to those who were hurting. “All you holy men and women, pray for us!”

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD for Ages 5-10** continues to be offered on Sunday mornings 9:45 am on Zoom and during the 10:30 Mass in person. Miss Mariann and Miss Sara are both vaccinated; we sit socially-distanced in the Chapel; and we go outside for part of each session. Questions? Concerns? Contact [Mariann](#).

**AUGUST PRAYER WALK** Saturday, August 7 at Kaufmann Memorial Gardens (4800 Rockhill Road). 9:30 am. Meet and share faith with parishioners. Discover (or rediscover) a new part of the city. Find God in All Things - east and west of Troost. All ages, strollers, and wheelchairs welcome. Rain or shine. (Sorry – no dogs allowed at Kaufman Gardens). Mark your calendars for September 4 and October 2 for our fall walks. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

**SFXcellent WALKERS and RUNNERS** We have the largest team and have raised the most money for Catholic Charities so far! Have you joined our team for the Outpace Poverty Walk/Run? Saturday, September 18. Theis Park. Go to [SFXcellent Walkers and Runners - Outpace Poverty 5k Run / Walk \(runsignup.com\)](#) to join the team OR to donate.

**IT'S TIME!** Time to sign up for First Reconciliation/First Communion, High School Confirmation, and RCIA classes. We need to order materials. Please contact [Mariann](#) for more information or to register.

**SAVE THE DATE to Remember 9/11** This year marks the twentieth anniversary of the terrorist attacks of September 11. Join us **Thursday evening, September 9, 7:00 pm in the Church** for a time of prayer, reflection, remembrance and commitment to action. **Bill Tammeus**, author of “Love, Loss and Endurance: A 9/11 Story of Resilience and Hope in an Age of Anxiety” will give the reflection. Bill, former religion columnist

for The Kansas Star, has written a powerful book about the personal loss his family suffered on that fateful day (his nephew was killed) and about the dangerous rise of religious extremism in our world. For more information contact [Mariann](#). To purchase a copy of the book contact [Bill Tammeus](#). (Sponsored by the SFX Adult Faith Formation Committee).

**CHRIST PLAYS IN 10,000 PLACES: Free E-book from Jesuits.Org** To celebrate the Ignatian Year 2021-2022, the 500th anniversary of St. Ignatius' conversion, 26 contributors have come together to create a free e-book of **Ignatian prayers, poems, reflections and illustrations** entitled "Christ Plays in Ten Thousand Places: Through the Year with Ignatian Spirituality." To download the e-book, please enter your information below and then click the "Sign Up" button. Links to download the e-book will be e-mailed to you immediately. Just go to this link: <https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/su/FcSDJ28>

**IRISH FEST!** The SFX Sister Parish Committee is again raising funds to assist in our mission with our Sister Parish, St. Martin de Porres in Belize City. We will be managing a beverage tent at the 2021 Irish Fest. The Irish Fest is located at Crown Center and the dates are September 3, 4 and 5. Signup sheets for the volunteer shifts will be available in Narthex of the church **after all Masses** this weekend. For more information contact Jim Bell: [jbelle@biomicrobics.com](mailto:jbelle@biomicrobics.com) , 914-449-7505 (days) or 913-432-7766 (evenings).

**Auschwitz Exhibit Tickets** – The exhibit is powerful, educational, and heart-wrenching. If you would like to go as part of an SFX group (possibly in mid-November), please contact [Sue](#).

**Anti-Racism Committee (ARC)** - ARC will meet again on **Sunday, August 8 at 9:00 am** in Xavier Hall. Come join this active ministry working to educate ourselves, make our parish more welcoming and diverse, and promote systemic change in the community. All are welcome!

**Neighborhood Justice Center** - After a pull back during the pandemic, our Neighborhood Justice Center at SFX is open for business. We are volunteer attorneys and paralegals providing legal services to people living in Kansas City's urban core, who cannot afford to pay for such services and whose needs are not being met by Legal Aid. Many, but not all, of our clients come to us through the food pantry at SFX and neighboring parishes. If you are interested in helping and have legal or computer technical support skills, please contact Tom Bradshaw at [tbradshaw2111@gmail.com](mailto:tbradshaw2111@gmail.com).

**Mark your Calendars! The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to SFX!** Lifesaving blood needs are extraordinarily high this summer. Sign up to donate at SFX on **Thursday, August 26 from 1:00-6:00 pm**. Call 1-800-733-2767 or visit [www.RedCrossBlood.org](http://www.RedCrossBlood.org) and enter **Sofie** to schedule an appointment. Sofie and her family are SFX parishioners and Sofie required 50 transfusions as an infant. She is here today because of the people who gave the gift of life ahead of her need. Please donate if you are able. Contact [Sue](#) for more information.

**SFX TOTES** – They are still available for a \$10 donation as we raise funds for our Hearth Room furniture. To get one, contact [Sue](#).

### **Opportunities from our Apostolates and Others**

*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.

***From First Baptist Church in Kansas City  
100 W. Red Bridge Road KCMO***

Rev. Dezo Schreiner has invited SFXers to attend a patio concert of Live Latin Jazz on Sunday, August 1 at 6:00 pm. First Baptist is affiliated with American Baptist Churches/USA and is an intergenerational and inter-racial congregation with over 10 different nationalities represented. Masking and social-distancing protocols will be followed. For more information go to [First Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO | Home \(fbckcmo.net\)](http://First Baptist Church, Kansas City, MO | Home (fbckcmo.net)).

### Summer Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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