



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

## SFX UPDATE – July 23, 2021

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

#### 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.)

#### Update on SFX COVID Policy for Masses:

- Anyone who is fully vaccinated need not wear a mask. If you wish to wear a mask, please do so.
- We respectfully request that **anyone who is not fully vaccinated remain masked throughout the service.**
- **We have added additional seating on the Mary Altar side for those who wish to be masked AND maintain some social distance.**
- Children's Liturgy of the Word: Mariann and Sara will be masked with the children.
- The Eucharistic Ministers and priest will be masked when distributing Communion.
- The shields will remain up for cantors and musicians.

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, the Mass dispensation still applies (called a Particular Dispensation vs. General Dispensation). If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Fr. Jim at [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org).

**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**

**Fr. Steve – July 22-30**

**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** - This weekend Fr. Lac Pham, C.P.P.S. will be speaking with us during his homily at all the Masses regarding his order's missionary work in Vietnam. We will have a second collection at each Mass if you wish to contribute to the work of their mission. You can also contribute online at our WeShare page: [Missionaries of the Precious Blood, Vietnam ministry](#)

**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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**STRONG BLESSINGS on Oliver Gene Liszkai-Ragan** (son of Amy Michelle Ragan and József Liszkai of Budapest, Hungary) who will be baptized at SFX on Saturday. The Liszkai-Ragan family is visiting Kansas City to introduce Oliver to his American family (Mom Amy is a former SFXer!). May Oliver – and all our children – grow up to know, love and serve God. Gratulálók!

**SUNDAY IS WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS and THE ELDERLY** Pope Francis has established the fourth Sunday of July as the World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. This date is close to the Liturgical Memorial for Jesus’ maternal grandparents Joachim and Anna (July 26). We know that older folks have experience and perspective and an understanding of life’s ups and downs that younger folks do not. This wisdom should not be taken lightly or ignored. We also know that 1 in 7 elderly live in poverty in the United States. Pope Francis calls us to greater respect for and care of the elderly. Learn more about this world-wide celebration [HERE](#). Learn more about the legend of Saints Joachim and Anna [HERE](#).

**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. Children’s Liturgy will resume on July 25.

**SAVE the DATE for our monthly Prayer Walks:** August 7, September 4 and October 2. In August we’ll gather 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. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

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

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**MIGRANT FARMWORKERS UPDATE - SFX, THANK YOU!!** The farmworkers are arriving in Lexington, MO to pick peaches and apples and they will be well cared for, thanks to YOU. Here are our parish totals:

- **254** t-shirts

- **32** men's jeans
- **180** baseball caps
- **190** men's lightweight long-sleeved shirts Medium & large
- **207** pair of tube socks - white or gray - 9-11 size, knee high
- **117** hygiene kits - gallon Ziploc bags, zipped tightly **w/ full size items** - deodorant, shampoo, bar of soap, washcloth, toothbrush, and toothpaste.
- **29** bottles Zaditor or Alloway eyedrops
- **268** pounds Dry pinto beans
- **155** pounds Dry white rice
- **7** Usborne Children's Books in Spanish
- **10** stuffed animals
- **16** washcloths

Check out the bulletin board in the Narthex with pictures of past visits.

**Auschwitz Exhibit Tickets** – Eighteen SFXers and friends attended the exhibit last week. It is powerful, educational, and heart-wrenching and we are so fortunate to have it here in Kansas City. If you would like to go as part of an SFX group (possibly in mid-November), please contact [Sue](#).

**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).

**Book Discussion *Nice Racism: How Progressive White People Perpetuate Racial Harm*** - How does a culture of niceness perpetuate racism? Robin D'Angelo, author of *White Fragility*, has a new book that addresses this. Together, we will explore this issue, look within ourselves, and engage in weekly discussions to continue our journey to become anti-racist. The book discussion will take place on **Thursdays - August 5, 12, and 19 at 9:30 am or 6:30 pm** over Zoom. We'll cover about 4 chapters each week. Order the book today. (If you use Amazon, don't forget to use Amazon Smile and credit SFX :). [Sign up here](#) or contact [Sue](#) for more information.

**Soda can tabs** - Supporting other non-profits doing good work is one thing "SFXcels" at! We continue to collect soda/beer can tabs for Ronald McDonald House. If you have some to donate, please drop them off in the back of church.

**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.

**Savers Clothing Drive and Plastic collection** – If you have clothes, towels, or any “soft goods” to donate, please contact Karen Stigers who is collecting them for a Lion's

fundraiser. Items need to be given to her by **July 31**. Please do not drop them off at church without reaching out to her first!

The Lions are also collecting plastic bags, bubble wrap, and other plastics through the end of the year. Park benches are made with recycled plastic. To get your donations to Karen, please contact her at [karen.stigers@gmail.com](mailto:karen.stigers@gmail.com).

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

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## **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.

#### **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.

**Rosary Rally prior to Police Board meeting** - Please join many other KC parishes at a public Rosary for Racial Justice on **Tuesday morning, July 27**. We will **gather at 8:30AM** at the south end of Illus Davis Park across from City Hall on 11<sup>th</sup> St. At 8:50 we will walk to City Hall where, outside, we will recite the Sorrowful Mysteries. This will be a **peaceful show of support** for our Black and Brown sisters and brothers and show to the wider community that Kansas City Catholics support them in their struggles. Children are also welcomed to participate.

**Do you have a gently used musical instrument in your closet or basement?** **Harmony Project KC**, the flagship program of the Northeast Community Center, is a diverse orchestra of young people from Kansas City's urban core. During after school and weekend hours, students learn to play violin, viola, cello, double bass, flute, and clarinet from top Teaching Artists from around the city. Harmony Project KC was founded locally by former parishioner, Carmen Espinoza. In the 21-22 school year, Harmony Project KC will serve 275 children K-

12 with this free music and mentoring program! You can be a part of this exciting music movement. Attend their upcoming fundraiser Night in Napa, make a donation, or e-mail Kyla to donate a gently used instrument!

**Do you know someone who is searching for a welcoming parish and active faith and justice community?**

If so, please share our weekly updates with them and invite them to:

- join us for Mass
- Watch our livestreamed Mass and subscribe to our YouTube channel.
- Follow our St. Francis Xavier Facebook page and Justice & Life Facebook page.

**Summer Blessings!**

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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