



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

SFX UPDATE – July 9, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

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](#).

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 UPDATE ON SFX COVID POLICY FOR MASSES:

Beginning July 3, 2021:

- 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.**

In making these changes we are also making other adjustments:

- **The far-right side pews - the St. Joseph Altar side - will be designated as socially-distanced- AND-mask-required seating.**
 - This is being done to accommodate people who wish to be socially-distance and wear a mask.
- 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.

The most recent information from the CDC indicates the vaccines are effective against the Delta variant. It is also our belief that 90+% of our congregation is fully vaccinated.

If you typically attend the 10:30 Mass and are concerned about these changes, consider attending the 4:00 pm or 8:00 am Masses. Here are the attendance averages for the three Masses:

4:00 pm - 65 people

8:00 am - 58 people

10:30 am - 170 people

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.

Pastor's Corner - A few months ago, we added "All are welcome" on our homepage. Too often it seems we make judgments about others and turn people into a "them" as opposed to the sacred "other." It is God who invites us and God who loves us. So, who are we to judge?

As Church we are to be a people of welcome, but also a people called to the mission of Christ who reconciles the world to himself. In the Psalm 85 we hear, "Kindness and truth shall meet; justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth, and justice shall look down from heaven. (Ps 85 10-11). When we began our annual parish appeal this year we added the phrase, "Where faith and justice meet at 52nd and Troost", echoing the psalmist.

When people come here to visit or join our parish, I hope they not only sense a genuine welcome, but also see that SFX is a place where faith and justice meet. A bold claim. May God give us the grace to live it in our lives.

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.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION SUMMER BOOK READ: "Love, Loss and Endurance" by Bill Tammeus. Two decades after the terrorist attacks on 9/11, America still is reeling. Award-winning journalist Bill Tammeus was among those who suffered the personal loss of a relative that day. In this book, Tammeus 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](#).

R.I.P. JESUIT FATHER STAN SWAMY: Victim of Injustice Father Stan Swamy, SJ, 84, a leading advocate for adivasis and other marginalized people in India, died in a Mumbai hospital on Monday, July 5. He was unjustly accused and imprisoned last October and, despite his age and frail health, was consistently denied bail. Let us pray for him; let us give thanks for his life given to the service of the poor. Read more news on the website of the [Secretariat for Social Justice and Ecology \(SJES\)](#). More information is also available on the website of the [Jesuit Conference of South Asia \(JCSA\)](#).

IGNATIAN 500: ASTRONOMY and the SPIRITUAL EXERCISES All are welcome to join in the Ignatian Year Talks series by the Jesuits of Kerala, India. On **Monday, July 12, 8:00 am (Central)**, there will be a live presentation by the **Director of the Vatican Observatory, Guy Consolmagno, SJ.** The topic will be **"Trinitarian Gaze upon the World - The astronomical significance of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises"**. [Take part on Zoom.](#)

ARE YOU, OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW, interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic? We are now beginning interviews for the 2021-2022 catechumenate process. Weekly RCIA/Catechumenate **classes will begin in September.** If you are interested in serving as a sponsor, or if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or joining the Catholic Church, please contact [Mariann](#).

FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST COMMUNION and Older Kids' Sacrament Prep 2021-2022 Do you have a child who will be in second grade or older in the fall who will be preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion and/or Baptism? Please contact [Mariann](#) NOW. It's time for us to order materials!

CONFIRMATION 2022 KICK-OFF An Orientation Meeting for **Parents and Teens in Ninth and Tenth grade (or older) Seeking Confirmation** will be held **Sunday, August 29, 12:00-2:00 pm** (lunch included) in Xavier Hall to "kick off" the new Confirmation Preparation Class. This class will be confirmed on March 30, 2022. We offer an INTENSE preparation process. Generally, we will meet twice a month, on Sundays – 10:30 Mass, lunch,

and class 'til 2:00 pm. SIGN UP NOW! Contact [Mariann](#) to register for the meeting and/or for more information.

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? Join us **Thursday evening, July 22 at 6:30 pm.** 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 and translated the New Testament into the vernacular of the south. 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](#).

MIGRANT FARMWORKERS - SFX, your response is heart-warming! The farmworkers come at the end of this month and donations continue to come 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 Sunday, July 18.**

This year, we are collecting the items listed below and have **3 dates** to serve - August 30, September 27, and October 18. Let [Sue](#) know if you're interested in taking a beautiful drive into rural Missouri to help on a Monday evening. Safety protocols will be followed. As you eat fresh produce this summer, please remember and pray for those farmworkers who tended and harvested it. Thank you again 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)
- [Please watch this 8 minute video on the importance of migrant farmworkers.](#)

Auschwitz tickets – The tickets for our July 20 outing are all spoken for, but if you would like to go as a group, I will happily schedule another date. Please contact [Sue](#) if you're interested.

Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice - *Imagining a Path Forward: Reflection. Reckoning. Kinship* – November 6-8, 2021 - Join Jesuit colleagues and companions – young and old – in Washington, DC for this annual

gathering centered on social justice and solidarity. We will spend a weekend learning, reflecting, praying, networking, and ultimately advocating on Capitol Hill for systemic change. The IFTJ is an event where people are empowered, re-energized, inspired, challenged, and supported by a community that sees faith and justice integrally linked. SFX will pay your registration fees, get you a t-shirt, and give a meal stipend. Attendees will pay for flight and hotel. Speakers include Fr. James Martin, SJ, Fr. Bryan Massingale, Sr. Norma Pimentel, Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, and more than 30 others. To reserve one of the 4 remaining spots, contact [Sue](#) asap! Registration closes August 27.

Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants Committee (RIM) - Our active and dedicated RIM committee is made up of parishioners who feel called to support local and border programs that help the marginalized. We will **meet in Xavier Hall THIS Sunday, July 11 from 9:00-10:15 am** (between the Masses). New members are always welcome. For more information, please contact [Sue](#).

Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) - In our summer survey, parishioners overwhelmingly felt SFX should focus our efforts on anti-racism - looking within ourselves, our parish, and our community. The ARC committee will **meet between the Masses from 9:00-10:15 on Sunday, July 18 in Xavier Hall** and we invite you to attend. Bring your ideas on how we can proceed to address this deeply embedded, centuries-old issue. New members are warmly welcome. For more information, please contact [Sue](#).

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**. 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.

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.

Action Alerts!

Earth Watch – Make July Plastic-Free! Say no to straws. Reject single use plastic bottles. Discover your “plastic footprint”. Take a quiz to see how knowledgeable you are about plastic production, use, recycling, and contamination at [Earth Day: The Official Site | EARTHDAY.ORG](#).

For DACA recipients and TPS holders - Creating a pathway to citizenship for undocumented immigrants, DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients and TPS (Temporary Protected Status) holders will ensure they are treated with dignity and respect. Please join the Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology in asking the Senate to provide pathways to citizenship for undocumented immigrants by going to this link: [Action Alert: Tell the Senate to Create a Pathway to Citizenship for Undocumented Immigrants - Jesuits.org](#).

Death Penalty Watch -Recently, the Missouri Supreme Court issued an execution warrant for Ernest Johnson. Johnson is scheduled to be executed on October 5th, 2021 at 6PM. Mr. Johnson meets all the criteria for being intellectually disabled. Please consider signing and sharing Ernest’s petition at www.change.org/save-ernest-johnson. Next steps and [actions for Ernest](#) will be coming soon - [in the meantime here are several](#)

[actions you can do in support](#). For more information and to learn more about Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty, go to [Home | Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty \(madpmo.org\)](#).

SFX TOTE BAGS – 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 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 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 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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