



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

## SFX UPDATE – July 16, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

### SFX MASS SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil: 4:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. (10:30 a.m. Mass will be live-streamed)

Wednesday: 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 on the Mary altar side.**
- 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).

### PASTOR'S CORNER

**Come and Celebrate St. Ignatius: On Sunday, August 1** we will be "celebrating" our Jesuit and Ignatian heritage at our **10:30 am 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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**Staff Vacations:** Staff members will be taking some time away from work in the coming weeks. Here are our vacation schedules:

Peggy: July 15-August 27

Mariann: July 17-24

Sue: July 25-Aug 4

Fr. Jim: August 5-13

Ann: August 10-15

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

**BUILDING COMMITTEE UPDATE:** Last week we signed the contract to replace the flat roofs that abut the taller boat/fish shaped portion of the church. We will report the start date as soon as the materials are available. Total project cost: \$145,215. Many thanks to the SFX Building Committee and to two people in specific – Vincent Gauthier and Larry Skogerson - who were instrumental in making this a reality. Our gratitude extends to the entire parish – to those who contributed to the Building Fund, to those who helped us raise money for the Building Fund, and to all those who support SFX through prayer and service.

**EMPLOYMENT WORKSHOP AND JOB FAIR:** Catholic Charities is hosting an employment workshop and job fair in Xavier Hall on Monday, July 19th. Topics include how to get and keep a job and interviewing skills (9:00 am -11:30 am). Employers will be on-site to meet with attendees (1:00 pm to 3:00 pm). Lunch is provided for attendees. For more information contact Dionne Blake at 816-659-8258 or [dblake@ccharities.com](mailto:dblake@ccharities.com).

**NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD for Ages 5-10 this weekend (neither Zoom, nor in-person).** Mariann is on retreat. Children's Liturgy will resume on July 25.

**FEAST of OUR LADY of MOUNT CARMEL** is celebrated on Friday, July 16. **Our Marian Devotion Group, "Truly our Mother"** will gather for a meeting and the rosary in honor of **Our Lady of Mount Carmel on Sunday, July 18, 2:00 pm. SFX Chapel.** Father Jim will be the guest speaker. All are welcome. Members of the group also lead **the Rosary before the Masses** (Saturday 3:30 pm and Sundays 7:30 am). Contact Gail Fein at [gafein10@gmail.com](mailto:gafein10@gmail.com) more information.

**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 welcome, strollers and wheelchairs. 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. Theis Park. Go to [SFXcellent Walkers and Runners - Outpace Poverty 5k Run / Walk \(runsignup.com\)](#) to join the team OR to donate.

**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](#).

**ARE YOU, OR IS 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.

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**Anti-Racism Committee (ARC):** In our summer survey, parishioners overwhelmingly felt SFX should focus our efforts on anti-racism - looking within ourselves, at our parish, and in our community. ARC will **meet between the Masses from 9:00-10:15 THIS 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 on a personal, parish, community, and advocacy level. New members are warmly welcome. For more information, please contact [Sue](#).

**Interested in the problem of racism? And peace, Jesus' Way?** Join us **THIS Thursday evening, July 22 at 6:30 pm** in the Hearth Room to watch this one hour documentary - *Briars in the Cotton Patch* - about Clarence Jordan, a Baptist minister who started an interracial farm in the 1940's. Let [Sue](#) know if you're interested. There *WILL* be popcorn and drinks!

**Auschwitz Exhibit Tickets:** The tickets for our July 20 outing went quickly, but it sounds like there is interest in getting another group together. 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).

**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 Ilus Davis Park across from City Hall on 11th 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.

**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.

**Migrant Farmworker Update:** SFX, your response has been amazing! The farmworkers are now arriving in Lexington, MO to pick peaches. We are taking all the donations to the MFAF office this

coming Wednesday, July 21 so please bring your donations to church this weekend or drop them off at the parish office. ***If you would like to continue to donate through the growing season (October), your donations will be taken when we go to Lexington to volunteer each month. The need will still be there.***

In addition to the items listed below, we 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 Ziploc 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!*
- Zador or Alloway eyedrops, or the CVS, Walgreens, or Walmart equivalent. Small bottles are best.
- Dry pinto beans
- Dry white rice (not instant)

*Next week, we will give you an update on all you donated!*

**Soda can tabs:** Supporting other non-profits 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.

**Community Garden:** Our beautiful gardens have produced over 170 pounds of fresh vegetables for our neighbors this year! When Kansas City Community Gardens reps visited recently they commented that our gardens looked better than their demonstration gardens! Thanks to all who share their time, talent and treasures to feed our neighbors. If you know of anyone in need of food, please have them call our food pantry at 816-381-9174.

**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 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.

**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. 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 **3** remaining spots, contact [Sue](#) asap! Registration closes August 27.

**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 TOTE BAGS:** They are still available for a \$10 donation as we raise funds for our Hearth Room furniture. To get one, contact [Sue](#). You’re gonna LOVE what we have to offer in August!

### **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](#).

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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.

**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 is an affiliate of the research-based Harmony Project program built by Dr. Margaret Martin, a doctor of Public Health, in LA and 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!

Thank you for reading to the end! Please share these weekly updates with your friends and family who might enjoy our wonderful parish!

Invite them to:

- Attend Mass.
- Watch our live-streamed 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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