



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

SFX UPDATE – August 6, 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 AS OF AUGUST 6

- Masks are required for everyone attending Mass.
- 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.

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](#).

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. Jim – August 5-13

Ann – August 10-16

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

PASTOR'S CORNER - Our pastor is away on a silent retreat. Please pray for Fr. Jim!

Messages from Ann –

We have submitted our annual report to the Diocese with end-of-year numbers for Fiscal Year July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. Increased donations to the Building Fund, SFX Justice & Life ministry along with the Payroll Protection Loan had a significant impact on our year. To learn more and see the financial reports please check out <https://www.sfx-kc.org/events-news/events-and-news/>. Many thanks to the talented SFX Finance Council for their direction and guidance. What a great team!

SFX Parish Picnic - Due to health and safety concerns with the COVID pandemic, the annual St. Francis Xavier Parish Picnic originally scheduled on September 11th is **postponed**. The Picnic Committee will wait until the current infection rates subside before considering a new date for the picnic. It may be this Fall or next Spring. We will keep you posted. Thanks for understanding.

Kitchen Crew and Funeral Ministry – Thank you to everyone who replied with interest! We plan to get rolling on these initiatives later in August or early September once we are fully staffed again after summer vacations and retreats. We will be back in touch with everyone who responded... I promise! Thank you for your patience.

IGNATIAN YEAR PILGRIMAGE with the Jesuits US Central and Southern Province - Join us on Zoom for **Pilgrimage Stop #1 – Grand Couteau, Louisiana on Thursday, August 12, 7:00-9:00 pm** (Central Time). During the year we will be connecting virtually with our Ignatian Family all over the Central and Southern Province (Grand Couteau, Denver, Belize, New Orleans, Puerto Rico, Tampa, St. Louis, Houston, El Paso). At each stop we'll learn more about the work of the Jesuits there, join in a Mass with presider and homilist Provincial Tom Greene, listen to a retreat talk (this stop – Father Mark Thibodeaux speaking on the Ignatian Pathway to God), have a chance to share in small group conversation, and pray the Examen together. In January 2022 the pilgrimage will be here in Kansas City! **Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86745724559>**
Meeting ID: 867 4572 4559. For more information contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) or go to [Office of Ignatian Spirituality - Central & Southern Province \(jesuitscentralsouthern.org\)](https://www.jesuitscentralsouthern.org).

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.

BACKPACK BLESSING - August 14/15 at all the Masses we will have a special blessing for our children, teens and adults going back to school. Plan to bring your backpack or your laptop for a blessing. For more information, contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org).

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.

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) on the Hearth Room patio 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. Maddie Shriver (RU ‘2020) and Philip Calcagno (RU ‘2017) are our small group leaders. SIGN UP NOW! Contact [Mariann](#) to register for the meeting and/or for more information.

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).

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.

JESUS, A PILGRIMAGE Parish Book Read - This year, September – April, we will be reading James Martin, SJ book “Jesus, A Pilgrimage.” And Father Martin will zoom in with us about half-way through! Interested in joining a group? Willing to host a group (either in your home, at SFX, or on Zoom)? Please contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

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**. Please plan to stop by and say hello!

Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) - ARC will meet again **this Sunday, August 8 at 9:00 am** in Xavier Hall, distanced and masked. 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!

Nice Racism Book Discussion – Join us Thursday evening at 6:30 pm over Zoom for our second of three discussions over Robin DiAngelo’s new book, *Nice Racism*. Contact [Sue](#) for the Zoom link.

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.

The American Red Cross Bloodmobile is coming to SFX! Appointments are still available and 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 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.

CuraCommunities – We have 2 groups of parishioners who meet every other week over Zoom. Our Wednesday morning group meets at 10 am and discusses Jesuit principles, such as finding God in all things, consolation and desolation, magis, and being women and men for others. Our 7:00 pm Thursday group catches up on the happenings in the parish and checks in on one another. Contact [Sue](#) for the Zoom link.

Solidarity Newsletter – Pick up a copy of our bi-monthly J & L newsletter. Do you have a justice cause you would like to see SFX support? Contact [Sue](#).

Community Garden Update - Our faithful volunteers have harvested over 300 pounds of produce this year for our neighbors! God is good and so are our volunteers!

Notary services available – If you live in Missouri and need something notarized, Sue will notarize it for you, for free! Contact her to set up an appointment.

Have things you need shredded? Bring your confidential papers to SFX Monday-Friday during business hours and place them in our locked shred bin.

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.



From Grandparents against Gun Violence - Rally with Our Coast-to-Coast “Grands” on August 14 Plan to join with our colleagues in Seattle and Cape Cod as the three grandparent groups show united concern about gun violence. Gather from **10 am to noon at Theis Park, just east of the Plaza and south of the shuttlecocks on the lawn of The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art on 47th Street, between Oak and Cherry.** Create your own sign, display a Grandparents Against Gun Violence sign (we’ll have some at the rally) or show your Vison Quilt panel if you’ve made one. We hope to see many of

you standing with us. Have questions, email moksgagv@gmail.com. Why August 14? For many years the Cape Cod Grandmothers Against Gun Violence has demonstrated with signage at different locations on the 14th of every month. It's another way of remembering the Sandy Hook tragedy that took place on December 14, 2012. This combined August rally is a great opportunity to support our fellow advocates from Washington and Massachusetts.

Summer Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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