



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

SFX UPDATE – September 24, 2021

All are welcome at St. Francis Xavier Parish

SFX COVID Policy for Masses

- Masks are required for everyone attending Mass.
- 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.

Do you know someone 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](#).

Save the Date! The SFX Pastoral Council is hosting a Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 10th at 1:00pm via Zoom. We have a lot of great news to share, and we'd like to hear your feedback and ideas for our parish. Please mark your calendars and plan to join us for a fast-paced, informative meeting. See you there!

Pastor's Corner–

We have a great deal to be proud of here at SFX. When visitors come and look at our bulletin, they are amazed at all the activities in the parish from faith formation to social justice outreach and education.

As I mentioned this past weekend at all the Masses, I received a letter from a parishioner regarding what he believed was a waning of our hospitality. Yes, our COVID precautions and restrictions have put a damper on social activities, but it is not the only way to welcome people here.

I invite you to make an intentional effort in the coming weeks, not only to reach out to someone you think is new, but someone you have seen, but whose name you cannot remember. (No worries, we can always use the excuse of wearing masks to fall back on when we do not recognize someone.) Over the next few weekends, I think it would be good to have name tags. It will take a little extra time when you come to church, but if Jesus calls us by name, shouldn't we do that for each other?

[Parish Tutorial on Welcoming People](#)

Music Ministry: We are looking for people who might wish to be cantors for our weekend Masses. If you are interested, please email Laura Worms at r.worms@sbcglobal.net. All potential cantors must audition.

SFX Men's Group:

We are sponsoring a **Golf Outing** - Oct. 5 at 12:30pm, Hillcrest Golf Course, followed by dinner at BB's Lawnside BBQ at 5:00pm. Contact Dan Bonderer, dlbonder@gmail.com, to register or more info.

Retreat Dec. 9-12, Jesuit White House Retreat, St. Louis. For retreat or to get on our email list contact Tom Bradshaw, tbradshaw2111@gmail.com. We have been assigned 18 slots for the retreat with 7 men registered to date. Deadline for registering is mid Oct.

SFXcellent WALKERS and RUNNERS – VICTORY! Catholic Charities raised over \$85,000 at last Saturday's **Outpace Poverty 5 K** and **SFX had the largest team, was the top fundraiser, and had one of the top individual fundraisers** (yay! Marty Yadrick!). WOW. We won a visit from an ice-cream truck (date, time, details to be announced)! The real prize, of course, is coming together to make God's good world, better. Thanks team and donors!

Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors meet Sunday, September 26 for 10:30 Mass followed by lunch and class in Xavier Hall. Please pray for our young people! For more information contact [Mariann](#).

Soul Food Tuesday

Tuesdays, 11:00am – 12:00noon on Zoom

September 28, October 12, 26, November 9, 23, 30, December 14, 21

Join us for this study/prayer group inspired by the work of Franciscan Father Richard Rohr. Soul Food Tuesday has been part of our SFX Adult Faith Formation offerings since 2014. Participation in the group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. New members are always welcome. The "content" of each month's sessions will be determined in consultation with the participants. September 28 we'll be focused on Pope Francis' call to mark September 1 – October 4 as the Season of Creation. As always, we'll have time for sharing our joys and concerns. Click [HERE](#) for the Zoom link. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

HeART and Soul is back!

Tuesday, October 5, 11:00am - 12:30pm on Zoom

Join SFX Parishioners Nancy Seibolt and Peg Hornsby in using mixed media as a way to express what is on our minds and in our hearts. This is NOT a gathering of artists. It's a kind of *visio divina* or art journaling. No previous experience necessary. No fee. Nancy and Peg are graduates of the Ignatian Spirituality Center "Prayer Companions" certificate program. For more information, Zoom link, and supply list contact [Mariann](#).

OCTOBER PRAYER WALK Saturday, October 2, at Mill Creek Park (Emanuel Cleaver II Blvd and Mill Creek Pkwy). **9:30am**. Meet at the Fountain. We'll walk and talk and share faith. Come discover (or rediscover) a new part of the city. Find God in All Things - east and west of Troost. All ages, strollers, and wheelchairs (and dogs on leashes) welcome. Rain or shine. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

Easing Into Contemplative Prayer: Virtual Group Prayer Retreat Thursday mornings, October 14-November 18, 10:00-11:30am. Mariann McCormally and Nancy Seibolt will guide participants through a retreat exploring and experiencing various ways of praying using Father Mark Thibodeaux, SJ, book "Armchair Mystic." Go to [Easing Into Contemplative Prayer:](#)

[Virtual Group Prayer Retreat — Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City \(ignatiancenterkc.org\)](#) for more information and to register.

Are you, or someone you know, interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic? Weekly RCIA/Catechumenate classes will begin on Sunday, September 26. 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 McCormally (816-381-9163 or mccormally@sfx-kc.org).

Thank you from Mariann. *I am so grateful to the SFX Community for your love and promise of prayers for my family as we grieve the death of my nephew Patrick. Your faith and compassion are an anchor for me. Please continue to pray for his parents, Kevin and Anne, his sister Niamh, his wife Niki, and their children Rumi and Seamus.*

FOOD PANTRY NEEDS – We only ask when we truly need something, and our food pantry currently has some needs. We have seen a sudden, marked increase in food insecurity from new and established neighbors in need. Typically, we can get healthy food from Harvesters, but we are unable to get the following items and would appreciate any help you can give.

- White Rice (1# bags) – (50-60 bags)
- Chicken Noodle Soup (50-60 cans)
- Veggie Beef Soup (50-60 cans)
- Peanut Butter (50-60 16 oz jars)
- Ramen Noodles (not the healthiest, but highly requested and appreciated) – 200 individual packets

One or two of these items would be most welcome and appreciated. You can bring them when you come to Mass or drop them off on the back porch anytime. Thank you in advance.

Justice & Life Committee - This newly restructured Committee meets **THIS Sunday, September 26 at 9:00am in the Romero Room.** We'll look at ways we can bring a deeper level of contemplation to our many actions, expand our offerings of Catholic Social Teaching and align them to the Universal Apostolic Preferences, and highlight other justice areas that offer us insight into the many injustices in our world and community. All are welcome!

Anti-Racism Committee (ARC) Recommends: [Uncomfortable Conversations with a Black Man](#) hosted by Emmanuel Acho is “a free space for curious white people to get answers to the questions they've always had but have been too nervous to ask.” Check out these 10-20 minute YouTube videos and continue your journey toward racial awareness.

Rosary for Racial Justice – On October 3, after the 10:30 Mass, join members of the Marian group and various Justice & Life groups to pray the Rosary. We will pray specifically for Ernest Johnson who is scheduled to be executed at 6:00pm on October 5 and for Kevin Strickland who has spent 43 years in prison for a crime he didn't commit. His hearing will begin that week.

Execution Watch – An intellectually disabled man is scheduled to die. It's not too late to call Governor Mike Parson's office and encourage him to grant clemency to Ernest Johnson. His phone number is (573) 751-3222. Please check out the amazingly comprehensive and informative website for [Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty website](#) and read about [Clemency for Ernest Johnson \(madpmo.org\)](#).

The Social Sin of Racism - The Ignatian Solidarity Network is hosting a session for a directed, interactive conversation attempting to break open Catholic Social Teaching on social sin. You'll receive resources for your social justice ministry toolbox and fortify your confidence in talking about how social change for justice is a crucial part of God's vision for a grace-filled world. Register for [A Parish Journey for Racial Justice: Let's Talk about Social Sin](#) on Wednesday, October 27 at 1:00pm.

This Sunday is World Day of Migrants and Refugees – According to World Economic Forum, there are an estimated 272 million international migrants – 3.5% of the world's population. While most people leave their home countries for work, millions have been driven away due to conflict, violence, and climate change. Most migrants come from India; the United States is the primary destination. Read Pope Francis' message for the 107th [World Day of Migrants and Refugees](#) and learn more about migration [in this short video](#).

Season of Creation – September 1-October 4 – With one week left in this Season of Creation, what have you done to reduce your impact on our fragile Earth? [Register](#) for Witness & Grace, sponsored by the Global Sisters Report to learn what religious communities are doing to reduce their global impact.

SFX supports the work of Habitat for Humanity - The House of Abraham the collaborative work of the Jewish, Muslim, and Christian communities through Habitat for Humanity to build houses for families in need. There are some open dates during their "Build Week" when help is needed. If you or your organization would like to volunteer for any of these dates, please contact Stacie Schirk at 816.924.1096 ext. 2007 or at sschirk@habitatkc.org. If you would like to be our SFX liaison to Habitat for Humanity, please contact [Sue](#).

Tuesday, October 5th 8:00am-3:00pm – 4 Open Spots
Wednesday, October 6th 8:00am-3:00pm – 3 Open Spots
Thursday, October 7th 8:00am-3:00pm – 2 Open Spots
Thursday, October 7th 12:00pm-3:00pm – 1 Open Spot
Friday, October 8th 8:00am-12:00pm – 2 Open Spots
Friday, October 8th 12:00pm-3:00pm – 2 Open Spots
Saturday, October 9th – 8:00am-12:00pm – 6 Open Spots
Saturday, October 9th – 12:00pm-3:00pm – 3 Open Spots

It's Hispanic Heritage Month - It started September 15 and runs to the middle of October. The date structure [is a nod to several important dates in Latin American countries](#). Read about the history of the observation, learn about other cultures, and patronize Hispanic businesses.

Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community

Dan Schutte live in concert on October 1st at 7:00pm or October 3rd at 2:00pm **at the Harper Center Auditorium at Creighton**. Dan Schutte, the composer of songs such as “Here I am, Lord” and “Table of Plenty,” will offer a gathering of song, stories, and reflection. To learn more and purchase tickets, please visit www.ivcusa.org/Omaha. If you have questions, please contact Anne Mollner at amollner@ivcusa.org. Presented by Ignatian Volunteer Corps of Omaha.

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City Fall Ignatian Prayer Retreats October 2021

“I believe I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.” Psalm 27

Do you desire to see the goodness of God more in your prayer and your life? Are you looking to go deeper in your relationship with God? This October, the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City is offering group and individual prayer retreats to help seekers to relate more easily and see more readily God’s action in their lives. These retreats run from 6 to 7 weeks long. Our group prayer retreats, Easing into Contemplative Prayer, are 6 weeks long and fill up quickly! For more information, visit www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events or call Stephanie Hudson at 816-381-9168.

September Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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