



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

## SFX UPDATE – October 22, 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](#).

**SFX Parish Town Hall:** On October 10<sup>th</sup> the Pastoral Council hosted a Parish Town Hall meeting. The meeting included updates from the Pastoral Council, Finance Council, Building Committee and SFX Staff. We saved time at the end for questions from the participants. Shout out to everyone who presented at the Town Hall and “thank you” to everyone who participated. If you’d like to view a recording of the meeting, please check out the SFX website homepage at [sfx-kc.org](http://sfx-kc.org) or go to our SFX YouTube channel at St. Francis Xavier – KC. To view the PowerPoint presentation, you’ll find it in the “Events and News” section of the website.

**Fr. Jim’s Final Vows:** On Sunday, October 31, Fr. Jim will be making his final vows as a Jesuit at the 10:30 Mass. The presider will be Fr. Tom Greene, Provincial of the Central and Southern Jesuit Province. (Note: previously we announced there would be a reception for Fr. Jim in Xavier Hall following Mass. Based on feedback we heard at the Parish Town Hall meeting on Sunday, October 10th, and due to a few break-through cases of Covid-19 in our community the reception has now been cancelled.) We hope to see you at the Mass to pray and celebrate with Fr. Jim.

**Kitchen & Funeral Crews – *We haven’t forgotten about you!*** As you know we, at SFX, take a cautious approach to gathering in large groups and as a result, we have avoided scheduling events in Xavier Hall. As restrictions ease and it is safer to meet, we will schedule training on the kitchen equipment. We are grateful for your willingness to volunteer and we WILL be in touch. Thank you for your continued patience.

**Pastor’s Corner–**

**Monday, Nov 1, All Saints' Day is a holy day of obligation.**

Masses: 7:30am & 12:00pm, In the church

**Looking to still your soul? Our song of the week:** [For the Beauty of the Earth](#) This version is by Jeanne Cotter. The lyrics are updated to reflect more contemporary theology of creation.

### **Sacrament of Reconciliation**

We will be having a reconciliation service on Monday, Nov 15 at 7:00pm. Over the next few weeks, I will post some links to articles about this sacrament, our reluctance to go, past experiences, what the sacrament really celebrates, etc. I hope that this is something you will prayerfully consider coming to. Maybe, put this date on your calendar and mark it as a tentative event. As we come closer to the service, perhaps you will make a commitment to yourself to attend. Remember, this sacrament isn't about our sins, it's about God's love and mercy.

[Fr. James Martin: Hate confession? Here's why you should reconsider.](#)

### **Liturgy & Sustainability**

Our liturgical arts volunteers are venturing towards a more local and sustainable approach to flower, plant and evergreen sourcing for Advent and Christmas this year. Our evergreen branches, used at the entrance to the narthex and on the altar, have typically been harvested and shipped from Oregon. But it is easy to harvest evergreens from our surrounding landscapes. If you have any of the following trees or shrubs and are willing to share some small branches, our team includes gardeners and landscapers who can discreetly trim branches to be enjoyed in our church, and then properly composted at the end of the season. We're looking for: Spruce (green or blue), Boxwood, Evergreen Magnolia, Pine, Juniper (especially with berries), and others. Crabapple branches with fruit are desired as well. Please contact Jackie Palmer to make arrangements.

[Jackiechanmo@yahoo.com](mailto:Jackiechanmo@yahoo.com)/ cell phone: 816-462-3523.

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**CONFIRMATION 2022 PREP CLASS** meets Sunday, October 24. 10:30 Mass followed by lunch and class in Xavier Hall. Dismissal at 2:00 pm. For more information, contact [Mariann](#).

**MARIAN Devotion Group** meets Sunday, October 24, 2:00 pm IN THE CHAPEL. All are welcome. This month's feast is Our Lady of the Rosary. For more information contact [Gail Fein](#). Father Matt Malone, SJ, President and Editor in Chief of America Media has some thoughts on the rosary. Check out his latest piece: [Our Lady of Manhattan: What I Learned Praying the Rosary while Biking Around New York City.](#)

**INVITATION for Teachers among our SFX Parish Community** Would you be interested in gathering with other teachers (via Zoom) on a Tuesday evening every three weeks or so for prayer and support? The hope is to share the ups and downs of teaching and to "find God in all things." This would be a time for prayer and reflection. If you're interested contact [Mariann](#) or parishioner and teacher [Mary Turner](#). Mary teaches Middle School Science at Resurrection School in KCK.

**OCTOBER is RESPECT LIFE MONTH Spotlight on the Unborn** Catholics are well-known for our pro-life stance “from womb to tomb.” What is sometimes missed is the call to care, not just for unborn babies, but for the mothers who carry those babies, especially women of color. Read more about the [Black Maternal Health Momnibus Act](#) introduced into Congress this past April. (The [California Momnibus Act](#) was signed into law earlier this month.) We as Catholics and as taxpaying citizens need to do more to advocate for Black women who are dying at 3 to 4 times the rate of their white counterparts and to encourage our Bishops to do the same.

**HeART and Soul resumes the first Tuesday of the month, November 2!**

**Tuesday, November 2, 11:00 am -12:30 pm 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. REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED by October 28.** Nancy and Peg are graduates of the Ignatian Spirituality Center “Prayer Companions” certificate program. For more information, Zoom link, and supply list contact [Mariann](#).

**“GOD of DAY and GOD of DARKNESS” Directed Women’s Retreat – October 28-30**

**Registration Deadline is TUESDAY, October 26. The group is limited to 12**

**Retreatants.** Mariann and Sue are offering a directed retreat experience for the women of the parish. Retreatants and directors will meet on Thursday evening, October 28, IN PERSON at the Church, for an orientation to the retreat and a group prayer experience and then return to their homes for the retreat. Retreatants are encouraged to clear their schedules as much as possible Thursday evening, Friday, and Saturday and set aside three 30-minute periods for prayer as well as 30 minutes each day to meet with your director on Zoom to talk about their prayer. We will meet as a group of all retreatants and directors again on Saturday evening, October 30, IN PERSON at the Church, to review and conclude the Retreat. Please contact [Mariann](#) to sign up. There is no charge for this retreat, though donations to the parish would be gratefully accepted.

**Synod of Bishops.** At the direction of Pope Francis, the Synod of Bishops in Rome has convoked a synod that will run from 2021 until 2023 entitled **“For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission.** The goal of the synod is to listen, as the entire People of God, to what the Holy Spirit is saying to the Church, especially to those at the margins; to foster a lived experience of discernment, participation, and co-responsibility, where a diversity of gifts is brought together for the Church’s mission in the world; and to inspire people to dream about the Church we are called to be. Listening and discernment sessions will be held in our local churches Nov. 28, 2021 – Feb. 15, 2022. Find out more about how our Diocese is participating in the synod here: [One Family/Journeying Together](#).

**ALL SOULS CANDLES**

**The Church sets aside the month of November as a time to honor and remember the men and women who have gone before us. The weekend of November 6/7 we will have our annual Procession of All Souls Candles, remembering those who have died this past year (November 1, 2020-October 31, 2021).** Please contact [Mariann](#) to add a name to this list.

**IGNATIAN YEAR PILGRIMAGE STOP #2 Denver Save the date.** We are invited to join Jesuit Provincial Father Tom Greene on his visit to Denver, Wednesday, **November 3 at 7:00pm Central.** Learn more about the good work of the Jesuits and their lay colleagues, and more about the life and spirituality of St. Ignatius. The pilgrimage also includes reflection on the Jesuits four Universal Apostolic Preferences: Showing the Way to God, Walking with the Excluded, Journeying with Youth, and Caring for Creation – Our Common Home. Go to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86745724559> to join him!

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**Community Garden Invitation** - Would you like to help harvest sweet potatoes for our Food Pantry? Come dig for treasures with us - **TOMORROW Saturday, October 23** and Saturday, October 30th, weather permitting. We will begin at 10:30. Bring gloves and a garden fork or a shovel, if you have them.

**Justice & Life Committee** –The Justice & Life Committee is committed to education and contemplation as we go forth and act on behalf of justice issues that affect our community and our world. Our next meeting is this **Sunday, October 24 at 9:00am** in the Romero Room. Please join us! All are welcome!

**Family Movie Event – FROZEN 2** - Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 14 at 12:00noon**, invite the kids, grandkids, family, friends, and neighbors, and join us as we watch and discuss the many spiritual and social issues embedded in this wonderful movie. It would be helpful to know who's attending. We'll either order pizza or bring in a food truck if there's enough interest. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sue.

**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.

**Minority owned businesses** - ARC, the Anti-Racism Committee, is compiling a directory of minority owned businesses. We hope to have a directory to share with you by the holidays. If you own or patronize a minority owned business, please share the business's name, address, phone number, and website link with [Sue](#). Thank you!

**RIM Update on Afghan Refugee Support** - The RIM group has unanimously decided to support the work of Jewish Vocational Services (JVS) who has extensive experience and services in place to relocate and acclimate refugees from around the world. JVS has 3 levels of support.

- **Level 1** supporters collect items families may need and make welcome kits. This is similar to what we do for Migrant Farmworkers and SFXers are generous with their support.
- **Level 2** supporters (with the help of JVS) furnish and set up a home, welcome the arriving family at the airport, and provide the family with a culturally appropriate meal. This level of support requires volunteers to make a 2-4 week commitment and go through JVS training and a background check.

- **Level 3** supporters (with the help of JVS) do level 2 but also make a 3-6 month commitment of time to help the family acclimate to KC by teaching them the bus system, helping them with grocery shopping, health needs, school enrollment, including them in social events in and around KC, etc, and financially supporting them for up to 6 months. This level also requires JVS training and a background check.

RIM has initially committed to providing **Level 1 and 2 support**, with the option of moving to Level 3 in the future. Members are in the process of being trained. If you would like to assist with relocation efforts in any way, contact [Sue](#).

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## Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community

**G.I.F.T.'S BLACK BUSINESS MARKET!** Kansas City G.I.F.T is a movement dedicated to cementing a better future for all. Founded in 2020, we have fought for impactful change for families, our communities, and our city. We strive to be an actionable step after all the protests have ended, and to educate and empower others to take action. We work to ensure that we close the racial wealth gap, reduce poverty related crime and reverse the effects of systemic racism in our city.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS  
OCTOBER 30TH 10AM - 6PM  
325 E 31st ST, KCMO 64108

G.I.F.T. is partnering with Black businesses from across the city to bring you one of the strongest collectives of Black business owners in Kansas City. Don't miss this opportunity to support your local Black owned businesses and Buy Black!

**Faiths for Climate Action** Join event on Saturday, October 30 at 4:00pm at Martin Luther King, Jr. Park to hear readings, sing, and pray together for better care for our common home the day before the 2021 United Nations Climate Change Conference (a.k.a. COP26) begins in Glasgow, Scotland. The event should take about 45 minutes. People of all faiths are welcome!

### Ecological Conversion:

#### Called to Tend to a Flourishing Garden of Life Workshop on Zoom

**Tuesday, October 26, 7:00-8:30 pm**

**repeated on Wednesday, October 27 10:00-11:30am**

The Green Team at St. Sabina's is offering this opportunity to reflect on Pope Francis' call to the global church to a 7-year journey to sustainability and bringing the encyclical *Laudato Si* to life. To register contact [Biagio Mazza](#).

#### Rockhurst University Visiting Scholar Lecture: The Honorable Sly James

**Tuesday, Oct. 26, 7:30pm**

**Arrupe Hall** auditorium and virtual online (face masks required for in person events)

#### "A Passion for Purpose: Building Cities for our Children"

Rockhurst University graduate and former Kansas City, Missouri, Mayor Sly James will present the Alpha Sigma Nu/Rev. Vincent F. Daves, S.J., lecture on his latest book that explores not only his life, but his political philosophy for local government. To attend this

event in person, please click [RSVP Button](#). To register virtually and receive a link to the zoom option, please click [Learn More](#).

**IGNATIAN AFTERNOON RETREAT from the Ignatian Spirituality Center of KC  
(An offering of the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City)**

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> 1:00pm**

Rockhurst High School, Kansas City, MO

Conversion is always happening. We tend to be too hard on ourselves and miss the changes we have made to be more like Christ. In this afternoon retreat, Fr. Hung Pham, SJ, director of the UCS Province's Office of Ignatian Spirituality and gifted retreat director, will lead us through the light of scripture and the narrative of St. Ignatius' own life to help us to see our own story of conversion in our life today. Come to be encouraged and strengthened in your faith journey. The retreat is from 1:00 – 4:00 PM. To learn more and to register, please visit <https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events/birthing-new-life-retreat>.

**Rockhurst University “Jesuits on Tap” for RU alums and those who have graduated from other Jesuit Colleges and Universities.** Thursday, November 11, 6:00-9:00pm. Boulevard Brewing Company, Muehlebach Suite. An evening of all things Jesuit – including conversations with RU President Thomas Curran, SJ, Father John Thiede, SJ, and our own Father Jim Caime, SJ! \$35 for admission, heavy appetizers, beverages and a custom Jesuits on Tap Boulevard beer glass to take home. For more information and to register contact [Hannah Tarwater](#).

**October Blessings!**

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

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