



SFX UPDATE – November 5, 2021

All are welcome at

St. Francis Xavier

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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.

Don't forget to set your clocks back this weekend.

Pastor's Corner–

Parish Reconciliation Service Monday, Nov 15 at 7pm

We will have three priests available for our communal reconciliation service. Even if you do not wish to go to a priest for the Sacrament of Reconciliation, I invite you to take part in the service. We will also have the option of going anonymously. Below is a link to an article in America Magazine that you might find interesting.

[Three Reasons Everyone Should Try Anonymous Confession](#)

THIS WEEKEND we will begin praying for Kansas City Metro homicide victims by name at our liturgies. This weekend we remember:

#127: Michael Williams, 33 10/25

#128: Malvin Wallace, 56 10/26

#129: Theron Porter, 28 10/30

#130: Kamari Bridges, 15 10/31

NOVEMBER – A TIME OF REMEMBRANCE.

The Church sets aside the month of November as a time to honor and remember the men and women who have gone before us. You are invited to **bring a photo or other memento of a loved one** who has died for our Altar of Remembrance at the St. Joseph Altar. Photos and mementos should be marked with your name, so we can be sure to return them at the end of the month. The Altar will be in place from November 6- November 26 (the First Sunday of Advent is November 28).



No Prayer Walk this Saturday but mark your calendar for a Prayer Walk on November 27, the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. 9:30am. Location tbd.

SOUL FOOD TUESDAY November 9, 23, 30 11:00am – 12:00noon. This month our study/prayer group will be exploring “Life, Death, Grief, Memory and the Immortality of Love.” All are welcome. You do not need to attend all three sessions. For more information contact [Mariann](#). Or just join us on Tuesday: [Soul Food Tuesday Zoom Link](#).

FIRST RECONCILIATION PREP Our Family Review Night is Wednesday, November 10 in XAVIER HALL. Our Celebration of First Reconciliation is Friday, November 19, 6:30pm in THE SFX CHAPEL. Please pray for our children that they might approach the Sacrament with calm and confidence: Margaret Brush, Brynn Cheah, Truman Duckworth, Dashiell Wagner.

CONFIRMATION 2022 PREP CLASS meets Sunday, November 7. 10:30 Mass followed by lunch and class in Xavier Hall. Dismissal at 2:00pm. For more information, contact [Mariann](#).

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.

‘KATHLEEN CHASTAIN IS A HERO.’ This is how filmmaker Robert Greene described the **Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph Victims Resource Coordinator** who helped him and six survivors of child sexual abuse by priests in the Kansas City areas tell their story in the documentary **“Procession” (out on Netflix on November 19)**. Kathleen was one of our Soup & Spirituality speakers in 2019, speaking on “Hope in Brokenness.” SFX parishioners are encouraged to watch the documentary and talk about how we can continue to be agents of change and instruments of healing.

NOVEMBER IS BLACK CATHOLIC HISTORY MONTH For more than thirty years the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus has observed this month to celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics (there were Black Catholics long before there were European Catholics!). To learn more go to [Black Catholic History Month](#).

HeART and Soul is back! Mark your calendar to join this art journaling group on Tuesday, December 7, 11:00am-12:30pm on Zoom. The group that met this past week had a great time sharing stories and prayer and discovering creativity they didn't know they had! **Registration is required by December 2.** Contact [Mariann](#) for more information, to register and for Zoom link and supply list.



Community Garden Invitation - We had a great growing season! In 2021, we harvested **1350.85** pounds of produce from our 20 garden beds and fruit trees. Thank you to all who cared for and tended God's creation this year!

ARC (Anti-Racism Committee) meets this Sunday in the Romero Room from 9:00-10:15

RIM Committee –The Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant (RIM) Committee will meet next Sunday, November 14 at 9:00am to review our goals and discuss ways to support JVS as they accept Afghan Refugees. Please join us! All are welcome!

Family Movie Event – FROZEN 2 - Mark your calendars for Sunday, November 14 at 12:00 NOON. Invite the kids, grandkids, family, friends, and neighbors, and join us as we share a meal, watch, and discuss the many spiritual and social issues embedded in this wonderful movie. For planning purposes, it would be helpful (but not necessary) to know who's attending. For more information or to RSVP, contact Sue.

Winter Hats & Scarves – If you have been knitting or crocheting hats and scarves (or want to do so) and need a place to donate them, we know of an adult residential mental health facility that would LOVE to give them to their residents this Christmas. Just drop them off in the Narthex by the end of November and we'll get them there! Thank you!

Prison Pen Pals – Some have expressed interest in becoming a pen pal with someone in prison. If you are interested in any aspect of prison ministry, please contact Sue. [Here](#) is a link to the varied ways we can support the prison ministry through the Diocese. Based on the response, we'll proceed accordingly.

Free Kevin Strickland: Rally for Freedom –TOMORROW, November 6!

Kevin Strickland has served over 43 years in prison. The key witness has retracted her testimony and prosecutors and elected officials across the state have determined that “the evidence that Kevin Strickland was wrongly convicted “is overwhelming.” Join us this Saturday, November 6, 2021 at 3:00pm outside the Jackson County Courthouse, 415 E 12th Street, Kansas City, MO, to raise our voices to free Kevin Strickland.

Before you go to the Rally, here is an opportunity to **Repurpose & Recycle Electronics**

Date: November 6, 2021, Time: 8:00am - 12:00pm

Location: Manual Career & Technical Center, 1215 E. Truman Road, Kansas City, MO.

Details: Are old electronics cluttering up your closets? Give them a second life or recycle them responsibly at the *Kansas City Electronics Collection Event*. Most items are recycled for free, but some will require a fee. Midwest Recycling Center will accept donated computers, laptops, keyboards, speakers, routers, modems, webcams, network hubs, cell phones, charging cables, phone systems, shredders, fax machines, scanners, VCR and DVD players, video game consoles, printers, copiers and more. For more details, visit [Midwest Recycling Center](#).

Anticipated Turkey Shortage – If you plan to donate a turkey to our Christmas basket program and have room to store it for 46 days, please purchase it early. If you have room in your freezer to store turkeys, please let Sue know. We have been able to get a few turkeys from Harvesters and may be able to get more, but we don’t have the space to store them. Thanks!

Amazon Smile - If you shop Amazon, please remember to do it via <https://smile.amazon.com> and make St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church (make sure it’s our Kansas City church) the cause you support! Thank you!

Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community

Community Christian Church (4601 Main St, KCMO) needs volunteers to help with their food pantry. The food pantry is open 4 days per month from 9:00am until 12:00noon in the basement level of Community Christian Church. They require the use of a face mask and you need to be able to navigate stairs/steps. If you are interested, please contact Norma Abernathy (816-585-8780 or normakayabernathy@gmail.com) and mention you learned of the volunteer opportunity through this update. They will be open: Tuesday 11/16, Thurs 11/18, Sat 11/ 20, Tues 11/23; Tues 12/14, Thurs 12/16, (Sat 12/18, Tues 12/ 21). These last two dates coincide with SFX’s Christmas basket prep and distribution dates.

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 Caimo, 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](#).

November Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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