



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

### SFX UPDATE – November 12, 2021

All are welcome at  
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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.

**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).



#### Pastor's Corner–

##### I am here for you.

In the communication yesterday, Ann and I presented you with a statement about all that has happened regarding Fr. Steve's departure. We know there are many feelings surrounding it and these emotions can often be confusing and painful. Fr. Steve helped many of you with your struggles and challenges. That is part of who he is. The decision by the Provincial to bring Fr. Steve to St. Louis was what Fr. Steve needed right now for his own health and growth. If you would like to speak with me to help sort through this whole situation, please know that I am more than willing to listen and walk with you through this. Like you, I have my own feelings about all this that I am working through. No one expects dealing with these emotions to be a one-and-done thing.

Fr. Jim [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org)

**A heartfelt thanks** to all who helped to make our remembrance of loved ones so special. Tara Harris, Maggie Ratterman, and Becca Jackson set up our altar of remembrance. Marty Lauer and Mariann McCormally prepared all the candles.

**Parish Reconciliation Service Monday, Nov 15 at 7pm**

The focus of our service is based on Paul's letter to the Corinthians about what love is. We've all heard it so often that we sometimes do not let it sink in. That love that Paul describes is also God's love for us. That is truly something to celebrate!

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.

**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.

**STRONG BLESSINGS on Edith Agnes Menzenski** (daughter of Sarah Chao and Matthew Menzenski) who will be baptized Saturday afternoon. May she, her big brother Leo, and all our children grow up to live lives of gratitude and service.

**We continue to pray for Kansas City Metro homicide victims** by name at our weekend liturgies. This weekend we remember:  
131. William Phillips, 47 on Nov. 6  
132. Unknown man on Nov. 8  
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**“JESUS, A PILGRIMAGE” November meetings** will be: Tuesday, November 16, 11:00 am Zoom, Wednesday, November 17 7:00 pm Zoom, Thursday, November 18 7:00 pm Zoom, and Sunday, November 21 9:00 am Hearth Room . **Reading assignment: Chapters 7-11.** Discussion questions can be found at [Book Groups - St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church \(sfx-kc.org\)](https://www.bookgroups-stfrancisxavier.org). If you haven't joined one of our book groups, please consider reading the book on your own so we can all grow in faith together. And if you need a copy of the book, we have a few left (\$15). Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) to purchase a book.

**IGNATIAN YEAR PILGRIMAGE STOP #3 BELIZE** Saturday, November 20, 6:30 pm (Central Time). Go to [Ignatian Year Events - Central & Southern Province \(jesuitscentralsouthern.org\)](https://www.jesuitscentralsouthern.org) for more information and Zoom link.

**SOUL FOOD TUESDAY November 23 and 30** 11:00 am – 12:00 noon. This month our study/prayer group will be exploring “Life, Death, Grief, Memory and the Immortality of

Love.” All are welcome. For more information contact [Mariann](#). Or just join us on Tuesday: [Soul Food Tuesday Zoom Link](#).

**NOVEMBER PRAYER WALK** November 27, the Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend. 9:30 am. Neighborhood Park at 57<sup>th</sup> and Forest (5626 Forest Avenue). 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, cold or snow – dress for the weather! Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

“**PROCESSION**,” a documentary film featuring six adult survivors of clergy sexual abuse from the Kansas City Metro, is being released on Netflix November 19. Our diocesan Office of Child and Youth Protection assisted the film crew on location in 2019 and the diocese is now encouraging parishioners to participate in a series of three **Community Conversations** to be held to provide a safe space to gather, share and work through the strong feelings the film may evoke.

**Community Conversations:**

November 30 | Red Bridge Library | 7:00 pm

December 16 | Location TBD | 7:00 pm

January 9 | Location TBD | 1:00 pm

The diocesan Office of Communications, the Office of Child and Youth Protection, and Journey to Bethany are working together to provide resources for survivors and their families, pastoral ministers, pastors, and all those harmed by this issue.

For questions or interest in volunteer opportunities, contact Jennifer Prusa,

[prusa@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:prusa@diocesekcsj.org), or 816-683-8999. Learn more at [www.journeytobethany.org/conversations](http://www.journeytobethany.org/conversations).

**POPE FRANCIS MESSAGE on World Day of the Poor** is an invitation and a challenge to meet the poor personally. To learn more about what he wrote, read: [Fifth World Day of the Poor, 2021: “The poor you will always have with you” \(Mk 14:7\) | Francis \(vatican.va\)](#)

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

**Christmas Baskets** – The elves are busy! We already have 69 people signed up for Christmas baskets! Shopping lists and volunteer sign-ups will come out November 20. If you want to get a turkey early, about 70% of our families have 1-3 individuals, so smaller is better. Please mark your calendars with these important dates:

December 16 – All food and gift card donations due

December 18 – Assemble Christmas Baskets in Xavier Hall at 9:00 am

December 19 – Cookies due and Cookie boxing event in Xavier Hall at 11:45 am

December 21 – Christmas Basket distribution and Turkeys due

**Family Movie Event – FROZEN 2** - Mark your calendars for **THIS 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.

**ARC has a new name!** Many on our SFX committee felt that our name – Anti-Racism Committee – needed to change. Since last summer, we have partnered with St. Elizabeth's on many racial justice issues and we really liked their name, EmbRace. St. E's graciously allowed us to use that name, so now we are **EmbRace SFX**. Our partnership makes us stronger and more able to 'embrace' the issues that create racial injustice and divide our society. Our next meeting is December 5 and all are welcome to join us!

**National Recycling Day** – Monday, November 15 is National Recycling Day. Did you know that more than 70% of all products we buy can be recycled? See the flyer in the bulletin for more information on how you can reduce your carbon footprint on our fragile earth!

**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!

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**Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community**

**Private Tour of the Black Archives of Mid-America** - St. Elizabeth EmbRace Justice Ministry has arranged a private tour of the Black Archives of Mid-America and you are invited!

When: Saturday, November 20, 10:30 to noon.

Where: 1722 E. 17th Terrace KCMO Access parking lot from 18th St., north on Highland Ave.

Tour leader: Executive Director Dr. Carmaletta Williams, Ph.D.,

The Black Archives is a regional gem, packed with history and stories of our Black sisters and brothers from the earliest days to the present. It includes jars of soil from lynching sites in Missouri and Kansas. There is a special exhibit through Dec. 17 on the life of Kansas City civil rights advocate, Alvin Brooks. Read his book, *Binding Us Together*, reflecting on his life and lifetime of public service.

### **November Blessings!**

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

**See something that interests you? Contact us:**

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