



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

SFX UPDATE – January 14, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

[SFX YouTube Channel](#) [SFX Facebook Page](#) [SFX Justice & Life Facebook](#)

SFX COVID Policy for Masses remain in place. We will review these policies as the situation changes.

- Masks are required for everyone attending Mass.
- If you come to the office for an appointment, masks are required as well.
- **We are suspending weekday Masses. We will review this decision at the end of the month.**

Pastor's Corner–

A video for your prayer and reflection: [MLK - I Have a Dream](#)

I invite you and your family to watch the video of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s "I have a dream" speech. I cannot help but see this speech and the people who came to Washington, DC for the March on Washington in stark contrast to the events of Jan 6, 2021.

People often say that the Church should stay out of politics. The ones who say that have no hesitation having the Church support legislation that support their own beliefs based on their view of their faith.

Our faith should inform our consciences and actions in the world. How is Jesus calling you to follow him and be his voice in the world? In the Old Testament, Hebrew scriptures, God calls a people, a nation to act in a certain way. It's not just a personal call, but a call to a people and nation. Below is the first reading for this coming Sunday with a link to all the readings for this weekend.

[Readings for the Second Sunday in Ordinary Time](#)

Reading I: Isaiah 62:1-5

For Zion's sake I will not be silent,
for Jerusalem's sake I will not be quiet,
until her vindication shines forth like the dawn

and her victory like a burning torch.

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
you shall be called by a new name
pronounced by the mouth of the LORD.
You shall be a glorious crown in the hand of the LORD,
a royal diadem held by your God.
No more shall people call you "Forsaken,"
or your land "Desolate,"
but you shall be called "My Delight,"
and your land "Espoused."
For the LORD delights in you
and makes your land his spouse.
As a young man marries a virgin,
your Builder shall marry you;
and as a bridegroom rejoices in his bride
so shall your God rejoice in you.

THE GIFT of SPIRITUAL READING. Thanks to an anonymous donor, **St. Francis Xavier is distributing a book to every member of our congregation** (babies and toddlers, children and teens, adults and elders!). If you didn't pick up your book last weekend, look for the books on the tables in the back of church this weekend!

BYOB Next Weekend, Jan 22-23, Pope Francis has designated the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time as **Word of God Sunday**. We invite all parishioners to **bring your own Bibles** to Mass next weekend. Families are encouraged to bring their Children's Bibles and Bible Story books as well. Father Jim will offer a Blessing Over Your Bibles at the end of each Mass. For more information about Word of God Sunday and how Catholics read and interpret the Bible go to [Word of God Resources](#).

Second Collection this weekend for Catholic Home Missions and Black and Indian Missions. Many dioceses right here in the United States do not have enough priests to serve their parishes. Your support of the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps provide seminary formation for the next generation of priests. Support the collection at Mass or donate [HERE!](#)

We continue to pray for all Kansas City Metro homicide victims at our weekend liturgies. We pray for those killed in the city of Kansas City by name. This weekend we remember:

Che Jefferson, age 35

Brandon Creath, age 34

If you look in the Community Garden this weekend, you will see two white crosses "planted" for these men. For each person murdered in 2022 in the Kansas City Metro, we will plant a cross with his or her name, age, and date of death. Thank you to *Bill Munninghoff* for making and donating 200 crosses, to *Bill Kriege* and his work study students for painting them, and to *Jennifer Rouyer* for researching and giving us the names each week. If you would like to volunteer to plant crosses weekly, please

contact [Sue](#). Please continue to pray for these victims and their families as well as those affected by violence in our nation and around the world.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY of the WORD will continue to be offered on Zoom, 9:45-10:15 am on Sunday mornings. Please contact [Mariann](#) for Meeting ID, Passcode and link.

The IGNATIAN YEAR PILGRIMAGE STOP #5 KANSAS CITY was Monday, January 10. You can watch the video of the event, including Father Ron Boudreaux's presentation on "Washing the Inside of the Cup: The Examen and Conversion" [HERE](#).

ALL of our "Jesus, A Pilgrimage" Book Club meetings will be on Zoom this month: Sunday, January 16 9:00 am, Tuesday, January 18 11:00 am, Wednesday, January 19 7:00 pm (note date change!), and Thursday, January 20 7:00 pm. **Reading assignment: Chapters 12-14.** Discussion questions can be found on our [parish website](#) 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 mark your calendar: Father James Martin, SJ will be zooming with us on January 27, 7:00 pm** to talk about the book! This is for our book club members AND ALL PARISHIONERS. Registration details will be available soon. If you have a question for Father Martin, please contact [Mariann](#).

Centering Prayer Group via Zoom **Monday, January 24 7:00-9:00 pm.** Contact [Rebecca Thompson](#) for Zoom meeting id and password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to [Contemplative Outreach](#).

Parish Rosary on Zoom Our Marian Devotion Group "Truly Our Mother" invites all parishioners to join in praying the rosary. Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:00 pm and Saturdays at 3:30 pm. Contact Gail Fein gafein10@gmail.com for Zoom meeting id and password link.

SFXPraying Email Network - SFXPraying is an email network to request prayers for our family, friends, and the world we care about AND to share prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. It was established at SFX in 2007. Are you on the network? Would you like to be? If you have a request for prayers, have a blessing to share, or wish to receive SFX Praying e-mail messages, contact Maureen Hardy at SFXpraying@sfx-kc.org. If you have no e-mail but would like community prayers for yourself or a loved one, call Maureen (816-361-5433) and she will send out your request. THANK YOU all for your faithful ministry of prayer!

HeART and Soul - HeART continues the first Tuesday of the month February 1 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. But REGISTRATION is REQUIRED by January 28 (so we can get you the supply packet). Contact [Mariann](#) to register.

SFX-CDH Awareness Blood Drive - THIS SUNDAY! January 16th 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM in Xavier Hall! *There are still 16 appointments left and blood needs are critical!* Book your appointment **today** at savealifenow.org, enter Group Code: **ED8V** or come on over before

or after Mass. All presenting donors receive a Chiefs Kingdom T-shirt! For additional details contact Jen Miller at (913) 961-2343 or millerjayhawk@gmail.com or [Sue Robb](#).

RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) – We need able-bodied people who would be willing to become Jewish Vocational Services volunteers and help with moving and resettling Afghan refugees. Also, we hope to journey to the Southern Border October 11-16 to visit the Encuentro Project and learn about the conditions affecting those seeking asylum. If you are interested in making this trip (really, a pilgrimage) or helping resettle refugees, please contact [Sue](#).

Soup-er Bowl 2022 Challenge – The challenge is on! From now until the Super Bowl on February 13 (which is just 4 weeks away), we hope to collect 2022 cans of soup for our food pantry. To date, we have **received 141 cans, leaving 1881 cans to go!** Can we do it?! You can bring your donations to the back of church when you come to Mass or drop them off on the porch during the week. Thank you for participating in this fun, *Soup-er* challenge!

EmbRace SFX Update – Black History Month is coming and one of the few group events scheduled is a trip to see *Memphis*, the Tony award winning Broadway musical. The show is co-sponsored by the Black Repertory Theater and is playing at the Jewish Community Theater. We have tickets reserved for **February 6 at 2:00 pm**. Each ticket will cost about \$30. The deadline to commit is Sunday, January 23. All attendees must be masked and show proof of vaccination. Contact [Sue](#) if you'd like to go.

EmbRace Recommends: In honor of Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and to learn more about his non-violent way of living, check out these websites: <https://thekingcenter.org/about-tkc/the-king-philosophy/>
<https://www.learningforjustice.org/podcasts/teaching-hard-history/civil-rights-movement/teaching-the-movements-most-iconic-figure>

Gospel Nonviolence - Another group is starting soon. We will gather on a schedule that works for the participants. Generally, we meet 2 times a month for 2 hours to listen to content from a retreat master, the founder and director of the Program for the Study and Practice of Nonviolence at Notre Dame. Anyone interested in this content on a most pressing contemporary problem in the Church and the world is invited to contact Peg Burns at pegburns00@gmail.com.

Book study begins February 2 - *The Education of Corporal John Musgrave* - When Ken Burns began planning for his Vietnam PBS series, he came to the KC area to interview Vietnam veteran, John Musgrave. Before the meeting, Ken believed John would be in one "episode" as a Vietnam wounded vet. After their meeting, John became the lead voice in the entire series. *The Education of Corporal John Musgrave* is the story of John's desire to become a Marine, his tour in Vietnam, and its devastating and life changing aftermath. Over the course of three Wednesdays (February 2, 9, and 16 from 4:00-5:15 PM) on Zoom, we will discuss the book and its impact on our lives, our nation, and our religion today. In the final discussion, we will examine the Church's evolving stance from Just War to Just Peace. The book can be purchased at Rainy Day Books for \$28.00. To sign up for this engaging discussion, please click [HERE](#). For more information, contact Kaler Bole at kalerbole@yahoo.com or [Sue Robb](#).

Afghan Neighbors Update – Thanks again for your overwhelming and outstanding response to meet the clothing needs of our Afghan brothers and sisters who temporarily lived next door in JP2 Commons. We collected over 70 bags and boxes of items which will be distributed to other Afghan refugees. Thanks to your generous giving throughout the year to the [Justice & Life Ministry](#) we were able to give them a LOT of food which they greatly appreciated. We have indicated our desire to continue to help them and will keep you posted of any future needs. All families have moved to more stable living situations in Shawnee, KS.

Thank you! SFX, you do so much for us and for our community and we, the staff, deeply appreciate you. Here are a few practical and spiritual things we can do for you.

- During office hours, bring your personal documents to our secure, locked bin to be shredded.
 - Use our recycling bins for your recycling. A list of accepted items is on the bin.
 - Need something notarized? If you live in Missouri, Sue can notarize it for you, for free.
 - Drop off your old eyeglasses in the container in the Narthex. The Lions Club will give them new life.
 - Do you want to explore how God is working in your life? Sue and Mariann are certified spiritual directors and are happy to meet with you. Just call us to get started.
 - Are you stuck at home and missing Communion? Let Sue or Mariann know and we will arrange for it to be brought to you.
 - Need prayer? Let us know your needs and allow us to pray for you and lift you up at our staff meeting each week.
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Opportunities from our Apostolates and our Community

Action Alert from the Central and Southern Province: Federal Truth and Healing Commission - The Jesuit Conference Office of Justice and Ecology endorsed the newly announced Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act. Introduced to Congress on Sept. 30 by Senator Elizabeth Warren and Representatives Tom Cole and Sharice Davids, the bill would establish the first formal investigation of Indigenous boarding schools in the U.S. through the creation of a Federal Truth and Healing Commission. Click [here](#) to send a message to your own members of Congress asking them to support this bill.

MLK Events

1. MLK Walk and Day of Service

Monday, January 17, 2022 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

BEGIN: Martin Luther King Jr. Square Park, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. & Woodland Ave.

END: Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.

REGISTRATION: [More information and registration](#)

DAY OF SERVICE: Following the walk, join the KC Parks Ambassadors for a [Day of Service](#) by helping clean-up along the banks of Brush Creek.

Join the Heartland Conservation Alliance and KC Parks on a restorative walk along the banks of beautiful Brush Creek. Enjoy the company of others and the stillness of nature as we reflect on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

2. From St. Elizabeth's EmbRace Justice Ministry – Take an hour and read *A Call to Unity* from Alabama clergymen and Dr. King's *A Letter from Birmingham Jail*.
<https://www.wheelersburg.net/Downloads/White%20Clergy%20Letter%20to%20King.pdf>

3. The 2022 MLK Mass Celebration is sponsored by The Southern Christian Leadership Conference of Greater Kansas City and hosted by **Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church on Monday, January 17 from 6:00-8:30 pm**. This event is being offered as an in-person and virtual celebration at no charge! [REGISTER FOR MLK MASS CELEBRATION HERE](#)

January Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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