



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

## SFX UPDATE – January 21, 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–

**SFX-KC and Fr. James Martin, SJ – Jesus, a Pilgrimage  
Thursday, January 27, 2022  
login starting at 6:30 pm  
presentation begins at 7:00 pm**

Click here for Zoom link:

[Fr. James Martin, S.J. and SFX Parish](#)

All in the parish are welcome to participate.

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**BYOB This 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](#).

**Great News About Our Beautiful Buildings!** On Friday, January 14, the Missouri Advisory Council on Historic Preservation unanimously approved St. Francis Xavier Church and Rectory for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. The nomination will now be forwarded to the Keeper of the National Register (NPS) for final approval. This important last step is expected to be completed by April 1, 2022, although it may occur sooner. At the appropriate time, we intend to have local preservation groups and other interested parties share the news of this important honorific designation of our parish's nationally significant

landmark structure. Such groups include the Historic Kansas City Foundation, City of Kansas City (MO), Jackson County Historical Society, Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph, and 4963 Neighborhood Coalition. A captured video of the 15-minute-long proceedings will be made available in the near future. Big thanks to our professional partners at Rosin Preservation, in particular Amanda Loughlin, for all of the hard work necessary to ensure this amazing honor.

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**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:  
**Maurice Bell, 45 years old**  
**Unidentified Man**

**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. Please continue to pray for these victims and their families as well as those affected by violence in our nation and around the world.**

**Jesuit Father Rutilio Grande** (1928-1977) and three other El Salvadoran martyrs will be beatified (one of the steps on the way to sainthood!) on Saturday in San Salvador. Learn more from these articles: [The Sainthood of Rutilio Grande, SJ: The Holiness of Servant Leadership](#) (Creighton University) and [Martyr Rutilio Grande, SJ, is a Model Servant-Leader for the Church of Pope Francis](#) (America Media).

**Ignatian Year Pilgrimage Stop #6 Puerto Rico** Father Provincial Tom Greene will be at Parroquia San Ignacio de Loyola in San Juan next Friday, January 28, 6:00 pm for Mass, a short video showing the good work of the Jesuits and their lay colleagues in Puerto Rico, and a talk by Father Jorge Ferrer, SJ, on “The Principle of Fraternity, Pandemics and Global Justice.” Join via [Zoom](#) Passcode 012822 or [YouTube](#).

**Children’s Liturgy of the Word** will continue to be offered on Zoom, 9:45-10:15 am on Sunday mornings and in-person during the 10:30 Mass. Please contact [Mariann](#) for Meeting ID, Passcode, and link.

#### **First Communion Prep Classes Begin**

**Wednesday, January 26, 6:30-7:45 pm.** Children AND PARENTS will meet in the Chapel. First Communion will be celebrated here on Sunday, May 1 at 10:30 Mass.

#### **ReMembering Church**

Have you been away from the Catholic Church for a while? Do you have questions? Are you hurting? Or angry? Do you have a friend or family member who is inactive or alienated from the Church? ReMembering Church at St. Francis Xavier is process that creates a safe, open place to ask questions, share your story and learn more about the Catholic Church in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. Contact Mariann [mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more information.

#### **Prayer Walks: Third Saturday of the Month**

**February 19, March 19, April 16, May 21**

**9:30 am**

Mark your calendar for our monthly prayer walks. Share faith with parishioners (young and old!), build community, and find God in all things, east and west of Troost. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information.

**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](mailto: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](mailto: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 - 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.

**Synod on Synodality** Since the time of the Second Vatican Council popes have regularly called upon a Synod (assembly) of Bishops to discuss issues of the church and world and give counsel to the Pope. Pope Francis has called for a Synod on Synodality 2021-2023 to discuss how we can be a Listening Church. This is not to be just the bishops talking with each other but listening to all of us who call ourselves Catholic and to people of other faiths and no faith, as well. The Vatican has included groups representing LGBTQ persons and those advocating for women's ordination as “resources.” Learn more about the Synod process from this video from National Catholic Reporter [Pope Francis' Vision for the Synod of Bishops with Bishop Robert McElroy and Sister Katie Eiffe, CSJ](#).

**Justice & Life Committee** meets this Sunday at 9:00 am via Zoom. Contact [Sue](#) for the link.

**Afghan Refugee Needs** – Today, we learned that the families who were living next door still need winter shoes for the children and the families would absolutely LOVE to have TVs. Please go to this [sign up](#) to see their needs. As always, thank you, SFX!

**SFX-CDH Awareness Blood Drive** – Thanks to all who came out in the cold to save a life and donate blood. Here is the report we received from the Community Blood Center:

- Blood Drive Results – **01/16/2022**
- Goal: 25
- Registered: 28
- Donor Flow (Donors per hour): 11, 6, 9, 2
- First Time Donors: 8 (**Amazing! Thank you!**)
- Deferrals: 3
- Alyx (Double units of red blood cells): 4 procedures for **8** units
- **Total Units Collected: 29 – INCREDIBLE**

**Mark your calendars for June 26 when our next CDH-SFX Bloodmobile occurs!**

**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. If you are interested in 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 3 weeks away), we hope to collect 2022 cans of soup for our food pantry. To date, we have **received 390 cans, leaving 1632 cans to go** (that's 544 cans/week)! 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 on **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 would like to go.

**EmbRace Recommends:** "*The History of the National Black Sisters' Conference*" with Sr. Anita Baird, DHM. You can find this on YouTube at <https://youtu.be/IUMOsYDhrvI>.

**Book study begins February 2** - *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, and 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](mailto:kalerbole@yahoo.com) or [Sue Robb](#).

**White House Women's Retreat** – May 19-22 - All women of the parish are invited to attend a retreat at the 80-acre White House Retreat Center overlooking the Mississippi River in south St. Louis County. This will be a silent, guided retreat led by Fr. Frank Reale, SJ and it is designed to be a peaceful break from the chaos and confusion of everyday life and to help renew your relationship with Jesus. All meals and private lodging are provided. Our retreat begins the evening of May 19 and concludes May 22. There is no set fee to attend a retreat at the White House! The White House operates on a free will offering basis, asking those in attendance to simply give what they feel they can at the conclusion of the retreat. To register or for more information, contact [Sue](#).

**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 of 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

***Ignatian Spirituality and Antiracism: A Call to Conversion*** - St. Francis Xavier (College) Church in St. Louis, UCS Province, and the new Office of Ignatian Spirituality are co-sponsors for this free virtual seminar on “*Ignatian Spirituality and Antiracism: A Call to Conversion.*”

Dates: Wednesdays - February 9, 16, 23

Time: 7:30 – 9:00 pm

Speakers: Fr. Tom Clark, SJ, Danielle Harrison, Dr. Mary Wardell-Ghiraduzzi

Moderator: Fr. Hung Pham, SJ

Register at: [bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism](http://bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism)

### January Blessings!

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

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

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