



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

SFX UPDATE – February 4, 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.
- **After consulting with medical professionals, we have suspended weekday Masses until Ash Wednesday. We will be monitoring local infection and hospital occupancy rates.**

THANK YOU, Father James Martin, SJ We will have “thank you” cards to sign at all the church doors this weekend to show our appreciation for Father Martin zooming with us last week about his book “Jesus, A Pilgrimage” If you missed it, here is the link:

[Fr. James Martin, SJ with SFX-KC Parishioners.](#)

Black History Month

1. Check out the [interactive calendar](#) on our website and embrace the rich diversity of learning opportunities. Each week offers a dinner and a Netflix movie option.
2. Don't forget to pick up a copy of our updated Black Owned Business directory in the Narthex.
3. Check out the bulletin board at the back of church detailing the lives and paths to sainthood for six African Americans.

Pastor's Corner–

If you are looking for some music to help you quiet yourself, you might like the link below.

[Piano Reflections](#)

Parish Town Hall Meeting - The Pastoral Council will hold Town Hall meetings after every Mass the weekend of February 12th and 13th. Please plan to stay after Mass for a brief update on all the good things going on here. We'll provide a high-level financial update, an update on building projects, and information about the Synod of Synodality: Communion Participation, and Mission. We'll have time to take your questions, too. For those attending Mass remotely, we will livestream the Town Hall meeting following the 10:30 Mass on the 13th. Remote participants can ask questions and comment via the chat function. We hope to see you there!

We continue to pray for all Kansas City Metro homicide victims at our weekend liturgies. In a special way we remember those murdered in the city of Kansas City this past week:

6. Ronnie Rhodes, 65
8. Pebble Harr, 44
9. Jenna Nava, 45
10. Austin Michael Knowles-DeClements, 25
11. Desmond Matthews, 17
12. Keith Nevels, 44
13. Dillon Simmons, 22
14. Unknown 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.

Ignatian Year Pilgrimage Mark your calendar for **Monday, February 28, 6:30-8:30 pm** for Father Provincial Tom Green's **Pilgrimage Stop #7 St. Louis**. We will watch a video showing the good work of the Jesuits and their lay colleagues in St. Louis, share in Mass with a homily by Father Tom, and listen to a presentation by **Mary Baudouin**, UCS Provincial Assistant for Justice and Ecology. Her talk is entitled: "Known By Name." Join via [Zoom](#) (Passcode 022822) or [YouTube](#). And if you missed last week's stop in Puerto Rico with Father Jorge Ferrer's talk on "Fraternity, Pandemics and Global Justice" go to [Ignatian Year Pilgrimage Stop: Puerto Rico](#) to view the video.

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.

Confirmation 2022 Prep Class will be help IN PERSON this Sunday, February 6, immediately after the 10:30 Mass in the Chapel.

Soul Food Tuesday

Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon on Zoom. February 8 and 22. All are welcome to join this study/prayer group. This month, in honor of **Black History Month**, we'll be looking at **Womanist Theology**, a movement among African American Christian women that began in the 1970s and 1980s. It is meant to address the perceived failings in liberation theology and mainstream feminism in order to promote the well-being of black women, and then promote society as a whole through them. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information or just join the [Zoom](#).

"Jesus, A Pilgrimage" February meetings will be Tuesday, February 15 11:00 am Zoom. Thursday, February 17 7:00 pm Zoom. Sunday, February 20 9:00 am Hearth Room. Wednesday, February 23 7:00 pm Zoom. Reading assignment: Chapters 15-18. Discussion questions can be found on our [parish website sfx-kc.org](#).

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. ALL AGES welcome! Share faith with parishioners, build community, and find God in all things, east and west of Troost. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

How do we become a Listening Church? Pope Francis has called a Synod on Synodality 2021-2023 to address this question. To learn more about the Synod listen to this presentation by Sister Maureen Sullivan offered by FutureChurch: [Fertile Ground: Vatican II and The Synod](#). To learn more about FutureChurch click [HERE](#).



Soup-er Bowl 2022 Challenge Update – WE DID IT!! Though the Chiefs didn't win, our neighbors who will use our food pantry in the coming months sure did! We collected **2461** cans of delicious soup in less than 5 weeks. Thank you so much, SFX! You're *Soup-er!*

EmbRace, our racial justice group, meets this **Sunday morning, February 6** over Zoom from **9:15-10:15**. Contact [Sue](#) for the Zoom link.

EmbRace recommends checking out the KC Public Library month-long lineup of commemorative programming for Black History Month – from a discussion of an acclaimed film about a trailblazing high school rowing team in Chicago's rough West Side to a conversation between Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas and a singular figure in the city's decades-long fight for civil rights, Alvin Brooks. All are online presentations that you can view at [YouTube.com/kclibrary](https://www.youtube.com/kclibrary).

Afghan Refugee Update – When Catholic Charities of KS came to pick up the shoes and TVs for the refugees who briefly lived next door to us, I asked if they had other needs. The men could still use pants (size 30 x 30) and small men's clothes. Two families have also requested irons, and Catholic Charities - KS would accept gift cards to Walmart to go buy what they need and let their clients pick out items they like. If you would like to donate, contact [Sue](#) or drop off your donations at the back of church or at the parish office. On the Missouri side, our RIM group continues to work with Jewish Vocational Services (JVS). Getting vetted has been a slow, tedious process, but once done our first task will be to furnish a home for refugees. At that time, we will let you know what items are needed and when collected, JVS will schedule a day when we move them into their home and prepare a meal for the family. To have direct contact with Afghan families, everyone must be screened by JVS. If you would like to help, please contact [Sue](#).



Chaplain Cart - The Chaplain Cart was created at the start of the pandemic by the Spiritual Wellness department at St. Luke's East to give nurses, doctors, therapists, and staff a much-needed boost as they dealt with the added strain of caring for Covid patients. Filled with snacks, sodas, chocolates, lotions, hair ties, and other treats, the cart is taken throughout the hospital to bring respite and cheer to their long, stressful days. Through your [donations to Justice & Life](#), SFX has periodically purchased items to stock the cart. If you or your place of employment has been

wondering how you can support these superheroes in scrubs, donations (especially drinks and chocolates) are always needed. You can drop off your donation when you come to church or bring it to the parish office and mark it "chaplain cart." Thank you! Contact [Sue](#) for more information.

Women's Retreat Opportunities

Good Fruit - Directed Women's Retreat – Mark your calendars for February 24-27 and plan to attend our 3rd Directed Women's Retreat. What Good Fruit is God nurturing in you? What parts of your life need some pruning? Join Mariann and Sue for a weekend of prayer, reflection, and sharing. We will gather at 7:00 pm on Thursday evening, Feb 24 and conclude after the 10:30 Mass on Sunday, February 27. In addition to a 9:00 am check-in on Friday and Saturday, we ask that you try to set aside two to three 30-minute prayer periods on Friday and Saturday and (one or two on Sunday) and plan to meet for 30 minutes of spiritual direction with either Mariann or Sue. Space is limited to 10 participants, so sign up soon by contacting [Sue](#) or [Mariann](#).

White House Women's Retreat – May 19-22 – Our group is growing! 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! They operate 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.

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

Black History Month Opportunities

Stórling Dance Theatre’s “Underground,” a powerful telling of the history and heroics of the Underground Railroad sponsored by Unite KC, will be performed THIS weekend, February 4-5, at the Kaufman Center for the Performing Arts. For details and to purchase tickets contact tickets.kauffman.org or call 816.994.7222. Use code **4UNITEKC for a 20% discount until showtime.** Unite KC is an organization formed in June 2020 following the murder of George Floyd. It seeks to identify organizations, businesses, nonprofits, churches, and government entities that are currently serving minority communities and work with them to create a list of actionable needs in those communities. To learn more about Unite KC go [HERE](#). To view a quick two-minute clip of “Underground” go [HERE](#).

February Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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