



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

SFX UPDATE – February 11, 2022

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**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.**

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–

I spent some time praying in front of the crosses marking the deaths of the people murdered in Kansas City this year. This visual symbol is a sobering reminder of the violence on our streets and in our homes. Who were these victims? Who were the perpetrators? Where in the city did these murders happen? We are overwhelmed with so much information that what we read or hear daily just becomes static background noise. I invite you to spend some moments in front of these crosses in silence and then reflect on how God is moving in you and asking you to respond. What is your song / prayer of lamentation?

[Walter Brueggemann Need for Lament \(Psalms\)](#) Short reflection
[John P. Kee - Standing In The Need](#) Song

I will be away visiting my parents in Florida this week: Monday, Feb 14 – Saturday, Feb 19. I will not be checking email very often.

Parish Town Hall Meeting - The Pastoral Council will hold Town Hall meetings after every Mass THIS weekend, 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, information about a scholarship opportunity at St. Teresa's Academy, 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:

- Sharriff Tilghman, 49
- Unknown man
- Shawn W. Wilson, 36

Please walk out to the garden to see the crosses with names, ages and dates of death for each person killed in 2022 in the Kansas City Metro. Thanks again to Bill Munninghoff, Bill Kriege and his work study students, and Jennifer Rouyer for this powerful visual of the violence in our society. When the weather warms up, we plan to relocate these crosses to a raised bed at the corner of 52nd and Troost. If you can help create that bed, please contact Sue.

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 News Our last prep class is **Sunday, February 20** (Confirmation Name and Baptism Certificates DUE!). Our retreat afternoon is **Sunday March 6**. Candidates will gather in Xavier Hall at 2:00 pm. Sponsors will join us at 4:00 pm. And we will conclude by joining the Rockhurst University Student Mass at 6:00 pm. Please continue to pray for our young men and women as they prepare to receive the Sacrament on March 30.

The soul is healed by being with children. *Fyodor Dostoyevsky* Join us as we minister to and with the children and teens of our parish! **We need adults to revitalize our faith formation ministries.** Contact [Mariann](#) for more information. All volunteers undergo a screening interview, a criminal background check, read and sign the "Ethics and Integrity in Ministry" Code of Conduct, and must be certified in "Protecting God's Children," the diocesan safe environment training program. If you are already Virtus-certified, you may be receiving a request to update your certification. Thank you in advance for doing so and helping us to keep our children and teens safe!

"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, 9:30 am

Church of the Holy Martyrs, 78th and Paseo

Mark your calendar for our monthly prayer walks. This month we'll be walking the neighborhood near Holy Martyrs, the Vietnamese Church in our diocese, and pray in thanksgiving for all refugees and immigrants who make our city more vibrant! **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.

Ignatian Year Pilgrimage Mark your calendar for **Monday, February 28, 6:30-8:30 pm** for Father Provincial Tom Greene'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](#).

The Dignity of the Laity, The Inviolability of Conscience and The Development of Doctrine: Vatican II and The Synod Pope Francis has called a Synod on Synodality 2021-2023. The seeds of this synod were planted by the Second Vatican Council in the 1960's, especially the document *Dignitatis Humanae* The Declaration on Religious Liberty. To learn more about Religious Liberty and the Synod watch this presentation by Sister Maureen Sullivan offered by FutureChurch: [Fertile Ground: Vatican II and The Synod](#). To learn more about FutureChurch click [HERE](#).

Senior Life - This ministry is blooming! If you, or a parishioner you know, could use some extra support, we have people ready to help with shopping, light housekeeping, or laundry. If you would like to help others, please contact [Sue](#).

Soup-er Bowl 2022 Challenge Update – One hundred one more cans came in last weekend and our grand total is: **2562 cans**. Thank you so much! SFX won the *Soup-er Bowl!* And, oh yeah, go football teams. Watch for our next collection opportunity happening during Lent.

EmbRace - Last year in our parish survey, over 80% of respondents believed that we at SFX should focus on racial justice. Our EmbRace Committee researched several parish programs and decided *Be the Bridge* ([BTB101 – Be the Bridge](#).) provided the best starting point. This 5-week program is designed for white people to explore their biases, white identity, and privilege so as to better build bridges of reconciliation and justice. We will offer two sessions during Lent: [Monday evenings](#) beginning March 7 at 7:00 pm and [Thursday mornings](#) beginning March 3 at 10:00 am. Please click the links or contact Sue to sign up. There is a [workbook](#) which you can purchase and download for \$10 online or if funds are an issue, SFX will purchase it for you.

- **EmbRace recommends:** Check out these books: *No Crystal Stair: Womanist Theology* by Diana Hayes and *Reading While Black: African American Biblical Interpretation as an Exercise in Hope* by Esau McCaulley.

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 – February 24-27 (sleeping in your own bed!) Join Sue and Mariann for our 3rd Directed Women's Retreat. **What Good Fruit is God nurturing in you? What parts of your life need some pruning?** This will be 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 optional Zoom check-in on Friday and Saturday mornings, 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 on Friday and Saturday. A participant of a past retreat shared, "*The spiritual direction and plenty of time to meditate and pray helped me reflect on how I want to go forward in my prayer life but also how I want to spend my time on Justice and Life issues that are important to me.*" 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 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 each 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.

February Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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