



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
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## SFX UPDATE – March 25, 2022

All are welcome at

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### Holy Week Schedule:

- Palm Sunday: Sat 4:00pm, Sunday 8:00am & 10:30am
- Wednesday, No Mass
- Holy Thursday: 7:00pm
- Good Friday: 7:00pm
- Easter Vigil: 8:00pm
- Easter Sunday: 10:30am ONLY

**HELP US CELEBRATE** Easter is just three weeks away!

Hospitality: Please contact [Joan McMahan](#) if you can help set up/serve/clean up.

- At the Easter Vigil, we will have cookies and lemonade in the narthex to help welcome our 6 new members
- Easter Sunday, after the 10:30am Mass we plan to have coffee and donuts

Parking: Please contact [Becca](#) if you can help with parking at the Easter Sunday 10:30am Mass

- SFX will need 4 volunteers to direct our traffic to allow parking on our lot, Rockhurst Parking garage and Berkley Child Care lot. If you are able to help us that day, contact Becca at [rjackson@sfx-kc.org](mailto:rjackson@sfx-kc.org).
- On Easter Sunday, please arrive at 10:00am, you will be given a reflector vest and name tag upon arrival.
- Please gather at the back door off parking lot for instructions by Becca. We appreciate your help very much!

No Easter Egg Hunt this year...maybe in 2023?

## Pastor's Corner

Song of the Week: [Prayer for Ukraine](#)

### Would you like to be a Lector or Eucharistic Minister?

If you wish to be part of these ministries, please contact Fr. Jim by Wednesday, March 30. We will be doing the schedule from April 23 – Aug 31 soon. Please sign up and we will do the training towards the end of April. Email: [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org)

**The Sunday at the 10:30am Mass, Frs. Robert Murphy, SJ and Pepe Ruiz, SJ will be concelebrating with me. They are vocation promoters for the Jesuits of this province.** They will also be around after Mass if you would like to speak with them. Perhaps you or someone you know might be thinking of a Jesuit vocation. Who would have thought it would have happened to me? The Lord works in mysterious ways!



**March 25** - There is no public witness today.

**April 1** –Mark your calendars, bring your family and friends, and plan to attend any or all the following:

4:30-5:30 pm – Public Witness (weather permitting)

5:30-6:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

6:00-6:30 pm – Simple supper in Xavier Hall (fish, cole slaw, mac and cheese, movie snacks)

6:30-8:30 pm – Watch *Jesus Christ Superstar*.in Xavier Hall

For more information or to RSVP, contact [Sue](#).

**Second Collection this weekend for Catholic Relief Services** CRS is the humanitarian aid agency of the US Catholic Community. This collection provides funding for Catholic Relief Services, the USCCB Offices of International Justice and Peace, Migration and Refugee Services, and Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees, relief work of the Holy Father, and the Catholic Legal Immigration Network. For more information about the good work of CRS, including in Ukraine, go to [CRS.org](http://CRS.org). Thank you for your generosity.

**Lenten Prayer, Fasting and Almsgiving.** This Lent we are encouraging all SFXers to pray the Examen every day (go to [Jesuits.org](http://Jesuits.org) to learn how). We also encourage you to participate in Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowl ([CRS Rice Bowl](#)). Our small sacrifices can make a big difference in the lives of others.

**We continue to pray for all Kansas City Metro homicide victims** at our weekend liturgies. In a special way we remember:

- **Donell Cooper Jr., 38, on March 20**

**One More Scoop Ice Cream Truck Sunday, March 27 after 10:30 Mass.** Last fall our “SFXcellent Walkers and Runners” raised a lot of money for Catholic Charities Outpace Poverty Walk – and we won a visit from the OMS Ice Cream Truck! The truck will be here this Sunday, after 10:30 Mass. Bundle up and join in the fun. And if you have been part of the SFXcellent Walkers and Runners team in the past – **wear your t-shirt** to Mass.

**Welcome and Strong Blessings** to **Abigail Wood Russell** (daughter of of Isaac Russell and Meghan Dickinson) and **Milo Hugh Duckworth** (son of James and Julie Wegener Duckworth) who are baptized at SFX this weekend. May they – and all our children – grow up to be men and women with and for others.

**Confirmation Rite of Covenant** This Sunday, March 27 at the 10:30 Mass we will hear testimony from our high school candidates’ sponsors as to their readiness to be confirmed. Our teens will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Wednesday, March 30 at Visitation Church. Please pray for them: Cecilia Rita MARGARET of CASTELLO Antista, Joseph Patrick JOHN Walker Browne, Alice Marie GENESIUS Coates, Jesse Rey JOSE De Lira, Lucas Austin FRANCIS of ASSISI Hull, LUKE Jarrod Huntley, Erin Bing Yan ELIZABETH Kaye, Margot Elizabeth CATHERINE of BOLOGNA Keitges, LUCA Salvatore Nicotra, Zander Lee IGNATIUS LOYOLA Nicotra, and Michael Uyoata RAPHAEL Udo. Many thanks to our small group leaders Madeline Shriver and Philip Calcagno.

**No Children's Liturgy of the Word** during 10:30 Mass this week (so the children can witness the Rite of Covenant), but we will offer CLW on Zoom 9:45 am Sunday morning. Please contact [Mariann](#) for Meeting ID, Passcode, and link.

**Snack & Spirituality 2022 continues Wednesday evenings, 7:00-8:00 pm in Xavier Hall 30 and April 6.** Our theme this year: **"The Good News of Lent: Praying the Sunday Gospels."** We will use art to help us reflect more deeply on our faith. If you missed this week's reflection on **The Return of the Prodigal Son**, you can watch the video from Loyola Press we viewed [HERE](#). Join us next week for snacks, plenty to learn about **Christ and The Adulteress** and good fellowship to share! Masks are optional for those who are vaccinated. Unvaccinated people are required to wear masks. For more information, please contact [Mariann](#).



**HeART and Soul continues the first Tuesday of the month** April 5 11:00 am -12:30 pm on Zoom. Space is limited to 12. Registration deadline is Friday, April 1. For more information or to register to receive Zoom link and supply packet contact [Mariann](#).

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

**April 16**

**9:30 am**

Mark your calendar for our monthly prayer walks. Holy Saturday (April 16) we'll meet in the SFX parking lot for a walk around the SFX and RU campuses and "find God in all things." All ages are welcome! Rumor has it the Easter Bunny is going to drop off some candy-filled eggs for folks who come to the Prayer Walk! Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.



**RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) Committee Update** – Members of our RIM Committee will move an Afghan family into their home on April 9. There are several items that are needed. Click on the following Link if you are interested in purchasing or donating to the cause.: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0C4BA9AC29A1F8C43-items>. Items can be dropped off in our parking lot from 10 to 12 noon any day between April 2 and April 8 (except Sunday). Any monetary donations should be sent to Sue at SFX or dropped into the collection basket for the next two Sundays. Please mark your check or envelope with "**Afghan family**" so it can be credited to that account. For more details check Sunday's bulletin. Call Bill Schmidt at 816-977-3853 if you have questions.

**Our Gas Buddies program is up and running!** We started our program this past week and our neighbors are elated! Thanks to all who are volunteering to hang out here at SFX each week to gas up tanks. If you are not able to give the time, consider donating to [Social Ministries](#) to ease the pain at the pump for our neighbors in need and keep the gas flowing in our Justice & Life ministry. We will continue this program as long as gas prices remain high and it is feasibly possible. Thank you!

**ACTION ALERT: Missouri Voters:** Contact your [Missouri State Senator](#) and tell them to vote **NO** on allowing guns and concealed weapons in churches and on buses. The bill passed this week in the House and has moved to the Senate. Want to talk to Mike Parson directly about this or other issues? Call him at 573-751-3222.

**MADP (Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty)** - SFX is a member of MADP. [Carman Deck](#) is the next human being scheduled to be executed (read: "legally murdered") MADP is circulating petitions asking Governor Mike Parson to grant clemency. Here is an opportunity to get more involved: You can sign the advocacy petition seeking clemency for Carman Deck today at: [www.bit.ly/ClemencyForCarman](http://www.bit.ly/ClemencyForCarman) AND you can join MADP on their **State Lobby Day on April 26th** which will include a Petition drop for Carman Deck. Check out [Home | Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty \(madpmo.org\)](#) to see the good work they do and to become more involved.

**EmbRace meeting next Sunday, April 3 – 9:00 am Xavier Hall** – Join us as we continue our discernment on ways to educate ourselves and our parish about the deeply rooted sin of racism and to advocate for change in our community.

**EmbRace Recommends:** the NBC News podcast [Southlake](#). When a video surfaced in 2018 showing Southlake high school students chanting the N-word, and when Black residents came forward to share stories of racial harassment and bullying, the school board vowed to make changes. The backlash was intense and the controversy is ongoing.

**Food Pantry Needs** – We are in need of paper towels, size 4 diapers, protein drinks for seniors, and medium and large adult diapers for both men and women. Thank you!

**Ignatian Parish Justice Summit** -June 14-16, 2022 – The Ignatian Spirituality Network is sponsoring this event in St. Louis this year. This is a terrific opportunity to:

- Connect with leaders from parishes across the U.S. seeking to enhance their community's work for justice inspired by the Ignatian charism.
- Exchange real-life strategies for parish justice engagement from your own work and the work of fellow parish leaders.
- Workshops and resource sharing will deepen knowledge and capacity for advocacy in the areas of migration, ecology, and racial justice.

The cost is \$350. For more information and to sign up, go to [Ignatian Parish Justice Summit 2022 \(wufoo.com\)](https://www.wufoo.com) and let Sue know you are attending!

**Adopt a Street** – We were approached by the city asking if our parish would be willing to adopt a mile and clean it up 3 times a year. The minimum commitment is 2 years. If anyone is interested in leading this ministry, contact Sue for more details.

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## FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS

### **Journey to New Life Fundraiser: “Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day”**

Saturday, March 26, 7:00 pm at Visitation Church (5141 Main). Free, but donations will be accepted for Journey to New Life which works with formerly incarcerated persons to help them successfully reintegrate into the community. This one-woman show about the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement has been touring the US since May 1990 and has been presented internationally. For more information contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)).

### **POPE FRANCIS’ VISION FOR THE CHURCH IN AN AGE OF PANDEMICS**

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City  
Rockhurst University, Arrupe Hall Auditorium, Kansas City, MO  
Friday, April 22 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City invites you for an evening with Professor J. Matthew Ashley of the University of Notre Dame. Professor Ashley’s presentation is part of our 2022 Ignatian Weekend. In this evening presentation Professor Ashley will share how Ignatian spirituality provides a lens for understanding how Francis exercises his

Petrine ministry today. For more information and to register for this free lecture, see Ignatian Weekend 2022 at [www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events](http://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events).

**Veronica's Voice** – [Veronica's Voice](http://www.veronicasvoice.org) reached out to us to share their mission - *To empower women to exit from, to prevent the entry into, and to end all demand for prostitution-sex trafficking in the United States through survivor leadership* – and their needs. Check out their website to see the good work they do. You can also support them through their store: [Shop a Just Cause | Veronica's Voice | United States \(veronicasvoice.org\)](http://www.veronicasvoice.org). Their products would make great Easter and Mother's Day gifts!

### Lenten Blessings!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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