



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

SFX UPDATE – May 27, 2022

All are welcome at
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Parish Pentecost Retreat is next Friday! June 3 5:30-9:00. Enter Pentecost, Summer, and Ordinary time with a greater awareness of God's Fruits of the Spirit. Amid the extreme chaos in our world, we need to be aware of God's outpouring of love, joy, patience, peace, kindness, goodness, self-control, gentleness, and faithfulness in our lives, our parish, and in our world. Led by Mariann and Sue, this retreat is for couples and singles, men and women, and young and old. In the presence of the Holy Spirit, we will get acquainted, share a meal, reflect on the Fruits of the Spirit, have some quiet time and time to share, and close with prayer and song. **Limit: 54 people.** [Sign up here](#) and contact Sue or Mariann for more information.

Friday 12:00 p.m. Masses are suspended from Memorial Day thru Labor Day. Friday Masses will resume, September 9th. There are daily Masses available at Visitation and St. Peter parishes nearby. Please check their websites for information.

Pastor's Corner

There are many ways to respond to everything that is happening in our city, nation, world. Sometimes, we just need to weep...

[Salve Regina | 450 voices – virtual choir | Catholic Music](#)

SALVE, Regina, mater misericordiae, vita, dulcedo, et spes nostra, salve. Ad te clamamus exsules filii Hevae. Ad te suspiramus, gementes et flentes in hac lacrimarum valle. Eia, ergo, advocata nostra, illos tuos misericordes oculos ad nos converte. Et Iesum, benedictum fructum ventris tui, nobis post hoc exsilium ostende. O clemens, O pia, O dulcis Virgo Maria. Amen.

HAIL holy Queen, Mother of mercy, our life, our sweetness, and our hope. To thee do we cry, poor banished children of Eve. To thee do we send up our sighs, mourning and weeping in this valley of tears. Turn then, most gracious Advocate, thine eyes of mercy toward us. And after this our exile show unto us the blessed fruit of thy womb, Jesus. O clement, O loving, O sweet Virgin Mary. Amen.

Parish Town Hall: Every four months on the second Sunday of the month the Pastoral Council hosts an all-parish Town Hall meeting to share parish news and take your questions and feedback in an open forum. Please mark your calendar for the next Town Hall meeting immediately following every Mass the weekend of June 11 and 12. We will livestream the meeting following the 10:30 Mass if you prefer to attend remotely. If you have anything you'd like us to cover, please contact Steve Bruns from the Pastoral Council (sbruns51@gmail.com) or Ann Sheridan on staff (asheridan@sfx-kc.org). See you there!

Online Giving: The vendor we selected for our online giving platform was recently sold to another company. The migration has been a little bit rocky, and we are working through all known issues. If you donate to SFX online and are aware of any issues with your scheduled giving, please contact Peggy in the parish office. pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org or 816-381-9161. Thank you.

Pray their names. Those killed in Uvalde, Texas on Tuesday (no list of the dead has been released by authorities; this list was compiled from various news sources and may be inaccurate):

- Irma Garcia, 48 (we also remember Irma's husband Joe Garcia who died of a fatal heart attack Thursday)
- Eva Mireles, 44
- Neveah Bravo, 10
- Jacklyn Cazares, 9
- Makenna Elrod, 10
- Jose Flores, 10
- Eliahna "Ellie" Garcia, 9
- Uziyah Garcia, 8
- Amerie Jo Garza, 10
- Xavier Lopez, 10
- Jayce Carmelo Luevanos, 10
- Tess Mata, 10
- Miranda Matthis, 11
- Alithia Ramirez, 10
- Alexandria "Lexi" Rubio, 10
- Annabelle Guadalupe Rodriguez, 10
- Layla Salazar, 10
- Jailah Nicole Silguero, 10
- Eliahna Cruz Torres
- Elijah Cruz Torres, 10
- Rojelio Torres, 10
- Salvador Ramos, 18

We pray for all those killed in mass shootings, racially motivated hate crimes, drug deals, drive bys, domestic disputes and other violence-- in our nation and in our city. Those killed in the city of Kansas City, Missouri this week are:

61. Andreone Hall, 19, May 17 (was Unknown person, 5/17)
62. Quinton Dewberry, 23, May 18
63. Christina Nevels, 36, May 19
64. Rashan Stenson, Jr 17, 5/22
65. Unknown Name, May 24

We know there are many more killed in our metro, north and south of the river, east and west of State Line, in Kansas and Missouri, in all five counties. Lord, have mercy!

In light of the overwhelming gun violence, please consider supporting the following events and opportunities:

- **National Gun Violence Awareness Day is Friday, June 3.** Join Grandparents for Gun Safety from **4:00-6:00 pm in Mill Creek Park** to witness and raise awareness for the need for gun safety, Wear orange and bring a sign or use one of theirs.
- Write [Josh Hawley](#) and [Roy Blunt](#) and tell them to support the [Bipartisan Background Checks Act of 2021](#). Roy Blunt is the 4th [largest NRA benefactor](#) and Josh Hawley ranks 12th.

- Call or visit their offices
 - Roy Blunt - 816-471-7141 1000 Walnut St., Ste. 1560, KC, MO 64106
 - Josh Hawley - 816-960-4694 400 E. 9th Street, Suite 9350. KCMO 64106

Are you ready for Spring? Ready for a return to fun? The social committee is gearing up for a return to normal activities and is seeking new members who want to get creative and love to party. The group is responsible for planning fun activities and utilizing Xavier Hall. Past events included a Valentine's Day party, game night, and Halloween party. Please contact [Shelby Siegel](#) if you are interested in joining or if you have any questions about the group.

Ignatian Parish Justice Summit

VIRTUAL ONLY – June 15 11:15-5:15 pm via Zoom – Cost is \$50 [Click here](#) for more information and to register.

This is a terrific opportunity to:

- Share best practices,
- form new connections within the broader Catholic network, and
- explore strategies and ideas around parish work for social justice inspired by the Ignatian charism.

Join us as we explore how to nurture more just, spiritually grounded, and vibrant parish communities.

The pandemic isn't over. As the US marks 1,000,000 COVID deaths, we mourn, and we recommit ourselves to doing everything we can to help ourselves and our communities stay healthy. Go to www.COVID.gov for information about mask-wearing, vaccines, treatments, and testing. Everyone is now eligible for (another) 8 FREE at-home COVID tests. Go to [COVID.gov/tests - Free at-home COVID-19 tests](https://www.cdc.gov/covid19/testing) to order yours.

Save the date: Graduation Mass, June 12, 10:30 am. Our graduates (high school, college, university) are invited to wear their cap and gown regalia to Mass and receive a special blessing. (Please contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to make sure your graduate is on our list – we don't want to miss anyone!).

Grazie. Abbiamo ricevuto la sua email. That is the email we received this week from the Segreteria Generale del Sinodo dei Vescovi – the Secretary General for the Synod of Bishops at the Vatican. Our Synod Survey Summary has been submitted to Bishop Johnston and to the Vatican. **You can read the summary [HERE](#) and view the complete survey and all the comments [HERE](#).** **Father Dan White, SJ**, former associate pastor here at SFX and present pastor at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis **preached on the Synod** last weekend. Watch the YouTube recording here: [Father Dan White on Trusting the Spirit and The Synod](#).

The Adult Faith Formation Committee encourages all parishioners, young and old, to **LOOK for the JOY** – even in times of outrage, frustration, and deep, deep sadness. Joy is one of the nine “fruits of the Spirit” (joy, peace, love, goodness, kindness, gentleness, patience, faithfulness, self-control). One definition of joy is joy “the beginning of anything new... curiosity...spontaneity...not-knowing.” (Neal Allen *Shapes of Truth: Discover God Inside You*). As we approach the end of the Easter Season and the Feast of Pentecost, trust that joy is available to all of us. And if you're willing, email Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org and let us know who and what is bringing you joy these days.

Mark Your Calendars:

Fundraiser for Ukraine – Tonight, Fri, May 27 at 6 pm at Drexel Hall (3301 Baltimore) Sponsored by Returned Peace Corps volunteers and the KC Irish Center you are invited to enjoy live music and dance performances, art, raffle prizes, a silent auction, and a cash bar. The cost is \$15, or \$20 at the door. For more information go to [Our Village: A Kansas City Benefit for Ukraine Tickets, Fri 27 May 2022 at 18:00 | Eventbrite](#)

EmbRace, our anti-racism ministry will meet Sunday, June 5, 2022, from 9:00-10:15 am in Xavier Hall. **All are welcome!**

Binding Us Together by Alvin Brooks – *Our book group starts a week from Monday!* We will read and discuss Mr. Brooks' book via Zoom on Monday evenings June 6 (Chapters 1-4), June 13 (Chapters 6-9), and June 20 (Chapters 10-13), and then host him in Xavier Hall on June 27 for an engaging discussion. Please consider purchasing the book from Rainy Day books. Let us know if you're interested by signing up [here](#) or contact [Sue](#).

Bloodmobile June 26 – A young parishioner, Sofie, required 50 units of blood at birth for a life-threatening congenital heart/lung condition. Each year, the family sponsors a blood drive to help others in need of lifesaving blood products. SFX will host the blood drive in Xavier Hall so mark your calendars for June 26 from 9-1 and schedule an appointment by going to https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code and enter code ED8V or contact the chairperson at blooddrivekc@gmail.com. All presenting donors will receive 2 free Royals tickets! Thank you!

Migrant Farmworkers Collection and Dates - We have 3 dates to go to Lexington to serve the migrant families who put food on our tables. Mark your calendars for **August 22, September 19, and October 3**. We will leave the SFX parking lot at 3:00 and return about 8:00 pm. All are welcome!

We have been asked to collect:

- white rice (not instant)
- pinto beans (dry, not in cans)
- cans of hearty, meaty soup - beef chili, hearty chicken, chicken and rice, beans and ham (*Yes, we're collecting soup again!!!! Go SFX!*)
- Paper sacks without handles
- Clean bath towels
- New or gently used white or gray tube socks – knee high
- Simple, solid colored stocking caps (*Start your needles, knitters and crocheters!*)
- *Clean sweatshirts - med, large, X-large
- *Clean lightweight long sleeve shirts – med, large, X-large
- *Clean new and gently used T-shirts – med, large, X-large

* For the non-food items, **please separate, sort, and label all donations.** * (Example: t-shirts – medium) *Neither MFAF nor SFX has the staff and time to sort all we receive.* Please drop off your donations in the back of church when you come to Mass or bring them to the parish office during office hours. Contact [Sue](#) for more information.

FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS

Jesuit Refugee Services World Refugee Day Event: Virtual Cooking Demonstration featuring Chef Zainab from Foodhini. Tuesday, June 21, 11:00 Central. Chef Zainab, born and raised in Kabul, Afghanistan, will walk us through the steps to prepare a traditional Afghan dish of Lubya Kidney Bean Stew. Once you sign up, you will receive a list of ingredients to purchase before the event. Register at [JRS.USA World Refugee Day Event - Cooking Demonstration](#).

Nelson Atkins Sixth Annual Juneteenth Celebration - June 11, 2022 - 10 am-4 pm.

All activities and performances are FREE. As part of city-wide observances and in partnership with JuneteenthKC, The Nelson-Atkins Museum of Art presents the sixth annual Juneteenth Celebration. Tickets are not required to attend the free event, but [please reserve your timed ticket in advance](#) to ensure we do not exceed capacity restrictions. Please allow extra time to enter the museum and approach from the north or east. It will be a busy day in midtown. Click [here](#) to see all that is offered. Also check out [A Frame of Mind](#) which takes a hard look at race through the lens of art.

Looking for things to do with the kids and grandkids this summer? Marlborough Elementary (7415 Tracy) has lots of fun opportunities for kids and adults. Check out their offerings at <https://www.kcclt.org/events>.

LEAD TO READ KC is recruiting volunteers to read with elementary students in high-need schools across the Kansas City metro. It's the easiest, most meaningful volunteer experience in Kansas City! You can volunteer **virtually or in-person one lunch hour a week**, twice a month, or as often as your schedule allows—no evenings or weekends! [Apply online](#), complete a short online training session, and begin reading with a student at a school near or far to you. **Learn more and apply today:** leadtoreadkc.org

Easing into Contemplative Prayer with the Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City

Wednesdays, June 8 – July 13, 7:00 PM – 8:30 PM ZOOM

Looking to reinvigorate your life in prayer this summer? Join us for a 6-week long experience of exploring the four stages of prayer that lead to contemplation. We will be reading together *The Armchair Mystic* by Fr. Mark Thibodeaux, SJ and praying his suggested exercises to help cultivate a deeper relationship with our Lord. You will read about 5 pages per day and pray for 30 minutes and meet weekly with your group to reflect and share your prayer experience. Weekly gatherings will begin on Wednesday, June 8th at 7:00 PM. Cost \$35 (book not included)

For more information and to register, please see our events page <https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events>

Guardian Angels Parish, KCMO: The Guardian Angels Quilters are always looking for new members and everyone is welcome to join! We have members from different Churches in the KC Metro area. Are you interested in the art of quilt making? Do you have basic hand sewing skills and want to learn quilting technique? GA Quilters began in 1982 and was recognized in one of the Kansas City Star books.

Our projects include designing and making quilts for parish raffles and providing quilting services for people wanting their unfinished quilt tops hand quilted. The money we earn from the hand quilting services goes to Guardian Angels Parish and Parish Food Pantry. Contact Mary O'Shea 816-898-9820 or Guardian Angels Parish Office 816-931-4351 for more information. All are welcome!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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