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SFX UPDATE – June 17, 2022

All are welcome at
[St. Francis Xavier](#)

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POSTPONED - Public Witness and Prayer Service – Due to the searing heat, we are postponing our public witness and prayer service scheduled for today, Friday, June 17. Please watch the update and the bulletin for future events.

Pastor's Corner

Sunday is not only Father's Day, but Juneteenth. I invite you to learn more about why we finally come to celebrate this day as a nation. [Click here to watch a short video](#) If you would like to have more in-depth knowledge of how important it is to understand and recognize Juneteenth's meaning for us as individuals and as a nation, please watch this 90-minute video sponsored by [PBS Books](#). We have come a long way towards equality and dignity for all, but we still have a long march ahead of us.

For many people, things slow down during the summer, I hope you and your family have time to set aside some extra time for yourselves. We have been through a great deal these past two years. Please be good to yourselves.

Our staff works hard all year long and we take time off in the summer to renew ourselves. Here are some upcoming vacations.

Ann – June 15-17

Fr. Jim – Aug 1-8

Mariann – June 16-20

Sue – June 19-25

Becca - tbd

Peggy - tbd

Parish Town Hall Meetings: Approximately 60 people participated in one of the Town Hall meetings last weekend. The presenters shared a lot of great news and we are quite enthused about our direction as a parish. Check back next week for a detailed summary of what was covered at the meetings, including questions and feedback from the Q&A portion of the meeting. Big thanks to the presenters and to everyone who participated.

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.

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:

69. Timothy Grigsby, 32, on 6/6

70. Rodrick Roland, 32, 6/7

71. Thomas Floyd, 48, 6/12

72. Floyd Helton, 65, 6/13

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. Of note: 45 of the 68 people killed to date have been Black and of the 68 killed, 59 were murdered by firearms. *God, in your mercy, save us!*

The Adult Faith Formation Committee encourages you to check out these [Juneteenth Prayers from jesuit.org](#).

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday, June 19. Miss Mariann is out of town for a family wedding.

Centering Prayer IN PERSON in the SFX Chapel and on Zoom **Monday, June 20 7:00-9:00 pm**. Contact [Rebecca Thompson](#) for Zoom meeting id and password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to [Contemplative Outreach KC](#).

Journey to Bethany Survivors Gatherings Third Tuesday of the month. **June 21**, July 26, August 23, September 27, October 25, November 22. **6:30-8:00 pm HJ's Community Center** 6424 Wornall Road, KCMO. *This is a safe, welcoming space where survivors of clergy sexual abuse can connect with those who share similar experiences. Each gathering includes activities and tools to foster peace, hope and healing.* For more information contact [Jennifer Prusa](#) 816-683-9999.or go to [Journey to Bethany](#).

June Prayer Walk – Saturday, June 25, 9:30 am. Gillham Park. (41st and Gillham). We'll gather at the Sprayground. Join us as we continue to discover parks and neighborhoods east and west of Troost. All ages, wheelchairs and strollers, dogs on leashes. We'll walk, talk, and "find God in all things." For more information, contact [Mariann](#).

Marian Devotion Group "Truly Our Mother" Meeting and Rosary – Sunday, June 26, 9:00 am Parish Library. All are welcome. Contact [Gail Fein](#) for more information. June 26 is the **Feast of Our Lady of Meliapore**. This is a shrine in the East Indies where St. Francis Xavier often went to pray during his eleven years with the people of India. Mary was constant source of strength and inspiration for Francis. Wherever his journeys took him, Francis always returned to his 'Lady of the Wayside' at Meliapore.

Baptism Prep Team We are in need of folks (single parents and couples, gay and straight, new parents and empty-nesters) to meet with parents and godparents to help prepare them for their child's baptism. Training, materials, mentoring and support provided. Time commitment is a couple hours, once a month – at a time that is mutually agreed upon by the family and the Prep Team volunteer. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

Pride at SFX We remain committed to treating all persons with respect, sensitivity, and compassion, including members of the LGTBQIA+ Community. **We are especially committed to creating safer spaces for our children and teens.** Outreach 2022, the LGBTQ Catholic Ministry Conference, will

be held June 24-25 at Fordham University. Click here to see highlights from last year's conference (including the letter from Pope Francis encouraging the ministry): [Outreach 2021](#).

Jesus, Pope Francis and A Protestant Walk Into a Bar It's not the beginning of a joke, but the title of the book the Adult Faith Formation Committee is **inviting YOU to read this summer**. Authors Paul Rock and Bill Tammeus take an honest look at the similarities and differences between Catholics and Protestants and invite us all to a deeper reflection on the heart of Christianity. Mark your calendar for **August 20/21 - we will have an informal discussion on the book** (with pie!) after the Saturday 4:00 and Sunday 8:00 Masses that weekend. Contact [Mariann](#) to purchase your copy of the book (\$13).

Interested in working with our children and teens? Contact [Mariann](#) for more information about ministry opportunities. And save the date for the mandatory **Protecting God's Children** training: **July 19, 6:30-9:30 pm, SFX Romero Room**.

Missourians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty is having their annual meeting via Zoom tomorrow, Saturday, June 18. At 1:30 there will be a screening of *On the Row*. Click [HERE](#) to register.

World Refugee Day is June 20 – Check out the flyer in this week's bulletin and [look at what the Jesuits are doing](#) for refugees around the world.

Justice & Life Committee Meeting – Sunday, June 26, 9:00-10:15 am in the Romero Room. In anticipation of the 4th of July, we'll discuss Catholic Social Teaching and Patriotism. Come learn how we are called to be good citizens in the light of Christ's teachings. All are welcome! Contact [Sue](#) or [Tim Driscoll](#) for more information.

Bloodmobile, Sunday, June 26 9:00 am-1:00 pm – 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 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!

***Binding Us Together* by Alvin Brooks** – Whether you've read his book or not, invite your friends and family and come to Xavier Hall on **Monday, June 27 at 6:30 pm** for an engaging, in-person discussion with KC activist, Mr. Alvin Brooks. Contact Sue for more information.

Irish Fest Sign ups - SFX Sister Parish Committee is again raising funds to assist in our mission with our Sister Parish, St. Martin de Porres in Belize City. We will be managing a beverage tent at the 2022 Irish Fest. The Irish Fest is located at Crown Center and the dates are September 2 to 4. [Signup for volunteers](#) is available through Sign Up Genius. For more information on helping with this event please contact Jim Bell: jbelle@biomicrobics.com, 914-449-7505.

EmbRace recommends checking out kblackhistory.org. Launched in February 2022, the new [Kansas City Black History website](#) features online biographies, essays, educational resources, and additional content that highlights the legacies and accomplishments of notable African Americans who blazed trails, broke barriers, and shaped our city's history.

Migrant Farmworkers Collection and Dates – Thanks to those who have donated (and labeled) items for our brothers who work hard to harvest our food. **We will collect items until July 10** and

will go to Lexington to serve the migrant families who put food on our tables: *August 22, September 19, and October 3*. Please take a list of what we are collecting from the bulletin board in the Narthex and drop it off during parish office hours (9:00-5:00 M-F) or in the Narthex. * 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.* Contact [Sue](#) for more information or to go out to support those who put food on our tables.

FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS

Contemporary Spirituality – Wisdom Teachings: Something More for Sincere Seekers Join this group of seekers founded by Mike Matteuzzi in 2014. This coming week they will be reflecting upon and discussing the poetry of David Whyte.

Tuesday, June 21st at 10:00am CST: **David Whyte**

Events are on Zoom and FREE. Register on the [Contemporary Spirituality](#) website.

2022 – 2023 Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life

Applications Due July 15

The Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City offers the Spiritual Exercises in Everyday Life retreat every year from September to May. This 8 to 9-month long individually-directed retreat in everyday life is designed to dispose pray-ers to more readily receive God's love and grace. You will pray daily with specific exercises and then go about your day. It is an individually-directed in that you will be accompanied weekly by an Ignatian prayer guide who will companion you uniquely for this retreat journey.

We are currently taking applications for the 2022 – 2023 season. To find out more, visit us at www.ignatiancenterkc.org and click on Community, then "Make the 8 Month Exercises." If you have any questions or would like further info, please email Stephanie Hudson at shudson@ignatiancenterkc.org or call (816)381-9168.

St. Therese Little Flower Parish Fundraiser – This fundraiser will benefit participants of the 2022 Lyke Conference. Participants engage in music, dance, preaching, Young Adult ministry and sessions for all who worship and serve in African American and diverse communities. Join them Sunday, June 12, 2022, from 10-2 Tickets—\$15 Drawings for prizes & more! For more information, contact St. Therese Little Flower at [\(816\) 444-5406](tel:8164445406)

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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