



Saint Francis Xavier Catholic Church  
Kansas City's Jesuit Parish  
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## SFX UPDATE – June 3, 2022

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**WHAT A PERFECT NIGHT for our Parish Pentecost Retreat!** We still have a space, so if you want to come reflect on God's Fruits that are poured out every day, join us tonight in Xavier Hall from 5:30-9:00. 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. If you haven't signed up, contact Sue or Mariann to let us know you're coming or just show up!

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

### Pastor's Corner

#### MO-Scholars Program

You recently received a letter from Bishop Johnston announcing the MO-Scholars Program for K-12 students. **This is a TREMENDOUS opportunity** for children to attend a Catholic school that would alleviate some of the financial challenges.

I strongly urge you to:

- Look at this opportunity to see if your children might qualify
- Support this fund by having 50% of your state income tax go to supporting the fund.

We lose many families at SFX when it is time for their children to begin attending school to parishes that give a discounted "in-parish" tuition rate. This would enable you to remain at SFX and send your children to a Catholic school in another parish.

Please click on the link below to see if you qualify and how to have your tax dollars support this fund.  
<https://www.brightfuturesfund.org/moscholars.html>

**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](mailto:sbruns51@gmail.com)) or Ann Sheridan on staff ([asheridan@sfx-kc.org](mailto: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](mailto: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:

65. Elijah Flores, 39, May 24 (This was the unknown from last week.
66. Latefa Baker, 40, May 29
67. Unknown Man, June 1

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!

Considering the overwhelming gun violence, please consider supporting the following events and opportunities:

- **National Gun Violence Awareness Day is TODAY.** Join Grandparents for Gun Safety from **4:00-6:00 pm in Mill Creek Park today** 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 4<sup>th</sup> [largest NRA benefactor](#) and Josh Hawley ranks 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Call or visit the offices of our elected leaders to let them know how you feel about the gun violence:
  - 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.

**Strong Blessings on Paul Harris Bahr and Liam Gillen Bahr** (sons of Nathan Bahr and Kathryn Gillen) and **Vincent Anthony Christifano and Leo Michael Christifano** (sons of Vincent Christifano and Andrea Cummins) who will be baptized Pentecost Sunday afternoon. May they – and all our children – grow up to live the fruits of the spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, gentleness, goodness, kindness, faithfulness, and self-control.

**Please pray for parishioner Michael Joseph Panarisi** who will receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** at The Cathedral Thursday, June 9, taking the Confirmation Name St. John the Baptist. Michael is part of a group of young (and not-so-young) adults who “missed” Confirmation when they were teens. May all of them grow strong in the Gifts of Wisdom, Understanding, Right Judgment, Courage, Knowledge, Reverence and Wonder and Awe in God’s Presence.

**Get more out of Mass this summer.** The Adult Faith Formation Committee encourages all parishioners to read and reflect on the readings BEFORE you come to Mass on the weekend. Go to [Daily Bible Readings, Audio and Video Every Morning | USCCB](#) to read the readings.

**Pride at SFX** We remain committed to treating all persons with respect, sensitivity, and compassion, including members of the LGBTQIA+ Community. **We are especially committed to creating safer spaces for our children and teens.** For more information and/or to be part of this important work, contact [Mariann](#). And check out the new website from America Media offering news, resources and community for LGBTQ Catholics, their families and friends, and those who minister to them in the Catholic Church worldwide: [Outreach - An LGBTQ Catholic Resource](#) and this article from America Magazine by Jesuit Father Jim McDermott, SJ [The Catholic Church Needs LGBT Saints](#).

**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](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) to make sure your graduate is on our list – we don’t want to miss anyone!).

**Save the date: June Prayer Walk** – Saturday, June 25, 9:30 am. Location to be determined. **Consider becoming a volunteer** for KC Parks and Recreation. Go to [Volunteering in your community - KC Parks and Rec](#) to learn more about opportunities, including “Make a Difference Mondays – Paseo Boulevard Litter Clean Ups” every Monday, 57<sup>th</sup> and Paseo, 9:30-11:00 am. Together we can tackle the loose litter problem on the boulevard.

**Grazie. Abbiamo ricevuto la sua email.** That is the email we received last 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](#).** You can learn more about the Synod by listening to the **Field Hospital** podcast from US Catholic, hosted by Jeannie Gaffigan and Mike Lewis: [Field Hospital: Kim Daniels - U.S. Catholic \(uscatholic.org\)](#)

**Journey to Bethany** continues creating a community that will accompany **survivors of clergy sexual abuse and their families.** New initiatives are gaining momentum including: **Community Conversations** strive to create a safe, welcoming space to gather, share and process whatever people may be feeling and to discuss Journey to Bethany activities. Survivors, those who support survivors, and anyone in search of healing are invited to join on **Zoom every first Monday from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** [www.journeytobethany.org/conversations](http://www.journeytobethany.org/conversations)

**Looking ahead: Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4** We are looking forward to starting up our Sunday School during the 10:30 Mass for our preschool parishioners in the Fall. The Sunday School is staffed by parents and other adult and teen volunteers who are scheduled one-Sunday-a-month. **AND we need some new books, toys and dolls that represent the diverse community we are.** Contact [Mairann](#) if you can help. *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.*

**Mark Your Calendars:**

**EmbRace**, our anti-racism ministry will meet this **Sunday, June 5, from 9:00-10:15 am in Xavier Hall**. Contact Sue or Mary Buren for more information. *All are welcome!*

***Binding Us Together by Alvin Brooks*** – *Our book group starts Monday!* We will read and discuss Mr. Brooks' book via Zoom on Monday evenings June 6 (Chapters Pages 1-115), June 13 (Pages 116-203), and June 20 (Chapters 5-13), 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](https://donate.savealifenow.org/donor/schedules/sponsor_code) and enter code ED8V or contact the chairperson at [blooddrivekc@gmail.com](mailto: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: **August 22, September 19, and October 3**. 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.

**MORE2 Update** - Join *Our Voices June 6th, 10 AM* as the Jackson County Legislature adopts a resolution that supports voting rights for the previously incarcerated. All the work put in is coming to light, you don't want to miss it! **Jackson County Courthouse, 415 East 12th St, Kansas City, June 6th, 10AM.**

**Ukraine Flag Decals** – This weekend in the back of church you can pick up a Ukraine Flag decal for a free will donation. All proceeds will be donated to Jesuit Refugee Services -Europe to support their work with Ukrainian refugees. (Blue side goes up!) Thank you for your generosity.

## 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 Lubyā

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>.

***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>

**Unbreakable – June is Gay Pride Month.** Show your support for our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters and enjoy this AMAZING Men's Chorus. Unbreakable presents a historical arc of the experiences of LGBTQ people over the last 12 decades, weaving a musical tribute to how their community has evolved, triumphed, suffered, and soared. Shows are Sat, Jun 11, 8 PM and Sun, Jun 12, 4 PM at The Folly Theater 300 W 12th St, Kansas City, MO.

**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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