



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

SFX UPDATE – June 10, 2022

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

[SFX YouTube Channel](#) [SFX Facebook Page](#) [SFX Justice & Life Facebook](#)

Parish Town Hall This Weekend: Every four months the Pastoral Council hosts all-parish Town Hall meetings to share parish news and take your questions and feedback in an open forum. We are hosting Town Hall meetings immediately after every Mass this weekend. 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!

Pastor's Corner

MO-Scholars Program

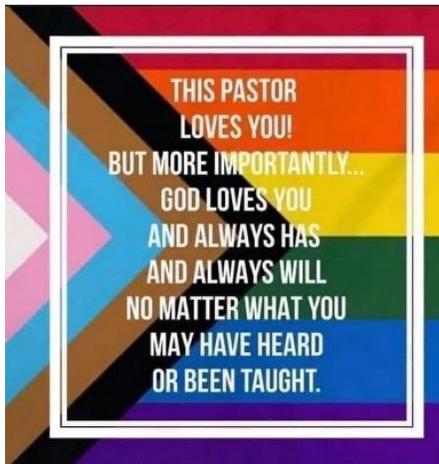
You recently received a letter from Bishop Johnston announcing the MO-Scholars Program for K-12 students. **This is a TREMENDOUS opportunity** for children to attend a Catholic school that would alleviate some of the financial challenges.

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>



At SFX everyone is welcome and seen as a child of God. If you are looking for a home, a community of faith, please come and visit us and meet our parishioners who will give you a warm welcome. Jesus is the One who invites us to His table. He asks us to remain in His love and we do this if we keep his commandment to love one another as He has loved us. It's Jesus' table. I'm just the waiter.

Here's a link to a website for LGBTQ+ Catholics that you might find as a good resource.

<https://outreach.faith/>

Fr. Jim

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.

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:

68. Timothy Grigsby, 32, June 6.

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!*

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

- 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 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

March for Our Lives Rally and Walk Saturday, June 11, 1:00-4:00 pm. Gillham Park (43rd and Gillham Road). Speakers (children, teens, young adults, teachers, civic leaders), songs, and poetry from 1:00-3:00 pm. March to Theis Park 3:00-4:00 pm. Wear your SFX t-shirt (if you have one). Bring a sign. This is one of over 450 marches taking place around the country on June 11. Learn more about March for Our Lives [HERE](#).

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.

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](#) to make sure your graduate is on our list – we don't want to miss anyone!).

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.

Trinity Sunday. Huh? The Adult Faith Formation Committee encourages all parishioners to reflect on the [Sunday readings](#) before you come to Mass on the weekend. And check out these resources for understanding the mystery of the Trinity from [Loyola Press](#).

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 consider checking out these documentaries from PBS: [Celebrate Pride Month 2022: 20 LGBT Documentaries](#).

Pray for the Church and for Pope Francis and read the latest from *America Magazine* [Will Pope Francis Resign?](#)

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.*

Public Witness and Prayer Service – Join us **NEXT Friday, June 17 from 4:30-5:45** for a public witness and prayer service commemorating Juneteenth. Bring your signs supporting black lives (or use one of our signs) and show your support along Troost from 4:30-5:30 pm. We'll follow it with a brief prayer service. All are welcome!

Adopt a Street - We finished our first trash pickup this past week along Tracy and Forest Streets between 55th and 60th Streets. That includes a neighborhood park, Troost Elementary, and the back of Frontier Elementary. We filled 5 large bags of trash and identified 8 bulky items for pick up! A total of 8 adults and two youth volunteered on two different dates to do the cleanup. We had at least four different individuals stop and say *thank you* and wanted to know more about our commitment! Our next pick up is set for **Saturday, August 13** starting at 8 am. Anyone can volunteer and show up between 8:00-10:00 am. Contact Sue or Mary Buren for more information.

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 June 27 at 6:30 pm for an engaging discussion with KC activist Mr. Alvin Brooks. Contact Sue for more information.

EmbRace recommends learning more about H.R. 40 - Commission to Study and Develop Reparation Proposals for African Americans Act. and ask President Biden to establish this commission by Juneteenth with an Executive Order, knowing it will not pass the Senate. For more information visit <https://networklobby.org/1622reparations-executive-order/>.

Then, check out all the activities planned in the KC Metro to celebrate Juneteenth!
https://www.communityvoiceks.com/lifestyles/arts_and_culture/2022-kansas-missouri-juneteenth-event-list/article_fec9d7d4-d86e-11ec-bbe1-2faa538c4c19.html

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!

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

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.

Ukraine Flag Decals – This weekend in the back of church the remainder of the Ukraine Flag decals will be out and available for a free will donation. All proceeds will be donated to Jesuit Refugee Services - Europe to support their work with Ukrainian refugees. Thank you for your generosity.

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 month they will be reflecting upon and discussing the poetry of John O'Donohue and David Whyte.

Tuesday, June 14th at 10:00am CST: **John O'Donohue**

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

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

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>.

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.

Unbreakable – June is 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. Also enjoy the Pride festivities this weekend in Theis Park.

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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