



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



**SFX UPDATE – July 29, 2022**

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**St. Francis Xavier**

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**Celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius:** The Feast of St. Ignatius is Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>. The Kansas City Jesuit Apostolates (SFX, Rockhurst University, Rockhurst High School, and the Ignatian Spirituality Center–KC) along with the JFAN (Jesuit Friends and Alumni Network) are coming together to celebrate at the 10:30 Mass, followed by a reception in Xavier Hall. We hope to see you at Mass and at the reception!

### **Summer Social with The Jesuits:**

The Jesuit Friends & Alumni Network of Kansas City Invites You to the Summer Social with the KC Jesuits. Join us for a casual social setting to mingle with our local KC Jesuits and fellow Jesuit school graduates and friends. August 18<sup>th</sup>, 5:00pm-8:00pm The Well Bar & Grill, 7421 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64114 **Representatives from JFAN will also be at the reception after the 10:30am Mass this weekend to answer questions.**

### **PASTOR'S CORNER**

**Men's Retreat Oct 6-9:** The SFX Men's Group invites you to consider making a retreat this October 6-9 at the White House Retreat Center. Fr. Frank Reale, S.J. will be the retreat presenter. He is a former provincial of the Missouri province and all-around good guy! I highly recommend taking advantage of this opportunity. There will be folks at the back of church this weekend to answer questions you have and provide more information. **Deadline for registration is August 22.**

**Young Adults and Young Married Couples:** We have seen a great uptick this past year in the number of young adults and young married couples and families that have joined our parish. So, if you are between 20-35+ years of age might you be interested in helping to form these two groups? Also, what would YOU want to see the purpose and activity of these groups be? Please contact **[Fr. Jim](#)** to share your thoughts and ideas.

**New Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers:** If you are interested in becoming a Lector and/or an EM, please contact **[Fr. Jim](#)**. We will be making up a new schedule for the fall and want to include everyone who desires to be part of these ministries. There will be training sessions for all newcomers.

**Building Fund Second Collection:** Recently, we were asked what the all-in cost will be to replace the boiler. We expect to receive a formal bid in September. The project is more complex and will be a higher investment than the \$152,000 air conditioning project. There are multiple vendors involved and they are working now to source equipment and present a final cost analysis. SFX is off to a great start! We collected \$6,859 in donations for the building fund via the second collection the

weekend of July 16-17. For more information, please contact Larry Skogerson, Chair of the Building Committee [liskog1@gmail.com](mailto:liskog1@gmail.com).

Please pray for our staff as we take time off to refresh and renew:

Ann –August 3-8, September 1-7

Fr. Jim – August 1-8; 15-16

Mariann – half days August 2-7

Sue – July 31-August 9

Becca – tbd

Peggy – August 24-29

**We pray for all those murdered in our nation and our metro.** We remember by name those killed in Kansas City:

- 85. Angel Rivera-Rodriguez, 32 (Unknow Man from 7/14)
- 86. Jacob Payne, 19 (Unknown Man from 7/17)
- 87. Carlin Williams, 20 (Unknown Man from 7/17)
- 88. Keith Cole, 55, 7/23
- 89. Jourdan Thompson, 25, 7/23
- 90. Rafael Avila-Mendez, 78, 7/23
- 91. Unknown man, 7/24

**The Ignatian Year draws to a close this Sunday, July 31.** The Jesuit Family worldwide has marked the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the conversion of St. Ignatius of Loyola by sharing our own “cannonball moments” - those painful, disappointing, confusing, and life-changing experiences that by God’s mercy and grace become blessings. Pray with us this [Ignatian Year Prayer](#) and review how the Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits have observed this holy year [HERE](#). You also might want to check out this twenty-minute video created by the Jesuit scholastics of the *Collegio de Gesu* in Rome: [A Limping Pilgrim: The Last Days of Ignatius Loyola](#).

**August Prayer Walk** August 20, 9:30 am at Blue Hills Park (51<sup>st</sup> and Brooklyn). 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.” Check out this video: [KC Parks and Recreation: Blue Hills Park](#)

**The Adult Faith Formation Committee will lead an informal discussion on the book “Jesus, Pope Francis and A Protestant Walk into a Bar.”** Saturday, August 20 after the 4:00 Mass and Sunday, August 21 after the 8:00 Sunday Mass. Xavier Hall. We’ll have pie! This book by Presbyterian Pastor Paul Rock and journalist and religion writer Bill Tammeus takes 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. It’s not too late to get your copy of the book. Contact [Mariann](#) to purchase your copy of the book (\$13).

**SFX Families with School-Age Children** are encouraged to check out this resource from Loyola Press: [Family, Faith, and Fun | Loyola Press](#) FREE resources for sharing the faith, including a monthly craft project. The July craft: [Paper Cranes for Peace](#). We’d love to see your handiwork. Send photos to [Mariann](#).

**Children and Youth Programs** It won’t be long before our kids are back in school. In addition to Children’s Liturgy of the Word for Ages 5-10 during the 10:30 Mass, we plan to start Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4, First Reconciliation/First Communion Prep, and Family Faith (our once-a-month intergenerational program for school age families) in September. We also hope to offer service and prayer opportunities for our Middle School and High School Youth. Contact [Mariann](#) if you’re interested in helping with these programs and/or for registration information.

**Are you or someone you know interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or becoming Catholic?** We are now beginning interviews for the 2022-2023 catechumenate process. Weekly RCIA/Catechumenate **classes will begin in September**. If you are interested in serving as a sponsor, or if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or joining the Catholic Church, please contact [Mariann](#).



**On July 25 Pope Francis apologized** for the role of the Catholic Church in the abuse and forced assimilation of Indigenous Peoples in Canada at the site of the former residential school in Maskwacis, Alberta. On July 26 he prayed for healing at Lac Ste. Anne, originally known to the Nakota Sioux as “the Lake of God.” Read the apology here: [Full Text of Pope Francis' Apology to Indigenous Peoples in Canada](#) (AP photo/Eric Gay)

**Encuentro Trip – October 12-17, 2022** - We have a few spaces available for anyone who wants to see firsthand the realities of those waiting and working at the Southern Border. Led by former pastor, Fr. Rafael Garcia, and others, you will witness the amazing work done by those who minister to our brothers and sisters fleeing oppression and violence. Cost is \$100/day which includes lodging, breakfast, dinner, and all programming. Additional costs will include flight, daily lunches, and a portion of the van rental. Contact Sue ASAP for more information or to register.

**Sr. Thea Bowman** –Servant of God Sister Thea Bowman, FSPA, left an indelible mark on her community and on the Church. She lovingly taught young people about the joy of being Christian, she challenged her church to accept her as “fully black and fully Catholic,” she embraced her suffering with a willing spirit, and she called all to a living faith. As she journeys through the canonization process, we will read a short and rich book - *Faithful and Free* by Fr. Maurice Nutt - about her life of faith. We will have two Zoom discussions – Monday, August 15 and 29 at 6:30 pm. If there is interest, we will also offer an in-person discussion on Tuesday, August 16 and 30 (time to be determined by group). You can purchase your book at I. Donnelly, or contact Sue if cost is an issue. Sign up [HERE](#) or contact [Sue](#) or [Mary Buren](#).

**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, 3 and 4. Sign-up sheets for the volunteer shifts will be available in the Narthex of the church **after all Masses next weekend**. For more information, please contact Jim Bell: [jbelle@biomicrobics.com](mailto:jbelle@biomicrobics.com), 913-449-7505.

**Adopt a Street** - We are getting ready for our second clean-up of Tracy and Forest Streets from 55th-60th. This includes a neighborhood park, Troost Elementary, and the back of Frontier School. Join us on **Saturday, August 13 at 8:00 am** as we support and beautify our community prior to the start of school. We'll meet in the SFX parking lot. Vests and bags are provided. All are welcome! For more information, please contact Sue or Mary Buren ([aburen99@gmail.com](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)).

**EmbRace - our anti-racism ministry** – meets **Sunday, August 7 at 9:00 am in Xavier Hall**. Bring a friend and come help plan our activities for the coming year!

**EmbRace Recommends** History Is US, a podcast written and narrated by Dr. Eddie S. Glaude, Professor of African American Studies at Princeton University. It is a 6-part audio documentary that asks questions about who we are as a nation, and what race might reveal about our current crisis through the voices of historians and scholars. The series gives the background and education to understand how we got here and how we can all use history to clarify the choices before us. Check it out!

**Dinner and a Movie-** Saturday, August 13 - After the 4:00 Mass, we'll show *Just Mercy*, a 2019 American [biographical legal drama](#) that explores the work of young defense attorney Bryan Stevenson who represents poor people on death row in the [South](#). Featured is his work with Walter McMillian, who had been wrongfully convicted of the murder of a young woman. The film is based on Stevenson's 2014 memoir in which he explored his journey to making his life's work the defense of African American prisoners. Rated PG-13. Please [sign up here](#) or RSVP to Sue ([srobb@sfx-kc.org](mailto:srobb@sfx-kc.org)) or Mary Buren ([aburen99@gmail.com](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)) so we have enough food and are good stewards of our resources.

**Hunger Banquet - August 31 - 6:00 pm Xavier Hall-** Join us on the eve of Hunger Awareness Month as we partner with Visitation Parish to host this year's Hunger Banquet. We will enjoy a simple supper, offer attendees a tour of our gardens and food pantry, and learn about the amazing work done by Kanbe's Market, a non-profit organization that provides affordable produce to food deserts here in Kansas City. For more information, please contact Sue.

**Clemency for KJ** - Kevin "KJ" Johnson, a Black youth, was sentenced to death for the killing of a white Kirkwood police officer, William McEntee, a crime committed when he was 19 years old. Despite many erroneous and unfair court rulings, grossly ineffective counsel, and racist prosecutorial policies, KJ remains on Missouri's death row. On May 11th, 2022, the Missouri Attorney General motioned the Missouri Supreme Court for an execution date. We need your support to uplift Kevin, his family, and his community. Please help by today by [signing the clemency petition](#).

**Sponsor needed** - Many of our parishioners have had the opportunity to interact with and support our family from Nigeria. And they are most grateful for everything! We have recently learned of another Nigerian family in need of sponsors. They are a mother, father and son (10 or 11). They are currently in a detention center in central California where temperatures are averaging over 100. What is needed initially is a place for them to stay until a more long-term home is found, support to access food, stores, finding a lawyer, etc. The SFX RIM Committee has resources and knowledge which they are happy to share in all these areas. If you are interested in hosting this family, with the support of the RIM Committee, contact Sue Robb, [srobb@sfx-kc.org](mailto:srobb@sfx-kc.org) or 816-377-1632 or Jody Craig, [jcraig1946@gmail.com](mailto:jcraig1946@gmail.com) or 816-500-6620.

#### **FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS**

**DEADLINE EXTENDED TILL JULY 31!!** 2022 – 2023 SPIRITUAL EXERCISES IN EVERYDAY LIFE 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](http://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](mailto:shudson@ignatiancenterkc.org) or call (816)381-9168.

**Diocesan Day of Prayer for the Blessing of Farm Animals, August 3** Bishop Johnston will preside for the diocesan celebration at Mary Immaculate in Gallatin at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to the ice cream social afterwards. **Jerusalem Farm will host an additional celebration also at 7:00 p.m. at 520 Garfield, Kansas City, 64124, featuring their chickens and bees.** Owners of any animals are invited to bring them for an outdoor blessing at either location. All households are encouraged to remember the animal farming community on this day.

**Journey to Bethany Community Conversation** Monday, August 8, 6:30 pm on Zoom. Survivors of clergy sexual abuse, those who support survivors, and anyone in search of healing are invited to join us on Zoom August 8 for a quarterly Community Conversation. **We've all been affected by clergy sexual abuse**, and coming together to bring support, answers, and companionship brings hope and healing for one another. Click [HERE](#) for more information and to register.

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

**See something that interests you? Contact us:**

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