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SFX UPDATE – July 22, 2022

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

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It's too darn hot! Please take care of yourselves with this summer heat. The heat index this weekend is over 100 degrees. If you think it is best for you to stay indoors and not come to Mass this weekend, please know that I understand. Your health and safety are important to me and the staff. Yes, you have particular dispensation from you pastor.

Mission Appeal: Every year the diocese assigns parishes various groups / religious orders to parishes to collect for their mission appeals. We will have the [Scalabrinian](#) missionaries. Fr. Ramiro Chan, CS, will be speaking at all our masses. There will be a second collection this weekend. All checks should be made out to St. Francis Xavier Parish, memo field indicating it is for Mission Appeal. Please join me in welcoming Fr. Ramiro this weekend.

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.

Community Empowerment Event: [Scotty Dennis](#), the man who sang at our Sunday 10:30am last week, is playing with his blues band at a community empowerment event sponsored by [Penny Mill Inc.](#) The event is Saturday, July 23, 10:00am-3:00pm at Spring Valley Park, E. 27th & Woodland Ave, KCMO.

Celebrating the Feast of St. Ignatius: The Feast of St. Ignatius is Sunday, July 31st. 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 party!

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: Thanks everyone! We collected \$6,859 in donations for the building fund via the second collection the weekend of July 16-17. Donations came in via checks and online giving. If you'd still like to contribute, please place your check in the offertory basket with "building fund" in the memo line, or online at <https://www.wesharegiving.org/app/giving/sfx>. Select "Give Now" and then "St. Francis Xavier Building Fund" from the drop-down menu.

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

Ann – August 3-8, September 1-7

Fr. Jim – Aug 1-8

Mariann – half days August 2-7

Sue – July 18-25

Becca – tbd

Peggy – tbd

We pray for all those murdered in our nation and in our city. We remember NKC Police Officer Daniel Vasquez who was shot and killed in the line of duty on Tuesday and these persons who were killed in Kansas City this past week:

- Devin Cunningham (the unknown person from last week on 7/13)
- Marvin Yancey, 34, July 16
- Unknown Person, July 17
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Did you know that transgender persons are often misgendered even in death? Family and friends don't find out about their deaths because they are misgendered in the news or a previous name is used when their physical body is used to gender them in death. Let us all pray for every increasing awareness of the complexity of gender and respect for each and every person.



Marian Devotion Group "Truly Our Mother" Meeting and Rosary Sunday morning, July 24, 9:00 am in the Parish Library. The group will learn more about the Feasts of Mary under her titles of Our Lady of Faith (July 26) and Our Lady of a Happy Death (July 27), as well as the feast of Mary's parents, St. Joachim and St. Anne (July 26). All are welcome! Bring your prayer concerns and prayers of praise and gratitude! For more information, contact [Gail Fein](#).

The Marian Group recently presented newly baptized Valerie Yoshie Solano (daughter of Joy and Noemi Solano) with her first rosary. Joy is a member of the group.

It's too dang hot for Prayer Walk in July but mark your calendar: **August Prayer Walk** August 20, 9:30 am at Blue Hills Park (51st and Brooklyn). 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 Tammus 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).

What about Confirmation?

We celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation every-other-year at SFX with young people in Grades 9-10. (Our Diocese confirms in High School. The Archdiocese of KCK, across the State Line, confirms in Junior High.) Our next Confirmation Prep Class will begin for in

the late spring of 2023 for those in Grades 8-9. They will be confirmed as freshmen and sophomores in late winter/early spring 2024 (date and place to be determined). In the meantime, let's pray for our tweens and teens (and all our parish youth). Questions? Concerns? Please contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org).

What's Going on with the Synod? Following a five month Listening & Discernment phase, the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph submitted a 9-page synthesis of the input received from the 24 schools, 28 parishes and eight additional non-parish/school groups who participated between December 1, 2021 and May 1, 2022 – including SFX! The Synod on Synodality now enters the regional phase with groups working to synthesize diocesan reports into regional summaries by the end of July. The Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph is part of Region IX which includes the dioceses of Davenport, Des Moines, and Dubuque, Iowa; St. Louis and Jefferson City, Missouri; Lincoln, Omaha, and Grand Island in Nebraska, among others. Highlights from the diocesan synthesis are published at CatholicKey.org, and the full summary is available on [the diocesan synod page](#). To read the summary that SFX submitted to the diocese go to [St. Francis Xavier Kansas City's Jesuit Parish Synod Survey Summary](#).

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.



Support your local Eagle Scout - Hello parishioners of St. Francis Xavier! My name is Sienna Dehaemers, I am an Eagle Scout Candidate and fellow parishioner of SFX. As a scout, it is my duty to help others in my community. For my Eagle Scout Project I am seeking donations for [The Learning Club of KCK](#), a non-profit after-school and summer program. I want to nurture the minds, bodies, and spirits of the 100 students, K-12, enrolled in The Learning Club summer program. I am collecting donations that fall into these three categories. There are two ways you can donate:

Option 1: Donate using my [Eagle Scout Amazon Wish List](#).

Option 2: Purchase and drop off donations to the Narthex or parish office by Sunday July 24th. Please mark the donations for "Eagle Project." Needed items include books

for kids 12 and older, new fidget toys/Rubix cubes, small puzzles, sketch pads, watercolor sets, other art media, craft kits, jump ropes, frisbees, or other sports items. **Please have all donations in by Sunday, July 24.** For any questions, contact me at the following email: eaglescoutproject102@gmail.com. Thank you for supporting a project to encourage the youth of the new generation.

Migrant Farmworkers Update – Thanks to all who donated so generously to our brothers and sisters who harvest our food. Your corporal works of mercy make a difference in their lives. Please continue to pray for them as they work 16-hour days in this oppressive Missouri heat.

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. Contact [Sue](#) or [Mary Buren](#) to sign up.

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, 913-449-7505.

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](#).

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 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.

Contemporary Spirituality – Wisdom Teachings: Something More for Sincere Seekers Tuesdays, **July 26, 10:00 am**. Listen, reflect and discuss Brene Brown's recent interview with **Father Richard Rohr, OFM** with this group of "sincere seekers" from all over the [KC Metro](#). Free and on Zoom. Go to [Contemporary Spirituality | Wisdom Teachings in Kansas City](#) to register.

[Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Laura, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue](#)

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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