



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



**SFX UPDATE – Aug 5, 2022**

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**St. Francis Xavier**

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## **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

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

I am away until Tuesday, Aug 9. See you soon!

**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.

**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.**

**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:

- 91. Denzell D Swan, 30, 7/24 (unknown man from last week)
- 92. Aiden Ayers, 19, 7/25
- 93. Unknown Man, 7/30
- 94. George Richards, 35, 8/1

**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 Tammes 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).

**Bible Study?** The Adult Faith Formation Committee is considering offering a weekly Bible Study, focused on the Sunday readings, using materials from Little Rock Scripture Study. Is this something YOU'd be interested in? Perhaps on Tuesday evening? Or Sunday morning? In person? On Zoom? Please share your thoughts and ideas with [Mariann](#) or AFFC chair [Cathy Daly](#).

**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 (**we can't do it without you!**) 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](#).

**SFX will be hosting Fifth Annual Kansas City Area-Wide Green Mass Sunday, September 25** at 10:30 liturgy. The Green Mass is a for all those who work in environmental sustainability and anyone who cares for "Our Common Home." It is part of the ecumenical and global celebration of the Season of Creation (September 1 – October 4). Learn more about the Season of Creation [HERE](#).

**Save the Date: Outpace Poverty 5-K October 22 at Theis Park** The SFXcellent Walkers and Runners will be at it again, raising money for Catholic Charities (and bringing home the trophy for largest team, we hope!). We're always looking for folks to join our team. Mark your calendar, start training, and check back for registration information.



**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

**Marlborough Community Center FREE Zumba** Saturday, August 6, 10:00 am at the old Marlborough Elementary School 7415 Tracy (just two blocks east of **75<sup>th</sup> and Troost**). The Marlborough Community Land Trust has purchased the decommissioned school to rehab it and create a community hub of services. Tomorrow -- zumba-ing in the school parking lot (in the shade). Come meet our neighbors and help bridge the Troost divide!

**Metropolitan Missionary Baptist Church** (2310 E. Linwood) is invited SFXers to join **Pause 2 Pray** Saturday, August 6, 6:00-7:00 pm to form a human chain along Troost Avenue to stand against homicides in Kansas City. Gather at The Met and stand on Troost between Olive Street and Garfield. WEAR RED and bring your water bottle as we pray for healing and an end to the violence. [Sign up HERE](#)

**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.

**Contemporary Spirituality – Wisdom Teachings: Something More for Sincere Seekers** Join this group of seekers founded by Mike Matteuzzi in 2014.

**Tuesday, August 16<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am CST: ***Pink Smoke Over the Vatican*** with comments from former Maryknoll Father Roy Bourgeois (author of *Male Supremacy in the Catholic Church: An Insider's View*).

**Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>** at 10:00am CST: **The NONES** – Why so few under 30 are interested in traditional church. What does this bode for the future?  
Events are on Zoom and FREE. Register on the [Contemporary Spirituality website](#).

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

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

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