



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## SFX UPDATE – September 2, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

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### Weekday Mass Schedule

Tue, 9:00pm Rockhurst Mabee Chapel  
Wed, 7:30am SFX Chapel  
Thu, 7:30am Rockhurst Mabee Chapel  
Fri, 7:30am SFX Chapel (Adoration 8:00 am-10:00 am)

### PASTOR'S CORNER

#### **SFX Men's Group, Saturday September 10, 9:00 am, Xavier Hall (across the driveway from the church, lower level of building)**

The Men's Group is meeting next Saturday morning for a gathering to discuss plans and ideas for retreats, social events, and volunteer opportunities at SFX and elsewhere. Please consider joining in the camaraderie and come to visit and talk with other members of the parish. For more information, please contact Jim Hafner at [hafnerj48@gmail.com](mailto:hafnerj48@gmail.com).

**Calling all singers and musicians.** Be a part of the music ministry at SFX in the choir, instrumentalist or cantor. It is a great way to meet some new people, build community, and help our congregation sing out. Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays at 7:00 pm. If you would like to be a cantor a brief audition is required. For more info and to volunteer please write to Laura Worms. SFX Music Director [r.worms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:r.worms@sbcglobal.net).

Our diocese will observe [Safe Haven Sunday](#) on **September 10-11, 2022**. The goal is to raise awareness about the issue of pornography and how parents can help their children safely navigate the use of mobile devices, computers and social media. This effort was inspired by the U. S. Conference of Catholic Bishops' statement [Create in Me a Clean Heart: A Pastoral Response to Pornography](#). This is done in many dioceses in our country on dates chosen by each bishop.

**Rockhurst University Visiting Scholar Lecture Series: Pádraig Ó Tuama, “Defend Us in the House of Conflict: Poetry and the Art of Conflict Resolution.” Wednesday, Nov 2 at 7:30 pm.** Irish poet and theologian, Pádraig Ó Tuama was once described by BBC journalist William Crawley as “probably the best speaker I know.” On this night, he will share his insights into the role that the arts and poetry can play in healing conflict and bridging human boundaries. This talk is co-sponsored by the Kansas City Irish Center. [Click here for more information and to register for this event.](#)

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

111. William Pearson, 29, on Aug. 23
112. Akil Collins, 48, on Aug. 29
113. Etienne Mcewan, 50, on Aug. 31
114. Unknown man on Sept. 1

**Yesterday was the beginning of the 2022 Season of Creation (September 1- October 4)** a world-wide ecumenical and interfaith effort to deepen our commitment to Care for our Common Home. The theme this year is **Listen to the Voice of Creation**. Check out this [three-minute video](#) and save the date for the **Fifth Annual Kansas City Area-Wide Green Mass Sunday, September 25** at our 10:30 SFX Liturgy. The Green Mass is a for all those who work in environmental sustainability and anyone who cares for “Our Common Home.”

**SFX Annual Parish Picnic** is right around the corner, Saturday September 17, at 5:00 pm. We'll have sign-up sheets in the narthex after every Mass this weekend to volunteer to bring a side dish and help with set-up and tear-down, etc. For additional information please contact Jessica McGannon [jessicamcgannon5@gmail.com](mailto:jessicamcgannon5@gmail.com) We hope to see you there – great food, music, fun and games, and a chance to visit with other SFXers!

**Outpace Poverty Registration Now OPEN. [www.outpacepoverty.org](http://www.outpacepoverty.org)**  
**Saturday, October 22, 8:00AM at Avila University (N.B. CHANGE OF VENUE!)**  
Join the **SFXcellent Walkers and Runners** to help raise money for Catholic Charities Register before September 5 and save \$5 on the registration fee. Be sure to enter code **LABORDAY** at checkout. Questions? Talk with co-captains Becca Jackson and Mariann McCormally.

**September Prayer Walk** Saturday, September 24, 9:30 am at Arbor Villa Park (East 66<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Main Street). We'll gather at the Tennis Courts and then walk, talk and share faith. All ages welcome. Strollers and wheelchairs. Dogs on leashes. In the spirit of the Season of Creation, we will do the Ecological Exam from the Ignatian Spirituality Network during our walk. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information.

### **Soul Food Tuesday**

**Tuesdays, 11:00am – 12:00noon on Zoom**

**September 13 & 27, October 11 & 25, November 8 & 22, December 13**

Join us for this **contemplative study/prayer group** inspired by the work of Franciscan Father Richard Rohr. Soul Food Tuesday has been part of our SFX Adult Faith Formation offerings since 2014. Participation in the group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. New members are always welcome. The “content” of each month’s sessions will be determined in consultation with the participants. In September we’ll focus on Pope Francis’ call to mark September 1 – October 4 as the **Season of Creation**. As always, we’ll have time

for sharing our joys and concerns. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information and the Zoom link.

**Meal Train®?** A meal train is a system where a network of family members or friends band together to schedule, prepare, and deliver meals for somebody who needs a little extra help. **Would you be willing to be part of the SFX Meal Train?** If you're willing to be on a list of folks who would occasionally receive a request to make a meal for a parishioner who is in need, please contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)).

**Registration is Now OPEN for our Faith Formation Programs for Children and Youth.**

Click here [Faith Formation Registration Form](#) to register for:

**Sunday School** for Ages 2-3-4 (Sundays during 10:30 Mass)

**Family Faith** for School Age Families (once a month on Sundays, 9:00-10:15 am, beginning September 25)

**First Reconciliation/First Communion Prep** for Grade 2 and Older (Wednesdays, 6:30-7:45 pm beginning September 21)

**Middle School and High School Youth Activities** (dates and times to be announced)

Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information and/or to volunteer.

**HELP!!!** We are in need of aides for our First Reconciliation/First Communion class, Children's Liturgy of the Word, and Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4. For more information, contact [Mariann](#).

**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](#).

**Eucharistic Adoration** Every **Friday morning, following the 7:30 am Mass until 10:00 am**, beginning **September 2** in our weekday chapel.

**EmbRace Ministry** – Our ongoing work to break down systemic racism begins with us. Join this amazing group of parishioners this **Sunday, September 4 at 9:00 am in the Romero Room** as we discuss ways to continue educating ourselves, our parish, and being activists in our community. For more information, contact Mary Buren ([aburen99@gmail.com](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)) or [Sue](#)

**Human Trafficking Panel – September 20, 6:30 pm in Xavier Hall** – With the NFL Draft pick being held in Kansas City next year and the World Cup coming, it's important to learn how innocent women and men may be exploited here in Kansas City. We'll have a panel of experts share their expertise with us. Please join us and contact Sue for more information.

**Food Pantry – Third Sunday Food Collection** - *In September, we would appreciate donations of canned peaches, white rice, jell-o, canned tomatoes, canned beef stew, canned chili and side dishes (like Pasta Roni or boxed potatoes).* **Pick up a shopping list off the bulletin board in the Narthex!** Thank you for anything you can provide.

**MORE<sup>2</sup> – Metro Organization for Racial and Economic Equity** Join us at MORE<sup>2</sup> Annual Transformation Event: **A Night at the Carnival**  
**October 27, 2022 6:00PM to 9:00PM / The LEX @ Municipal Auditorium, KCMO**

**Remote Tickets for \$5 per person    LIVE Tickets for \$75 each or 10 tickets for \$700**  
Food, games & prizes, photography, and entertainment FREE with your ticket/ Cash bar available. They are currently selling ads in their program. *If you would like to advertise your business or attend the most diverse and inclusive event of the year, contact [Sue](#).*

## FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS

Check out the [Bishops' Labor Day Statement](#) which includes two pieces of legislation that involve expanding the Child Tax Credit and passing the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act. If you feel so inclined, please express your support to each Senator in the state in which you live.

Missouri:

<https://www.blunt.senate.gov/contact>

<https://www.hawley.senate.gov/contact-senator-hawley>

Kansas:

<https://www.moran.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/e-mail-jerry>

<https://www.marshall.senate.gov/contact/>

### 911 Remembrance Ceremony

**Sunday, September 11, 2022**

**Mt. Olivet Cemetery, KCMO at the First Responder's Memorial**

**5:30PM American Legion Band 6:00PM Ceremony Begins**

Bishop Johnston, Kansas City Mayor Quinton Lucas, Raytown Mayor Mike McDonough, KCFD Chief Donna Lake and KCPD Deputy Chief Doug Niemeier. Sponsored by American Legion District 5, VFW District 5, DAV, Passantino Brothers Funeral Home, Muehlebach Funeral Care and The Catholic Cemeteries of Kansas City. The event will be livestreamed on [www.facebook.com/MuehlebachFuneralCare](http://www.facebook.com/MuehlebachFuneralCare).

### Contemporary Spirituality – Wisdom Teachings: Something More for Sincere Seekers

Join this group of seekers founded by Mike Matteuzzi in 2014.

**Tuesday, September 13 10:00am CST – White Christian Nationalism**

**Tuesday, September 27 10:00am CST – Clericalism and Sex Abuse Crisis**

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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