



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SFX UPDATE – September 9, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

[SFX YouTube Channel](#)

[SFX Facebook Page](#)

[SFX Justice & Life Facebook](#)

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. See Bishop Johnston's letter: [Bishop's Letter: Safe Haven Sunday](#). Here is a link to report a child sexual abuse/material crime and other prevention resources <http://www.cybertipline.com>.

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 this 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 coming to visit and talk with other members of the parish. For more information, please contact Jim Hafner at 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. Cantors are needed for all the Masses. For more info and to volunteer please write to Laura Worms. SFX Music Director r.worms@sbcglobal.net.

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

- 114. William Muse, 54, on Sept. 1
- 115. Tristan Jeffery, 31, on Sept. 5
- 116. Deshawn Dudley, 26, Sept. 5
- 117. Dondre Hart, 20, Sept. 5

Strong Blessings on the St. Francis Xavier Grade School Class of '72 who celebrate their 50th Reunion this weekend. Members of the class will attend the Saturday 4:00 Mass.

September 1 – October 4 is the 2022 Season of Creation 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.”

Second Collection next weekend, September 17/18 is the annual national Collection for the Church in Latin America (CLA). The campaign highlights the faith of Latin America and the many opportunities we have to share faith with them. We also recognize the tremendous benefit of having our Latin American brothers and sisters in the Church and the revitalization their fervor brings to the faith. In addition to offering our help and support to the Catholics of Latin America, we have much to learn from them.

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 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
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. If you can't walk, you can still donate at [Donate | Outpace Poverty 5K Run/Walk](#). Make sure you “click” the button and name SFXcellent Walkers and Runners (or one of our team members). THANKS!
Questions? Talk with co-captains Becca Jackson and Mariann McCormally.

September Prayer Walk Saturday, **September 24, 9:30 am** at **Arbor Villa Park** (East 66th 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) 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) 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).

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) for more information and/or to volunteer.

Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 begins Sunday, September 25. Drop your little one off at the Romero Room before Mass. They will be safe, have fun, and learn about God's love while you attend Mass. Not sure where the Romero Room is? Ask one of our greeters. Please make sure you register (see link above!).

Family Faith Family Faith: Season of Creation
Sunday, September 25, 9:00-10:15 am Xavier Hall

Family Faith is our monthly intergenerational faith formation program. It is for ALL parish families with school-aged children (and for young adults, elders, and everyone in-between who wants to deepen their knowledge and faith). **Family Faith** is required for those families who have a child preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion. This month we'll be exploring the Season of Creation and our call to care for our Common Home. Future dates are: October 23, November 20, January 29, February 26, March 26, and April 23). Contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more information.

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.

IRISH FEST Thank you to all of the volunteers for your support of our Sister Parish, St. Martin de Porres, by helping at the Beverage Tent during the KC Irish Fest. In 2021, the SFX volunteers raised \$4,240. This money was sent to the Jesuits US Central and Southern Province for a morning meal program for the school children at the St. Martin de Porres School, in Belize City. We hope to raise a similar amount this year. Through your efforts we continue to assist St. Martin De Porres with school programs for the children. This would not be possible without all your help and support. You are very much appreciated for all the time and effort you put into making the KC Irish Fest a success.

POSTPONED – **Human Trafficking Panel** – Due to multiple circumstances, the Human Trafficking panel scheduled for September 20 has been postponed.

Third Sunday Food Collection – Don't forget to grab a list from the bulletin board in the narthex and pick up a few items for our food pantry. Next Sunday is our 3rd Sunday food collection and we want to continue to provide our neighbors with high quality foods. This month, *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)*. Thank you for any donations you can provide. Contact Sue if you have any questions.

Public Witness & Prayer Service – Friday, September 30 – 4:30-5:45 pm Join us as we witness for an end to gun violence and pray the names of those who have died this year.

[From our Apostolates and Friends](#)

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.

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](http://www.contemporaryspirituality.com) website.

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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