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SFX UPDATE – September 16, 2022

All are welcome at

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Safe Haven Sunday. Last week we listed several links regarding the internet and child safety. Here is a new link to an **excellent article** regarding not only keeping children safe, but how to report potential crimes. The article is published by VIRTUS® which is the child safety training program the diocese uses. Here is a direct link to the article. There is also a link on our homepage.

[VIRTUS: Responding to the Crime of Child Sexual Abuse Materials](#)

SFX Annual Parish Picnic Saturday, September 17 at 5:00 pm at Xavier Hall. Great food, music, games, friendship, face-painting ... you don't want to miss it. See you there!

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

118. Rolland Catron, 50, on September 11.

Second Collection this 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.

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](#) for more information.

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." **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.

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. 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](#) for more information and the Zoom link.

HeART and Soul resumes First Tuesday of the Month October 4, November 1, December 6, etc.
10:00 am – 12:00 noon IN PERSON

Romero Room

Join SFX Parishioners Nancy Seibolt and Peg Hornsby in using mixed media as a way to express what is on our minds and in our hearts. This is NOT a gathering of artists. It's a kind of *visio divina* or art journaling. No previous experience necessary. No fee. But registration is helpful (so we can assemble supplies). Contact [Mariann](#) to register. Please put "HeART and Soul" in the subject line.

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.

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](#) to register. Please put "MealTrain" in the subject line.

Family Faith Family Faith: Season of Creation

Sunday, September 25, 9:00-10:15 am Xavier Hall

This month we'll be exploring the **Season of Creation** and our call to care for our Common Home. We'll start with coffee, juice, donuts and yogurt and then learn with **music, games, discussion and "body prayer."** We hope to spend some time OUTSIDE (pray for good weather). **Please register** by clicking here [Faith Formation Registration Form](#). **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). Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

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. This 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.

Prepare for the Feast of Francis of Assisi with a Novena - The feast day of Francis of Assisi is October 4. To prepare, we're offering nine days of reflections and prayers that will help you deepen your devotion to this great saint. Each day, from September 25 through October 3, we will offer perspective on the life and legacy of Saint Francis. **[Click here to sign up!](#)**

From our Apostolates and Friends

[Interfaith Refugee Forum](#) by Della Lamb -
Saturday, September 17 9:00-11:00 AM

Kauffman Conference Center 4801 Rockhill Rd. KCMO

This is your opportunity to learn how your cultural center, synagogue, women or men's group, youth group, church, sacred text group or faith study group can walk alongside our new neighbors. The **[Interfaith Refugee Forum](#)** will allow you to hear from people of faith already invested in this work. Registration is free! Della Lamb partners with **[Welcoming KC](#)**, an initiative from the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce to ensure Kansas City acts, operates and supports a culture of welcome in our town.

Jazz Vespers at First Baptist Church (100 Red Bridge Road KCMO)
Sunday, September 18 6:00 pm

In the spirit of "Jesus, Pope Francis and A Protestant Walk into a Bar," our SFX Adult Faith Formation Committee invites SFXers to check Charles William and his jazz orchestra leading evening prayer at First Baptist (near Wornall and Red Bridge Road. For more information go to **[Jazz Vespers | Facebook](#)**

Un-muted: The Silent Voices of Social Genocide – Human Rights Abuses in Türkiye Today

Sponsored by our Muslim friends at **[The Dialogue Institute](#)**

Wednesday, September 21 6:00 pm at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral (415 W. 13th Street KCMO)

Saturday, September 24 6:00 pm at Leawood United Methodist Church (2915 W. 95th Street, Leawood).

Continuing the Conversation about The History & Experiences of the Black Catholic Community in Kansas City Thursday, September 22, 2022

St. Monica Catholic Church Ferguson Hall 1616 Paseo Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64108

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m. Program begins at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for another opportunity to continue our conversations about racism, our faith, and how the closure of Black Catholic schools and parishes in Kansas City have impacted our communities.

RSVP appreciated to (816) 471-3696 -OR- **stmonica1616kc@hotmail.com** -OR-

<https://forms.gle/EWNx25nSrcw6L5NSA>

Father Richard Rohr's "An Alternative Orthodoxy" – A 5-Session Video Series

Mondays, September 26-October 4, 7:00-8:30 pm on Zoom

St. Elizabeth's (75th and Main)

To register and receive the Zoom link contact **[Deacon Mike McLean](#)**

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

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

Events are on Zoom and FREE. Register on the **[Contemporary Spirituality](#)** website.

Sexual Diversity and Catholicism - Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina Parish, is facilitating four two-hour sessions on Sexual Diversity and Catholicism on **Wednesday evenings in October via Zoom**, 7-9 PM and repeated on **Thursday mornings in October in person** at St. Sabina Parish, 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, MO 64012, 10 AM to Noon. The sessions explore the

interpretations of biblical texts often used by Christians against sexual diversity, especially focused on homosexuality. These biblical texts will be examined in light of modern biblical, scientific and sociological studies, which are to be in constant dialogue with relevant and actual human experience of homosexuality and sexual diversity. All faith traditions are most welcome. **To register, email Biagio at biagio@stsabinaparish.org** or leave a message for Biagio at 816-979-3153 and please specify the time frame: either Wednesday Evening Zoom sessions or Thursday morning in-person sessions at St Sabina Parish.

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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