



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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SFX UPDATE – September 23, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

[SFX YouTube Channel](#)

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[SFX Justice & Life Facebook](#)

PASTOR'S CORNER

Invitation: We are hosting informal listening sessions after all Masses this weekend. Fr. Jim, Ann Sheridan, and other parish leaders will be there to answer questions about the Jesuit's decision to end their ministry at St. Francis Xavier Parish in July 2024. We look forward to discussing the Jesuits, the Parish, and the neighborhood with you. The session following the 10:30 am Mass, beginning approximately 11:50 am, will be streamed live via SFX's YouTube channel. We can take your comments and questions remotely.

Justice and Life ministry meeting is cancelled due to the important discussion and listening sessions after each Mass this weekend. Our Justice & Life Ministry will meet again on Sunday, October 23. Please plan to attend one of these sessions after all the Masses this weekend.

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.

We continue to pray for all those murdered in our nation and our metro. There were no homicides reported this past week from Kansas City, Missouri who were gun or stabbing victims. We pray for peace in our hearts, homes, community, country and world. Amen!

New Church Directory - Someone from Universal Church Directories will be at the back of church at all the masses next weekend to start scheduling photography appointments for the new St. Francis Xavier directory. The dates are Thursday, October 27, Friday October 28 and Saturday, October 29. To schedule your photography appointment online, simply go to www.ucdir.com, click on photography appointment scheduling login on the right side, enter Church Code MO214 in the Church Code field and enter **photos** in the Church Password field. Follow the prompts to schedule your family's appointment time. If you have 5 or more in your family, please use 2 consecutive time slots. **For assistance with scheduling, please call 816-501-8652.**

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.

Family Faith Family Faith: Season of Creation MOVED TO PARISH OFFICE CENTER
Sunday, September 25, 9:00-10:15 am

This month we'll be exploring the **Season of Creation** and our call to care for our Common Home. Please **enter by the Chapel Entrance door off the parking lot**. We'll start with coffee, juice, donuts and yogurt in the Parish Library and then move to the Chapel to 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.

Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 begins this Sunday, September 25, during the 10:30 am Mass.

Parents and grandparents are invited to bring your little ones to the **Romero Room** before 10:30 Mass, meet our teachers and learn more about our program where the children learn about God's love, pray together, play and have fun in a safe and creative environment. **We are looking for more folks (teens and adults) to join the team** led by Sara Norena. All volunteers undergo a screening interview, a criminal background check, read and sign the "Ethics and Integrity in Ministry" Code of Conduct, complete Mandated Reporter training and must be certified in "Protecting God's Children," the diocesan safe environment training program. For more information contact [Mariann](#).

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.

SFXPraying

SFXPraying is an email network to request prayers for our family, friends and the world we care about AND to share prayers of gratitude and thanksgiving. It was established at SFX in 2007. Are you on the network? Would you like to be? If you have a request for prayers, have a blessing to

share, or wish to receive SFX Praying e-mail messages, contact Maureen Hardy at SFXpraying@sfx-kc.org. THANK YOU all for your faithful ministry of prayer!

October is Respect Life Month – Each Sunday in October you will see a flyer in the bulletin about some aspect of the Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life. We invite you to read it and then join in a [Zoom discussion](#) on the topic each Wednesday evening at 6:30 pm. We will culminate our learning with a retreat on Saturday, October 29. Watch for more information.

Third Sunday Food Collection – Thanks to all who have donated much needed items to our food pantry. You are making a difference!

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, the Franciscans are 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, learn about the life and legacy of Saint Francis. [Click here to sign up!](#)

EmbRace - our anti-racism ministry - meets next **Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 am** in Xavier Hall. Join us as we continue our education and outreach on racism issues that affect us individually and as a community. For more information, please contact [Sue](#) or Mary Buren (aburen99@gmail.com).

[From our Apostolates and Friends](#)

Un-muted: The Silent Voices of Social Genocide – Human Rights Abuses in Türkiye Today
Sponsored by our Muslim friends at [The Dialogue Institute](#)
Saturday, September 24 6:00 pm at Leawood United Methodist Church (2915 W. 95th Street, Leawood).

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.

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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