



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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## SFX UPDATE – September 30, 2022

All are welcome at

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**Public Witness & Prayer Service – TODAY Friday, September 30 – 4:30-5:45 pm** Join us as we witness for an end to the violence that cripples our city and pray the names of those who have died this year. We pray especially for those killed in Kansas City this past week:

- 118: Charles Bass, 56, 9/18
- 119: Loretta Neal, 67, 9/20
- 120: Unknown Person at 30<sup>th</sup> and Montgall
- 121: Unknown Person at 25<sup>th</sup> and Hardesty

### PASTOR'S CORNER

As a **follow up from last weekend**, listed below is the link to the video Ann and I presented to the UCS Province Commission on Ministries. The goal of the video was to show how SFX interacts with the wider community. The parish has so much to be proud of. The ministry you provide to so many others is more than I have ever seen in any other parish. I know this will continue. I hope you enjoy watching the full video. There's a tagline at the very end! There is also a direct link to the video on the homepage of our website: [www.sfx-kc.org](http://www.sfx-kc.org)

[Video: SFX - UCS Province Commission on Ministries](#)

**JPII Commons and Xavier Hall** The owners of JPII Commons are petitioning the City Planning Commission to rezone the property from mixed use residential to limited business use. (JPII Commons is the old parish school building next to the church that houses Xavier Hall, our parish social center.) SFX is partnering with UMKC, Rockhurst University, and several neighborhood and civic associations to comment on the rezoning request, looking for solutions that benefit the neighborhood. We are fortunate to have several highly talented parishioners coordinating SFX's response. The next City Planning Commission is scheduled for October 4, and we will provide updates as events unfold. Meanwhile, the owners are actively looking for an entity to rent or purchase the building. They have also temporarily closed the building to address ongoing security issues. **Until the building is fully secure, SFX will refrain from using Xavier Hall for the safety of our staff, parishioners, and guests.**

**New Church Directory** - A representative from Universal Church Directories will be at the back of church at all the masses **THIS** 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](http://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.**

\*\*If you are interested in volunteering to help with scheduling after weekend Masses or on photography days, please contact me at [pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org) or **816-381-9161**.

**Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 is offered on the first and third Sunday of the month during the 10:30 am Mass** (October 2, 16, November 6, 20, December 4, 18). 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](#).

**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.

**Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others** by Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor is our next parish book ready selected by our Adult Faith Formation Committee. Purchase your copy or borrow from the public library and be prepared for our discussion groups the weekend of **November 12/13 after each of the Masses**. The AFFCommittee is planning "field trips" to different churches, temples, and mosques in the Kansas City area in January and February. For more information contact [Mariann](#). To listen to the author talk about this book on world religions go to [In Good Faith: Barbara Brown Taylor on "Holy Envy"](#).

**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. 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.

**Save the Date:**

**October Family Faith** Sunday, October 23, 9:00-10:15 am in the Chapel. Our theme: Halloween – Scary or Holy?

**October Prayer Walk** Saturday, October 29, 9:30 am. Location tbd (a neighborhood or park east of Troost).

**Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day** a one-woman show performed by Lisa Wagner-Carollo, founder and executive director of StillPoint Theatre Collective Friday, November 4, 7:00 pm at SFX Church.

**October is Respect Life Month** – Each Sunday you will see a flyer in the bulletin about some aspect of the Church's teaching on the sanctity of human life. This week we are addressing the

controversial topic of abortion. 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. Zoom Meeting ID: 898 8736 8557 Passcode: 016396

**Hunger Action Month** – As we close out Hunger Action month, we know hunger doesn't end. As the pandemic eases and food prices skyrocket, government support has declined, and donations have slowed. Many working adults are turning to food banks to keep food on the table for their families. **Food banks need assistance to meet this increased demand and Congress can help.** Please take 5 minutes and **[Write to your lawmakers today and tell them to provide the full authorized amount of \\$100 million for the program.](#)** Thank you!

**Did you know:** We use between 8-14 paper bags *per food pantry order* and we spend about \$700/year buying brown paper bags with handles. When you shop and forget to use your reusable grocery bag, please ask for a paper bag with handles, then donate it to our pantry. Every bag makes a difference and reduces what we need to buy. Thank you!

**EmbRace** - our anti-racism ministry - meets this **Sunday, October 2 at 9:00 am** in the Romero Room. 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](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)**).

**Grandparents for Gun Safety** – We support the good work of this organization and they have generously given us 4 tickets their annual forum is taking place on Monday, October 10 from 9:00-11:30 at Colonial Church in Prairie Village 7039 Mission Rd. The keynote speaker will be attorney Josh Koskoff who secured a \$73 million settlement from Remington Arms for the families of nine children murdered at Sandy Hook Elementary. Other local panelists will be present, and Mayor Quinton Lucas will give the closing remarks. **If you would like to attend, please contact Sue asap** and visit **[Grandparents for Gun Safety | Gun Violence Prevention](#)** for more information and to learn about the good work they do.

**Thank you from JVS** – Back in the Spring, we helped Jewish Vocational Services settle an Afghan family. Thank you again to all who donated to fill the U-Haul truck with much needed household items: This is the thank you we received from JVS: *Thank you so much for donating items to JVS [Jewish Vocational Services]. They were not just “things”. The furniture, clothing, and other housewares were much needed elements that JVS used to create something most of our clients have never truly had: a job, a future, a home. JVS would not be able to provide a comfortable place for our clients to live upon arrival if it were not for your help and giving spirit which provides the necessary items everyone needs to live a happy, fulfilling life. On behalf of JVS and the individuals we serve, please accept our gratitude. Malinda Kimmel Development Director JVS.*

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

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