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SFX UPDATE – October 28, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

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All Saints' Day, Tuesday November 1, is a holy day of obligation.

Masses:

SFX: 12:00pm & 7:00pm

Rockhurst University: 4:30pm

PASTOR'S CORNER

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 7:30pm, Arrupe Hall auditorium

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 *Irish Center*. Please register here to join us in person. A reception immediately follows the discussion. healing conflict and bridging human boundaries. *This talk is co-sponsored by the Kansas City Irish Center.* Please register [here](#) to reserve a seat.

Parish Reconciliation Service: Monday, Nov 14 at 7:00pm. Come and celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as a parish. We will have about 5 priests available for individual confessions. Last fall we had about 60 people participate. Let us gather as the People of God who recognize our brokenness and failings and ask God for grace, healing, and forgiveness.

Looking for more Altar Servers: If you are age 10 and up, and would like to be an altar server, please contact me, Fr. Jim, pastor@sfx-kc.org. We do on-the-job training. It's easier to train servers during the Mass.

Lectors: New workbooks have been ordered. If you would like to become a lector, please contact Fr. Jim, pastor@sfx-kc.org. Training will be provided once per month.

Fall Festival - Sunday, November 6 (after 10:30 am Mass) With the closure of Xavier Hall, we are reconfiguring the layout for our Festival, but we are confident it will be very workable! The basement will be used for children's activities. This includes a photo area, cookie decorating and crafts. Chili will be available in the Library, with seating in the Romero Room. Weather permitting, we will set up chairs outside also. In addition to the chili contest (no charge), we will provide apple cider, coffee and water. Please consider donating a pot of chili - you might be the winner!! Chili can be dropped off Sunday after 10:00 am in the library.

New Church Directory - If you want your picture in the directory and were not able to make an appointment, **please call 816-501-8652.**

We pray for all those murdered in our nation, our metro and in our own neighborhood. We pray for peace for their souls and for the people who love them. We pray for our community. We remember by name those killed in Kansas City:

- **138: Unknown Man 10/20**
- **138: (they did this number twice), Cameta Glenn, 34, 10/21**
- **139: Unknown Man, 10/24**
- **140: Unknown Man, 10/25 at 57th and Troost (two surviving women also shot with him)**
- **141: Joshua Bailer, 40, 10/26**

SFXcellent Walkers and Runners did it again! We had the largest team (46 members) and raised the most money (**\$2935.70**) at last Saturday's Outpace Poverty Race for Catholic Charities. We won a visit from the One More Scoop Ice Cream truck – date to be announced. **THANKS** to all who participated.

HeART and Soul

First Tuesday of the Month November 1, December 6, etc.

10:00 am – 12:00 noon IN PERSON Hearth 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 space is limited (only 2 spots left!) and REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. Contact [Mariann](#) to register. Please put "HeART and Soul" in the subject line.

October Prayer Walk Saturday, October 29, 9:30 am. The old Marlborough School at 75th and Tracy. We will walk around the neighborhood, talk about the work being done by the Marlborough Community Land Trust to stabilize the community by building homes and a community center, and "find God in all things." All ages welcome. Wheelchairs and strollers. Dogs on leashes. For more information, contact Mariann.

Altar of Remembrance

Our Art & Environment Committee will transform the St. Joseph Altar into an Altar of Remembrance for the month of November. You are invited to bring a photograph and/or memento of your deceased loved ones to place at the altar this Sunday. For more information, contact [Becca](#). Our All Souls Candle Procession will take place at the beginning of the Masses on November 5/6

Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day

Friday, November 4, 7:00 pm in the Church

NO ADMISSION FEE (but a free will offering will be taken)

Mark your calendar for an evening that promises to be entertaining and inspiring! “Haunted by God” is a compelling one-woman show about the co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement. After her death in 1980, the New York Times eulogized Dorothy as a “nonviolent social radical of luminous personality.” For more information contact [Mariann](#) or [Sue](#).

Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others by Episcopal priest Barbara Brown Taylor is our **next parish book read** 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 the 4:00 Saturday Mass and in between the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses**. The AFF Committee is planning “field trips” to different churches, temples, and mosques in the Kansas City area in January and February. For more information contact [Mariann](#).

Synod News A newly released Vatican document for the next phase of the Synod on Synodality includes references to women's ordination, LGBTQ relationships, children of priests, sexism and clergy sexual abuse. **Our voices ARE being heard!** Read more at [New Vatican Synod Document | National Catholic Reporter \(ncronline.org\)](#).

The Diocesan Annual Appeal is underway, the theme this year is “Joyful in Hope”. Your donations support a variety of pastoral, educational, and social outreach ministries across the Diocese of Kansas City-St. Joseph. The 2023 ACA parish goal for SFX is \$25,200. To learn more about the Appeal and how the funds are used, please visit: [Diocese KC-St. Joseph 2023 Annual Catholic Appeal](#) if you are writing a check, **please make the check to: Annual Catholic Appeal**.

Justice & Life Retreat is happening TOMORROW! Join us from 8:30-noon as we close out Respect Life month. Benedictine Sisters Anne Shepard and Barbara McCracken will weave together the Seamless Garment that unites a consistent ethic and lens through which to look at life issues. Registration and socialization happen from 8:30-9:00 and there will be talks and time to process this complicated, yet sacred topic. Contact Sue for more information. An RSVP is helpful, but not necessary.

Adopt a Street – Join us **next Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 am** as we do our final clean-up of the year. Many hands make light work and we will have grabbers to borrow for the first 10 people who come! We’ll tackle Tracy & Forest between 55th-60th Streets. Contact Sue or Mary Buren (aburen99@gmail.com) for more information.

EmbRace Ministry meets Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 am in the Romero Room. Join us as we prepare to enter into Black Catholic History Month and share other opportunities for the remainder of the year. Contact Sue or Mary Buren (aburen99@gmail.com) for more information.

Breaking Open the Sin of Racism – Join us on Zoom on Mondays (November 7, 21, 28 & December 5) from 7:00-8:30 pm for this 8-part video series by developed scholars at the University of Dayton, a Catholic Marianist university, and Chaminade Julianne Catholic High School in Dayton, Ohio. The series begins with a macro global and historical examination of race and racism and progresses to a micro examination of the interpersonal impact of race and racism. The series is designed to increase awareness of the invisibility of privilege, systemic racism, anti-racism, and the predominance of whiteness in our nation, and particularly within the context of the Catholic Church and to foster dialogues among parish members. To sign up, contact Sue or Mary Buren (aburen99@gmail.com).



The cupboard isn't quite bare, but our freezer is!!! – Food needs are **extremely high**, and we **cannot** get quality foods for our neighbors in need. Anything you can provide would be most appreciated!

White rice (1# or 2# bags)	Canned Chili (15 oz)
Canned Beef Stew (20 oz)	Canned Tomatoes (14.5 oz)
Ramen Noodles	Canned Peaches (15 oz)
Canned Chicken (12.5 oz)	Canned Pears (15 oz)
Cream Soups (10.75 oz)	Side dishes like Pasta-roni
Chunky Soups	Jell-o

Relieving the pressure in El Paso Bishop Johnston sent a letter to all parishes in the diocese asking them to consider a second collection November 5-6, specifically to support bringing immigrants from the border to Kansas City and to then help them get relocated. This work is led by the Office of Hispanic Ministry. Members of SFX's RIM Committee have met with its director so that we can coordinate our efforts with theirs.

RIM Committee members have also been in *separate* conversations with other parishes and churches in the metro about forming an ecumenical coalition to bring a group from Annunciation House in El Paso. Many would have family or other contacts and would quickly relocate from KC to other places. There is widespread interest in this effort and there will be a separate need to raise funds and collect items (much like we have done for JVS and others this year) for temporary housing, food, transportation, etc. A smaller number would remain and would need to be connected to a variety of services. If you are able, we hope you will find it in your hearts to support both these financial needs. More details will be communicated in future updates **AND** at the **RIM (Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant) Ministry** meeting next **Sunday, October 30 at 9:00 am in the Romero Room**. For more information, please contact [Bill Schmidt](#) or [Sue](#).

Support the Arts and People of Color - The Color Purple – November 11-20 This musical adaptation of Alice Walker's Pulitzer-prize-winning novel is a celebration of life. Plan to attend this 2016 Tony Award Winner for Best Revival of a Musical at the MET-Warwick Theater, 3927 Main St, KCMO 64111, Visit [the MET](#) for more information and to purchase tickets.

Redlined: Cities, Suburbs, and Segregation. The Johnson County Museum has a special exhibit and SFX is going as a group for a guided tour at **1:00 on Saturday, November 19**.

Participants will learn about the 19th and 20th-century foundations of redlining, how the private practice became federal policy during the Great Depression, the expansion of the practice during postwar suburbanization, attempts to dismantle the system during the Civil Rights Era, and how the legacies of redlining continue to impact communities around the nation today [Signup is required](#) as the group is limited to 20 people. The cost is \$11 or \$10 for seniors. Contact Sue for more information or to sign up.

Save Some Christmas Shopping for Dec. 1

Ten Thousand Villages, a Fair Trade store in Downtown Overland Park, will host a community shopping event on **Thursday, Dec. 1, 4-8 pm**. The store will contribute **15% of all sales to our RIM Committee**. These funds will be used to support our project to bring a bus of Venezuelan refugees from Annunciation House in El Paso to Kansas City and help them relocate to other parts of the country.

The store is located at **7947 Santa Fe Drive**, a couple of blocks west of Metcalf. The store carries many unique Nativity sets, ornaments, lovely jewelry, scarves, clothing and all kinds of treasures for the home. ***Fair Trade means that artisans are paid a wage for their products that allows them to feed, clothe, house their families, send their children to school and get medical care.*** This is shopping with a conscience, so bring your lists and enjoy a festive evening of shopping for good causes.

If you can't make it on Dec. 1, the Migrant Farmworkers Assistance Fund will have its Community Shopping event at Ten Thousand Villages on Sunday, Dec. 4, 12-4 pm. The Migrant Farmworkers is also a project that RIM supports. You can even go both times!

FROM OUR APOSTOLATES AND FRIENDS

The League of Women Voters has a couple short videos regarding ballot measures on the MO ballot next month. The videos do not give opinions - they just explain what each is about, what the ballot language is and a little history.

https://www.lwvkc.org/content.aspx?page_id=22&club_id=477430&module_id=539360

Volunteer to Drive on Election Day CCO's Election Riders will help Kansas Citizens who have limited transportation options get to the polls on November 8. Voters needing transportation to their polling place can request a ride through Election Riders and receive service similar to Uber and Lyft.

To make this unique program successful, we need volunteer drivers to answer the calls for drivers for a three- to four-hour shift on Election Day. We'll provide training and coordination on the day-of.

What do you need?

A personal vehicle

A valid driver's license

Proper vehicle registration

Proof of vehicle insurance including liability insurance

[Click Here to Choose Your Shift](#) Questions? Contact ennifer@cco.org

Urge Your Senators to Pass Bipartisan Anti-Trafficking Legislation On July 26, 2022, the U.S. House of Representatives passed [H.R. 6552, the Frederick Douglass Trafficking Victims Prevention and Protection Reauthorization Act of 2022](#), in a vote of 401 to 20. Three months have passed, but the Senate has so far failed to act on this bipartisan bill. H.R. 6552 would do a number of things to combat the scourge of human trafficking, including:

- Reauthorize various programs under the Trafficking Victims Protection Act of 2000 through Fiscal Year 2026 (which lapsed September 30, 2021), with more than \$1.1 billion in funding;
- Reauthorize the U.S. Advisory Council on Human Trafficking through Fiscal Year 2031;
- Authorize the Secretary of Health and Human Services to carry out a Human Trafficking Survivors Employment and Education Program to prevent the re-exploitation of eligible individuals with services that help them to attain life skills, employment, and education necessary to achieve self-sufficiency;
- Authorize grants for programs that prevent and detect trafficking of school-age children in a “linguistically accessible, culturally responsive, age-appropriate, and trauma-informed fashion”; and
- Require the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) to encourage integration of activities to counter human trafficking into broader programs.

Click the link below to log in and send your message:

<https://www.votervoice.net/BroadcastLinks/s8gueuJmDEchbQ7ySRyJWA>

Thank you for reading to the end!

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

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