



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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## SFX UPDATE – November 4, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

[SFX YouTube Channel](#)

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[SFX Justice & Life Facebook](#)

**Remember to turn your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night.**

### **Haunted by God: The Life of Dorothy Day THIS EVENING**

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

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

Join us 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](#).

### **MESSAGE FROM ANN AND FR. JIM**

In September, we notified the parish that the Jesuits are ending their mission at St. Francis Xavier parish in July 2024. We followed the notification with listening sessions that many of you attended or viewed on YouTube. Please know all of us on staff are here to listen anytime. What next? In the early part of next year, we will send out a comprehensive, parish wide survey. We will ask questions about your vision for the future, including questions about a parish hall (see below.) Your responses will serve as a starting point for collaborating as a parish as we create our future together.

The request by the owners of JPII Commons to upgrade zoning of the property to make it more attractive to sell is still in discussion at City Hall. The next meeting is November 9th, but it is uncertain whether this request will be on the docket. Meanwhile, the building is still closed. After meeting with Bishop Johnston and Fr. Charles Rowe, we know finally that our parish has no contractual right to continued access and use of the space. And yet, we hold out hope that we will be able to stay. The neighborhood associations and institutions weighing in at City Hall see a community benefit in having Xavier Hall remain open.

We have asked the bishop to lend his influence with the owners and he is aware of the significant impact if we lose access to the kitchen and dining hall. We maintain a cordial relationship with the owners. We do not control the outcome. In the survey mentioned in the paragraph above, we will include questions about how you want to proceed.

## **PASTOR'S CORNER**

**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](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org) We do on-the-job training. It is 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](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org) Training will be provided once per month.

**Second Collection:** Bishop Johnson has asked all parishes to take up a second collection to support the immigrant and migrant men, women, and children arriving by bus from El Paso who are being transported here by the Annunciation House. SFX will do this collection the weekend of November 19/20. To read the bishop's letter for more information [migrantresponse.letter-2.pdf \(sfx-kc.org\)](#)

**Fall Festival - Sunday, November 6 (after 10:30 am Mass)** Chili Contest! The BVM 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.**

### **Altar of Remembrance and All Souls Candle Procession**

It is not too late to bring a **photograph and/or memento** of your deceased loved ones to place at our Altar of Remembrance at the St. Joseph Altar during the month of November. If your loved one died this past year or decades ago, we want to remember them! This weekend we will have our **All Souls Candle Procession at the beginning of Mass.** If you plan to carry a candle in for a deceased loved one, please **plan to arrive at Mass 10 minutes early.**

**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:

- Donald Moore, 21 (Unknown Man from 10/20)

- David Thomas, 36 (Unknown Man from 10/24)
- James Brown, 31 (Unknown Man from 10/24)
- Christopher Beaugard, 35, 10/30

**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 2-3-4 this weekend.** The Romero Room and Parish Library will be set up for Fall Festival activities.

### **Soul Food Tuesday**

**Tuesdays, 11:00am – 12:00noon on Zoom**

**November 8 & 22**

Join us to explore five Ignatian spiritual exercises for justice seekers as described by Eric Clayton, deputy director of communications at the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the author of “Cannonball Moments: Telling Your Story, Deepening Your Faith.”

- + find the *magis* already at work
- + remember with whom God deals
- + remember where God is
- + cultivate indifference

As always, we'll have time for sharing our joys and concerns. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information and the Zoom link.

### **Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others BOOK DISCUSSION NEXT WEEKEND**

**November 12/13** after the 4:00 Saturday Mass (in the back of church) and in between the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses (approximately 9:00, in the Parish Office Center). For more information contact [Mariann](#).

### **HeART and Soul**

**First Tuesday of the Month** December 6, January 3, February 7, 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 to 12 and **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. We will keep a waiting list. Please let us know if, after you register, you realize you are not able to attend, so someone on the waiting list can take your spot. Contact [Mariann](#) to register. Please put “HeART and Soul” in the subject line.

**We are encouraging our RCIA inquirers to use their phone to help them pray!** You, too, can download apps to help you pray, learn more about the saints. and follow the Mass. Check out these FREE apps: Jesuit Prayer, Reimaging the Examen, Pray As You Go, Laudate, Magnificat, Divine Office, Centering Prayer. The Word Among Us and Hallow paid subscription apps are also highly recommended. Let [Mariann](#) know which apps help you to know, love and serve God and neighbor. *Please pray for our RCIA inquirers who are preparing for the Rite of Welcome, November 19-20.*

### **Save the Date”**

+ **November Family Faith “A Eucharistic Life – Thanksgiving All the**

**Time, Everywhere” Sunday, November 20. 9:00-10:15 am. Parish Office Center**

+ **November Prayer Walk Saturday, November 26, 9:30 am – location tbd. Plan to join us!**

**Many thanks to all those who participated in the MEALTRAIN for the Morgenegg Family.** Mary Anne is recovering well from her hip replacement. If you know of an individual or family in the parish who could benefit from some good home cookin' as they recover from illness or surgery, welcome a new baby, or grieve a loved one's death, please let [Mariann](#) know.

**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.**

**Adopt a Street** – Weather permitting, join us **TOMORROW Saturday, November 5 at 10:00 am** as we do our final clean-up of the year. We will meet in the SFX parking lot and get our supplies. Many hands make light work! We'll tackle Tracy & Forest between 55<sup>th</sup>-60<sup>th</sup> Streets. Contact Sue or Mary Buren ([aburen99@gmail.com](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)) for more information.

**November is Black Catholic History Month** – Pick up a calendar (with a crossword puzzle on the back!) in the back of church this weekend and learn about the many sacrifices and contributions our Black Catholic brothers and sisters have made throughout the centuries.

**EmbRace Ministry** meets **Sunday, November 6 at 9:00 am** in the Romero Room. Join us as we share and develop opportunities for the remainder of the year. Contact Sue or Mary Buren ([aburen99@gmail.com](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)) for more information.

**EmbRace recommends** the latest episode of the podcast [Be the Bridge - Voting](#). This episode brings together three faith leaders to discuss a hot button issue - civic engagement for American Christians. You will hear from each of them about what it means for followers of Christ to love their neighbors through politics, voting and the "third space."

**Breaking Open the Sin of Racism** – It starts on Monday! Join us on Zoom with members of St. Elizabeth's on Mondays (November 7, 21, 28 & December 5) from 7:00-8:30 pm for this video and discussion series that 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](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)).

**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.** A few spots remain to join us at the Johnson County Museum has a special exhibit. SFX is going for a guided tour at **1:00 on Saturday, November 19**. Participants will learn about the 19th and 20<sup>th</sup>-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 (Refugee, Immigrant, and Migrant) Committee**. ***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.*** These funds will be used to support our Newcomer project to bring a bus of refugees from El Paso and help them relocate to other parts of the country.



**The cupboard isn't quite bare, but our freezer is!!! – *Thanks to all who have been helping our hungry neighbors.*** Food needs remain extremely high, and we cannot get quality food from Harvesters. Anything you can provide would be most appreciated! Pick up a shopping list from the bulletin board in the Narthex! Thank you!

White rice (1# or 2# bags)  
Canned Tomatoes (14.5 oz)  
Canned Chicken (12.5 oz)  
Side dishes like Pasta-Roni

Canned Chili (15 oz)  
Ramen Noodles  
Canned Pears (15 oz)  
Chunky Soups

Canned Beef Stew (20 oz)  
Canned Peaches (15 oz)  
Cream Soups (10.75 oz)  
Dry pinto beans

**Welcome the Stranger** - So much is happening as we prepare to receive a bus of 50 Newcomers on December 2 from El Paso. Watch for signups in the back of Church by the reconciliation room this weekend. We need help with clothing, companions, transportation, welcome and exit kits, interpreters, as well as financial donations. If you would like to make a financial donation, please make the check payable to SFX and put NEWCOMER PROJECT in the memo line and put it in an envelope to the attention of Sue Robb. There are opportunities for everyone!! Contact [Sue](#) or [Bill Schmidt](#) for more information.

## FROM OUR APOSTOLATES AND FRIENDS

**Support our Muslim Brothers and Sisters** - Recently the Dialogue Institute of Kansas City main office and community center was broken into, vandalized, and defaced with hateful language and symbols. Regardless of the perpetrators' intentions, we will continue to demonstrate our mission of being in service to our beloved Kansas City community - building bridges of mutual understanding and solidarity among people of diverse faiths and cultures.

JOIN US AS WE STAND TOGETHER, holding a vision of a peaceful and loving world – a world where we can speak with one voice for respect for all life, a world with a narrative of inclusivity and compassion. COME TOGETHER WITH COMMUNITY AND FAITH LEADERS AS WE SHARE WORDS OF SUPPORT AND PRAYERS.

**Thursday, November 10, 7-8:30pm at Church of the Resurrection, Wesley Chapel, 13720 Roe Ave, Leawood, KS.**

Here is the link to read the whole story

[https://www.kshb.com/news/crime/vandals-ransack-kansas-city-kansas-nonprofit-office-spray-paint-obscene-messages-on-walls?\\_amp=true](https://www.kshb.com/news/crime/vandals-ransack-kansas-city-kansas-nonprofit-office-spray-paint-obscene-messages-on-walls?_amp=true)

**VOTE TUESDAY!** The League of Women Voters has a couple short videos regarding ballot measures on the MO ballot. 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](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, and proof of vehicle insurance including liability insurance. [Click Here to Choose Your Shift](#) Questions? Contact [jennifer@cco.org](mailto:jennifer@cco.org).

### **Preparing for the Unimaginable: Advent Evening of Reflection and Prayer**

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City

Rockhurst High School Tuesday, November 29, 2022 | 7:00 PM

Have you ever wondered how Mary could have responded to Angel Gabriel like she did? Do you desire to slow down and enter Advent with more intent? Fr. Thomas Pesci, SJ will guide you in an evening of inspiration, music, and time for reflection to open yourself to the wonders of Advent. Cost: **No cost**. For more information and to register, see <https://www.ignatiancenterkc.org/events/2022/advent-evening>

*Thank you for reading to the end! Don't forget to vote!*

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

**See something that interests you? Contact us:**

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