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SFX UPDATE – November 23, 2022

All are welcome at [St. Francis Xavier](#)

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**The office will be closed at 11:00am on Wednesday and all day Thursday & Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.
No Mass on Thursday or Friday**

REST in PEACE Pat Woodrum (1944-2022), long-time SFX parishioner and former director of music and liturgy who died on November 20. **Vigil Service** (including a decade of the rosary) at 5 pm on Friday, November 25th here at the Church followed by visitation until 7 p.m. **Mass of Christian Burial** will be at 11:00 am, Saturday, November 26th at the Church. Go to [Legacy](#) for the obituary.

NOVEMBER PRAYER WALK CANCELED due to Mass of Christian Burial for Pat Woodrum on Saturday morning.

SFX Young Adults Advent Social at Brady & Fox: Dec 1st, 6:30pm-8:00pm

"What better time to **start something new** than a New Liturgical Year? **Come** join SFX Young Adults on December 1st- learn about the Parish Community and Opportunities, **Connect** with other young adults, and **Enjoy** the start of SFX's newest ministry. If you're 21-35 years old, we'll see you on the 1st! Food/beverage available for purchase; SFX will also provide select appetizers. See you at Brady & Fox!"

[Click here](#) for the Eventbrite link to **RSVP by Sunday, Nov 27** so we can order the appropriate amount of food. For more **information** or to **put yourself on our email list**, please contact [Fr. Jim](#).

PASTOR'S CORNER

SFX Men's Club The SFX Men's Group is meeting Tuesday, November 29th at 6:00 pm in the BVM Room at the parish office. Join us for a brief presentation on clericalism by Biagio Mazza followed by a short meeting. Join us! For more information [SFX Men's Club](#).

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing!! (What happened to Harold? Where did he go?)

Give God the voice! If you would like to join the choir to help celebrate our Christmas this year, please contact our music director, [Laura Worms](#)

Intergenerational Choir: Christmas Eve: 4pm Mass – Family Mass

- Rehearsals begin the first Sunday in December, Dec 4, after the 10:30 a.m. Mass.
- Children, family, and other adults are invited to join.

Adult Choir: Christmas Eve: 9:00pm Mass (close enough to midnight)

- Rehearsals begin the first week of December on Wednesday nights.

Drummers, Instrumentalists and Cantors also wanted.

- Mini auditions required.

Help make our environment beautiful this Advent and Christmas - Our Liturgy team would like your assistance obtaining evergreen branches for Advent and Christmas. If you have any of the following trees/shrubs and are willing to share some small branches, our team includes gardeners who can discreetly trim branches to be enjoyed in our church, and then properly compost them at the end of the season. We are looking for: Spruce (green or blue), Boxwood, Evergreen Magnolia, Pine, Juniper (especially with berries), and others. Crabapple branches with fruit are desired as well. Please contact [Jackie Palmer](#) to make arrangements. Phone: 816-462-3523.

New Church Directory - If you need to update your information or **DO NOT** wish to have your information included in the directory please contact [Peggy](#) no later than Dec. 15.

The Word Became Flesh: An Advent Study of the “I Am” Statements in the Gospel of John

Our Adult Faith Formation Committee is offering this Bible Study for Advent. Handouts with **reading material and journal prompts** will be available at church THIS WEEKEND November 26-27. Materials are also available at [Come-See Book Week-8-I-AM.pdf \(thecrossing.com\)](#). Parishioners are invited to study, pray and journal with the materials and then attend a **discussion session**, either after the 4:00 Mass on **Saturday, December 10** or in between the two Masses on **Sunday, December 11**. Discussion sessions will be held in the Parish Office Center. Please rsvp to Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) so we can prepare. We plan to have *pan dulce* Mexican pastries in honor of Our Lady of Guadalupe!

The Little Blue Books for Advent will be available at the church doors this weekend. Plan to spend 6 minutes a day in reflection to get ready for Christmas!

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

Space is limited to 12 and **REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED**. Contact [Mariann](#) to register. Please put “HeART and Soul” in the subject line.

Justice & Life Committee meets this Sunday, 9:00 am – We will meet in the Hearth Room and after we learn more about migration and Catholic Social Teaching, we will look into 2023 to plan how to educate ourselves and others, and bring justice and awareness to our broken world. All our welcome. For more information, contact Sue or Tim Driscoll.

Execution Watch for KC Johnson – [KJ Johnson](#) is scheduled to be executed by the State on Tuesday evening, November 29. Join us at 39th & Troost from 4:00-5:00 pm to raise awareness to the injustice of state executions and to pray KJ into eternal life.

Your generosity is heart-warming! Thanks to all who have been helping our hungry neighbors. We could use some more *dry pinto beans*, but we encourage those who would like to continue to donate to check out our...

Christmas basket list. *Canned corn, green beans, yams, peaches, pears, mixed fruit, cream of mushroom soup, pineapple, gravy mix (packets only, no jars/cans), bag of sugar, bag of flour, boxed stuffing, brownie mix, small box of jell-o, and french fried onions for the G.B. casserole.*

Bring your donations to church or drop them off by the parish offices between now and December 16. *Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!*

EmbRace recommends: Antiracism and Social Justice - A conversation with Dr. Ibram X. Kendi – a virtual event Wednesday, December 7, 2022 4:00–5:00 PM CT

Dr. Kendi, author of *How to be an Anti-Racist* and 10 other books will share his thoughts on recent progress in antiracism efforts, the role businesses can play in antiracism efforts and how individuals can work to make change within their organization. [Register here](#)

NEXT THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1 FROM 4:00-8:00 PM SHOP FAIR TRADE

Ten Thousand Villages, a Fair-Trade store in Downtown Overland Park, will host a community shopping event and 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 Asylum Seeker Project to bring a bus of refugees from El Paso and help them relocate to other parts of the country.

Asylum Seekers Project – Check out the stand alone update that will come to your inbox in a few hours!

FROM OUR APOSTOLATES AND FRIENDS

Amahl and the Night Visitor - Parishioner Gregory Campbell (baptized at the Easter Vigil 2022) has made specially priced tickets available for Lyric Opera of Kansas City's upcoming production of *Amahl and the Night Visitors*. The SFX community is invited to attend as a group on **December 10, 2022, at 2:00 pm**. Adult tickets are \$25, and child tickets are \$15. It's a puppet show set to live singing and chamber orchestra and is appropriate for adults and children ten and older. This touching tale will move audience members of all ages. This production is a unique telling of the first Christmas, based on Italian folktales of the Nativity and the Epiphany. It follows The Magi (The Three Kings), who have traveled from faraway lands to bring gifts to a Child born in Bethlehem. However, when they stop to rest for the night, they are taken in by an impoverished and disabled boy, Amahl, who teaches The Three Kings the true meaning of giving with an open heart. **Call the Lyric Box Office at (816) 471-7344 and mention promo code: SFXCHURCH.** You can also use this booking link: [TICKETS](#). [Learn more about the production](#) or contact [Gregory Campbell](#) for more information.

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, [click here](#).

Thank you for reading to the end!

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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