



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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## SFX UPDATE – November 18, 2022

All are welcome at

[St. Francis Xavier](#)

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The parish office is closed Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> for electrical system upgrades. The office will close at 11:00am on Wednesday and all day Thursday & Friday for the Thanksgiving holiday.  
**No Mass on Thursday or Friday**

### PASTOR'S CORNER

**SFX Men's Club** The SFX Men's Group is meeting Tuesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> 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](#).

### **SFX Young Adults Advent Social at Brady & Fox: Dec 1<sup>st</sup>, 6:30pm-8:00pm**

"What better time to **start something new** than a New Liturgical Year? **Come** join SFX Young Adults on December 1<sup>st</sup>- 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 1<sup>st</sup>! 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](#).

### **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](#).

### **Second Collections:**

This weekend: 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 on from El Paso who are being transported here to help relieve the burden at Annunciation House in El Paso. Click here to read the [Bishop's letter](#) To donate online, go to [SFX WeShare Online Giving](#) and select Home then select Second Collections. Scroll down to see the fund and enter the amount you would like to donate. Scroll down further to enter your bank or credit card information. Thank you.

**We pray for an end to gun violence and for all those murdered in our nation, our metro and in our city. While there have been no recorded murders this week, check out the national**

**statistics:** The twenty cities in the United States with the highest murder rates (murders per 100,000 people) are:

1. St. Louis, MO (69.4)
2. Baltimore, MD (51.1)
3. New Orleans, LA (40.6)
4. Detroit, MI (39.7)
5. Cleveland, OH (33.7)
6. Las Vegas, NV (31.4)
7. **Kansas City, MO (31.2)**
8. Memphis, TN (27.1)
9. Newark, NJ (25.6)
10. Chicago, IL (24)
11. Cincinnati, OH (23.8)
12. Philadelphia, PA (20.2)
13. Milwaukee, WI (20.0)
14. Tulsa, OK (18.6)
15. Pittsburgh, PA (18.4)
16. Indianapolis, IN (17.7)
17. Louisville, KY (17.5)
18. Oakland, CA (17.1)
19. Washington D.C. (17.0)
20. Atlanta, GA (16.7)

**Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4** during the 10:30 Mass in the Romero Room. THIS SUNDAY, November 20 (we hope to offer this the first and third Sunday of the month). Bring your little ones to the Romero Room before Mass starts (doors open at 10:15). Sunday School is a safe, happy place for our little parishioners to gather, play, sing songs, and learn a little bit about the Sunday Gospel (and do a craft!). For more information contact [Mariann](#).

### **Strong Blessings on those participating in the Rite of Welcome and the Masses this weekend:**

Discerning the Call to Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

- Sheerin Haubenreich (sponsors Anne Gagel McGee and Candace Shelley)

Discerning the Call to Full Communion, Confirmation, Eucharist

- Stephanie Iwata (sponsor Drew Klemp)
- Shatonda Jones (sponsor Mary Cary)

- Deb Meek (sponsor Linda Cortese)  
Discerning a Call to Confirmation and Eucharist
- Matthew Abeyta (sponsor Matthew Bergman)
- Alyson Fuest (sponsor Linda Pearson)

**November Family Faith “A Eucharistic Life – Thanksgiving All the Time, Everywhere” THIS SUNDAY**, November 20. 9:00-10:15 am. Parish Office Center. This gathering is for families with school-age children and anyone (young adults, elders, and everyone in between!) who desire to grow in their faith. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

**Centering Prayer Group** continues to meet the third Monday of the month. November 21. 7:00-9:00 pm will meet on Zoom due to the office being without electricity for the upgrade; contact [Rebecca Thompson](#) for link). For more information about this practice of contemplative prayer go to [Contemplative Outreach KC](#).

**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 19-20. 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](mailto: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!

**25 Ignatian Heroes for Advent** Sign up [HERE](#) to receive email meditations each day of Advent from Ignatian writers on a holy person in the Ignatian tradition. FREE from the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States.

### **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.

**November Prayer Walk** Saturday, November 26, 9:30 am at Brookside Hill (57<sup>th</sup> and Brookside Boulevard). We’ll walk around the area, notice the changing seasons, talk about why some think we shouldn’t call it Suicide Hill and “find God in all things.” All ages welcome. Wheelchairs and strollers. Dogs on leashes. For more information, contact [Mariann](#). Plan to join us!

**November is Black Catholic History Month** – There are still prayer cards about those on their way to sainthood on the back table. Pick one up!

**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](#)

### **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.

***Thanks to all who have been helping our hungry neighbors.*** People saw the picture of our empty freezer and asked how they could help fill it. That's an expensive answer...we need items we can offer to ALL our neighbors. For example, we need 100 1# chubs of ground beef, or 100 1# packages of chicken. That is why we ask for canned proteins.. Anything you can provide would be most appreciated! Pick up a shopping list from the bulletin board in the Narthex! Thank you! These are the items we would like to receive this week!

- Canned Beef Stew (20 oz)
- Canned Tomatoes (14.5 oz)
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Chicken (12.5 oz)
- Cream Soups (10.75 oz)
- Side dishes like Pasta-Roni
- Dry pinto beans!!! (please!)

**Asylum Seekers Project-** So much is happening as we prepare to receive a bus of 50 Newcomers on December 2 from El Paso. Stop by the signup table in the back of Church. We need help with clothing, 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 ASYLUM SEEKERS 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.

We are collecting the following items for hygiene kits:

- child toothbrushes
- travel size shampoo/conditioner
- deodorant
- hand sanitizer
- shaving cream
- Chapstick
- small tissue packet
- hair scrunchies and claws

Additionally, we are collecting:

- Sweatshirt/sweatpants/sweaters for men, women, children, toddlers,
- Warm winter gloves for men, women, children, toddlers
- Socks for men, women, and children (new or gently used)
- New underwear for men, women, and children
- Small and medium sports bras
- Tennis Shoes for men, women, and children - all sizes - new or gently used
- Compostable paper plates, napkins, silverware, cups (hot/cold)
- Breakfast foods (cereals, granola bars)
- Travel foods that can fit in backpack and go on bus/plane
- Coloring books and 8 pack crayons, puzzles

Our medical team needs new products of:

- Ibuprofen (like Advil)
- Acetaminophen (Tylenol)
- Imodium
- Cough drops
- Cough medicine
- Dayquil
- Dramamine
- Docusate (for constipation)
- Mucinex
- Triple antibiotic ointment
- Hydrocortisone cream
- Tums or Pepcid complete
- Desitin (baby rashes)
- Ibuprofen for children
- Pedialyte
- Band-aids of all sizes
- Ace bandages
- Gauze pads
- Paper tape for dressings
- Moleskin (new skin)
- Alcohol swabs
- Tongue depressors
- Pregnancy tests
- Urinalysis test strips
- Disposable masks for adults and children

***But wait! There's More!!! It's Christmas Basket Time!*** - Stop by the back of church this weekend and pick up a shopping list for our Christmas baskets. And PLEASE, if you plan to purchase a turkey for us for Christmas and have the ability to store it, please do so.

Here's what we are asking for this year for the 100+ neighbors we will serve:

*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!*

### **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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