



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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SFX UPDATE – December 16, 2022

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

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Holiday Season Mass Schedule:

Dec 24: 4:00 p.m. & 9:00 p.m.

Dec 25: 10:30 a.m. **ONLY**

Dec 31: 4:00 p.m.

Jan 1: 10:30 a.m. **ONLY**

No weekday Masses: Dec 23 – Jan 6

Overflow Parking for Christmas Eve 4:00 Family Mass will be available FREE at the Rockhurst University parking garage on Troost, between 51st and 52nd Street AND in the JP II Commons lot (the upper lot at 53rd and Harrison). Rockhurst parking garage will be open from 3:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Welcome and Strong Blessings on Clareece West who will make her Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church and receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist at the 10:30 Mass this Sunday. May all spiritual seekers find community where they can grow in faith and serve God and others.

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](#) in the parish office **no later than Dec. 31.**

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 this past week:

167. Unknown Man, 12/9

168. Unknown Man, 12/13

169. Unknown Man, 12/13

170. Unknown Man, 12/14

Unknown to us. Known to God and their families and friends.

Unknown Men, pray for us.

Christmas Gift to St. Francis Xavier: As you make your list and check it twice, please remember St. Francis Xavier parish this year and consider making an extra donation to our general operating fund. There will be specially marked envelopes in the pews this weekend and next. All donations to the “Christmas Stocking Fund” will be taken as a second collection. If you prefer to donate online, please go to [Christmas at SFX, online giving](#) select the home tab, then Christmas Stockings at SFX. Thank you.

Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 first and third Sunday of the month during 10:30 Mass. On **December 18 Sunday School** will be held in the **HEARTH ROOM** (because of the Christmas Basket Project).

SFX Cookie Project If you signed up to bake cookies, please bring them to Mass this weekend and **drop your cookies off in the narthex OR carry them down to the BVM Room.** We'll package the cookies for inclusion in our Christmas baskets in **the BVM Room** on Sunday immediately after 10:30 Mass. Baskets will be distributed on Tuesday, December 20. **We REALLY NEED HELP to carry the cookies down to the BVM Room, box 'em up, and carry them back up to the Parish Library.** Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to participate. Contact [Mariann](#) for more information and/or to volunteer.

CHRISTMAS EVE 4:00 FAMILY MASS THANKS to all who have volunteered to help! Christmas Eve is the most attended church service of the year in Catholic and Protestant churches. We know that many are hungry for the Good News of Emmanuel, God-with-Us. Please pray for all the visitors and guests who will be joining us. Questions? Contact [Mariann](#).

What's on your grown-up Christmas list? The Adult Faith Formation Committee suggests you ask for “**Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone**” by Father James Martin, SJ. We will be offering a study of the book in Lent 2023.

Centering Prayer Third Monday of the month. December 19, 7:00-8:30 pm in the SFX Chapel. All are welcome. Contact [Rebecca Thompson](#) for more information. To learn more about this contemplative practice watch this twelve-minute video: [What is Centering Prayer?](#)

Parish Rosary on Zoom Wednesdays and Fridays at 6:00 pm. Saturdays at 3:30 pm. All are welcome to join this prayer led by member of our Marian Devotion Group “Truly Our Mother.” Contact [Gail Fein](#) for more information and the Zoom link.

Looking ahead: HeART and Soul on January 3 IN PERSON. Mark your calendar and rsvp to [Mariann](#) to be part of January's gathering (always the first Tuesday of the month, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Hearth Room).

Save the Date for January Prayer Walk Saturday, January 7, 9:30 am at Brookside Hill. We'll meet at the NE corner of 57th and Brookside Boulevard. We'll walk around the area, 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. Bundle up! For more information, contact [Mariann](#).

Thank you – One of my greatest disappointments this time of year is that I am unable to thank everyone personally for their generosity. From the donations (both monetary and physical) and Amazon orders for the Asylum Seekers to the food, turkeys, and monetary donations for Christmas Baskets, I am always humbled and overwhelmed by this community's generosity of time, talent, and treasure. Please know I hold you in my prayers of thanksgiving as we close out this year. You bless our world! Thank you!!!

Missouri is set to execute two people in the first 40 days of 2023:

Amber McLaughlin - Jan. 3, 2023

Leonard "Raheem" Taylor - Feb. 7, 2023

Take Action today! Call Governor Mike Parson (573) 751-3222 and ask for clemency and a commutation to a life sentence for Amber and Raheem.

Visit <https://www.madpmo.org/> for more information. If clemency is not granted, join us at 39th and Troost from 4:00-5:00 for an Execution Watch to raise awareness and pray for Amber, her victims, and her family.

And join us for our next EmbRace meeting at 6:30 pm on Zoom on Monday, January 2, 2023. Contact Mary Buren (aburen@gmail.com) or Sue Robb (srobb@sfx-kc.org) for the Zoom link or more information.

Soup-er Bowl 2023 begins – Join in the fun and feed our neighbors as we begin to collect 2023 cans of soup between January 1 and February 12 the date of the Super Bowl. We have 7 weekends to collect and **if 289 people bring 1 can of soup each week, we will meet our goal.** Thanks for your continued support of the food pantry.

RIM Ministry Meeting – Sunday, January 8, 2023 in the BVM room. Start your year by joining the RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) Ministry. We'll have updates on our next bus of asylum seekers who will be here the weekend of February 17-20, and review our goals for the year. All are welcome! Contact Bill Schmidt (schmidtwilliam1219@gmail.com) or Sue Robb (srobb@sfx-kc.org) for more information.

Violence in our City Half Day Retreat- Mark your calendar and plan to join us in the BVM room on Saturday, January 14 from 9:00-noon in the BVM Room as we listen to panelists talk about their programs to reduce violence in Kansas City and learn ways we can help reduce the violence in our community. We will end with a prayer service. Contact Steve Bruns (sbruns51@gmail.com) or Sue Robb (srobb@sfx-kc.org) for more information.

FROM OUR APOSTOLATES and FRIENDS

Trauma Awareness During the Holidays For survivors of trauma like clergy sexual abuse, there is a lot going on neurobiologically that can make seemingly joyous occasions feel overwhelming and unsafe. This might result in behaviors that seem counter to the joy of the season. We encourage you to be aware that the people, events, sounds and smells of the holidays may be a trigger for survivors. If there is a survivor you love and care for, especially if that survivor is yourself, we hope that you'll find the resources at journeytobethany.com/resources helpful. If you need support, even if you don't know what to say, Journey to Bethany is here to help at 816-683-8999.

The Christmas Story in the Bible and the Qur'an: Comparisons and Contrasts
Presenter Biagio Mazza, Pastoral Associate, St. Sabina Parish

Wednesday evenings, January 11, 18, 25, and February 1 7:00-9:00 pm
repeated Thursday mornings, January 12, 29, 26 and February 2 10:00 am – 12:00 noon

For more information and/or to register and receive the Zoom link, email [Biagio](#).

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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