



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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SFX UPDATE – January 13, 2023

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Pastor's Corner

Please consider joining the parishioners at St. Theresa Little Flower for a prayer service on MLK Day, Monday, Jan 15 @ 10:00am. Church is at 5814 Euclid Ave, Kansas City.

Poinsettias are in the back of church and can be picked up after Mass this weekend.

Here is an app for your phone or tablet that you might find useful. It is free and it even had the current info about our parish. If you travel this is a great app to have to find a Mass: [Catholic Mass Times App](#)

In 2023 we continue to pray for all those murdered in our nation, our metro and in our own neighborhood – and “pray by name” as best we can for those killed in Kansas City, Missouri. We share the names reported on the database provided by [The Kansas City Star](#).

1. **Charles Martin, 46, January 8**
2. **Unknown Male, January 8**
3. **Tanisha Williams, 35, January 9**
4. **Unknown Victim, January 12**

Second Collection January 14-15th This weekend we have a second collection for Catholic Home Missions. Home mission dioceses are those Catholic dioceses in the United States, its territories, and former territories that cannot provide basic pastoral services without outside help. Pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and laypeople. Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered home missions. Thank you for your generosity.

Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 in the Romero Room during the 10:30 Mass this Sunday and the first and third weekend of every month. Sunday School is a safe, happy place for our little parishioners to gather, play, sing songs, eat a snack, learn a little bit about the Sunday Gospel and do a craft! Go to [Faith Formation 2022-2023](#) to register and/or contact [Mariann](#) for more information.

NO Children's Liturgy of the Word this Sunday.

Centering Prayer Monday, January 16, 7:00-8:30 pm, SFX Chapel. Also available via Zoom. Contact [Rebecca Thompson](#) for more information and Zoom link. Go to [Contemplative Outreach KC](#) for more information about Centering Prayer.

Interfaith Opportunities

As a follow-up to our parish read of Barbara Brown Taylor's "Holy Envy: Finding God in the Faith of Others," our Adult Faith Formation Committee has arranged for us to visit two houses of worship.

[Hindu Temple & Cultural Center of Kansas City](#) at 6330 Lackman Road, Shawnee KS on **Saturday, January 28, 11:00 am – 1:00 pm. We will meet at the SFX Parking Lot at 10:00 am to carpool** (or meet us there NO LATER THAN 10:45 am).

The schedule for the visit is:

11:00 am Tour and Talk on Hinduism

11:30 am Lunch (cost \$5/person - "real Indian food")

12:00 noon Prayer Service

All ages welcome. [CLICK HERE to watch a short video on Hinduism.](#)

Please rsvp to [Mariann](#).

[The New Reform Temple of Kansas City](#) 7100 Main Street, KCMO **Friday, February 10, 5:45-8:00 pm.**

The schedule for the visit is:

5:45 pm Arrive at the Temple

6:00 pm Shabbat Service followed by snacks and Q&A with Rabbi Londy.

Looking ahead to Lent Our Adult Faith Formation Committee is encouraging parishioners to read "**Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone**" by Father James Martin, SJ (available wherever books are sold, including on Audible and at Half Price Books). We will be offering a **three-session study group during Lent**. We hope to offer multiple groups on different days, at different times and different modes – on Zoom, in-person at the parish office and in parishioners' homes. Please contact [Mariann](#) if you'd be willing to host a group in your home. [CLICK HERE to view a 3-minute YouTube video of Father Martin answering the question, "Why should you pray?"](#) [CLICK HERE to read the first three chapters of the book](#) [CLICK HERE to download the reading guide.](#)

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is January 18-January 25. Go to [Do Good and Seek Justice](#) for daily readings and meditations.

Soup-er Bowl 2023 is happening now! – To date, we only need 1,787 more cans of hearty soup to feed our neighbors this season and win THIS Soup-er bowl!. Join in the fun as we strive to collect 2023 cans of hearty soup between January 1 and February 12, the date of the Super Bowl. Contact Sue with any questions. Thank you!

Looking for something to do this Winter? SFX has put together a *Community Resource Directory* for our neighbors who need services we cannot provide, as well as a

Black Owned Business Directory. Both need updating. If you would like something to do during these cold winter months, please contact Sue.

MLK Opportunities

1. **St. Therese Little Flower** will hold a prayer service and call to action on Monday, January 16 beginning at 10:00 am. They have invited SFX to attend the service and help create and distribute Care Bags to give to the homeless in our city. Join us in this time of great winter need in our city. Thank you!
2. **2.5 Mile Walk** Monday, January 16, 2023 9:30 a.m.-1 p.m.
BEGIN: Martin Luther King Jr. Square Park, Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd. & Woodland Ave.
END: Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center, 3700 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
Join the Heartland Conservation Alliance and KC Parks on a restorative walk along the banks of beautiful Brush Creek. Enjoy the company of others and the stillness of nature as we reflect on the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Parking is available at MLK Jr. Square Park and [AgendaUSA](#) will provide shuttle service between BRW/MLK Park from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. All ages and abilities (and dogs on leashes) are welcome to attend. They are not allowed inside BRW. Refreshments will be served, and a program will take place at Bruce R. Watkins Cultural Heritage Center. [REGISTRATION](#) HERE
3. The **Visitation Racial Justice Committee** will host a prayer service inspired by "Letter from Birmingham Jail" on Monday, January 16, from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm in the church. Come listen to excerpts of Dr. King's letter powerfully conveyed in a prayer setting. All are welcome.

Justice & Life Ministry – Join us Sunday, January 22 at 9:00 am for our Justice & Life ministry meeting. We will read and discuss a brief article on an aspect of Catholic Social Teaching and look forward to upcoming opportunities in 2023. For more information, contact Tim Driscoll (tdriscoll1951@gmail.com) or Sue.

EmbRace Ministry – Sue and Mary are returning from a national Jesuit conference and will share what they learned on Sunday, January 29, at 9:00 am (between the Masses). Join us as we engage with today's racism issues and work to educate ourselves, engage with the community, and build SFX as an anti-racist parish.

Missouri is set to execute two people in the first 40 days of 2023: Amber McLaughlin was executed last week, and Leonard "Raheem" Taylor is scheduled to be executed on Feb. 7, 2023, despite witnesses who can attest to him not being in Missouri when the murders took place. Take Action today! Call Governor Mike Parson (573) 751-3222 and ask for freedom for Raheem. Killing is not what Christians are supposed to do. Visit <https://www.madpmo.org/> for more information.

Bus Postponement – The bus we requested to receive on February 17-19 has been postponed. With the court decision to keep Title 42 in place, the number of asylum seekers crossing the border has slowed to about 700/day which is manageable for El Paso. Our SFX RIM Committee will keep you updated on the situation as it changes.

Donation Drop offs – Please do NOT drop off donations of clothes at this time. We are unequipped to store or handle them, and cannot accept them. Prior to the next bus we

receive, we will put out a specific list of needs. In the meantime, Troost 39 is a great place to donate your unwanted items. Thank you for your understanding.

Violence in our City Half Day Retreat- This retreat has been postponed until Saturday, June 3.

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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