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SFX UPDATE – February 24, 2023

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Catholic Charities Emergency Assistance Fund: Second Collection Feb 25-26

To Serve and To Lift: Catholic Charities empowers at risk people to create a pathway out of poverty by alleviating their immediate crises to create stability; then providing robust support to lift them to dignity and self-reliance. The demographics of the people helped: 26% were ex-offenders; 74% of those coming to us were unemployed; 85% of those served were widowed, single, divorced or separated; 61% were female.

[Donations for Earthquake Relief in Turkey and Syria](#)

Many of us have seen the images and heard about the loss of life and devastation caused by the 7.8 earthquake and its aftershocks in Turkey and Syria. The Society of Jesus has released a letter that contains links to donate funds, which are separate for Turkey and Syria. We express our gratitude for your generosity and kindly ask you to keep the victims of this tragedy, who have lost their loved ones, homes, and shelter, in your thoughts and prayers. Please click on the link above to find out how to donate.

Pastor's Corner

Save the Date: Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 13 at 7:00pm in the church.

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Prepare for Mass: Preview the Readings and Receive Daily Emails

Previewing the Mass readings can help you reflect on their meaning before attending Mass. Visit the US Bishops' website to access the [daily readings](#), and even subscribe to receive them via email. What strikes you about the readings? What questions come to mind? Anticipate Fr. Jim's message this weekend by exploring the readings beforehand.

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](#).

17. Derrick Rich, 30, February 8

18. Deondrea Brand, 38, February 8

19. Aaron Looney, 41, February 20

20. Unknown Man, February 21

21. Leigh Dalton, 44, ruled a homicide on February 21

What are you doing for Lent? Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the traditional practices. **Dr. Shatonda Jones**, Rockhurst University Associate Professor of Communication Sciences and Disorders and one of our RCIA candidates, gave the reflection at the RU Ash Wednesday Interfaith Service. You can read her remarks (**and learn a little bit more about Black Catholic History**) [HERE](#).

There are a few open spots for our SFX Lent 2023 Book Read: “Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone” by Father James Martin, SJ. We have five groups. Each group will meet three times during Lent.

Reading assignments:

First session – Chapters 1-7

Second session – Chapters 8-12

Third Session – Chapters 13-18

Father Martin has agreed to zoom in with us in the Easter Season to talk about the book!

Contact [Mariann](#) to purchase a copy of the book; we have 5 left (\$20/each).

Sign up for a group by contacting [Mariann](#) OR on SignUpGenius [St. Francis Xavier - Kansas City, MO: SFX Lent 2023 - Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

SUNDAYS 9:00 am in the Hearth Room – February 26, March 12, March 26

MONDAYS 7:00 pm on Zoom – February 27, March 13, March 27

TUESDAYS 7:00 pm at Bill and Cindy Schmidt’s home (5400 Cherry, KCMO)

February 28, March 14, March 28

THURSDAYS 2:00 pm at Gene and Maureen Hardy’s home (7411 Pennsylvania, KCMO)

March 2, March 13 (the group will meet on MONDAY this week), March 30

SATURDAYS, 5:00 pm in the back of Church – March 11, March 18, April 1

Little Black Books and **Rice Bowls** will be available at the church doors again this weekend. These are simple and powerful ways to deepen our faith this Lent. As we read and pray with the daily reflections in the Little Black Book, we know that our fellow SFXers are doing the same. When we make small sacrifices and put the money in our Rice Bowl, we strengthen our connection with our brothers and sisters in need around the world. Go to [www.csricebowl.org](#) and learn more about the good work of Catholic Relief Services, the humanitarian aid agency of the US Catholic Church. Our alms change lives in over 100

different countries (including Ukraine, Syria, and Turkey!) and in our own community (25% of donations stay in our diocese).

Family Faith 2023 SUNDAY

**February 26 Lent, Operation Rice Bowl, and Keeping Safe in the Circle of Grace
Parish Library 9:00 -9:15 Donuts, Juice, Coffee**

Chapel 9:15-10:15

Our once-a-month intergenerational faith-formation program is for ALL families with school-aged children (and for young adults, elders, and everyone in-between who wants to deepen their knowledge and faith). **Family Faith** is required for those families who have a child preparing for First Reconciliation and First Communion and strongly encouraged for **families with children in Grades 3-4-5**. Contact Mariann McCormally (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for more information.

Marian Devotion Group “Truly Our Mother” Meeting and Rosary – Sunday, February 26, 9:00 am BVM Room (below the Chapel). All are welcome. Contact Gail Fein (gafein10@gmail.com) for more information.

Soul Food Tuesday Tuesdays, February 28, 11:00-12:00 noon. Zoom. During Black History Month we will be reading and reflecting on [Critical Race Theory and Catholicism Go Hand in Hand - U.S. Catholic \(uscatholic.org\)](#), an essay by Jesuit Patrick Saint-Jean, a native of Haiti and a professor of psychology at Creighton University (and the author of our parish book read *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola*). Contact [Mariann](#) for Zoom link.

Save the date for our March Prayer Walk: March 11, 9:30 am at Pilgrim Labyrinth and Butterfly Garden in Hyde Park. We'll meet at Pilgrim Chapel (3801 Gilham Road, KCMO). For more information contact [Mariann](#).

J & L Ministry – We will meet **THIS Sunday, February 26, at 9:00 am** in the Romero Room. In these meetings we educate ourselves on Catholic Social Teaching as it applies to justice issues we face in our nation and in our world, however, this month we will talk about the **White Savior Complex**. New members are always welcome!

Ramadan Dinner Opportunities – Ramadan begins March 22 and ends April 20. The Dialogue Institute is inviting us to sign up to share a meal with our Muslim brothers and sisters in their homes during this time. If you are interested, please contact 913-283-7173 as soon as possible to sign up.

The HeART of Justice

March 30, 10:45 am — FULL

April 14, 10:15 am 2 Spots remain

April 27, 10:15 am 10 Spots remain

[The HeART of Justice](#) is a **FREE** 75-minute guided tour at the Nelson Atkins Art Museum by docent Alan Lubert (husband of Suzanne Gladney of Migrant Farmworkers). He has selected a few works of art and will delve deeply into the artists' meaning and life experiences and the injustice they bring to light. The tour is limited to 12 participants, but more tours will be added as needed. Click the link above and sign up now! Spaces are filling up quickly! *“Art is not what you see, but what you make others see.” — Edgar Degas*

Request for help from Heart to Heart International - We're hoping to be able to quickly send 50,000 hygiene kits to Türkiye and Syria. We already have approximately 26,000

ready, but need 24,000 built in the next month or so in addition to rebuilding stock for other disasters. Long-term, we're going to be aiming to send Türkiye and Syria a little over 100,000 kits in the next six months. If you have any friends or family interested in participating in a pop-up, feel free to invite them to sign up at this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/5080b4aadad2ca7fc1-hygiene1#/>

Welcome Corps – While we wait for our next bus of asylum seekers, our RIM committee is discerning our involvement with a US Government sponsored program called [Welcome Corps](#). This program would allow groups to help with refugee resettlement of refugees who would have an easier path to citizenship. If you are interested in more information, come to the Romero Room after the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday and learn more.

Migrant Farmworker Off-season opportunity – On Monday, March 27, at 9:00, we will leave SFX parking lot and drive to beautiful Lexington, MO to help the Migrant Farmworker project assemble hygiene kits, food bags, and bags of rice and beans. We will return about 1:30. If you would like to join us, please contact [Sue](#).

Food Pantry Needs: If you're shopping this weekend and want to pick up something for our food pantry, we could use: *toilet paper, cereal, pineapple, side dishes (like pasta-roni or rice-a-roni), quick oats (about 18 oz), and cereal. Thank you!*

Sue will be out of the office March 3-13 and back on March 14.

[From our Apostolates and Neighbors](#)

Lenten Fish Fry

Our parishioners come from 38 different zip codes. If you are looking for a Friday night Lenten fish fry at a parish nearer where you live, please [click here](#) to see the list for the diocese of KC-SJ.

John's Gospel and the Readings of the Lenten Scrutiny Sundays Biagio Mazza on Zoom. Wednesday Evenings March 8, 15, 22, 29 7:00-9:00 pm and repeated Thursday Mornings March 9, 16, 23, 30 10:00 am – 12:00 noon. Explore the stories of the Woman at the Well, the Man Born Blind, and the Raising of Lazarus. Email [Biagio](#) to register and receive the Zoom link. *Biagio is Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina's Parish in Belton coordinating and facilitating Adult Faith Formation. He is an author and contributor to commentaries on Scripture and the Sunday Readings.*

Rockhurst University: Reception and Lecture with Artist Lecture: Jorge Benitez "Beyond the Unreachable Horizon, Linear Perspective and the Global Imagination" Wednesday, March 1, 2023 - 5:30pm, Gallery atrium and Sedgwick 103

If the horizon is unreachable, then the question of linear perspective should be open-ended. How did re-presenting what we see in front of us change how we could travel the world. Why did Europe join art and science as it expanded globally in the 1500s and why did the Jesuits embrace that union? How does that legacy affect today's world? This lecture will visit the relationship between linear perspective and the global imagination in the age of computer assisted design, international popular culture, and postmodern uncertainty. Join us in the Greenlease Gallery atrium for a 5:30 p.m. reception and viewing of Benitez' work included in the "Geometric Aljamía: A Cultural Transliteration" exhibition followed by the 6 p.m. lecture in Sedgwick Hall, room 103. [Register here](#)

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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