



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SFX UPDATE – March 10, 2023

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

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Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service

Monday, March 13 at 7:00pm in the church. Come and celebrate the grace of God in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We will have 5 priests to assist with the service.

Watch out for Phishing in your email and on your phones

Some parishioners have reported receiving emails from staff with our names but a different domain name (NOT sfx-kc.org). Please do NOT open any emails (or attachments) that appear to be from us but are not from sfx-kc.org.

Pastor's Corner

Calling all New Liturgical Ministers

Are you new to the parish? Are you a longtime parishioner? Would you like to be a **Lector**, **Eucharistic Minister**, **Altar Server**? Please contact [Fr. Jim](#) by Monday, March 20 if you would like to be trained and put on the new schedule that will start after Easter.

Our Hospitality Ministry is restarting, and we need your help!

This ministry happens on the first Saturday and Sunday of each month, and we are starting from scratch. We are looking for volunteers who are willing to serve fellow parishioners by providing simple refreshments. If you have done it before, we kindly ask you to sign up again if you wish to continue. Sign-up sheets will be available on the back table after Masses this weekend. We will need a minimum of 10 people for each Mass, so that people can alternate in taking responsibility. Thank you for your support and generosity in helping us make our community more welcoming and hospitable!

Parishesonline.com - Sunday Bulletin

Would you like to have the Sunday bulletin delivered to your email inbox on Wednesdays? Subscribe to receive our weekly Sunday bulletin and receive upcoming information and never miss a bulletin if you are not able to be here in person. [Click here](#) to subscribe or view it online.

The second collection March 18 and 19 goes to Catholic Relief Services. Catholic Relief Services eases suffering and aids people in need in more than 100 countries, without regard to race, religion or nationality.

Holy Week Schedule: April 2-9

Apr 2	Palm Sunday	10:30am ONLY
Apr 5	“Spy” Wednesday	7:30am
Apr 6	Holy Thursday	7:00pm
Apr 7	Good Friday	7:00pm
Apr 8	Easter Vigil	8:00pm
Apr 9	Easter Sunday	10:30am ONLY

Please note that we will celebrate Palm Sunday together as a parish family. There will not be a 4:00pm or 8:00am that weekend.

The Easter Vigil on Sat, Apr 8, is the highest liturgy of the Church year. It is also the liturgy where we will welcome new adults to be baptized, confirmed, received into the Church, and receive their First Communion. The liturgy begins after sunset. We will begin at 8:00pm.

SFX Widows’ Group Brunch Saturday, March 25, 11:00 am at Caleb’s (515 E. Red Bridge Road). At these gatherings we share friendships and stories, laughter (and some tears). Some members have been widowed in the last year or so, others it has been almost a decade. All widows are welcome. For more information contact [Gail Fein](#).

Parish Photo Directory Update

Our staff met with the folks at **Universal Church Directories** on Wednesday and began the process of laying out our directory. We hope to have the directory in your hands by late spring/early summer. We think it will be worth the wait, especially since the directory will be both a physical book AND online, accessible to all parishioners. Thanks for your patience!

Landscaping A plan has been approved for the restoration and improvement to the landscaping at the west side of the Church, near the entrances to the office and chapel. The plan focuses on the installation of low maintenance, water conserving and environmentally friendly plants, mulch and rock. The renovation will feature two monarch gardens with native plants approved by the Missouri Department of Conservation. This project will be done in three phases during March and April (weather permitting). A request for volunteers will be made once a schedule is set. Tim Driscoll and Patrick Riha are heading this project if you have questions. The project has a limited budget, so anyone wishing to donate to offset the cost of the project can contact [Ann](#).

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](#).

Orlando D. Taylor, Jr., 32, March 4

Glen A. Vassie, 60, March 4

SFX Lent 2023 Book Read: “Learning to Pray: A Guide for Everyone” by Father James Martin, SJ.

FYI Because of our Parish Lenten Reconciliation Service, our **Monday evening Zoom** Group will meet on Tuesday, March 14 at 7:00 pm Contact [John Gioia](#) for Zoom link. Because of preparations for St. Patrick’s Day, our **Thursday afternoon Hardy Home** Group will meet on Monday afternoon, March 13 at 2:00 pm.

Save the Date **Father Martin will Zoom with us** on Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 pm CST to talk about the book. Details to follow.

March Prayer Walk: TOMORROW March 11, 9:30 am at Pilgrim Labyrinth and Butterfly Garden in Hyde Park. We’ll meet at Pilgrim Chapel (3801 Gilham Road, KCMO). **Rain or shine** – dress for the weather. You might get a chance to jump in a mud puddle! For more information contact [Mariann](#).

Soul Food Tuesday March 14& 28 11:00 am Zoom Meeting ID: 838 4516 2468 Passcode: 926739 **“Women Who Stay and Women Who Leave – What Does It Mean to Be Catholic?”** We’ll be reflecting on two articles from a recent issue of US Catholic [The Catholics Who Refuse to Leave - U.S. Catholic \(uscatholic.org\)](#) and [Rigid Definitions of ‘Catholic’ Leave Too Many Out in the Cold - U.S. Catholic \(uscatholic.org\)](#). Contact Mariann mccormally@sfx-kc.org for more information.

Our Adult Faith Formation Committee recommends that you read [Yet Another Journey into Yes - Central & Southern Province \(jesuitscentralsouthern.org\)](#) by Father Michael Harter, SJ, about the move in January 2023 of 66 older and infirm Jesuits from Jesuit Hall, near the campus of Saint Louis University, to the new St. Ignatius Hall at Garden Villas North in St. Louis County. May we be like Father Michael and discover “that every “where” I have ever been sent, contains a “here” that I need to embrace. And every time I paid attention and made the most of my being t(here), I received gifts I had not foreseen.”

It’s not too late to participate in Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. And if you’re not sure if your small sacrifices and donations make a difference, check out this 3-minute video: [Lent is Life Changing](#) Please plan to bring your Rice Bowl donations to Church on Easter!

NO First Communion Class or RCIA Gathering this coming week. Enjoy Spring Break!

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

Enjoy this meditative audio of the [Stations of the Cross](#) from Emmanuel Charles McCarthy.

RIM Ministry meets Sunday, March 19 at 9:00 am in the BVM Room – Sue & Bill will be out of town on March 12, which is our regularly scheduled RIM meeting, so join us on **Sunday, March 19** as we plan to journey with those near and far who are seeking refuge. We have a lot of information to share as we prepare to receive a refugee family. New members are always welcome! Contact Bill Schmidt (schmidtwilliam1219@gmail.com) or Sue for more information.

The HeART of Justice

March 30, 10:45 am — FULL

April 14, 10:15 am — FULL

April 27, 10:15 am 9 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*

Migrant Farmworker Off-season opportunity – On **Monday, March 27, at 9:00**, we will leave SFX parking lot and carpool 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. We are collecting:

dry pinto beans (any size)

dry white rice (not instant, please)

hygiene items (travel sizes are OK)

- toothpaste
- toothbrushes
- bar soap
- shampoo
- wash cloths

Please mark donations with *MFAF* so we don't confuse them for food pantry donations. It would be most helpful to drop off donations as close to our departure date as possible. Have questions or want to go??? 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, pineapple, side dishes (like pasta-roni or rice-a-roni), quick oats (about 18 oz), and cereal. Thank you!*

We're going to help Heart to Heart International! - Monday, April 3 5:00-7:00 pm Join us as we volunteer as a parish to assemble hygiene kits for Heart to Heart (11550 Renner Road, Lenexa, KS). Families with children ages 10 and older are welcome! [SIGN UP HERE!](#)

From the Diocese, our Apostolates and Neighbors

24 Hours Adoration and Confession

March 17-18

9:00 AM March 17 – 9 AM Cathedral of St. Joseph, St. Joseph MO

9:00 AM March 17 – 8:00 AM St. Thomas More, KCMO

To sign up to be an adorer, please sign up here or contact the parish:

[Cathedral of St. Joseph](#)
[St. Thomas More](#)

St. Patrick's Day Dispensation | Friday, March 17

Bishop Johnston has issued a dispensation from the requirement to abstain from meat on Friday, March 17, 2023, for those who are participating in observances of the Memorial of Saint Patrick.

St. Joseph Table offerings

The feast of St. Joseph falls on March 19, and many parishes celebrate with a St. Joseph's table near that date. See more information about the history and symbolism around the [Solemnity of St. Joseph on March 19](#). See below for a listing of St. Joseph tables scheduled in the area. [View list](#).

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.

Journey to Bethany has released their first [IMPACT REPORT – Journey To Bethany](#) , detailing their work to serve those harmed by clergy sexual abuse through actions of healing and justice. Contact [Jennifer Prusa](#) for more information.

Ramadan Iftar 2023

The Dialogue Institute is once again hosting special fast-breaking meals and inviting us to join them. The iftars will be held every evening at sunset March 25-April 19 all over the city – including Rockhurst University on Wednesday, April 12. Go to <https://tinyurl.com/dikciftar> to see the full schedule and to sign up.

Poetry, Stories, Giving Voice to Incarcerated People with Poet Brian Daldorph Thursday, March 16 5:30 pm Reception 6:00 pm Program at the Plaza Library, Truman Forum Auditorium. In person and online. Click [HERE](#) to learn more.

Rockhurst University: Visiting Scholar Lecture Series, Wed, March 22, 7:30pm Christopher Kaczor: "A Defense of Conscientious Objection in Health Care: A Reply to Recent Objections"

In recent years, questions surrounding individual rights in the realm of health care have become central to cultural debates. How do we draw lines between private rights and public good? What is bodily autonomy and does that autonomy have limits? And if so, what are they? Christopher Kaczor, professor of philosophy at Loyola Marymount University, will grapple with these questions and more as he delivers the Rev. William Rossner, S.J., Lecture in Philosophy. A reception follows this free event. Register [here](#).

Rockhurst University: 2023 Leadership Series - David Brooks
Tuesday, March 28, 2023. [Click here for information and tickets](#)

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

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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