



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## Pastor's Corner

### SFX and Fr. James Martin, S.J.

On Tuesday, we had an engaging discussion with Fr. James Martin, S.J. regarding his book "Learning to Pray". In case you missed it, we have a recording of the Zoom session with Fr. Martin, which runs for approximately one hour. Please find the link below.

[SFX-KC: Learning to Pray with Fr. James Martin, S.J. - April 25, 2023](#)

### Attention SFX Young Adults!

The Brookside Art Annual is coming up soon, taking place from May 5-7. As a group, we are organizing an outing to explore the art and community together. We will determine the exact date and time of our visit as a group. If you're interested in joining us, please reach out to Natalie via email at [nataliegnibert@gmail.com](mailto:nataliegnibert@gmail.com) or contact us through our GroupMe platform (if you haven't been added yet, please send an email to Natalie!). You can find additional details about the event by visiting [www.brooksideartannual.com](http://www.brooksideartannual.com). Our Young Adult group is open to anyone aged 21-40.

### Getting to SFX this Sunday?

Don't forget that the annual Trolley Run takes place on April 30th, starting at 8:00 am. Please take a moment to review the racecourse map as it may affect your route to Mass. To ensure a smooth commute, we recommend planning an alternative route to avoid any potential delays. Check out the [Trolley Run Race Course](#) map to plan accordingly.

## Attention all new Lectors and Eucharistic Ministers!

We will be holding a training session on Saturday, May 6. The training will be divided into two sessions, with Eucharistic Ministers from 9:30am to 10:00am, and Lectors from 10:00am to 11:00am. We also welcome all experienced veterans to attend. To confirm your attendance, please RSVP by sending an email to [pastor@sfx-kc.org](mailto:pastor@sfx-kc.org).

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**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](#).

**54. Justin Treadway, 35, April 25**

**Strong Blessings and Congratulations Matthew Creg Christopher Abeyta** who will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Communion at the 6:00 pm Rockhurst University Student Mass Sunday, April 30. Matthew was part of our RCIA Group this year.

## First Communion News

First Communion Family Potluck and Retreat: Sunday, April 30, 11:45 am – 2:30 pm in the Parish Office Center.

First Communion Practice: Wednesday, May 3, 6:30-7:45 pm in the Church.

First Communion Celebration: Sunday, May 7 during 10:30 Mass.

## HeART and Soul Art Journaling Group

Tuesday, May 2, 10:00 am – 12:00 noon, Hearth Room.

Space is limited. Registration is required. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) to reserve your spot).

**May Prayer Walk** Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am at Mary Howard Memorial Garden (1217 E. 61<sup>st</sup> Street).

**Heart-to-Heart Humanitarian Day FOR FAMILIES** You don't have to travel across the country or fly around the globe to be a humanitarian. Sign up to assemble hygiene kits at our Humanitarian Day on **Saturday, May 20** to get involved with hands-on volunteer activities and help us create a healthier world. Hygiene kits contain essential items like soap, shampoo, toothpaste, etc., which help people fight infection or disease as they navigate a crisis such as a hurricane or refugees fleeing war. You can make a difference by volunteering at this community event and ensuring kits are available when disaster strikes. **SFX-ers OF ALL AGES are invited to sign up for a one-hour hygiene kit build between 10:00 am – 3:00 pm.** [Heart to Heart International: Humanitarian Day 2023 \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

**Looking ahead: Confirmation 2024 for 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> Graders** We have a date! The Bishop will be here on **Monday, February 12, 2024** to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for high school freshmen and sophomores (and older teens). Preparation classes will start in the late summer/early fall. Please contact [Mariann](#) for registration information.

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**Adopt a Street** – Thanks to all who showed up to clean up our planet. Due to help from Lincoln Prep, we were able to clean up TWO square miles of our beautiful city. We collected 13 large bags of trash in 2 ½ hours and identified 5 houses in need of bulk items pick-up. Thanks to the young, strong students from Lincoln Prep, we had 42 volunteers and were able to do another square mile of clean-up!

**EmbRace Ministry meets NEXT Sunday, May 7** at 9:00 am– Join us in the BVM Room as we discuss Juneteenth and upcoming events for our parish, our community, and our personal growth.

**Another Execution is happening** - Stop by the tables in the back of church this weekend to write yet another letter to Mike Parson requesting that he commute the death sentence of Michael Tisius, who is scheduled to be executed on June 6.

**Can you help?** The Neighborhood Justice Center, a legal clinic staffed by volunteer attorneys, continues to provide free legal services to those who cannot afford to pay. We work out of the parish offices. We are in immediate need of an immigration attorney who would be willing to consult from time to time with our volunteers on immigration matters. If you can help, please contact Tom Bradshaw at [tbradshaw2111@gmail.com](mailto:tbradshaw2111@gmail.com) or 816-898-3006."

### **Mark your Calendars**

**June 3 - 8:30-12:00 – Violence in our City** ½ day Retreat. Join us as we learn more about violence in our city and hear from a panel of experts on its implications.

**June 5 – 5:00-7:00 pm** – We're going back to **Heart to Heart** to volunteer and make hygiene kits. Click on the [LINK](#) to sign up!

**June 11- 11:45-1:15 pm – Health Fair at SFX** Stop by the health committee table to get your blood pressure checked. Practice old skills, new ones and learn new information!

- **Hands only CPR** demonstration and practice
- **Stop the Bleed** save a life in a bleeding emergency before professional help arrives
- **Opioid Poisoning** why is this increasing, how to identify, actions to take

*Get started now.* Watch this *Hands-Only CPR demonstration* [video](#). Click on this link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A5Pn14I-vd8> or type the link in your search bar.

See you **June 11 – 11:45-1:15pm**

**Food Pantry Needs** – Our current needs include: *chicken noodle soup, dish soap, canned peaches, canned pineapple, granola bars, individual packs of oatmeal*. Thank you for anything you can provide!

**VIRTUAL Ignatian Parish Justice Summit – “Cultivating Communities of Solidarity and Service”**  
**Wednesday, MAY 3, 2023, 11:00-4:30 PM CT**

- The Ignatian Parish Justice Summit is created for parishes that have active social justice ministries/committees. (That's us!) Go to <https://ignatiansolidarity.net/ignatian-parish-justice-summit/> to register or contact Sue.

**IFTJ (Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice)** - The IFTJ is the largest annual Catholic social justice gathering in the United States and it is happening **October 28-30, 2023 in Washington, DC**. Registration is open and we reserved 15 spots! If you are interested in going to learn and advocate on Capitol Hill, contact Sue asap to hold your spot! The parish will pay the registration fee for all attendees as well as purchase a one-of-a-kind T-shirt for you. Attendees are responsible for the flight, hotel, and meals. High schoolers are welcome to attend with a parent. Though the presenters have not been revealed, **THE** top names in social justice typically present – James Martin, SJ, Fr. Greg Boyle, SJ, Sr. Norma Pimental, MJ, and many, many others!

**No Meat May** – Start thinking about trying this and see the many ways abstaining from meat helps our planet. <https://www.nomeatmay.org/about/why/save-our-planet>. Contact Sue if you want to talk to a vegetarian and learn how easy it is!

**Interested in going to the Border to learn about migration?** We have scheduled another Encuentro Trip September 26-October 1. Fr. Rafael and his team will create experiences where we can learn and encounter those in migration. For more information or to sign up, contact Sue.

**Action Alert** - After over two years of advocacy by residents across the metro area, City of Kansas City, MO formally called on Evergy to shutter this environmental injustice by 2025. Join your community in telling Evergy's President and CEO to commit to closing Hawthorn for good! Sign the petition by clicking here [HERE](#).

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### From the Diocese, our Apostolates and Neighbors

#### **Journey to Bethany Survivor Gatherings**

An online group for survivors of clergy sexual abuse. The group will meet weekly for six sessions guided by the workbook, [Healing Sexual Trauma](#).

#### **Online Survivor Group**

**Location:** Zoom (link provided after registration)

**When:** Thursday's @ 7:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

**Begins:** May 4th, weekly for 6 sessions

**Register and learn more at:** [www.journeytobethany.org/survivor-gatherings](http://www.journeytobethany.org/survivor-gatherings)

Questions? Contact Whitney True-Francis at [true-francis@diocesekcsj.org](mailto:true-francis@diocesekcsj.org) or 816-392-0011.

**Project Homeless Connect** - Project Homeless Connect is an annual, one-day free event for individuals and families experiencing homelessness in Kansas City. Right now, there are nearly 1,733 people in Kansas City experiencing homelessness and 386 are under the age of 18.

With your help, participants are given access to difficult-to-obtain services including medical services, vision care, identification procurement, food and nutrition benefits, employment assistance, housing assistance and more.

Date: Tuesday, May 9, 2023

Time: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Location: Gregg/Klice Community Center (1600 E. 17th Terr, Kansas City, MO 64108)

Sign up to volunteer: <https://projecthomelessconnectkc.com/>

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

*Remember: all staff have sfx-kc.org addresses. Please don't open anything that comes from another domain. (Except for Laura Worms)*

**See something that interests you? Contact us:**

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