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May 5, 2023

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Help us reach our goal for ACA!

We're so close to meeting our assessment of \$25,000 for the Bishop's Annual Catholic Appeal, thanks to the generosity of 55 households in our parish who have already contributed \$23,175. With over 400 attendees at our weekend masses, we have the potential to go above and beyond.

If you're able to contribute just \$50, it would make all the difference in reaching our goal. Your one-time donation can help us continue to provide essential support to our community.

Contributing online is quick and easy - simply click the link below and be sure to mark that you're from St. Francis Xavier in Kansas City. Thank you for your support and for being a valued member of our parish.

<https://kcsjatholic.org/office/stewardship-and-development/annual-catholic-appeal/>

Pastor's Corner

Sat, May 6: Flutter on Over and Help Us Create a Stunning Butterfly Garden!

Lend a hand in creating a breathtaking butterfly garden at SFX! We need 8-12 volunteers to join us at 9am sharp. It should only take 2-2 1/2 hours. If you have any small garden tools, please bring them along. Our soil has been expertly tilled, and the plants are ready to be planted. All you need is a love for nature and a willingness to get your hands dirty! Let's work together to transform our church grounds into a fluttery paradise.

SFX Young Adults and Brookside Art Festival

Join the SFX Young Adult Group at the Brookside Art Annual this weekend! We'll be attending after the 10:30am Mass on Sunday. For more information or to be added to our GroupMe platform, please email Natalie at nataliegnibert@gmail.com. Learn more about the event at www.brooksideartannual.com. Our Young Adult group welcomes all interested individuals ages 21-40. So, feel free to bring friends and join us for this exciting event!

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.

SFX and Fr. James Martin, S.J.

I forgot to include the passcode to access the recording of our time with Fr. Martin. Here is the link and the passcode.

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

Passcode: \$#wxJU5@

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](#).

58. Joshual Ellison, 29, April 29

57. Terry Lovingood, 40, April 29

56. Deontrey Jones, 28, April 29

55. Anthony Garcia, 22, April 26

PRAY the ROSARY at the Cross Garden. YOU are invited to join members of our Marian Devotion Group in praying the Rosary Wednesday and Friday mornings at 8:00 am in front of the church near the crosses naming the homicide victims in Kansas City. If it is raining too hard or storming, the rosary will be prayed in the Chapel. For more information contact Gail Fein (gafein10@gmail.com).

STRONG BLESSINGS on our First Communion Candidates who will receive the Sacrament this Sunday at the 10:30 Mass. Evan Clarke Blasi, Luciano Giovanni Guzman, Rachel Patricia MacLean, Mabel Jane Mekonen, August Walter Rose, Tristan Levi Scarbrough, and Daniel Antonio Edgar Swan. Special thanks to Elise Antista and Sarah MacLean for working with the children this year.

Sunday School of Ages 2-3-4 the first and third Sunday of the month, including this Sunday, May 7, during the 10:30 Mass. Bring your little one to the Romero Room before Mass (ask a greeter or usher if you're not sure where the Romero Room is). 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!

Do you have a Cricut Paper Cutting Machine? Can you help with a special **Pentecost** project for our SFX Art & Environment? Please contact [Peg Hornsby](#). Many thanks!

May Prayer Walk Saturday, May 13, 9:30 am. We'll meet at Mary Howard Memorial Garden (1217 E. 61st Street) and walk around the neighborhood. And find God in all things.

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 \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

High School Seniors! We want to celebrate the Class of 2023! Please contact [Mariann](#) with your senior's name and street address. You're all in our prayers!

Looking ahead: Confirmation 2024 for 9th and 10th 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.

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

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 or 816-898-3006.

Attention Gardeners - The garden volunteers meet every Wednesday and Saturday at 9:30 am and would love to have your help with watering, weeding, planting and harvesting! It would be great if 2-3 people would join the gardening group on a fairly regular basis so we can make all of this beautiful fresh produce available to our SFX food pantry clients. We will be planting our summer crops of tomatoes, peppers, etc. on Saturday, May 20, 9:30 am and could use extra help on that day as well. For more information, please contact [Alison Dudley](#).

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 Practice old skills, new ones, and learn new information!

Blood Pressure Checks

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. This week's [preparation information](#) coincides with [National Fentanyl Awareness Day](#) May 9. Learn the signs of an opioid poisoning/overdose and what to do. Click on the following link or type it in your search bar:

<https://www.cdc.gov/drugoverdose/pdf/patients/Preventing-an-Opioid-Overdose-Tip-Card-a.pdf>

See you Sunday, June 11 at 11:45am - 1:15pm!

Food Pantry Needs – Our current needs include *ramen noodles, canned pineapple, spaghetti sauce (no glass jars, please), cream soups (mushroom, chicken, etc.), corn beef hash, and dry pasta*. Thank you for anything you can provide!

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!

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.

From the Diocese, our Apostolates and Neighbors

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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Please put the RU Security number in your phone for quick access.