



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH



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**Summer Vacations** – We kindly request your understanding during the summer vacation period as we take some time away to rest and rejuvenate. Please allow extra time to receive responses. Your cooperation and respect for our time away are appreciated.

**Sue – June 20-28**

**Ann – June 23-26**

**Fr. Jim – July 3-11, July 31-Aug7**

**Becca, Mariann, Peggy, Sue – July 9-16 (Jesuit Colleague Retreat)**

## Pastor's Corner

### **Save the Date: Sunday, July 30, 10:30 a.m. Mass**

We will celebrate St. Ignatius at the 10:30 a.m. Mass on July 30. We are inviting members of JFAN, Rockhurst University, Rockhurst High School, and the Ignatian Spirituality Center to join us for Mass that day. More information later.

## **SFX Young Adults**

Our Young Adult group welcomes all interested individuals ages 21-40. Help plan some summer activities. [Click here to get on our email and GroupMe lists](#)

**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](#). (N.B. The numbering is not always sequential due to delays in reporting the murders and identifying the victims).

**87. Unknown Man, June 16**

**88 Darryl G. Brown, 39, June 16**

**89. Rickey A. Cubit, 45, June 17**

**90. Barbara Cooper, 37, June 20**

**91. Ryan Bowman, 42, June 20**

**92. Unknown Teenager, June 21**

## June Prayer Intentions

**Pope Francis:** We pray that the international community may commit in a concrete way to ensuring the abolition of torture and guarantee support to victims and their families.

**Bishop Johnston:** For the safety of migrant families.

**Congratulations and THANK YOU to Biagio Mazza**, Pastoral Associate at St. Sabina's who is retiring at the end of this month. Many SFXers have benefited from Biagio's teaching over the years in his role as a staff member of the nationally recognized diocesan Center for Pastoral Life and Ministry, team teacher of New Wine, facilitator of Living Stones, and many, many, many adult faith formation classes, book groups and Bible studies. St. Sabina's is hosting a reception for Biagio in their parish hall (700 Trevis Avenue, Belton) on **Thursday, June 29, 5:00-8:00 pm**. All are invited to stop by and wish him well.

**July Prayer Walk** Saturday, July 8, 9:30 am. We'll meet in the SFX Parking lot, take in the wonder of our new butterfly gardens, and then walk down to the Stowers Institute and learn more about the wonder of biomedical research. For more information, contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)).

**Mark your calendar: Outpace Poverty Walk 2023** will be Saturday, September 30. Proceeds from Outpace Poverty benefit the programs and services provided by Catholic Charities of Kansas City-St. Joseph. Plan to join the SFXcellent Walkers and Runners and help make a difference!

**What's Next for the Synod?** The Vatican has released **the working document** for the first session of the General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops on Synodality that will be held in the Vatican October 4-29, 2023. Among other things, the document calls for discussion of women, LGBT Catholics, and church authority. More than 350 participants, including laymen and 45 women, both lay and consecrated, will reflect on the experience of the church on each continent and identify the priorities to be addressed. You can read the document [HERE](#). Read more in [America](#) and [National Catholic Reporter](#). The second session of the General Assembly will be held in October 2024.

**Food Pantry Needs** – We continue to collect: *applesauce, side dishes (like Rice-a-Roni, boxed potatoes, or Pasta-Roni), Spaghetti-O's, chicken noodle soup, grape jelly, corn beef hash, pineapple, and single-serve oatmeal packets.*

**It is most helpful if we get more of one thing than a few of each.** Thank you in advance for your generosity!

**Migrant Farmworker Needs** - We are collecting

- dry white rice (not instant)
- dry pinto beans
- White or grey crew socks
- new and gently used men's jeans in shorter sizes
- Men's gently used T-shirts S, M, and L sizes. *It is super helpful if they are separated by size.*

Thanks to those who have already donated! We will be collecting until mid-July!

Our 500+ brothers and sisters are coming to pick apples and peaches from July-October. You can drop off any donations at the back of the church or at the office door. Thank you in advance for your generosity. Contact [Sue](#) for more info.

**Adopt a Street** – Three times a year we clean up one square mile of our planet. We will meet in the SFX parking lot **TOMORROW, Saturday, June 24 at 9:00 am** and head over to Forest and Tracy to spruce up the neighborhood. Signups are helpful, but not necessary.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040A4CA5AF2EA6FF2-adopt1> Please contact [Mary Buren](#) if you have any questions.

**IFTJ (Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice)** - *Spots are filling up!* 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 fifteen 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. So far, speakers include Rev. William Barber, Sr. Norma Pimental, MJ, Ellie Hidalgo, Francisco Herrera, and others yet to be named.

**Action Alert** - Fr. Stan Swamy, SJ spent 5 decades fighting for Indigenous Rights in India. Fr. Stan stood with the poor and excluded and he was imprisoned at age 83 for alleged crimes against the Indian government. He died in prison in 2020. Today, the Society of Jesus in Jharkhand, India is seeking justice for Fr. Swamy by asking people to sign petitions asking the Indian Government to clear his name. To read more and sign the petition, click [here](#).

**EmbRace Recommends:** Listen as the founders of Be the Bridge talk about God's heart for justice, the lack of mercy immigrants are met with crossing the border, and the bad shape of the witness of the American Church. <https://bethebridge.com/knowning-our-assignment-as-agents-of-peace-and-repairers-of-the-breach-with-author-and-activist-michelle-ferrigno-warren/>

### **From the Diocese, our Apostolates and Neighbors**

**Contemporary Spirituality** (a group of spiritual seekers founded by Mike Matteuzzi in 2014) is offering a video series in June on **Christianity Gone Bad**.

**Monday, June 19th at 10:00am CDT** - Constantine/Conquer Under This Banner; Crusades and The Great Schism

**Tuesday, June 27th at 10:00am CDT** - The Doctrine of Discovery/Right to Conquer; Inquisition and The Holocaust Sign up now: <https://www.contemporaryspirituality.net/upcoming-events>

**Volunteer Opportunity** - Connections to Success empowers families and individuals to break generational poverty and gain economic independence through hope, resources, and a plan. Connections to Success needs mentors who will work with individuals and families, all of whom have graduated from a 2-week personal/professional development course.

Mentors serve as supporters and advocates, helping our participants reach the goals they have set. Many of our participants have little to no support system, our hope is that the mentors can

be that for their mentee. Our mentors do not have to have any background or experience in social services. We do provide mentor training and additional support for our mentors throughout their time.

Mentors need to be 18 years old and be able to commit to meeting about every other week for a year. If interested, please reach out to [AVobejda@connectionstosuccess.org](mailto:AVobejda@connectionstosuccess.org)

### **Called to the Silence: 3 Day Directed Ignatian Retreat Opportunities**

God speaks to you in the silence. Are you ready for some quiet time away to pray, to listen, to be? Steep yourself in our sacred space, to be still and open yourself up to the graces God has for you. You will meet with an Ignatian-trained spiritual director daily to reflect on what is stirring in your heart. Opportunity for mass daily and confession. Retreat cost including room and meals is \$375. Choose one of the 2 opportunities to attend:

**July 16-19, 2023**

**October 26-28, 2023**

Retreats begin at 6:00 p.m. the first evening, following your check-in, and ending the last day by 3:00 p.m. Register at [www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats](http://www.creighton.edu/retreatcenter/scheduleofretreats)

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

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

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