



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

August 25, 2023

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

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[SFX Sunday Bulletin](#)

Parish Picnic! The St. Francis Xavier annual parish picnic will be **Saturday, September 16 following the 4:00pm Mass**. Please plan to gather on our beautiful front lawn for great food, music, fellowship, games for the kids, and more. Volunteers make it happen! Please visit the sign-up table in the narthex after Mass this weekend to bring side dishes and to volunteer with help setting-up, tearing down, etc. For more information contact Jessica McGannon jessicamcgannon5@gmail.com.

Parking Lot - No one will be able to enter the SFX parking lot on Monday, August 28 or Tuesday, August 29. Crews will be refinishing, sealing, and YES...**RESTRIPING** the lot. Staff will be working from home. Thank you for your patience.

Labor Day Weekend: The parish office will close on Friday, September 1 at noon, and will reopen on Tuesday, September 5 at 9:00 am. Happy Labor Day weekend to all!

Pastor's Corner

"Come Forth: The Promise of Jesus's Greatest Miracle" by Fr. James Martin is soon available. SFX has been given discounted rates: \$19.80 for 25-99 copies, \$16.50 for 100+ copies (retail: \$32.99) plus shipping. This is for hardcovers only. Order through SFX [Click Here](#) and pay upon delivery. Orders due by September 1.

[Mass of Renewal Gloria: Begins this Weekend](#)

We are adding this new "Gloria" this. It's already on your song sheets. This is a "sung through" Gloria, which means there is no repeated refrain. The link above is to this Gloria sung by the composer. We think you will like it. (For those of us old enough, "it has a great beat, and you can dance to it.")

SFX Weekday Mass & Adoration Schedule (Sep – May)

SFX Chapel

Wed & Fri: 7:30 am

Adoration: 1st Friday of the month, 8:00 am – 10:00 am

Rockhurst University Mass Schedule (while classes are in session)

Mabee Chapel

Sun: 6:00 pm (Reconciliation: 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm)

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 12:30 pm

Wed: 9:00 pm

Adoration: 1st Tuesday of the month: 1:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Jesuit Jubilee: Honoring Jesuits Who Have Served God for 80, 75, 60, 50 or 25 Years Sunday, September 17, 2023 Jubilee Mass 1:00 pm at St. Francis Xavier College Church in St. Louis, Missouri. Go to [2023 Jubilarians Archives - Central & Southern Province \(jesuitscentralsouthern.org\)](http://jesuitscentralsouthern.org) to read bios and reflections. Several of the jubilarians have served here in Kansas City, including Father Jim Blumeyer, SJ (60 years in the priesthood) and Fathers Vern Heinsz, SJ and Glenn Mueller, SJ (50 years in the priesthood). If you would like to send a card, mail c/o **Jesuits USA Central and Southern Province 4511 West Pine Boulevard, St. Louis, MO 63108**

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).

128. Tywonn Greene, 15, August 17

129. Daniel T. Lainson, 56, August 18

130. Stephen C. Carter, 31, August 21

131. Unidentified Man, August 21

Confirmation Kick Off for Teens AND PARENTS An Orientation Meeting for **Parents and Teens in Ninth and Tenth grade (or older) Seeking Confirmation** will be held **Sunday, August 27, 6:00-7:30 pm** in the Romero Room (light refreshments will be served). If you are unable to attend, a mandatory make-up meeting will be held on Tuesday, August 29, 6:00-7:30 pm. This class will be confirmed on Monday, February 12, 2024. Contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) to register for the meeting and/or for more information.

Children and Youth Programs Do you want your child or teen involved in our faith formation programs here at SFX? Are you interested in serving as a volunteer?

Please reach out to Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) for information about the following programs:

Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 during 10:30 Mass starting September 17

Children’s Liturgy of the Word for Ages 5-10 during 10:30 Mass ongoing

First Reconciliation/First Communion Prep Wednesday evenings starting September 20

Family Faith once-a-month on Sundays 9:00-10:15 am schedule tbd

Confirmation Prep Sunday evenings 6:00-7:30 pm starting August 27

Middle School/High School Youth Activities as scheduled

Speakers, Classes, Book Studies, Visits to Other Houses of Worship These are some of the things the **Adult Faith Formation Committee** has organized or sponsored in the past few years. What more do you want us to do? What ideas do you have? How can we help one another deepen our knowledge and faith? Please contact Cathy Daly with your ideas AND CONSIDER JOINING THE COMMITTEE! We meet the first Tuesday of the month, 7:00-8:00 pm. Our next meeting is September 5.

Outpace Poverty 5K Walk/Run Save the date: Saturday, September 30, 2023. Avila University. Go to www.outpacepoverty.org to register as a member of the SFXcellent Walkers and Runners OR text Outpace8 to 71777 to donate. **The SFXcellent Walkers and Runners have already raised \$2,595** for Catholic Charities. Contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) with questions or concerns.

Food Pantry Needs – Our neighbors continue to appreciate being offered: *canned pineapple, canned chili, tomato soup, chicken noodle soup, chunky soup, side dishes (like pasta-roni, boxed potatoes), jello, and ramen noodles*

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

Referrals Please!!! SFX Widows' Group continues to compile a list of trusted, reliable businesses and individuals to help us with large and small home repairs. If you do home repairs or have used someone with whom you have been pleased, please send the contact information to [Sue](#). *Thanks to all who have sent referrals so far!*

J&L MINISTRY – Our Justice & Life Ministry will meet **THIS Sunday, August 27 from 9:00-10:15 am**. This ministry focuses on education and Catholic Social Teaching. Our theme this month will be care for creation and sustainability. Contact [Sue](#) for more information. All are welcome!

Gospel Non-violence - A new Gospel Non-Violence group is starting this Fall - 2 hours, Thursday mornings, two times a month. If you are interested, please contact pegburns00@gmail.com.

Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) Rise for Peace Breakfast – 4 seats remain! SFX is hosting a table and you are warmly invited to join us. The *Rise for Peace Breakfast* on **September 22 from 7:30 am-9:00 am** at the Downtown Marriott is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about [CCR's work](#), and to join other Kansas Citians who want to ensure a safe, just, and peaceful community. The breakfast is FREE, though you will be invited to make a donation to this organization doing AMAZING work in KC. [Sign up here](#) or contact [Sue](#) for more information.

Adopt a Street - Mark your calendar for our last neighborhood clean-up of the year –**Saturday, September 23 starting at 9:30**. [Sign up here](#). Contact Mary Buren (aburen99@gmail.com) or Sue for more information.

IFTJ - October 28-30 It is not too late to go to Washington, DC for the [Ignatian Family Teach-in for Justice](#). This 2-day gathering is life-changing and energizing as voices for justice from around our country gather to pray, learn, and advocate for our marginalized brothers and sisters. SFX will pay for your registration, one meal, and a T-shirt. You are responsible for airfare and hotel. Contact [Sue](#) for more information.

Hunger for Justice Banquet - Visitation Parish is hosting the annual Hunger Banquet on **Wednesday, August 30, from 6 to 8 pm**. This year's theme is "Hunger for Justice". Ricky Kidd and Kevin Strickland are the guest speakers. Ricky and Kevin are both exonerees who served a combined 67 years in Missouri prison for crimes they did not commit. Both were exonerated after years of effort by volunteer attorneys and the staff of the Midwest Innocence Project.

The purpose of this banquet is to learn about social justice issues happening around us, learn what we might do to realize a more just society. A simple meal will be served at 6 pm followed by our speakers and a question- and-answer period. Please RSVP to karen@church.visitation.org.

[From our Apostolates and Neighbors](#)

Check out Father Don Farnan's new podcast – [Upon this Rock](#) – In this inaugural podcast, Fr. Don talks to Kathleen Kennedy and Susie Roling from Journey to New Life in Kansas City. Upon This Rock is produced by Farnan Spirituality Center in Kansas City, Missouri. <https://farnanspiritualitycenter.com #farnanspiritualitycenter>

Diocesan Eucharistic Congress, September 9

The annual "In His Presence" Eucharistic Congress will be at Our Lady of the

Presentation Parish in Lee's Summit. Registration:

<https://kcsjatholic.org/wpcontent/uploads/2023-EC-Flyer-Schedule-w-code.pdf>

THE STATE OF THE BLACK FAMILY SERIES returns featuring a series of One Hour Breakout Sessions Saturday ~ **September 9, 2023**, 10am-2pm Calvary Temple Baptist Church Host Pastor: Rev. Eric D. Williams 2940 Holmes Street KCMO 64109

[Rockhurst Univ: Thomas More Center for Catholic Thought and Culture Conversations](#)

Jesuit Prison Education Network

September 13, 2023, 7:30 pm, Arrupe Auditorium

A new initiative of the Society of Jesus, the Jesuit Prison Education Network provides post-secondary education to incarcerated students. It is, in the words of Father Thomas Curran, SJ, the program's coordinator and former President of Rockhurst University, "an expression of the Spiritual Exercises," a means of conversion and conversation for all involved. Joining Father Curran are Julie O'Heir, Program Manager of the St. Louis University Prison Education Program; Annie Phoenix, Executive Director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute at Loyola University New Orleans, and Craig Watz, Director of Rockhurst University's program at Chillicothe Correction Facility for a public discussion of these programs and their impact. A reception follows this free event. No registration required.

K.C. Race, Equity, and Inclusion Bus Tour led by historian and KC native Erik Stafford examines the historic racial disparities that exist today in healthcare, real estate and education in the "Heart of America" KC Race, Equity and Inclusion Bus Tour. The excursion will not only examine the history of Kansas City's most iconic thoroughfare, it will also explore a few neighbors and other factors that are central to the city's racial divide. Afterwards, we will discuss the impact through a local health, housing, and education lens with a panel of community change agents.

Location: KCMO Health Department (Biery Auditorium)

Date: Friday, September 22

Time: 12:45pm- 5:00pm (\$10.00) Register [HERE](#).

G.I.F.T. (Generating Income for Tomorrow) Many members of EmbRace support this wonderful organization by giving \$10/month. Their Annual Gala is happening on **Saturday September 23, 2023, 6:00pm - 9:00 pm**. at the beautiful Delta Athenaeum (900 E Linwood Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64109)! All of the vendors, speakers, entertainment, and even alcohol, will be provided by Black owned businesses, highlighting the GIFT grant recipients at every turn. Purchase your tickets: <https://inkd.in/gXWCRuXX>

Learn to walk alongside women experiencing unplanned or crisis pregnancy.

Gabriel Project Angel training will be held **Saturday Sept. 23 from 8:30 am - 4:00 pm**. at St. Mary's Home for Mothers (23615 NE 100th St., Liberty, MO 64068). Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 am Training begins at 9:00 am Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, email Ann Marie Alvey: director@gabrielprojectkc.org

Eucharistic Adoration Click [HERE](#) to find Eucharistic Adoration times/places in our diocese.

[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)

See something that interests you? Contact us:

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