



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

August 4, 2023

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

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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.

Fr. Jim – July 31-Aug 7

Mariann – August 8-10

Ann – August 11

Sue – August 17-22

Pastor's Corner

Tuesday, Aug 15 is the Solemnity of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is a holy day of obligation. We invite you to join us for Mass at one of the following times and locations:

- 7:30 a.m. at SFX Church
- 12:00 p.m. at Mabee Chapel in Massman Hall on the campus of Rockhurst University.

Golden Wedding Anniversary Mass, August 27

The Mass on August 27 will be at the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception at 11:00 a.m. To register, please contact Peggy at our SFX office pbeavencalia@sfx-kc.org.

We must send a list of names to the diocese by August 15. For more information, <https://kcsjatholic.org/office/divine-worship/events-workshops/>.

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).

117. Manuel E. Valentine-Ruperto, 58, July 28

118. Raymond R. Smith, 62, July 31
119. Jesse Thomas, 39, August 1
120. Unknown Man, August 3



Click [HERE](#) to read **Our St. Francis Xavier Spirit Story** Many thanks to all who participated in our Pentecost Flame project and shared their SFX Spirit Story. Thanks also to Peg Hornsby and Carmen Blatter who created our Pentecost Flame mobile and to Jane Coakley, Gail Fein, John Gioia, Ruth Noel, Jennifer Rouyer and Chely Scarbrough who typed up your remarks. **If you would like a printed version of this document, please contact [Mariann](#).** This was a project of our **Adult Faith Formation Committee**. We are always looking for new members for the Committee. Please contact [Cathy Daly](#) for more information.

Marian Devotion Group “Truly Our Mother” Monthly Meeting is Sunday, August 6, 9:00 am in the Parish Office Library. All are welcome!

As a Marian group, we find solace in the meditation of the Mysteries of the Holy Rosary. We encourage you to pray the rosary for Our Mother Mary's gentle and loving intercession. Our communal schedule for praying the rosary together is:

- Sun, 7:30 a.m. SFX church
- Wed, 8:00 a.m. SFX Cross Garden*
- Wed, 6:00 p.m. ZOOM
- Fri, 8:00 a.m. SFX Cross Garden*
- Sat, 3:30 p.m. ZOOM

**Our rosary at the SFX Cross Garden is for the victims of gun violence.*
For more information, contact [Gail Fein](#) or [Angela Parenza](#).

Backpack Blessing Next weekend: August 12/13 at all the Masses we will have a special blessing for our children, teens and adults going back to school. Plan to bring your backpack or your laptop for a blessing. For more information, contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org).

Parish Picnic! Save the Date! The St. Francis Xavier annual parish picnic will be Saturday, September 16th following the 4pm Mass. Please plan to join on our beautiful front lawn for great food, fellowship, games for the kids, and more. We'll need volunteers to make it happen! Sign-ups to bring side dishes and to volunteer will take place the weekends of August 26, September 2, and September 9. See you there!

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 and/or to donate. **The SFXcellent Walkers and Runners have already raised \$1,775** 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, collard greens, chicken noodle soup, chunky soup, corn beef hash, 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!

Fundraiser for Migrant Farmworkers – Plan to have dinner at Chipotle in Prairie Village **tomorrow Saturday, August 5 from 4-7pm**. Tell the cashier that you are there because of "**Migrant Farmworkers**" and 33% of the proceeds will be donated to our brothers and sisters who have arrived to pick apples and peaches. Please share this with your friends!

Referrals Please!!! SFX Widows' Group is compiling 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 you have been pleased with, please send the contact information to Elizabeth Miller elizabeth1kc@gmail.com

Men's 3-Day Retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center Oct. 5 - 8

'Come aside and rest awhile.' Mark 6:31.

Register at www.whretreat.org or contact Bill Schmidt (email: schmidtwilliam1219@gmail.com) or Tom Bradshaw (tbradshaw2111@gmail.com). Registration deadline - Aug. 21.

Irish Fest is coming! Our Sister Parish Committee is again raising funds to assist in our mission with our **Sister** Parish, St. Martin de Porres in Belize City. We will be managing a beverage tent at the 2023 Irish Fest. The Irish Fest is located at Crown Center and the dates are September 1, 2, and 3. Signup sheets for the volunteer shifts will be available in Narthex of the church **after all Masses** this weekend. For more information contact Todd Krueger: tkrueger2112@gmail.com 816-914-2564.

RIM MEETING – Our RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants) Ministry will meet on **Sunday, August 13 from 9:00-10:15** in the Romero Room. Come join this dynamic group whose passion for those in migration is making a difference in our world.

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.

J&L MEETING – Our Justice & Life Ministry is meeting **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. All are welcome. Contact Sue for more information.

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 – 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 Citizens who want to ensure a safe, just, and peaceful community. [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.

ACTION ALERT! The House of Representatives is proposing significant cuts to refugee funding as it prepares its FY24 budget proposal. Please join JRS/USA in calling on your policymakers to reverse funding cuts proposed by the House of Representatives and provide sufficient funding to address the very real challenges faced by 108 million refugees around the world by sending [this letter to members of the Senate to reverse funding cuts proposed by the House of Representatives.](#)

Diocesan Justice & Life Campaign - “Lord, when did we see you hungry...thirsty...a stranger...naked...sick...in prison?” The Diocesan Life & Justice Campaign parish collection will be August 19-20. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with our brothers and sisters in need. For more information, please visit www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org.

[From our Apostolates and Neighbors](#)

Contemporary Spirituality (a group of spiritual seekers founded by Mike Matteuzzi in 2014) is offering a video series in July and August on **Liberation Theology/Preferential Option for the Poor.**

Tue, Aug 8 at 10 a.m. CDT – Black Womanist Theology

Tue, Aug 22 at 10 a.m. CDT – Latin America Liberation Theology: Gustavo Gutiérrez

Sign up now: <https://www.contemporaryspirituality.net/upcoming-events>

Volunteers Needed for Community Engagement Event

The 4th Annual Operation Backpack and school supply giveaway.

Sat, Aug 5, 2023, from 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

St. James United Methodist Church

Operation Backpack Volunteer Signup for St. James will provide 25 volunteers for each time slot.

- **Team #1** 9:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. **3 volunteers needed**

Sorting and organizing the 3000 backpacks (all materials will be inside); age and gender sorting will be done.

- **Team #2** 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. – **6 volunteers needed.**

distributing supplies to the Jackson County students.

Please email Dr. Yvette Richards yrichards@sjumckc.org and let her know which team you would like to represent.

Care for Creation - Colonial Church of Prairie Village 7039 Mission Rd is hosting a movie screening of the new movie ***The Letter: A Message for our Earth*** on Thursday, August 24 from 4:00-6:00 pm. The film focuses on how our spiritual values call us to

take action to protect our earth. Discussion will follow and refreshments will be provided.

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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