



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

August 18, 2023

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

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[SFX Sunday Bulletin](#)

Parish Picnic! Save the Date! The St. Francis Xavier annual parish picnic will be **Saturday, September 16th following the 4pm Mass**. Please plan to gather on our beautiful front lawn for great food, fellowship, games for the kids, and more. We will need volunteers to make it happen! Sign-ups to bring side dishes and to volunteer will take place on the weekends of August 26/27, September 2/3, and September 9/10. See you there!

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.

Sue – August 17-22

Pastor's Corner

Second Collection this weekend for the **Diocesan Life and Justice Campaign** This program is co-sponsored by the Diocese of Kansas City—St. Joseph Human Rights and Respect Life Offices. This is an opportunity to support local organizations dedicated to defending the dignity of the person and the sanctity of human life.

Scam Texts and Emails

I've been informed that some are receiving texts and emails claiming to be from me, asking for money or purchases:

– **I will NEVER ask for money or purchases via text or email without speaking to you directly.**

– **My only legitimate contact:** My longstanding New Orleans cell phone number and emails exclusively from [@sfx-kc.org](#). Disregard messages from other sources. If in doubt, contact the parish office. Stay alert and safe from scams.

Anointing of the Sick:

Join us for the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick at 4:00 p.m. Mass this Saturday. This is for those seeking God's healing in body, mind, and spirit. If you or someone you know faces health challenges or surgeries, let's unite in prayer at Mass.

"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](#)

We will be adding this new "Gloria" in September. 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.")

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).

126. Michael A. Cox, 44, August 12

127. David E. Clark, 44, August 13

128. Unidentified Teen Boy, August 17

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

Centering Prayer Group Monday, August 21, 7:00-8:30 pm. SFX Chapel and on Zoom. Contact [Rebecca Thompson](#) for Zoom meeting id and password. For more information about Centering Prayer go to [Contemplative Outreach KC](#).

We still have some hardcopies of [Our-St.-Francis-Xavier-Spirit-Story-Pentecost-2023.pdf \(sfx-kc.org\)](#) available. Contact [Mariann](#) if you would like to pick up a copy this weekend. We also will keep a copy of the document in a **RED binder on the stand behind the choir side pews in the church. It's so important to "name, claim and celebrate" who we are at SFX, especially in this time of transition.**

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 \$2,495** for Catholic Charities. Contact Mariann (mccormally@sfx-kc.org) with questions or concerns.

Our Marian Devotion Group “Truly Our Mother” finds 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*

Fri, 6:00 p.m. ZOOM

Sat, 3:30 p.m. ZOOM

**Our rosary at the SFX Cross Garden is for the victims of gun violence.*

Two copies of the film *Mary, Life After Jesus: The Road to Ephesus* are available to loan out to anyone. Contact Gail Fein ([913-961-3201](tel:913-961-3201) or gafein10@gmail.com) for more information.

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 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 with whom you have been pleased, please send the contact information to [Sue](#).

EmbRace MINISTRY – THIS Sunday, August 21, 9:00-10:15 BVM Room – This ministry focuses on racism and how we as individuals and as a parish can educate ourselves to become anti-racist, provide educational opportunities for our parish, and make in difference in our KC community. For more information, please contact Mary Buren (aburen@gmail.com). All are welcome!

Want to know what's going on at the Southern Border? Join us for lunch on Friday, August 25 at 1:00 pm to find out! The Director of [Manos Amigas](#) and her family will meet with us to discuss the conditions at the border and how they are reducing poverty through education and community support. RSVP to Sue (srobb@sfx-kc.org) by August 24.

J&L MINISTRY – Our Justice & Life Ministry will meet **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 – 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.

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 THIS WEEKEND, August 19-20. Please prayerfully consider sharing your gifts with our brothers and sisters in need. For more information, please visit www.lifeandjusticekcsj.org.

Update on Venezuelan family -- Many parishioners and friends have been generous in supporting and encouraging the Angulo family-Kerwin, Yaneily, and Yannier, since they arrived here in April. They have been taking English classes and Yainner is enrolled in preschool at the Guadalupe Center. Their legal status is still uncertain but should be determined soon, and we expect that their asylum case will be moved to Kansas City.

We are currently looking for an apartment for the family and are having difficulty finding something affordable. If you have any contacts with landlords who might be able to assist us with this, please contact Sue Robb. We hope to get them settled soon, so we will be reaching out to parishioners to help us furnish the apartment. If you have suitable furniture or household goods, please keep them in mind.

If you have questions, please contact Bill or Cindy Schmidt.
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From our Apostolates and Neighbors

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

Tue, Aug 22 at 10 a.m. CDT – Latin America Liberation Theology: Gustavo Gutiérrez
Watch this [2 minute clip](#) about Gustavo Gutierrez; he is widely considered the founder of Liberation Theology.

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

Please join MADP (Missourians to Abolish the Death Penalty) + Amnesty KC Sunday, August 20th 4:00 - 6:00 pm Kinzi Restaurant: 5329 Johnson Drive, Mission, KS 66205

To express solidarity with heartbroken families and to mark the International Day of the Disappeared (which falls on August 30th each year), we will write letters on behalf of the disappeared and political prisoner Leonard Peltier, Arkansas Death row inmate Rocky Myers, Missouri Death row inmate Marcellus Williams, and Federal Death row inmate Billie Allen. **All you have to do is show up!** Kinzi is an immigrant-owned restaurant serving delicious Mediterranean cuisine. kinzिक.com

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.

The UGLY Dinner – Thursday, August 24. 6:00-9:00 PM SFX often takes excess, but usable, produce to [Kanbe's Markets](#). You are invited to join Kanbe's for an Ugly Dinner at the [Savoy at 21c](#) 219 W 9th Street, KCMO on **August 24 at 6pm**. This meal will feature four delicious courses highlighting Kanbe's Markets' Ugly Produce, as well as drink pairings. Get tickets and learn more [HERE](#).

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

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

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 22nd

Time: 12:45p- 5p (\$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, 6:00 P.M.- 9:00 P.M.** 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://lnkd.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 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.** at St. Mary's Home for Mothers (23615 NE 100th St., Liberty, MO 64068). Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30 a.m. Training begins at 9:00 a.m. Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, email Ann Marie Alvey: director@gabrielprojectkc.org

UCM Catholic Newman Center is trying to build an alumni database to reconnect with fellow Catholic Mules. If you are an alumnus of University of Central Missouri, Warrensburg, please fill out [this form](#) or visit ucmcatholic.org.

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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