



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

**September 8, 2023**

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

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**Parish Picnic Coming Right Up!** The St. Francis Xavier annual parish picnic is next Saturday, **September 16th following the 4pm 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! This is the last weekend to sign-up to volunteer to bring side dishes and to help with setting-up, tearing down, etc. For more information contact Jessica McGannon [jessicamcgannon5@gmail.com](mailto:jessicamcgannon5@gmail.com).

**Next Weekend Second Collection: Collection for the Church in Latin America** This collection supports pastoral programs as awarded by the Subcommittee on the Church in Latin America and the Caribbean. Projects include the work of evangelization, formation of laity, religious and seminarians, as well as youth ministry and catechesis. Funding is limited to programming expenses and excludes building construction, except in cases of emergency.

The parish office will now close at 3:00pm on Fridays.

## **Pastor's Corner**

### **Music Ministry**

- Choir rehearsals are on Wednesdays, at 7:00pm Our choir is part of our music ministry at the Sunday 10:30am Masses. All are welcome.
- We are also looking for cantors and instrumentalists, especially trumpet players and drummers. Mini auditions are required for these positions.
- We are especially in need of Altos. Not only is there a **signing bonus this week** for any **new member of the choir**, but **Altos receive 25% more of a stipend than Sopranos**.

Contact our music director, [Laura Worms](#), for more information.

### **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](#)

## **SFX Weekday Mass & Adoration Schedule (Sep – May)**

### **SFX Chapel**

Wed & Fri: 7:30am

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

## **Rockhurst University Mass Schedule (while classes are in session)**

### **Mabee Chapel**

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

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

Wed: 9:00pm

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



**Join us for a Hope & Healing Mass on Sunday, September 24 at the 8:00 and 10:30** SFX will welcome Journey to Bethany, a new organization in our diocese dedicated to serving those who have been harmed by clergy sexual abuse. We will pray for survivors of abuse and trauma and to discover ways to find healing and hope. The Journey to Bethany community will serve donuts after Mass, share information about their services,

and answer your questions. Learn more at [www.journeytobethany.org](http://www.journeytobethany.org).

(Unfortunately, Journey to Bethany doesn't have enough volunteers to also be at the Saturday 4:00 Mass. We will share their information with our 4:00 Community).

**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).

**135. Dillon Zino, 23, September 2**

**136. Steven L. Williams, 28, September 2**

**137. Leroy M. Purkett, 28, September 2**

**138. Antwan Hill, 33, September 3**

**139. Lambert Smalls, 59, killed on August 22, ruled a homicide on September 6**

### **Soul Food Tuesday**

**Tuesdays, 11:00am – 12:00noon on Zoom**

**September 12 & 26, October 10 & 24, November 14 & 28, December 12**

Meeting ID: 852 0539 9801

Passcode: 019176.

Join us for this **contemplative study/prayer group** inspired by the work of Franciscan Father Richard Rohr. In September we'll be focused on the US Bishops call for a **Eucharistic Revival**. As always, we'll have time for sharing our joys and concerns. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information.

**Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 during 10:30 Mass begins Sunday, September 17 in the Romero Room.** Sunday School is a safe, happy place for our little parishioners to gather, play, sing songs, and learn a little bit about the Sunday Gospel (and do a craft!). Sunday School will be offered on the first and third Sunday of the month. If you are

interested in having your child participate in Sunday School (or if you would like to volunteer!) please contact [Mariann](#) or [Sara Norena](#).

**Confirmation 2024 Prep Class** Sunday, September 10, 6:00-7:30pm in the Romero Room. Please pray for our candidates who will, God willing, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February: Kane Cook, Paisley Cook, Phoenix Cook, Julia Dunn, Sami Goodman, Carson Hull, Jude Huntley, Daniella Johnson, Aaliyah Kuhl, Maya Manese, Sofie Miller, Delilah Moles, Finian Murphy, Ava Smith, Nathan Stigers, and Matthew Waters.

**Our weekly RCIA/Catechumenate classes begin Thursday evening, September 21.** If you are interested in serving as a sponsor or team member, or if you or someone you know is interested in learning more about the Catholic Church or joining the Catholic Church, please contact [Mariann](#).

**Outpace Poverty 5K Walk/Run** Save the date: Saturday, September 30, 2023. Avila University. Go to [www.outpacepoverty.org](http://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 \$2,870** for Catholic Charities. Contact [Mariann](#) with questions or concerns.

**Food Pantry Changes** – We are going to try going back to our 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday food collections. Check out the flyer in this week's bulletin to see what we need.

**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!*

**A heartfelt Thank You from Jim Bell!** - Thank you to all of the volunteers for your support of our Sister Parish, St. Martin de Porres, by helping at the Beverage Tent during the KC Irish Fest. **In 2022, the SFX volunteers raised \$3,736.** This money was sent to the Jesuits US Central and Southern Province for a morning meal program for the school children at the St. Martin de Porres School, in Belize City. We hope to raise a similar amount this year. Through your efforts we continue to assist St. Martin De Porres with school programs for the children. This would not have been possible without all your help and support. You are very much appreciated for all the time and effort you put into making the KC Irish Fest a success. If you left any items in the beverage tent, they will be left in the SFX office for you to pick up.

**RIM (Refugees, Immigrants, & Migrants) Ministry** meets this **Sunday, 9:00-10:15am** in the **BVM Room**. Come join this dynamic ministry. All are welcome!

**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](mailto:aburen99@gmail.com)) or Sue for more information.

## From our Apostolates and Neighbors

### **Annual Green Mass | Sept. 10, St. Elizabeth Parish, 10am**

A Green Mass is meant to support and encourage those who work towards care for all life and for the health of our earth as God's creation. All are invited, especially

professionals working in sustainability, as well as individuals and volunteer groups both Catholic and non-Catholic.

**Contemporary Spirituality** is offering several wisdom teachings

Tuesday Sept 12, 10 - 12: Preferential Option for the poor.

Tuesday Sept 26, 10 - 12: Oscar Romero, Part 1.

Tuesday Oct 10, 10 - 12: Oscar Romero, Part 2.

Register [HERE](#).

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

#### **Jesuit Prison Education Network**

**September 13, 2023, 7:30pm, 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.

**Stop Trafficking Project** - Colonial Presbyterian (9500 Wornall) will host Russ Tuttle on **Thursday, September 14 from 6:30-8:30pm**. He will talk about ways to protect youth from online predators. The program for adults is free and open to the public.

**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: 12:45pm- 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- 9:00pm**. at the beautiful Delta Athenaeum (900 E Linwood Blvd, Kansas City, MO 64109)! All vendors, speakers, entertainment, and alcohol, will be provided by Black-owned businesses, highlighting the GIFT grant recipients at every turn. Purchase your tickets: <https://lnkd.in/qXWCRuXX>

**Learn to walk alongside women experiencing unplanned or crisis pregnancy.**

**Gabriel Project Angel training** will be held **Saturday Sept. 23 from 8:30am -**

**4:00pm** at St. Mary's Home for Mothers (23615 NE 100th St., Liberty, MO 64068).

Registration and continental breakfast begin at 8:30am. Training begins at 9:00am.

Lunch will be provided. To RSVP, email Ann Marie

Alvey: [director@gabrielprojectkc.org](mailto:director@gabrielprojectkc.org)

### **Parish Mental Health Ministry Event**

In partnership with Catholic Charities, **St. Sabina Parish** hosts for everyone a parish mental health ministry event, **September 28, 6:00pm to 8:00pm** with Dr. Julie Connor. #Bethe1To Be There: Suicide & Prevention. Julie empowers youth and adults with communication skills, connections to networks of support, and coping strategies that build resilience. St. Sabina Parish Hall, 700 Trevis Avenue, Belton, 64012; 816.979.3150 or [berenice@stsabinaparish.org](mailto:berenice@stsabinaparish.org).

**Disciple Formed in Holiness:** Hosted by Guardian Angels parish, guest speaker Fr. Peter Marsalek, SOLT. **October 16-19, 6-8pm**. For more information contact the G.A. parish office at 816-931-4351.

**17th Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner & Award Ceremony** The Dialogue Institute of Kansas City and the Raindrop Foundation extend a formal invitation to you for the distinguished occasion of the "17th Annual Dialogue and Friendship Dinner & Award Ceremony." This event is scheduled to take place on Wednesday, October 25th, 2023, from 6:00 to 8:30pm. We are honored to announce that the keynote speaker for the evening will be Ori Z. Soltes, PhD, from Georgetown University. The overarching theme of the event will center around "Dialogue and the Shape of Belief in a Fractured World." Kindly secure your presence at this remarkable event by obtaining your tickets on or before October 13th via the Eventbrite link: <https://rb.gy/yzoku>

*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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