



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

**September 1, 2023**

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

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**Parish Picnic!** 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, 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](mailto:jessicamcgannon5@gmail.com)

**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**

### **Offer Ends Today:**

**"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.

## **They Are Playing Our Song: Music Ministry**

- The choir will resume rehearsals on Wed, Sep 6 at 7:00 p.m. in the Hearth Room (upstairs in the office). Our choir is part of our music ministry at the Sunday 10:30 a.m. Masses. All are welcome.
- We are also looking for cantors and instrumentalists, especially trumpet players and drummers. Mini auditions are required for these positions.

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

[Mass of Renewal Gloria](#) We have begun using this Gloria in Mass. Click the link to hear it and sing along.

In my column in the bulletin this week, I also reference this song. [It's Me, O' Lord: Standin' in the Need of Prayer](#) The link is also in the bulletin.

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

### **SFX Chapel**

Wed & Fri: 7:30 a.m.

Adoration: 1st Friday of the month, 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.

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

#### **Mabee Chapel**

Sun: 6:00 p.m. (Reconciliation: 5:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.)

Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 12:30 p.m.

Wed: 9:00 p.m.

Adoration: 1st Tuesday of the month: 1:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### **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 \(jesuitscentralsouthern.org\)](https://www.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.**

### **September Prayer Intentions**

**Pope Francis:** We pray for those persons living on the margins of society, in inhumane life conditions; may they not be overlooked by institutions and never considered of lesser importance.

**Bishop Johnston:** That individuals, institutions, and nations will exercise wise stewardship of God's gifts of creation, care for the environment, and responsible use of resources in accordance with Christian principles.

**Season of Creation September 1-October 4** is an ecumenical and global movement to increase awareness of the importance of creation and to pray and act for the protection of the planet. Our Common Home is under threat: we face the triple planetary crisis of climate change, biodiversity loss, and pollution. Today, September 1, is the **World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation**. On October 4, the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, Pope Francis will publish an apostolic exhortation, **a second Laudato Si'** (his encyclical on Care for our Common Home, released in June 2015). To learn more about the Season of Creation, go to [Season of Creation](https://www.seasonofcreation.org).

**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](https://www.thekansascitystar.com). (N.B. The numbering is not always sequential due to delays in reporting the murders and identifying the victims).

**131. Rodney Gray, 38, August 21**

**132. Joseph Burns, 51, on Aug. 30**

**133. Neal Harris, 55, on Aug. 31**

**Speakers, Classes, Book Studies, and 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](mailto:cathy.daly@rockhurst.edu) 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.

### **Soul Food Tuesday**

**Tuesdays, 11:00 am – 12:00 noon 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. Soul Food Tuesday has been part of our SFX Adult Faith Formation offerings since 2014. Participation in the group is OPEN. One does not need to commit to attending every week. New members are always welcome. The “content” of each month’s sessions will be determined in consultation with the participants. 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, 6:00-7:30 pm in the Romero Room. Please pray for our candidates who will, God willing, receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in February: Julia Dunn, Sami Goodman, Carson Hull, Jude Huntley, Daniella Johnson, 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](#).

**Meal Train®?** A meal train is a system where a network of family members or friends band together to schedule, prepare, and deliver meals for somebody who needs a little extra help. **Would you be willing to be part of the SFX Meal Train?** If you’re willing to be on a list of folks who would occasionally receive a request to make a meal for a parishioner who is in need OR **if you know of a person or family in the parish who is in need**, 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 \$2,695** for Catholic Charities. Last year, proceeds from Outpace Poverty contributed to **Catholic Charities’ mission** to provide help and hope to our neighbors in need across 27 counties.

+ 36,330 pounds of emergency food distributed

+ 226 children served in the Mom’s Empowerment program

+ 14,828 personal care and hygiene items given to those in need

+ \$1,184,980 distributed in rent and lease assistance. Contact [Mariann](#) with questions or concerns.

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

**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!*

**Gospel Non-violence** - A new Gospel Non-Violence group is starting September 7 - 2 hours, Thursday mornings, two times a month. If you are interested, please contact [pegburns00@gmail.com](mailto:pegburns00@gmail.com).

**Center for Conflict Resolution (CCR) Rise for Peace Breakfast – 1 seat remains!** 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](mailto: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.

#### **UPDATE ON THE RIM MINISTRY**

- **Serving Refugees, Immigrants, and Migrants**

The RIM Ministry was formed 5 years ago to address the local and national concerns and injustices faced by people in migration. Because of our connection with former SFX pastor, Rafael Garcia, SJ, our focus has been on the issues at the Southern border.

The RIM Ministry has 4 goals:

1. to support the [Encuentro Project](#) (which Fr. Rafael now runs in El Paso) and groups like Manos Amigas whom we encounter through that ministry.
2. to support the Migrant Farmworkers project in Lexington
3. to support asylum seekers
4. to educate and advocate for fair trade practices

From the strength of this ministry, a new tax-exempt organization has been created – The Heartland Welcome and Support Coalition. Watch the bulletin for more about this new ministry! Join us at our next RIM meeting on Sunday, September 10 in the BVM Room from 9:00-10:15 to find out more. All are welcome!

#### **From our Apostolates and Neighbors**

##### **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 on Saturday ~ **September 9, 2023**, 10 am-2 pm Calvary Temple Baptist Church Host Pastor: Rev. Eric D. Williams 2940 Holmes Street KCMO 64109

**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, 7:30 p.m., 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 is required.

**Stop Trafficking Project** - Colonial Presbyterian (9500 Wornall) will host Russ Tuttle on **Thursday, September 14 from 6:30-8:30 pm**. 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. Afterward, 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 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/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](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, 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.** 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.

**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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