



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

November 3, 2023

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All Souls Candles This weekend November 4-5 we will have our annual **Procession of All Souls Candles**, remembering those who have died this past year (November 1, 2022-October 31, 2023). If you are carrying in a candle in memory of a loved one, **PLEASE ARRIVE AT CHURCH 10-15 MINUTES EARLY**. Contact [Mariann](#) with any questions or concerns.

Annual Catholic Appeal The Diocesan 2024 Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA) is underway. Gifts to the Annual Catholic Appeal serve as the primary means to fund the more than 30 ministries that assist our parishes and Catholics throughout the diocese. The overall financial goal is \$2,000,000. Our parish goal is \$31,172. SFX is happy to mail your check to the Diocese. Please make your check to "Annual Catholic Appeal". [Diocese of KCSJ - Annual Catholic Appeal](#)

Fr. Matt Ruhl and the Lighthouse Ride Belize – Cycling for Catholic Education in Belize Thank you for your generous response last weekend. The second collection for the Lighthouse Ride brought in \$6,188. To donate and learn more about the Lighthouse Ride and the condition of Catholic schools in Belize go to lighthouseidebelize.org/.

Pastor's Corner

Parish Reconciliation Service: Monday, November 13, 7:00pm

Join Fr. Jim and other sinners for our reconciliation service. Let us come together, pray for a deeper conversion, and open our hearts to the grace and mercy of God. Listen to [Meditation](#) by Catholic African American composer, Grayson Warren Brown. This will be our main song for the service.

Average Mass Attendance

Month	Sep	Oct
Sat: 4:00pm	117	98
Sun: 8:00am	73	78
Sun: 10:30am	237	239
Weekend	427	415

Wed 7:30am	16	14
Fri 7:30am	7	5

Fr. Jim will be out of town Mon-Wed next week taking a short break. On Thursday he has meetings and appointments outside the office. He will be back in the office on Friday.

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 pray, too, for the perpetrators, the families and friends, and the first responders.** 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).

155. Jo Crawford, 26, October 23

156. Unidentified Person, October 26

157. Unidentified Person, October 29

All Souls' Altar of Remembrance

This November, we invite all parishioners to join in commemorating their loved ones by placing a memento on our Altar of Remembrance. Select an item that symbolizes your connection to a departed loved one. This could be a photo, keepsake, or any other significant token. To ensure each item is safeguarded and can be returned to its owner, please clearly mark your name on your memento. The altar will be open for placements beginning the weekend of November 4-5. You're welcome to add your mementos at any time throughout the month.

Confirmation Prep Class Candidates AND SPONSORS meet Sunday, November 5, 6:00-7:30pm in the Chapel. If the sponsor is unable to be there, one of the parents should attend.

HeART and Soul Tuesday, November 7, 10:00am – 12:00noon in the Hearth Room. Join parishioners Nancy Seibolt and Peg Hornsby in this experience of art journaling or *visio divina*. All are welcome (this is NOT a gathering of artists) – but space is limited to 12. Register by contacting [Mariann](#).

Adult Faith Formation Committee Monthly meeting is Tuesday, November 7, 6:30pm in Romero Room and by Zoom. We are always looking for new members with fresh ideas. Contact [Cathy Daly](#) for more information.

Reading “Come Forth!”? You are invited to the Jesuit Book Club event with Father James Martin, SJ. Thursday, November 16, 6:30pm Central Time. Free registration required at Jesuit.org/bookclub. [Sign up HERE](#).

Save the date: Sunday, December 10, Nelson Art Tour sponsored by our Adult Faith Formation Committee. The group will gather near the Information Desk of the Bloch Building at 1:00pm (the tour will start at 1:15pm). There is no cost. Consider joining other SFXers for lunch in the [Rozelle Court](#) beforehand (click link for menu and prices). Registration for the tour is helpful; contact [Mariann](#) for more information and to reserve your spot.

It's almost Christmas Basket time! Start watching for sales on the items we need!

Canned Yams

Canned Pears

Canned Peaches

Canned Mixed Fruit

Cream of Mushroom Soup (10 oz can)

Chunk Pineapple (16-20 oz.)

French Fried Onions (for GB casserole)

Boxed Stuffing

Jello (sm. box)

4# bag of sugar

Brownie Mix (14-16 oz)

We'll put out a formal list and dates to remember in the coming weeks. Also, this year we are trying a [Christmas Basket Sign Up Genius](#) so you can see in real time what we need and what we have! Please sign up for what you can bring and thank you in advance for your profound generosity!

Another Food Pantry need – Due to the high volume of needs in our community, we need to start opening on Tuesdays. We are looking for someone to load cars from about 10:15am-12:00noon. If you are able to carry food bags up 14 stairs and load them into cars, please contact Sue asap!

Our **RIM Ministry** meets next **Sunday, November 12 from 9:00am-10:15am in the BVM Room**. This dynamic ministry focuses on how we can welcome those fleeing persecution from foreign lands and it builds bridges of cultural understanding. Come see how you can be a part of this active ministry!

Encuentro Trip - Are you interested in experiencing the realities at the Southern border? We are going down to El Paso April 23-29. If you would like to go, contact Sue ASAP. We need a minimum of 10 people to make the trip happen!

SFX is sponsoring a Refugee Family – In partnership with Della Lamb, the RIM Ministry is sponsoring a refugee family of 6 from Sudan. We will need to set up their home and walk with them for 3-6 months as they acclimate to life in Kansas City. If you are interested in helping, plan to attend the RIM Ministry meeting on November 12 or contact Sue. Check out what we are collecting for them. There will be a truck in the parking lot before and after the Thanksgiving weekend Masses and on Monday, November 27. To sign up to help, [click here](#). Please **DO NOT drop off items early**. We have neither the staff nor the space to store it. Contact Chely Scarbrough (mwotcl@aol.com) or Jeanne Bates (816-719-6163) for more information.

November is Black Catholic History Month. This month, in conjunction with the EmbRace Ministry, the Marian group is offering a book read "*God's Will: The Life and Works of Sister Wilhelmina*". The books are \$20. [Please sign up here](#) if you plan to participate in the January book study. Thank you!

EmbRace Ministry – Our anti-racism ministry will meet on November 19. Come join us as we continue to explore this difficult issue that plagues our minds, hearts, communities, and our world.

Are you parenting an LGBTQ child? Recognizing the diverse challenges and experiences our families face, we are introducing a new support group for those parenting LGBTQ children of all ages. It's a space for parents and family members to share, learn, and pray together, ensuring every parishioner feels the warmth and embrace of our church community. All are welcome. Please reach out to [Sue](#) for more details or if you're interested in joining. Let us continue to be a beacon of love, hope, and support for each other.

From our Apostolates and Neighbors

Volunteer Opportunity – The former Hope Group (LGBTQ Catholics) will prepare & serve a pre-thanksgiving dinner on **Sunday November 19th @ 4:00pm** for approximately 35 to 40 residents of **Save, Inc.** (SAVE, Inc. provides permanent, transitional, and emergency housing services to those with HIV / AIDS, substance abuse, mental health illnesses and more.) **We need volunteers** to provide meats, side dishes, vegetables, rolls, & desserts and to help serve & clean up. Please contact SFX parishioner John Gioia by 11/13/23 at 913-269-4149 or proloquerb@gmail.com if you are interested in volunteering or providing food. Thanks!

Rockhurst University Center for Catholic Thought & Culture: Catholic Ministries to the LGBTQ+ Community

Tuesday, November 7, 2023 - 7:30 pm

Arrupe Auditorium

Following the example of Jesus in extending himself to the most marginalized of his day, Catholics, both ordained and lay, have organized ministries to the LGBTQ+ community. Join **Sister Jeannine Gramick, of New Ways Ministry**, an organization seeking dialogue and reconciliation in advocating for the LGBTQ+ community; **Father James Martin, S.J., of Outreach**, a ministry of the Society of Jesus; and **Jason Steidl Jack**, Assistant Teaching Professor of Religious Studies at St. Joseph's University in New York and author of "Catholic Ministries to LGBTQ+ Ministries Past and Present," in a discussion of efforts to heed the call of the church to treat LGBTQ+ people with "respect, compassion, and sensitivity" (Catechism #2358.). A reception follows this free event. Please [Register for this event here](#).

Ignatian Spirituality Center of Kansas City Advent Morning of Reflection Saturday, December 2, 2023, 9:00-11:30am Rockhurst High School McGee Hall led by Mona Snider. \$35, scholarships available. \$15 for Young Adults (35 & under). [CLICK HERE](#) to find out more and register.

Ann, Becca, Fr. Jim, Laura, Mariann, Peggy, and Sue

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See something that interests you? Contact us:

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