



# ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

**November 10, 2023**

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## **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](#)

## **Pastor's Corner**

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

Join us 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.

### **Christmas Season Music Ministry**

Join our adult choir for the 4 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 7-8 pm in November and December, starting on November 15th, excluding November 22nd (Thanksgiving week). For more details, speak with our music director, Laura Worms, after the 8 am or 10:30 am Masses. Laura's contact information can be found in the bulletin. Welcome and share the joy of song this festive season!

This year, we will not be hosting an "intergenerational" choir. Adults previously involved are encouraged to join the adult choir for the season.

Children interested in performing a Prelude piece and a song during the 4pm Mass on Christmas, please reach out for details on practice and more.

**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).

**158. Unknown Man, October, 29**

**159. Mihail Martinez-Aguilar, 22, November 3**

**160. Aaron Amparan, 15, November 3**

**161. Unknown Man, November 6**

**Strong Blessings on Sandra Dayse, Sydne DiGiacomo, and Kathryn Burch** who will participate in the **Rite of Welcome** this weekend with their sponsors. Sydne is discerning a call to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist in the Catholic Church. Sandra and Kathryn, baptized Christians, are discerning a call to Full Communion with the Catholic Church. Please pray for them, their families and sponsors and our RCIA Team.

**Youth for Change: SFX Youth in Grades 6-12 are invited** to be part of this organization started by Visitation parishioner Linda Hughes to gather youth from Visitation, St. Monica's and other Catholic parishes to do service for the community. Past service has benefited Bishop Sullivan Center, Scraps KC, Unite KC, George Melcher Elementary and Lead to Read KC. **THIS Sunday, November 12** the group will gather for 9:00 am Mass at St. Monica's (1616 Paseo Blvd) and then assemble care packages for Ronald McDonald House. Contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) or Linda ([lchteach20@gmail.com](mailto:lchteach20@gmail.com)) for more information.

**What Happened at the Synod? What's Next?** Check out this 15-minute video from the Vatican [What is a Synod on Synodality Like?](#) Read this article by Jesuit Father Thomas Reese [Fifteen Hidden Gems in the Synod on Synodality Report](#). And if you have 45 minutes, watch Jesuit Father James Martin's Facebook Live [Synod Report](#).

**Nelson-Atkins Art Tour Sunday, December 10**, 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 lunch and the tour is helpful; contact Mariann ([mccormally@sfx-kc.org](mailto:mccormally@sfx-kc.org)) for more information, to reserve your spot, and to let us know if you're interested in **carpooling from the SFX parking lot after 10:30 Mass**. (Free parking on Oak Street; \$14 parking in the Museum Garage.)

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

- Canned Yams
- Canned Pears
- Canned Peaches
- Canned Mixed Fruit
- Chunk Pineapple (16-20 oz.)
- Cream of Mushroom Soup (10 oz can) **on sale at Aldi this week!**
- French Fried Onions (for GB casserole)
- Boxed Stuffing
- Jello (sm. box)
- 4# bag of sugar **on sale at Pricechopper this week!**
- Brownie Mix (14-16 oz) **on sale at Pricechopper this week!**

We'll put out a formal list and dates to remember next week. 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!

**Christmas Cookies, too!** We're asking each baker to bake THREE DOZEN cookies. Drop your cookies off in the narthex the weekend of December 16/17. We'll package the cookies for inclusion in our Christmas baskets in the BVM Room on Sunday, December 17 immediately after 10:30 Mass. If you are not able to bake HOMEMADE cookies, please consider volunteering to help us package the cookies. Individuals and families of all ages are encouraged to participate.

**Next weekend (the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend of the month) is Food Pantry Sunday** – In addition to our Christmas basket needs, we could use some *canned pineapple, ramen, and chunky soups*

Our **RIM Ministry** meets **THIS 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!

**Our Refugee Family arrives in 19 days!** In partnership with Della Lamb, the RIM Ministry is sponsoring a refugee family of 6 from Sudan. We will need to collect items, 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 THIS SUNDAY in the BVM Room. [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. Please **DO NOT drop off items early.** We have neither the staff nor the space to store it. We could REALLY USE some younger folks and families to help us move them in. Contact Chely Scarbrough ([mwotcl@aol.com](mailto:mwotcl@aol.com)) or Jeanne Bates (816-719-6163) for more information.

**November is Black Catholic History Month.** Next weekend, the EmbRace ministry will have a table in the back of church to share the work we do. Stop by and check it out. We'll also have updated Black Owned Business Directories available!

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 Sunday, November 19 in the Romero Room at 9:15 am. Come join us as we continue to explore this systemic justice issue that plagues our minds, hearts, communities, and our world.

**Justice & Life Ministry** - Our J & L ministry studies Catholic Social Teaching as it applies to the many, many injustices people face in our society. We also plan retreats, prayer services, and other activities. We typically meet the 4th Sunday of the month, but due to the November/ December holidays, we will meet at 9:00 am on Sunday, December 3. At this meeting, we will offer an examen to look back on what we have done this year and to ask for the Holy Spirit's guidance as we plan and move into the coming year. All are welcome to join us in the Romero Room for this retreat-like meeting. Contact Sue for more information.

**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**

#### **BLACK CATHOLIC IMPLEMENTATION TEAM PRESENTATION AND KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER FOUNDERS DAY CELEBRATION: NOVEMBER 12**

This November 12 during Black Catholic History Month, please join us in the Black Catholic Implementation Team Presentation on their attendance at the National Black Catholic Congress and the Knights of Peter Claver Founders Day Celebration. The celebration and presentation will take place at Ferguson Hall, St. Monica Parish, 1616 The Paseo, KC, 64108, beginning immediately following the 9:00 a.m. Mass. Food will be served and there will be giveaways; youth are encouraged to attend as well. Food bank donations will also be collected for St. Monica, St. Therese Little Flower, and Our Lady and St. Rose Catholic Churches' food pantries. Questions, St. Monica Parish office, 816.471.3696.

**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 [prologuerb@gmail.com](mailto:prologuerb@gmail.com) if you are interested in volunteering or providing food. Thanks!

**St Elizabeth's Catholic Church Dinner for Eight and EmBRACE Justice Ministry** is hosting a **lasagna dinner with Alvin Brooks** Saturday, December 2 in Seton Hall (under the church at 75th and Main). 5:30 appetizers. 6:30 Dinner. 7:00 pm Talk. Alvin Brooks, author of "Blinding Us Together: A Civil Rights Activist Reflects on a Lifetime of Community and Public Service," is the recipient of George HW Bush's Thousand Points of Light Award. He is of the first black policeman in KC, a beloved civil rights activist, the founder of the AdHoc group against Crime. Please **RSVP [Mariann](#) by November 27.**

**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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