



ST. FRANCIS XAVIER CATHOLIC CHURCH

KANSAS CITY'S JESUIT PARISH

November 17, 2023

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No Mass will be held on Thanksgiving Day. We encourage you to use this time to pray and give thanks with your family. In your home, your sacred space, share stories of thankfulness, offer prayers of gratitude, and enjoy the precious moments with family and friends.

No 7:30 am Mass on the Friday after Thanksgiving.

The parish office will close on Wed, Nov 22 at 12:30 pm and reopen again on Monday, Nov 27, 9:00 am for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Annual Catholic Appeal Update

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 such as Catholic Charities and the Human Rights Office. The overall financial goal is \$2,000,000. We are at 19% of our parish goal of \$31,172 with \$5,938 in donations. SFX is happy to mail your check to the Diocese. Please make your check to "Annual Catholic Appeal". [Diocese of KCSJ - Annual Catholic Appeal](#)

Jesuit Transition, Parish Topics: Members of the SFX Pastoral Council will be in the narthex following all Masses this weekend and available to take your questions and comments in advance of the next Pastoral Council meeting Tuesday, November 21.

Pastor's Corner

Christmas Season Music Ministry

Join our adult choir for the 4:00 pm Mass on Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are every Wednesday evening from 7:00-8:00 pm in November and December, starting on November 15, excluding November 22 (Thanksgiving week). For more details, speak with our music director, Laura Worms, after the 8:00 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 4:00 pm 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).

161. Timothy Postley, 22, November 6
162. Bryan D. Hoover, 52, November 10
163. Amauri Hughes, 17, November 12
164. Unidentified Man, November 13
165. L. Jomo Wilson, 44, November 15

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.

NEW DATE for Youth for Change Event: 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 19** 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 Linda (lichteach20@gmail.com) for more information.

Don't forget Sunday School for Ages 2-3-4 during the 10:30 am Mass the first and third Sunday of the month in the Romero Room. November 19, December 3 and 17.

Confirmation 2024 Prep Class Calendar Sunday, November 19, 6:00 pm-7:30 pm Class in the Romero Room. Sunday, December 3, 6:00 Mass at Rockhurst University Mabee Chapel in Massman Hall (meet at Romero Room door at 5:45 to walk over together). Sunday, December 17 11:30 am-1:00 pm Help with Christmas Cookie Boxing immediately after 10:30 am Mass in the BVM Room. Contact [Mariann](#) for details.

Centering Prayer Group meets the third Monday of the month, November 20, 7:00-8:30 pm, SFX Chapel. Newcomers welcome. Centering Prayer is a method of prayer in which we experience God's presence within us, closer than breathing, closer than thinking, closer than consciousness itself. To learn more go to www.contemplativeoutreach.org For more information, contact SFX parishioner ([Rebecca Thompson](#)).

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 **1:00 pm (the tour will start at 1:15 pm)**. 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](#) 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 am Mass**. (Free parking on Oak Street; \$14 parking in the Museum Garage.)

November is Black Catholic History Month – Check out the bulletin board showing the lives of the Black American Catholics on their way to sainthood.

EmbRace Ministry – This weekend before and after all the Masses, members of our EmbRace anti-racism ministry will be in the back of church to share the good and necessary work we do to address racism that hides in ourselves, our church, and in our community. We'll also have updated Black Owned Business Directories available and other information and freebies! We will meet **THIS Sunday, November 19 in the BVM Room at 9:15 am**. All are welcome!

'Tis Christmas Basket Season!

Start bringing your donations and watch for sales on the items we need!

- Canned Yams
- Canned Pears **\$2.19 @ Pricechopper**
- Canned Peaches **\$2.19 @ Pricechopper**
- Canned Mixed Fruit **\$2.19 @ Pricechopper**
- Cream of Mushroom Soup (10 oz can) **\$0.49 @ Aldi; \$0.79 @ Pricechopper**
- Chunk Pineapple (16-20 oz.) **\$1.79 @ Pricechopper**
- French Fried Onions (for GB casserole) **\$1.79 @ Aldi**
- Boxed Stuffing **\$0.75 @ Aldi**

- Jello (sm. box) **\$1.25 @ Pricechopper**
- 4# bag of sugar
- Marshmallows **\$1.25 @ Pricechopper**
- 1 pound of butter **\$2.49 @ Pricechopper**
- Turkey

Also, this year we are trying a [Christmas Basket Sign Up Genius](#) so we all 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! Don't want to use the Sign-up Genius??? Just bring your items in any time!

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 am 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.

This weekend (the 3rd 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*. Thank you for your generosity!

Our Refugee Family is Arriving Next Week! 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. [Check out the items we need](#). New items have been added! There will be a truck in the parking lot before and after the Thanksgiving weekend Masses and on Monday, November 27. If you can help us move them in on Tuesday morning between 9:00 am-1:00 pm, please contact Chely Scarbrough (mwotcl@aol.com) or Jeanne Bates (816-719-6163). Thank you!

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

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 pm appetizers. 6:30 pm Dinner. 7:00 pm Talk. Alvin Brooks, author of "Binding 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, 9:00-11:30 am** 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.

Ignatian Solidarity Network: This Advent, commit to simplicity. In a season that can mistakenly be focused on gifts and consumption, explore ways to live simply as we hopefully prepare for the coming of Jesus and the restoration of the earth. This year, we'll be mixing in **new** daily challenges, as well as accompanying PDFs for folks who prefer not to use the interactive calendar. Click the link to sign up. [ISN Advent Simplicity](#)

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

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(Except for Laura Worms)*

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