



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

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sfxstl.org

January 10, 2021
The Baptism of the Lord

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. Please RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, all in main church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:45 am through noon.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

PARISH INFORMATION**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** church@sfxstl.org

The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Bulletin Notices: must be submitted to church@sfxstl.org by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

Infant Baptisms: Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1, for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact associatepastor@sfxstl.org with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Sister Carolyn McWatters at 314-977-1797 or carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu or Fr. Dan White.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Parish Registration: Available online at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

Youth Faith Formation: Available for Pre-K through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Mary Bruemmer*
 Maureen Carney*
 Linda Castillon*
 Marcie Corwin
 Jenna Dalisay
 Fay Efken*
 Diane Flynn
 Gene Grabbe*
 Monica Gunn
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Paul Hanson*
 Mary Jane and Butch Henning*
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Carlita Logan
 Pat March*
 Mark Marsh
 Karena Menard*
 Suzanne Mondello
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Lyn Pickel
 Mark Roddy*
 Dennis Saunders*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ*
 Louis M. Sherrock and Family
 Colleen Starkloff
 Judy Taylor*
 Julia Williams
 Lisa Zimmerer*
 * Long-term

Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life."

Join our prayer group on

Zoom, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The baptism of Jesus by John is acknowledged by all four Gospels. Clearly, this is a significant event in the life of Christ. The evangelists, however, all reflect on his baptism a little bit differently.

St. Mark follows his usual laconic style. The event happens quickly with minimal description. What is notable is that Jesus is the one who, in coming up out of the water, sees the Spirit descending upon him like a dove, and who hears the voice from heaven. Jesus is aware that the Father sends the Spirit as an affirmation of His love.

I find this perspective enlightening. It is not often I consider that Jesus felt the presence of the Holy Spirit as a sign of the Father's love. That oneness of the Trinity is made apparent by the Word become flesh. That intimacy is in no way compromised by dwelling among us.

God is with and present to us. St. Mark, unlike Matthew or Luke, does not have a description of the manger or the Magi. But the baptism of Jesus reflects his way of proclaiming the relationship of the Father and Son.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, including:

Art Taylor

May he and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support our Sister Parish!



Sales of fair trade products have resumed **online only** to benefit St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. Because of the pandemic, as well as a series of fires which destroyed farms in the community, unemployment in the area has increased dramatically. All the proceeds from our Fair Trade sales go directly to St. Peter Claver.

So far, we have contributed toward their food pantry and two student scholarships.

Winter items are available, including soups, cornbread, hot cocoa, and baking cocoa, in addition to our ongoing sales of chocolate, tea, and coffee!

To purchase go directly to SFX website at:

<http://www.sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>



There are two options for receiving your items, which you will specify upon placing your online order. Both options occur twice a month on 1st and 3rd Sundays:

Hand Delivery (only for orders of \$20 or more): One of our volunteers will deliver your products to your porch or in front of your home. If requesting delivery of orders which contain chocolate, please plan for immediate retrieval of your package in order to protect chocolate from melting. Volunteers will ring your doorbell/buzzer or knock on your door when dropping off items.

Pick-up at College Church (orders of any value): Pick-ups at the College Church will be pre-collected into bags with the buyer's name displayed on the outside of the bag, available from 9-10:15am outside of the Ballroom (below the church) on the designated Sundays. We ask that parishioners wear a face mask and continue to practice social distancing during pick-up.

The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1st and 3rd Sunday is the Tuesday before. Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!



Thank you for supporting Fair Trade and our Sister Parish!



Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) News

1. The next Membership Assembly of Metropolitan Congregations United is **Tuesday, January 19 at 6:30pm. It will be a Zoom event.** The assembly is for current member congregations, for individuals...and for anyone looking for a community activity beyond charity and service.

The meeting will cover each of the MCU task forces: Education, Juvenile Justice, Legislation, EXPO-STL, Sacred Votes and more. The budget will be reviewed and the new board will be introduced. Discussions will include working on larger national issue task forces: Mass Incarceration and Civil Rights for Immigrants. *This assembly will be the place to ask your questions about all things MCU.*

Make plans now to be present on January 19. Registration is required so check out MCU's website to register: mcustlouis.org.

2. Also, check out N'tosake: Gathering In The Pride: 2021, a local team of women dedicated to setting and achieving personal and public goals. **Zoom meeting is scheduled for January 21, from 6:30 - 8 p.m.** To register, and for more information, go to the MCU website, mcustlouis.org.

ID AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM UPDATE

Over Christmas, we took a break from our ID and Birth Certificate program, but we are restarting on **Tuesday, January 19th**. The program currently runs on Tuesdays from 9 am to 3 pm in our Ballroom.

We assist with vouchers so that our guests can replace lost or stolen IDs or birth certificates. These are documents that are important when people are looking for employment or housing, so this is an essential ministry of service.

If you are interested in volunteering with our program, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

Support College Church's St. Vincent DePaul Society

By supporting College Church's St. Vincent DePaul Society you can help lighten the hearts of your neighbors who are struggling with unemployment, food insecurity, sickness, and despair, bringing them real, lasting, and deep joy.

This past year the St. Francis Xavier Conference of the St. Vincent DePaul Society was able to support struggling neighbors within our parish boundaries by assisting 37 families, providing over \$5,000 in rental assistance, over \$1,000 in utility assistance, \$500 in food vouchers, and over \$1,000 in thrift store vouchers for furniture, household items, and clothing.

Please consider supporting the St. Vincent DePaul Society in a couple of ways:

Volunteer: As a member of College Church's SVDP conference, you can participate in virtual visits with neighbors to provide tangible assistance, as well as get to know other parishioners interested in service and justice. Contact Chris at cdeason02@charter.net if you'd like to join.

Donate: Your end of year gift can help support the ever increasing demand for rental, utilities, and food assistance. Checks can be made out to "St. Vincent DePaul" and sent to St. Francis Xavier SVDP, ATTN: Christine Dragonette, 3628 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63108. You can also make a gift online at <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/714/DirectDonate/77612>

Please feel free to reach out to Chris Deason at cdeason02@charter.net with any questions or to get involved. Thank you for your generosity and support.

The St. Francis Xavier Conference,
St. Vincent DePaul Society



Ignatian Spirituality Online Resources

The Spiritual Exercises began as notes that St. Ignatius kept as he talked to men and women about their experience in prayer and their struggles to make good decisions based on that prayer. Over the centuries, Jesuits have published an incredible variety of books, guides and pamphlets to help people learn how to pray in an Ignatian manner. Today the web and app stores offer a new approach to this great spiritual tradition of aids to prayer.

The following sites offer prayers in the Ignatian tradition or information about Ignatian Spirituality.

LOYOLAPRESS.

<https://www.loyolapress.com/3-minute-retreats-daily-online-prayer/>

3-Minute Retreats invite you to take a short prayer break right at your computer. Spend some quiet time reflecting on a Scripture passage.

Knowing that not everyone prays at the same pace, you have control over the pace of the retreat. After each screen, a Continue button will appear. Click it when you are ready to move on. If you are new to online prayer, the basic timing of the screens will guide you through the experience.



<https://pray-as-you-go.org/home/>

The British Jesuits developed this audio podcast of a daily meditation based on the readings of the day with music and a brief reflection. It is designed to be used as people travel to and from work every day as well as at home. The site also offers a guided Examen prayer as well as Stations of the Cross.



Loyola Press in Chicago developed IgnatianSpirituality.com as a way of seeing God actively involved in the world and intimately involved with us in every moment and place.

Parish Men's White House Retreat, February 11-14

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is the manual for discerning how God is calling us to follow Him. The "White House" Jesuit Retreat Center in South St. Louis County applies the Spiritual Exercises to our daily lives to develop our faith, deepen our peace and increase our gratitude.

You are personally invited to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish to make a retreat there, the evening of February 11th to the afternoon of the 14th.

The beauty of the natural setting, the prayer and liturgies and the comfort of the accommodations combine to make this a spiritually renewing and rewarding experience.

More information about the retreat (including COVID precautions) and online registration is available at www.whretreat.org or by calling John Hartung (314-918-1950), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

January 9-10, 2021

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. White S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Stewart, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. White, S.J.

January 16-17, 2021

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Stewart, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. Stewart, S.J.

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed, and will have Outdoor Communion. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to church@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Social Ministry Appeal + Beyond 2020 Campaign

Every year, we reach out to our parish community for specific support that helps to sustain our work over the coming year through the Social Ministry Christmas Appeal. This year is no different. As the cornerstone program of Social Ministry, the Outreach Program for ID and birth certificate assistance relies on your contributions in a particular way.

We are proud that our program offers a unique service, providing the only large scale, consistent identification assistance in the region. The pandemic has highlighted more than ever the need to sustain this work, while also prompting us to reimagine how we might one day grow our ministry beyond the four walls of our parish. This year, we have two opportunities to help us both sustain and grow our State ID and birth certificate ministry in the region.

Please visit sfxstl.org/support-us for more information on how to support Social Ministry. Contact Christine with any questions at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.