



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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October 11, 2020
Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm. 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, 5:15 pm Monday through Wednesday, all in main church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays and Wednesdays, 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.

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Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

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

Join our intercessory prayer group on Zoom,

Friday mornings at 9 am:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The Jesuits of the United States sponsor a terrific resource for your spiritual life, AMDG: A Jesuit Podcast. I recommend it highly. You can find it here: <https://soundcloud.com/jesuitconference>

I listened to an especially good one while on retreat last month. It was an interview with Dr. Mahri Leonard-Fleckman a scripture scholar at Holy Cross College. Her field is the Hebrew Scriptures. Dr. Leonard-Fleckman spoke about how very challenging texts from the Bible speak to us in our own troubled times. She describes how certain passages pull us into the muck of human life and grapple with the complexities of the world. One must go in and through the difficult to gain any sort of wisdom about God and ourselves.

Our usual way of proceeding is to search for a text that can console, or perhaps teach us something. Certain books of the Old Testament call us instead to sit with discomfort, suffering, and God's apparent absence. We are invited to engage with what is difficult rather than avoid it.

This is not what we prefer. As good Americans the quick and easy fix is always best. However, this year has taught us ignoring harsh truths does not change them. There is no spiritual growth that comes cheap. Change, for individuals and communities, requires honest reckoning with the muck.

Archbishop Rozanski has asked all parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis to participate in a **second collection this week for the Bishops' Emergency Disaster Fund**. Contributions will be used to support the efforts of Catholic Charities USA and/or Catholic Relief Services, the office relief agencies of the U.S. Catholic Church, and distributed where they are most needed.

If you are contributing by check, you can put a note in the memo line saying the contribution is for the Emergency Disaster Fund.

Openings on the SFX Pastoral Council

The St. Francis Xavier (College) Church Pastoral Council is a group composed of the pastor and twelve active, adult parishioners who meet regularly to deliberate, reflect, and make decisions on a variety of issues related to the operations, programming, and spiritual life of the parish. The Pastoral Council provides support and direction to the various parish Commissions and Committees, and is generally charged with making sure that all activities support the parish's Mission. There will be four openings on the Pastoral Council starting in January 2020. Council members serve for a three-year term with the option to serve a second term. The group meets one Saturday morning per month, and also participates actively in various special events throughout the year. A parishioner may nominate another parishioner or nominate himself/herself.

PROCESS

Nominees will be asked to submit a short statement explaining their interest in serving on the Council answering the following three questions: (1) What has drawn you to SFX College Church, and what are your hopes for the future of the parish? (2) What background and experience, either professional, personal, or as a parishioner, would you bring to the Council and how would you apply it? (3) Can you commit to regular attendance and participation at Council meetings and, from time to time, assisting with special projects or events?

Fr. Dan will meet with each nominee to discern whether or not the nominee would be a good fit for the council.

CURRENT LEADERSHIP

Chair

Lisa D'Souza

Secretary

Margie Borges

Members

Gwendolyn Hood

Jeff Leonard

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Commission Chairs

Adult Faith Formation Commission: Laura Greiner

Financial Development Commission: Mike Eggleston

Finance Committee: Carl Greiner

Liturgy Commission: Sr. Sherri Coleman

Parish Life Commission: Carla Bolland

Social Ministry Commission: Christina Greiner

Youth Faith Commission: Aimee Wittman

If you are interested in serving, would like to nominate another parishioner, or would just like more information, please contact

Council Chair Lisa D'Souza

ljdsouza@yahoo.com

or Fr. Dan White

314-977-7310, frdan@sfxstl.org.

Saint Francis Xavier College Church Virtual Gala of Gratitude

November 20-22, 2020

Save the Date!

Auction items needed!

- Stays at Summer or Vacation homes
- Electronics
- Jewelry
- Restaurant or retail gift cards (\$50 or more is ideal)

Photos needed!

- Weddings, Baptisms, First Communion, Confirmation, Galas

Contact: Angela Pancella
 church@sfxstl.org
 (314) 977-1954

Donors will be provided with a donation acknowledgment form from the parish for tax purposes.



Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support our Sister Parish—NEW Fall Items!



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.

NEW Fall 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!

November - Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed

On November 1, Feast of All Saints we thank God for and celebrate all the saints, living and deceased, canonized and not, whose lives have borne witness to their discipleship and provide us with example and inspiration.

On Monday, November 2 we celebrate the Feast of All Souls. The Church has a long-standing and beautiful practice of praying for the dead. Jesus prayed that he “should not lose anything of what (the Father) gave me, but that I should raise it on the last day”. Those who have died may still be in that process of purification that we have termed purgatory. Bolstered by our belief in the communion of saints, and as a way to keep them close to us, we surround them with our love and prayers as they transition into the fullness of life and love. Praying for the dead reminds us that death is not the end, but rather the beginning of a new life in God.

On November 2 we will have our annual Mass of Remembrance for those who have died in the past year. It will be held at 5:15 pm in the main church. All are welcome, especially those who have lost loved ones during the past year. For those unable to be physically present, the mass will be livestreamed.

We will continue our prayerful remembrance of our deceased loved ones throughout the month of November. We will again have a shrine area set up with pictures of our loved ones and candles. If you would like to bring a picture of your loved one to be placed in this area, please bring it by the weekend of Oct 25th. Be sure to have the name of the person as well as your name on the back so that we can return it to you at the end of the month. Our Book of Remembrance will be there as well, and you are welcome to add the names of those whom you would like us to pray for throughout the month.

Reflections on Black Catholic History Month

For the last three years during the month of November, St. Francis Xavier (College) Church has celebrated Black Catholic History Month, revealing the unique gifts and grace bestowed on our family of faith. As part of the plans for this year's celebration, the Racism and Reconciliation Committee invites you to share your personal reflections, insights, inspirations, or experiences related to the celebration of Black Catholic History for publication in the bulletin and other church media. Please forward your reflection or questions to Lisa Burks (lmburks60@gmail.com) or Christine Dragonette (christine@sfxstl.org).

Would you like to live the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in your daily life? Get to know others who have also made Jesuit Spirituality a priority in their lives.

We would like to start a virtual Christian Life Community in our parish. We need only six or seven people to form a new community. Please call Ann Padberg, Regional CLC Coordinator 314-696-9610 or annpadberg@charter.net. Pick up a CLC brochure in the vestibule or ask Ann to send you one. A few people have already expressed an interest and we will start a new group as soon as we have at least six people.

Join us and learn the CLC Way of Proceeding.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Green Corner

“Opt to Act” for Earth



REI Co-op is sponsoring Opt to Act, 52 simple weekly challenges to reduce your impact on the Earth, get active, and leave the world better than you found it. This well-researched website (Just Google REI Opt to Act Plan), actually helps with information on why and how to take these steps.

This week’s tip:

Week 46 (October 11-October 17): Read your voters’ pamphlet. Be informed on candidates’ environmental positions.

Check with your local or state election office to find your voters’ pamphlet to learn more about candidates’ positions on climate.

October 10-11, 2020

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. Stewart, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Stewart, S.J.
4:30 pm Campus Ministry

October 17-18, 2020

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Stewart, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Greene, S.J.
4:30 pm Campus Ministry

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.

Faith and Civic Engagement

With each day that we draw nearer to the 2020 election, it seems more likely that we are hearing (or using) words like “debate,” “divide,” “defend,” or “defeat,” rather than the words “listen” or “love.” Yet, we are people of faith who desire to build the Kingdom of God “on earth as it is in Heaven.” That kingdom is one of love where we are called to act with compassion in service of achieving the common good. We seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit through prayer, reflection, learning and engaging with others. The church supports us in our journey of forming a conscience for faithful citizenship through its teachings, through shared prayer and through our community of believers.



Please visit <https://sfxstl.org/faithful-citizenship> for prayers, reflections, opportunities to learn about Catholic Social Teaching, and important dates related to the 2020 election.

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