



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

November 8, 2020
Thirty-Second 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, 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.

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 Mary Bruemmer*
 Maureen Carney*
 Linda Castillon*
 Jenna Dalisay
 Fay Efken*
 Diane Flynn
 Mary Frank
 Gene Grabbe*
 Monica Gunn
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Paul Hanson*
 Mary Jane and Butch Henning*
 Christina Bah Ireland
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Carlita Logan
 Pat March*
 Mark Marsh
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Lyn Pickel
 Ruthann Redmon
 Joan Rice
 Mark Roddy*
 Dennis Saunders*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ*
 Family of Candace Sexton
 Art Taylor*
 Judy Taylor*
 Jacob Verghese
 David Williams
 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 intercessory prayer group on Zoom,
 Friday mornings at 9 am:
 Contact Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



This past Tuesday Fr. Jim Costello, SJ died at the age of 89. Fr. "Cos" as he has known to one and all was a former pastor and associate pastor of College Church. Cos was one of the kindest, gentlest people you could ever hope to meet. He was legendary in the confessional for his compassion towards everyone. Cos reminded each person that "God loves you just as you are."

One of my favorite stories about him took place when he was pastor in the early 1980's. A person had come in off Grand Ave and had climbed up on the Mary altar. Cos came into the church and saw this person perched on the altar. He said, "Hey man, what are you doing up there?" The man replied, "Mary told me she needed a crown and I want to give her one." Cos without hesitating said, "Well, she told me she is fine without a crown." The guy thought for a moment, climbed down, shook hands with Cos, and went on his way.

I don't think it a coincidence that Cos went to the Lord on election day. Our political climate seems in direct opposition to the values he embodied: respect, a willingness to meet people where they are, an ability to laugh at human foibles, and seeing the good in everyone. A return to these seemingly basic values would be a benefit to our country. And our Church, I might add.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon him.

Advent Materials

The season of Advent, our preparation for the coming of Christ, begins on Nov 29. In past years, the Adult Faith commission has offered a variety of reflection booklets and Advent calendars to assist your preparation.

This year, you may choose from a list of materials on the parish website to customize an Advent bag or box for your household. These include an Advent ring and candles as pictured to the right, Advent calendars, and reflection books and booklets. Orders must be placed by Sunday, Nov 15 and items may be picked up on Sundays, Nov 22 or Nov 29. If you are not able to pick up your request, it can be mailed to you. Please check our website for full details: <https://sfxstl.org/advent-materials>



Authentically Black and Truly Catholic: Black Catholic History Month at College Church

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Church's designation of November as the month during which we celebrate the contributions of black Catholics. In recognition of this milestone, we will feature—in the bulletin, on our website, and in informational displays around the church—five such individuals whose lives embody a pursuit for racial justice, grounded in a strong and resilient faith. Each of the five lived in St. Louis, and some had specific ties to College Church and to the St. Louis University community. Together, their lives reflect the long history and rich heritage of black Catholicism.

**Sister Mary Antona Ebo, FSM**

From humble beginnings, Sister Mary Antona Ebo rose to become one of the most recognizable faces of the civil rights movement. Her courageous witness, at the head of a group of marchers in Selma, Alabama, on March 10, 1965, was the strongest possible statement that the Catholic Church—evident in the form of a soft-spoken, African American nun in full habit—would take a stand in favor of the marginalized and oppressed in the segregated South. Awakened to social advocacy by that experience, Sister Antona would spend the rest of her life dedicated to the pursuit of justice, fed by the wellspring of her faith.

Learn more by visiting: <https://sfxstl.org/black-catholic-history-month>

Winnie Sullivan serves on the Pastoral Council at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church and co-chairs its Antiracism Team.

Prayer Service for Spiritual Healing

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will preside at a Prayer Service for Spiritual Healing on Thursday, November 12, at 7:00 pm, at St. Margaret of Scotland Church, 3854 Flad Ave., St. Louis 63110. There is on-street parking near the Church, but no parking lot. Masks must be worn and social distancing observed at the prayer service.

All victims/survivors of physical, sexual, emotional or verbal abuse by anyone - clergy, family, friends, co-workers or strangers - are invited to attend the prayer service. In addition, family members and friends of survivors are encouraged to participate, as well as those who are involved in helping abused people and who want to pray for healing and reconciliation, and the prevention of abuse.

The Office of Child and Youth Protection, in collaboration with the Office of Sacred Worship, is organizing and sponsoring the prayer service. For more information, please contact Carol Brescia, Victim Assistance Coordinator in the Office of Child and Youth Protection, at carolbrescia@archstl.org or 314-378-3627.

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

Maurice Muia

Matt Perlow

Jan Petruso

Amy Sanders

Winnie Sullivan



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

Registration Open Now!

<https://sfxstl.org/virtual-gala>

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.

Youth Faith Formation Service Day

Although our Youth Faith Formation classes are viral right now, we still are committed to the service component of our program. That component has always been highly valued by our parents.

Saturday October 31 we invited families to gather in the Ballroom, safely distanced, and make Halloween crafts for the residents of the nearby Mary Ryder Home. For the past several years individual classes have gone to the Home to make crafts with the residents, so this was the next best thing.

Families, many in costume, decorated cards, posters and placemats, and then assembled in their cars for a car parade to the Home. Families who preferred to make crafts at home joined the others for the parade. Residents of Mary Ryder watched happily as the cars came by, stopping to drop off the crafts, and waving to the residents. Several families stayed to make sidewalk chalk messages for the residents.



The project was warmly received by the residents and our families alike, and will be the first of many this year. We are so grateful to all who participated.

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!

**Toward the Least Harm:
Xavier Winter Inn Volunteers Needed!**



This winter St. Francis Xavier College Church will host Winter Inn, offering emergency shelter to 14 individuals who need it on **Tuesday and Wednesday nights**—beginning in December through February—when the **temperatures drop below 20 degrees**. We will offer guests a warm bed, hot meal, and hospitality while adhering to CDC best practices to prevent the spread and contraction of the COVID-19 virus.

There are a variety of volunteer roles, many of which do not require presence during open shelter hours. Opportunities for joyful participation include:

◇ Set-up Crew ◇ Greeters/ Hosts ◇ Cooks ◇ Meal Servers ◇ Innkeepers ◇ Cleaners ◇ Laundry Drivers

Live Zoom Training 5:30 to 6:30 pm on Wednesday November 18th

Sign up here <https://rb.gy/jmvym1> or email Tess Sanders at outreach@sfxstl.org if you cannot join the scheduled training in real time and would like to receive a video recording.

Additional Food Support Needed for Winter Shelters

In addition to the many volunteers needed to make Xavier Winter Inn successful, there is a need for extra support providing casseroles for other winter shelters. Our Lady of Sorrows is collecting 9 x 13 casseroles (meat, vegetable, or breakfast) to distribute to shelters throughout the winter. Both casserole cooks and drivers are needed. If you are able to contribute a casserole, please drop it off to the Our Lady of Sorrows parking lot at 1pm on any of the following Saturdays: November 14th, December 12th, January 16th, or February 13th. For questions or more information, contact Mary Ellen Mueller at maryem@brick.net or (314) 374-1712.

November - Month of Prayer for the Faithful Departed

We will continue our prayerful remembrance of our deceased loved ones throughout the month of November. We again have a shrine area set up with pictures of our loved ones and candles. 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.

First Quarter Financial Summary

Thank you for your strong financial support as we work to balance our financials during COVID.

We have a projected loss of (\$130,000) using our best estimates of the impact of COVID. Key items are our annual gala (budget is down \$75,000 from prior year) and estimated giving (down \$40,000 from prior year) due to the uncertainties of COVID. With your help, we can continue to close the gap and balance our financials. **We are grateful for the significant increases in giving AND the number of new online donors.**

	Jul - Sep 20 Actuals	Jul - Sep 20 Budget	Variance
Ordinary Income/Expense			
Unrestricted Revenue (Primarily Offertory)	187,400	152,600	34,800 1
Restricted Offerings & Gifts	16,700	16,100	600
Program Fees	9,600	22,700	(13,100) 2
Investment Income	100	0	100
Grant Revenue	17,600	24,700	(7,100) 3
Other Revenues (Weddings and Ballroom)	55,800	44,200	11,600
Banking Fees	(4,500)	(2,800)	(1,700)
Total Income	282,700	257,500	25,200
Personnel Costs	157,800	163,000	(5,200)
Supplies	7,800	9,000	(1,200)
Fees & Services	38,700	41,300	(2,600)
Occupancy	55,500	69,700	(14,200)
Transfers to Other Parishes/Diocese	35,300	35,600	(300)
Total Expense	295,100	318,600	(23,500) 4
Net Ordinary Income / (Loss)	(12,400)	(61,100)	48,700

1) Increased giving in August and September of nearly \$30,000 has our unrestricted gifts over budget by \$35,000. Great news in light of COVID and restrictions on Mass attendance.

2) Program fees are under budget due to the slow down in our Adult and Youth Formation programs. We are hopeful to close this gap in the coming months.

3) Grant revenue is currently under budget as we are pending receipt of the Brown Sisters' Grant. We expect to receive funds in 2020.

4) We are under budget across all expense categories as our staff and leadership team continue to manage expenses in the COVID environment. We have delayed some repair and maintenance costs which we anticipate incurring (\$10,000) in the Spring.

St. Francis Xavier College Church

2020 Stewardship Report

"Grateful and Generous"

A Note From Our Pastor

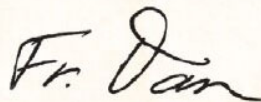
Dear Parishioners and Friends,

A crisis functions in many ways. One of the most significant is revelatory. A crisis unveils truths that were unknown, forgotten, or deliberately ignored. The COVID-19 pandemic has revealed a great deal about us. It has exposed the ongoing racial injustice, economic vulnerability, and divisions among us as Americans. Sadly, we have been forced to confront some painful realities.

However, that is not the full story. The pandemic has also revealed our capacity for generosity, compassion, and solidarity. The importance of our relationships with family and friends has been magnified. We have been confronted with what truly matters and have responded with all we are. I believe we have become more reflective, aware and prayerful.

This challenging year has revealed a great deal to me about St. Francis Xavier (College) Church. The creativity, adaptability, and generosity expressed has been incredible. I thought I knew the depth of love and care you have for this community. I was wrong. I am filled with gratitude for the countless ways you have expressed your support for College Church.

I have no idea what lies ahead of us. What I do know is God is faithful. I also know that we will respond to God's love with trust and confidence.



Daniel P. White, SJ



Find the full Report at <https://sfxstl.org/annual-report-201920>.

26TH ANNUAL
**GREAT
PREACHER
AWARD**



AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

HONORING:

Fr. Harry Byrne, OP

AND

Fr. Jude Siciliano, OP

For the health and well-being of all, this year we will gather at an exciting virtual celebration because...**THE PREACHING MUST GO ON!**

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Wednesday, November 18, 2020 • 7pm Central / 8pm Eastern

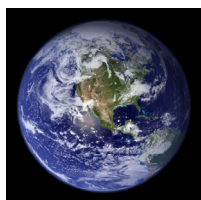
Visit ai.edu/GPA2020 for details on tickets, sponsorships
and ways to congratulate our honorees

All proceeds to benefit the Aquinas Institute of Theology Scholarship Fund

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 49 (November 8-14): Set your thermostat one degree lower this week. Setting your thermostat lower means you’re curbing your reliance on fossil fuels that much more. On chilly mornings and evenings, layer up and keep your feet and head warm. A thick pair of wool socks usually does the trick.

November 7, 2020

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

November 7-8, 2020

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

Golden Jubilee for Sister Carolyn McWatters, RSM

This year marks the 50th year of religious life for Sister Carolyn, our Coordinator of Liturgy. We spread the word (carefully, so as to make it a surprise!) through parishioners to collect cards of blessing and congratulations. (We apologize if we left anyone out of this effort...but rest assured she is celebrating all year so it is not too late to offer best wishes if you like.)

Dear Parish Friends,

What a delightful surprise to be presented with a basketful of cards filled with loving wishes and prayers for my Jubilee! Thank you, thank you, thank you! This could not have come at a better time. The shower of your blessings has warmed and touched me deeply, and I am reminded once again of how richly graced I am to be ministering in a parish of such wonderful folks. God is so faithful, and so clearly present in each of you. God's blessings abound...may we cling to that truth and move forward together in hope and joy!

With prayer and deep gratitude,

Carolyn

