



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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February 23rd, 2020 Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

Monday - Friday

7:15 am, Noon & 5:15 pm

In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:

Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: 10:45 am through Noon

Saturday: 4:30 pm through 5:30 pm

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 Fr. Matthew Baugh, SJ 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: Celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten - fourth grade at 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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 Paul Hanson*
 Mary Jane Henning*
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Pat March*
 Joan McLean*
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Bob Powers*
 Ruthann Redmon
 Mark Roddy*
 Dennis Saunders*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Family of Candace Sexton
 Art Taylor*
 Jacob Verghese
 Donald Webre*
 Tracy Anthony Whitlock
 David Williams
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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Catholics are big fans of Lent. We plan out what we are going to give up or do differently. We dedicate the weeks to prayer, fasting, and generosity to those in need. Perhaps no other liturgical season captures our imagination as does Lent.

This Lent I ask that you take part in a spiritual exercise for the entire parish. We are forming small groups to reflect and pray over the Sunday Gospels of the season. Think of it as a supplement to your own practices during Lent. The difference is this is something we will do together as a community of faith.

It makes sense to focus on the Scripture proclaimed when we gather on Sundays. This is the prayer we share as one people. We are united not just with each other, but with the Church throughout the world. The goal is to simply share how the Gospels challenge, console and encourage us.

My hope is the gifts and graces we receive will be shared for the good of all. Lent can too often be highly individualized: "This is what I'm doing; this is what I'm giving up." A wider view is necessary to benefit ourselves and our community. Please consider being part of a group as travel together through Lent.



Welcome, Angela Pancella!

We are very excited to introduce our new Director of Development and Parish Life. Angela is originally from St. Louis and graduated from Saint Louis University. She received her MA from Mount St. Joseph in Cincinnati, OH. She has been living in Norwood, OH where she was the director of Woven Oak Initiatives, a community-serving non-profit.

Angela's first day was Monday, February 17th. She will be here on Sundays, so please look for an opportunity to meet her!

Welcome to College Church!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

<i>Gathering Song: Gather Us In</i>	<i>Gather 848</i>
<i>Glory to God: Congregational Mass</i>	<i>Gather 322</i>
<i>Dismissal for Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30)</i>	<i>Gather 324</i>

LITURGY OF THE WORD

<i>Psalm 103: The Lord is Kind and Merciful</i>	<i>Gather 74</i>
<i>Gospel Acclamation</i>	<i>Gather 336</i>

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

<i>Preparation of Gifts: (10:30) Dwelling Place</i>	<i>Gather 648</i>
<i>Eucharistic Acclamations: Community Mass</i>	<i>Gather 370, 373, 372</i>

COMMUNION RITE

<i>Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God—Community Mass</i>	<i>Gather 389</i>
<i>Communion Hymn: At The Table of Jesus</i>	<i>Gather 948</i>
<i>Meditation: (10:30 am) - In Perfect Charity</i>	<i>Randall DeBruyn</i>

CONCLUDING RITE

<i>Recessional Song: All Creatures of Our God and King</i>	<i>Gather 611</i>
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Lenten Liturgy at College Church

Ash Wednesday	February 26	Masses: 7:15 am; 12:00 noon; 5:15 & 9 pm
Stations of the Cross	Friday, March 13	3:00 pm Theme: The Black Experience
	Thurs, March 19	7:00 pm Theme: Praying with Women
	Monday, March 23	7:00 pm The Black Experience
	Friday, April 3	3:00 pm Praying with Women
Reconciliation Service	Saturday, March 28	4:00 pm

Welcome

The College Church Community welcomes Olivia Coates into full communion during the 10:30 mass today. She has been journeying with us since late spring as she learned more about the Catholic faith, grew in prayer, and shared in parish life. Please remember her in prayer as she continues to grow as a disciple and enriches the parish with her presence.



SPOTLIGHT ON YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

This academic year parish leadership wants to communicate more consistently how your generosity impacts College Church's ministries. It is helpful to recognize the many ways you enable SFX to do the wonderful things it does. God alone knows everything taking place here. We can, though, provide a sense of our activities, and our financial commitment to making them succeed.

This month the focus is Youth Faith Formation. This important program engages young people from toddlers to high school students. It helps fulfill the essential responsibility to pass our share our faith with the next generation of Catholics.

Programs: Our programming begins even before birth with baptismal preparation for parents. A nursery program for our youngest parish members is offered during mass. The major focus of YFF are: Catechesis of the Good Shepherd classes for pre-school through 6th grade, and traditional religious education with emphasis on Ignatian Spirituality for First through Eighth Grade. The youth group is for teens. Sundays at the 10:30 mass children's Liturgy of the Word for children preschool through 2nd grade is celebrated. Preparation for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation is also part of YFF.

Numbers: *201 students enrolled in grades PreK-8
 *12 members in Youth Group
 *20-25 children participate in Children's Liturgy of the Word
 *151 total families

Staffing: This year we created a team approach to leadership for YFF. There are three part time directors, and two SLU assistants. We are grateful for generous volunteers. Each Sunday morning two bring order to chaos at Davis-Shaughnessy Hall. There are 45 volunteer Catechists including parents, community members, women religious and Saint Louis University students. We have ten babysitters, and eight Children's Liturgy of the Word Leaders.

Facilities: YFF programs meet 28 Sundays a year. That means space is a precious commodity. Dedicated space for the CGS children is a necessity. SLU is incredibly generous to allow us space for free.

What's New? This year YFF has made an even greater effort to reach out to parents. As the first and best teachers of the faith, speakers and discussion groups have addressed their concerns. We have also sought to deepen our Ignatian Spiritual heritage, and incorporate the parish's anti-racism work. Finally, youth participation in liturgical ministries has grown considerably.

Finances: The fees for our programs are \$225 for one child, \$400 for two children, \$475 for three children, or \$560 for four or more children. In total we received about \$28,000 in registration fees this year. This covers less than half of the cost of our programming. We are grateful to the parish for generously subsidizing this program through the Pancake Breakfast, weekly offertory, the Gala



Reflections on Our Past

Sister Thelma Mitchell, F.S.M.

February is Black History Month. The following reflections are offered to celebrate and honor this thread in the fabric of our American story.

Seventy-three years ago, I enrolled at St. Mary's Infirmiry School of Nursing to begin training toward my career as a pediatric nurse. As I look back over those years, I realize how my opportunities to learn, grow, and contribute professionally have paralleled the opportunities of African Americans to gain improved access to healthcare.

St. Mary's Infirmiry, founded in 1877 by the Sisters of St. Mary—the religious congregation of which I am a member—opened its doors to care for African Americans as inpatients in 1933. At the time, hospital care in St. Louis was segregated, and black St. Louisans requiring inpatient treatment had few options. Although the cornerstone for Homer G. Phillips—a new municipal hospital designed to serve the black community—was laid in 1933, the hospital itself would not open until 1937.

Meanwhile, 1933 saw the completed construction of Firmin Desloge Hospital, operated via a partnership between the Sisters of St. Mary and the Jesuits with the aim of serving St. Louis University and replacing the aging infirmiry. Following the transfer of patients from St. Mary's to Firmin Desloge, a question arose about how the infirmiry might best be used. Aware of the deplorable conditions that existed for black St. Louisans needing hospitalization, Mother Concordia Puppenthal of the Sisters of St. Mary and Father Alphonse Schwitalla, S.J., developed a plan to dedicate the infirmiry to the care of African Americans. The hospital would become known as St. Mary's Infirmiry for the Colored and would not only treat African Americans needing inpatient care, but also would extend admitting privileges to black physicians and provide opportunities for educational development of the staff.

As the patient census grew at the infirmiry, the need for a larger pool of well-trained African American nurses became clear. On October 7, 1933, the St. Mary's Infirmiry School of Nursing opened with the goal of preparing black women for the nursing profession. With its inaugural class of twenty young women from twenty different states, the infirmiry nursing school became the first Catholic nursing school for African American women in the United States. This is the program in which I enrolled in 1947.

Following my graduation from nursing school, I and two of my friends who had also trained at the infirmiry, were asked to become members of the staff at St. Mary's Hospital in Jefferson City. I became the head nurse of the pediatric unit, though I and my friends were the only black nurses at the hospital. In 1951, seeking more opportunities to learn and a broader professional experience, my friends and I traveled to Los Angeles where we were employed at the Los Angeles County General Hospital, a huge facility serving a large multicultural population. I returned to St. Louis in 1954 to become a Sister of St. Mary, as the congregation had decided, eight years earlier, to begin accepting African American women.

Gradually, integration in healthcare was gaining ground throughout the United States. Cardinal Ritter, who integrated St. Louis Catholic schools and parishes in 1947, had turned his attention to healthcare by 1948. By the mid-50s, all Catholic hospitals within the archdiocese would open their doors to any person seeking admission. Finally, with the passage of legislation enacting Medicare and Medicaid, integration of treatment facilities became mandatory for receipt of federal funds.

My career as a nurse has been a wonderful journey, as a result of which I've been able to serve in a variety of settings, including aboard the hospital ship Hope. I am grateful for the excellent preparation I received at St. Mary's Infirmiry, and I look forward to the continuing strides that will ensure equitable healthcare for all.



Please Join Us

All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast

To benefit Youth Faith Formation Programs

TODAY

in the Ballroom

Adults \$9

Children (14 and under) \$7

Families (2 adults and 4 or more children) \$35



Note: This is a major fundraiser for Youth Faith Formation.

Please consider **sponsorship** at \$100, \$500 or \$1,000. Sponsors receive a family ticket to the breakfast. Signups are available in the back of Church after both Masses and on our website sfxstl.org.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Celebration of First Reconciliation

As we approach Ash Wednesday and begin the penitential season of Lent, we are happy to announce that twenty-eight of our Religious Education students have just celebrated their First Reconciliation. May God continue to bless each of these children who experienced God's bountiful love and mercy through this beautiful sacrament. They are:



Flynn Connell, Seamus Crowley, Xavier Daus, Jocelyn Edson, Nora Eggleston, Abby Gutting, Kenna Haines, Lucas Haines, Rowan Hutchinson, Luke Kaikati, Emilia Kraemer, Harold Lang, Samuel Langenberg, Elena Larson, Dylan Lauver, Drake Liebermann, Caroline Mamah, Samuel Marietta, Seamus Miller, Isaac Montgomery, Sofia Moreno, Eli Palis, Caroline Reynolds, Adelyn Simpson, Daniel Strong, Charlie Smallwood, Dominic Timko and Aspen Weintraub.

A special thank you to the catechists who helped them: *Julie Kilian, Amanda Taylor, Alicia Timko, Therese Beabout, Sam Agra, Julia Krieser, Tracie Simpson and Lara Marietta.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Judy Webre Livaudais, sister of parishioner Emory Webre, who died recently. May she and all who have died live in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Parish Immersion Trip to El Paso, TX: Thursday 10/22/20-Tuesday 10/27/20



College Church is organizing a border immersion trip to El Paso, Texas and Juarez, Mexico with the Jesuit ministry 'Encuentro Project' in October 2020. The purpose will be to facilitate learning and awareness about immigration through direct experience, with a goal of then taking action for immigration justice. The trip has a capacity of 14 people (adults only), with spots expected to fill quickly. All trip participants MUST have a valid passport.

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For more detailed information or to register, see a volunteer in the back of church this weekend or contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

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.

Feb. 23–29 Switch to electronic bill notifications and payment.

March 1-7 Ask a friend to join you in reducing your impact and acting on climate change.

March 8-14 Count the number of single-use plastic items you use this week.

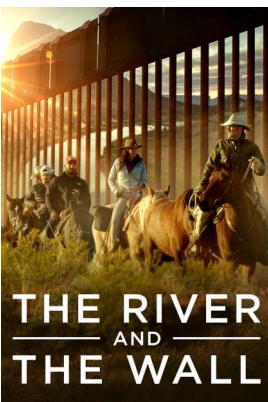
March 15-21 Try to use half as many single-use plastic items as last week.

This well-researched website (Just google REI Opt to Act Plan), actually helps with information on why and how to take these steps.



Video: THE RIVER AND THE WALL

Sponsored by the College Church Circle of Creation Committee



When: Sunday, March 15th, 2020 from noon-1:45pm (after the 10:30 Mass)

Where: Ballroom of St. Francis Xavier College Church at Grand & Lindell

THE RIVER AND THE WALL (1 hr 37 min) follows five friends on an immersive adventure through the unknown wilds of the Texas borderlands as they travel 1200 miles from El Paso to the Gulf of Mexico on horses, mountain bikes, and canoes to learn how it would impact immigration, wildlife, culture, and landowners. Conservation filmmaker Ben Masters realizes the urgency of documenting the last remaining wilderness in Texas as the threat of new border wall construction looms ahead.

**On March 1, 2020 we will roll up our sleeves and help save lives!
We will proudly partner with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive
in memory of Mary Beth Erickson.**

Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and to honor Mary Beth!

Sunday, March 1st, 9 AM to 2 PM in the Ballroom

REGISTRATION IS EASY

Please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-2767) or visit RedCrossBlood.org and enter: CollegeChurch to schedule an appointment.

Questions: contact Carla Bolland at 314-520-3135 or bolland5815@sbcglobal.net.



Thank you for helping to make this drive a success!



Image: Mural painted by Chloe Becker, student at Magnificat High School in Cleveland, OH

2020 Lenten Racial Justice Journey

The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in a Lenten Racial Justice Journey. A variety of materials are offered for you to choose those that best guide your path. If you cannot participate daily, choosing to participate a few times a week is a great option. To sign up for weekly Racial Justice Journey emails, or to share questions or suggestions, contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org. We'd also love to hear your reflections as you participate throughout Lent. Please feel free to reach out!

Wednesday 2/26 Ash Wednesday	Thursday 2/27	Friday 2/28	Saturday 2/29
Night Will Be No More Pastoral Letter from Bishop Seitz of El Paso, TX https://www.hopeborder.org/nightwillbenomore-eng	Am I non-racist or am I anti-racist? 2 minute, 15 second video https://youtu.be/jm5DWa2bpbs	The Ignatian Witness to Truth in a Climate of Injustice-Bryan Massingale online article https://tinyurl.com/y686y246	Love Requires Justice: Art as a Medium to Address Systemic Racism- Chloe Becker https://tinyurl.com/taw7okk

Shared Prayer

We are invited and encouraged to pray individually for those on the Bulletin Prayer List. **Shared Prayer** is an opportunity to gather and pray communally with shared intention for those on the list. Additionally, it is a time to pray for any needs that might be brought to the group as we gather. Such *shared* prayer benefits not only those for whom we pray, but ourselves as well. We are strengthened in faith and as community as we join with Christ in our prayer for one another. It can open us to a deeper awareness of prayer in our lives, and expand the ways we pray for ourselves and others. We hope you will consider joining us for this brief (20 minutes) communal prayer. In the spirit of Jesus' own invitation: Come and See!

When : Every 1st Sunday of the month **after 8:00 Mass**
Every 4th Sunday of the month **after 10:30 Mass**

Where: North Transept, by the Blessed Sacrament Altar.
Look for Shared Prayer sign.

Women's Retreat

Get away from it all for the weekend! Experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable rooms and insightful presenters with other women from our Parish on March 27th-29th. Join us for a time of rest, renewal and spiritual nourishment just 15 minutes away from St. Louis. Contact one of our Parish captains, Madeleine Ortman 314-956-8839 or Tina Saunders at 314-739-4885 for more information or to register. This is a great way to spend part of the Lenten season in preparation for a glorious Easter!



Communal Lenten Formation Activity

There is a long tradition of adopting a special practice for Lent in order to make a more generous offering of ourselves to the Lord in this season. As an expression of our communal desire to be formed more deeply by the Lord—not only as individuals but as a parish—our pastor Fr Dan White proposes that we adopt a common Lenten practice this year *as a parish*. Think of this as something you can do, not just for yourself, but for the parish, and even for the whole Church.



The idea is to reflect together in small groups on the Sunday gospel as a way of entering more deeply into our weekly encounter with the Lord in the Mass. What makes this passage from the gospel "good news"? What new horizon does it open for me and for our parish? How do I sense it forming me more profoundly in the love of God?

Beginning the weekend of February 22-23, we invite you to sign up for a small group that will meet once a week during Lent for about 45 minutes each time. A large variety of groups will be available, some meeting on Sundays at the parish, others elsewhere in the area and on other days.

The Disciplines of Lent

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day and follow in my steps." (Lk 9:23)



In response to this call, the Church for centuries has invited Catholics to make the season of Lent one of repentance for sin and a renewal of our baptism. **Baptism and penance** are the two foci of the season. We journey with our catechumens as they prepare to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We embrace the traditional spiritual practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving**.

Prayer is the way each of us grows in our relationship with God. Consider adopting the Ignatian practice of praying the Examen; commit to more daily prayer time; pray the Stations of the Cross to connect with the suffering of Christ in our brothers and sisters today. And remember to journey prayerfully with all the candidates and catechumens throughout the Church as they prepare for full incorporation into the Church at Easter.

Fasting helps us remember that we are ultimately dependent on God, not food or our own selves. Ash Wednesday (Feb 26) and Good Friday (Apr 10) are days of fasting for those ages 18-59. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals. Our communal fasting manifests our collective commitment to putting God first in our lives.

Abstinence from meat invites us to join the poor of the world in eating simply. As Jesus empties himself and shared in the poverty of the human condition, so are we asked to embrace the poverty of those who live on subsistence diets. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays of Lent are days of abstinence from meat. All who are 14 years of age and older, unless there is a serious health problem, are asked to share in this discipline.

Almsgiving is a means for us to respond concretely to those who are in need. Giving can include material gifts or gifts of the spirit. Ideally, whatever we choose is given not from our excess, but in a way that is sacrificial and makes us do without.

February 22nd & 23rd, 2020

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

February 29th & March 1st, 2020

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. May, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Daly, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Baugh, S.J.

Bulletin Articles


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

L'Arche St. Louis and Mercy Conference Center present:

BELONGING, BECOMING, AND CONNECTING IN A DIGITAL ERA

SR. SUE MOSTELLER, CSJ
with Maria Fitzgerald and Nathan Ball

Friday, March 20th & Saturday, March 21st
Mercy Conference and Retreat Center
2039 N. Geyer Rd 63131



Our hearts long to love and be loved, and yet we feel the anxiety that something is missing in our lives.

Sr. Sue was a close friend of Fr. Henri Nouwen during the last 10 years of his life. Sue has led many retreats. She was recently been inspired through her participation in "How We Gather" a project that explores and interprets the changing landscape of community and spiritual life for Millennials. Sue lives in Toronto, Canada. Maria and Nathan are long term members in L'Arche, now living in St. Louis.

To register, visit mercycenterstl.org

Two Companion Events!

Friday, March 20th – Meet-Up 7:00-8:30pm

An evening of fellowship where we will explore the mysterious urgings in the depths of our hearts. Talk will be followed by coffee and snacks. Evening is free to attend.

Saturday, March 21st – Retreat Day 9:00am-3:00pm

Using insights from the Gospel, Henri Nouwen, and our own stories, we will reflect on our human journey to become and belong. Cost: \$50 General Admission, \$25 Student includes lunch

