



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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March 1, 2020
First Sunday of Lent

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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 Pat March*
 Mary McDevitt*
 Joan McLean*
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Bob Powers*
 Ruthann Redmon
 Mark Roddy*
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 Jennifer Saunders*
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Prayer requests to:

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



No one likes to be tested. No student has ever told a teacher, “More exams, please.” Even well into adulthood a common nightmare is showing up late for the SAT or one’s college finals. The anxiety of being evaluated most definitely leaves a mark.

That is why it is reasonable to approach today’s Gospel with fear and trembling. The common title of this story is “Jesus’ Temptation in the Desert.” A more accurate would be “Jesus’ Testing in the Wilderness.” This harkens back to Deuteronomy when the people of Israel were tested for forty years as they wandered. Spoiler alert: they failed the test over and over.

Matthew makes explicit the contrast between that experience and Jesus. The devil tries to trip him up three different times, and is completely defeated. Jesus is the model of what it means to be faithful to God’s covenantal love. Every test is aced.

It is good to begin Lent by focusing on the identity of Jesus, Son of God. We tend to make this season about ourselves, whether it be dwelling on our sinfulness or concentrating on what we are doing for Lent. Christ, however, is always the starting point for us. How can we possibly be faithful disciples if it becomes all about ourselves? This is not about our failing the test, but instead the One who never fails.

Black and Indian Missions and Lenten Rice Bowls

There are collection envelopes on the tables for the **Black and Indian Missions** which enable the preaching of the Gospel among the African American, Native American and Native Alaskan people of God.



Catholic Relief Services sponsors an annual **Lenten Rice Bowl Collection**. 75% of the funds collected support programs for those who are poor around the world; 25% stays to assist people in our own diocese. Rice Bowls are available at each door.

Welcome to the College Church!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Rite: Gather Us In Mercy, Lord

Gabe Huck, Tony Alonso

Children's Liturgy of the Word Dismissal (10:30)

Gather 324

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 51: Be Merciful, O Lord

Gather 51

Gospel Acclamation: Glory to You, O Word of God

Gather 342

Intercessions Response (10:30)

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts (10:30 a.m.): Be With me, Lord

Gather 65

Holy, Holy:

Mass of Charity & Love - Steve Warner

Memorial Acclamation:

Amen:

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of the Bread:

Communion Hymn: Return to God

Gather 478

Meditation Hymn (10:30): Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley

Scott Soper

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: From Ashes to The Living Font

Gather 474

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Lenten Gathering Rite

Lent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Easter, in which we are invited to pause and ponder the quality of our relationship with God and others...to celebrate the good we find there and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation for what is lacking. The traditional Lenten disciplines – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – provide us with the contours and practices for the conversion we seek.

During this penitential season the Gathering Rite we will sing gently implores, “Gather us in mercy, Lord. From the depths we cry to you.” The presider will invite the assembly to either kneel or bow our heads during the penitential rite. Either posture is a way of helping us bodily recognize and acknowledge our need for God’s mercy. Doing this together further underlines the communal nature of our Lenten journey of conversion and of our need for one another. Our bodies, our voices, our hearts unite in humility and trust as we enter into the great prayer of the mass.

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent offers us an opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. Reflection materials are available in the vestibule of the church this morning. These include: a variety of daily reflection booklets with excerpts from the preaching of Pope Francis, the writings of Henri Nouwen, or from Cardinal Newman.

Daybreak is a series that presents passages from the writings of particular authors arranged for reflection during Lent. Each booklet features a different author. These include Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ,, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, scripture scholar Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA, and liturgist Fr. Paul Turner.

There are books that draw from the writings of St. Ignatius, St Francis and St. Claire, and Thomas Merton. Joyce Rupp, OSM, has a new book for Lenten reflection, *Jesus, Friend of my Soul*, that offers a two-page reflection for each day.

Additionally, there are booklets for children with stickers, suggested activities for older children, and some with reflections for teens and young adults. If you would like to reserve a book or pick one up during the week, please contact Joseph Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu or 314-977-7305.

Living Lent Daily

Loyola Press offers a daily email reflection during Lent, *Living Lent Daily*. You will Receive a scripture based-reflection each day with links to other resources for your Lenten journey. To register for the emails, please search for “Living Lent Daily” or visit the link below.

tinyurl.com/u3vzpy2



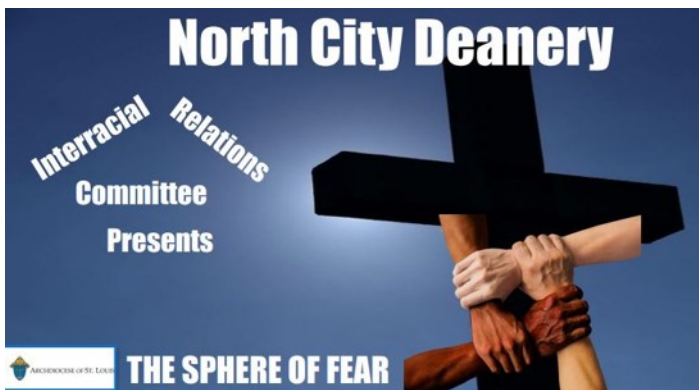


2020 Lenten Racial Justice Journey

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!

Image: Father Hesburgh, Notre Dame's president, with Martin Luther King Jr. during a 1964 civil rights rally

<p align="center">Sunday, March 1</p> <p align="center">Understanding My Privilege – ue Borrego Video tinyurl.com/tenhuo5</p>	<p align="center">Thursday, March 5</p> <p align="center">How I Learned to Stop Worrying and Love Discussing Race Ted Talk by Jay Smooth tinyurl.com/lwahfu9</p>
<p align="center">Monday, March 2</p> <p align="center">We Need to Talk About an Injustice TED Talk by Bryan Stevenson tinyurl.com/nujlnku</p>	<p align="center">Friday, March 6</p> <p align="center">How Can Catholics Help Bridge Our Nation's Racial Divide? Article by Bishop Edward K. Braxton tinyurl.com/vyxwfp6</p>
<p align="center">Tuesday, March 3</p> <p align="center">I I Easy Mistakes to Make When Thinking About Racial Inequity in the U.S. tinyurl.com/tu4jhgr</p>	<p align="center">Saturday, March 7</p> <p align="center">Parenting for Equity in St. Louis After #Ferguson Recording of Web Discussion tinyurl.com/uxf68f4</p>
<p align="center">Wednesday, March 4</p> <p align="center">Strangers in the Pews: Why Systemic Racism is a Pro-Life Issue 30-minute podcast tinyurl.com/w22syol</p>	



When: Thursday, March 12th, 2020, 6-8pm

Speaker: Danielle Harrison, Director of Mission Integration at Visitation Academy

Where: St. Louis University High School (4970 Oakland, St. Louis, MO 63110).

Parking available on the Oakland lot, one block east of the Science Center.

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.

For more detailed information or to register, contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

Green Corner

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.



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



**Join us for a Racial Justice Film Series event
with College Church and Rock Church
Saturday, March 7th at the Rock Church gym (1118 N. Grand Blvd.)**

Lunch at 12:30pm, Movie starts at 1pm, Discussion after the movie

Film: Harriet: Harriet is the story of heroic abolitionist Harriet Tubman, from her escape from slavery through the dangerous missions she led to liberate hundreds of enslaved people through the Underground Railroad.

Please RSVP to Kathy McGinnis at kathyppjn@aol.com.

Video: THE RIVER AND THE WALL

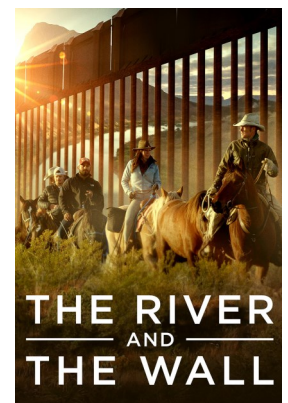
Sponsored by the College Church Circle of Creation Committee

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.

If you are able, please bring a fruit or vegetable dish.



Thanks to All Who Supported the Pancake Breakfast

Families, catechists and leadership of the Youth Faith Formation Program want to thank everyone who made our 2020 Pancake Breakfast a smashing success. The beloved, legendary Jack Wiegers was at his post making coffee by 7 am, and so many students, parents and parishioners helped with tasks ranging from serving beverages, selling tickets, cleaning up and recycling.



But most of all we want to thank all of the parishioners who stood in long lines to get their breakfast, especially those who made sponsorship donations over and above their ticket purchase. The Pancake Breakfast is an important social event, but it is also a critically important fundraiser that helps us close the gap between tuition and program costs. Thank you, God's blessings on you all.

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A GATHERING TO CULTIVATE
CATHOLIC JUSTICE DISCIPLESHIP

Saturday, March 14, 2020 | 8:30AM - 2:30PM | Fontbonne University

The Seeds of Justice Network, with the Archdiocese of St. Louis Peace & Justice Commission, is pleased to host this opportunity to cultivate our regional Catholic social justice initiatives and share local wisdom.

The Gathering will:

- * Provide opportunity for social justice-minded individuals to network,
- * Offer respite and spiritual nourishment to sustain the work,
- * Share best practices and support for parish-based and collaborative social justice & advocacy efforts, and
- * Educate and build understanding about issues facing our community (including the 2020 election, immigration, health care, and the environment) and connection to Catholic Social Teaching.

There will be a keynote presentation by Fred Kammer, SJ, J.D., Director of the Jesuit Social Research Institute.

Register by March 6 at www.fontbonne.edu/seeds2020. The \$20/person registration fee covers parking, breakfast, and lunch. Scholarships are available upon request.

Volunteers are still needed (volunteers receive complimentary registration).

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. As we join together with Christ in prayer, we are strengthened in faith and as community. 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 at 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?

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. You can find the signup form on the homepage of our website, sfxstl.org.



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 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.

March 7th & 8th, 2020

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. Tueth, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Baugh, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.
4:30 pm Fr. Baugh, S.J.
No 9 pm Mass.

Bulletin Articles

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

Lenten Liturgy at College Church

There are two versions of the Stations of the Cross we will offer during Lent. One is a way of praying with women of the world; the other is praying from the perspective of the Black experience in our country. Both give us insights into how the suffering of Jesus is felt in our present day. Please join us!

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