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May 10, 2020
Fifth Sunday of Easter

LITURGY SCHEDULE

No public Masses until further notice to help protect the health of our parishioners.

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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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* Long-term

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

All over the United States we are grappling with how to re-open our society in the midst of an ongoing pandemic. It is not surprising there are a variety of responses to the decisions being made at the federal, state and local level. Economics, science, politics, ideology, and countless other factors are being touted as the key for how we should proceed.

I would like to consider what this might mean from the perspective of our Catholic faith. I believe a basic notion of the common good is helpful at this moment. This is a concept that has a long, rich tradition in the Church. The most fundamental sense is that we have an obligation and responsibility to seek the good not just for ourselves or our small group, but for all. Catholics desire not simply what is good for us but what is good for others.

There are no rights without responsibilities, both to myself and my community. A great deal of Catholic morality is finding the balance between the good of the individual and that of the whole. We must be careful not to go to the extreme of either one.

We can all agree our culture tends to emphasize individual rights. We are justifiably proud of our protection and promotion of the individual person. That is important. However, we should be careful to not forget this is only half of the equation. We are all children of our God, and we are all called to care for one another.

The way we live in the weeks and months ahead should reflect that truth. Plans, guidelines and personal actions that do not may be a lot of things. But they are not Christian.

**For today's Mass, our lectors will be Wes and Yvette Hoeffken.
 Our music ministers will be announced at the beginning of Mass.**

Coming Soon: Our New Associate Pastor

I'm happy to announce that Matt Stewart, SJ has been assigned to College Church for his pastoral year as a new priest. Matt was supposed to be ordained at SFX this June, but the ordination liturgy has been postponed until August 15th. He will begin his ministry at that time. Please see Matt's bio below. We are grateful to have him with us.

Fr. Dan



Matthew C. Stewart, SJ, was born and raised in St. Louis, Missouri, by his two wonderful parents alongside his younger brother. He met the Jesuits while as a student at St. Louis University High School. He attended Saint Louis University. After college, he joined the Alum Service Corps (ASC) and taught theology and music at Rockhurst High School in Kansas City, Missouri. After this volunteer year, Matt was hired back at his alma mater, SLUH, where he taught for six years prior to entering the Society. Matt did his novitiate in Grand Coteau, Louisiana under the expert guidance of Fr. Dan White, SJ. Matt went to Denver to pursue a degree in choral conducting at the University of Denver while doing his regency at Regis University. While there, he taught theology, supervised the Peer Ministry program and coordinated liturgy alongside his colleagues in university ministry. Matt earned his Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry focusing on liturgical theology.

From Matt: "I am thrilled to be back at College Church for the year. It's a place where I first considered a Jesuit vocation and has been a spiritual home for years. I'm so excited to serve the good people of the parish!"



May 16-24

Pope Francis invites you to participate in Laudato Si Week, beginning Saturday, May 16th and ending with a worldwide day of prayer on Sunday, May 24th. [Click here to view Pope Francis's invitation.](#) If you choose, you can register your participation [here](#) to receive email updates.

Please mark your calendar now for important dates to join the conversation:

May 16-23: Trainings and workshops: Links to participate will be available [here](#).

May 24: Global day of prayer: Join Catholics around the world by praying at noon local time using [this prayer](#).

Laudato Si' tells us that "everything is connected," and we're uniting during this history-shaping moment to build a better world together. Laudato Si' was published five years ago, and its message continues to be more than ever critically relevant to our world today.

Please also check the bulletin next week for more details on a Creation Meditation led by Sr. Carolyn McWatters, Director of Liturgy and Music in recognition of Laudato Si week

Register for Youth Faith Formation!

Registration is now open for the 2020-2021 College Church Youth Faith Formation Year.



Our Youth Faith program has two tracks – a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program for grades preschool through 6th, and a traditional Religious Education program from 1st grade through 8th. Children in the Catechesis program join the RE program in 7th grade.

The registration form is on the Youth Faith Formation webpage, <https://sfxstl.org/youth-family-faith-formation>. You can also use this link to go directly to the form: <https://www.cognitofrms.com/CollegeChurchI/YouthFaithFormationRegistration20202021>

Classes meet most Sundays from September through May, with September 13 our scheduled opening class. Please contact Terry Edlmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at juliekilian4@gmail.com if you have any questions.

Catholic Social Teaching in the Time of Coronavirus

The following is part of a series of reflections that will touch on the seven themes of Catholic Social Teaching. Please contact Christine with your own reflections on “Catholic Social Teaching in the Time of Coronavirus” at christine@sfxstl.org.

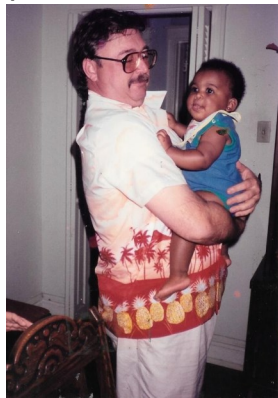
Week Five: Community, Family, and Participation

Joan Rice



The Social Ministry Commission is reading a book called *The Challenge and Spirituality of Catholic Social Teaching*. The chapter on Community, Family, and Participation begins with a reflection that God is the reason for our communal identity., having formed covenants with biblical leaders like Moses and the prophets to Jesus and disciples of Jesus and early church leadership. The book also examines how the family is a symbol of the importance of the domestic church. Papal messages call on Catholics to form inclusive communities that ensure social and economic equality by embracing and providing for those who are underserved.

The world-wide pandemic of the coronavirus made it especially difficult to heed these calls, when most cities and towns shut down business. Such a challenging time has been difficult for many who have dealt with great losses. I currently live alone and gave up my car keys due to poor sight over a year ago. However, my isolation is eased by neighbors in my closed-knit community, members of the Voelker and Rice families, and two College Church families, the choir and Social Ministry Commission. All of these families offer a sense of the healing, sometimes highlighted by leaving food and treats on my front porch, backyard distanced visits, phone calls and Zoom gatherings. So in contrast to others in the metro region, I am blessed.



As the second oldest in a family of seven children, my earliest community consisted of my siblings, mom and dad simply because my family moved from St. Louis to the west and east coasts with stops back to St. Louis in between. When my family was finally preparing to settle in St. Louis in 1966, dad went ahead of us to acclimate to his new job at McDonnell Douglas and secure a new home for us. At the age of 13, I wrote him a newsy letter and signed it “Your Loving Daughter and Family.” I added a P.S.: “We’re always praying for you.”

When we moved in, it was two weeks before school was to begin. I was in the seventh grade in the sixth grade school I had attended since kindergarten. My brothers and I relished the community we found in our neighborhood, playing games like “kick the can” with our new friends after dinner nearly every night. From then on, I learned the importance of forming relationships within and outside of my family.

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Summer Americorps VISTA Needed for Social Ministry

Come one, come all: seeking a summer associate VISTA of any age to join a creative, nimble, and dedicated Social Ministry team.

Eager to engage in direct service work with guests of College Church's Documentation Assistance Outreach Program? Have eyes, heart and mind poised to systematic change?

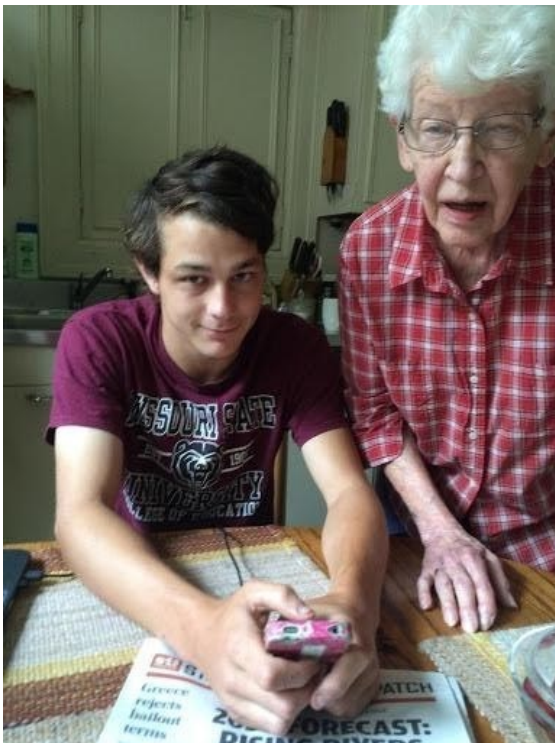
This unique position is part capacity building and part direct outreach. St. Louis needs both. If you're interested in spending the summer learning the ins and outs of state ID and birth certificate processes—both of which are essential first steps toward employment, housing, and social services—and working together toward a more equitable region, visit <https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchvista>.

If you have any questions, contact Tess at outreach@sfxstl.org or 314.977.7311. Organization and communication skills go a long way in this pivotal support role.

More about Americorps Summer Associate VISTA:

- This position will serve for eight weeks through the summer months, starting in early June. The position is paid \$479 bi-weekly, totaling around \$1,916 for the eight week commitment.
- After successfully completing a term of service, Summer Associates may receive a Segal AmeriCorps Education Award of \$1,311.11 which can be used to pay for college or student loans, or an end-of-service cash stipend of \$276.64.

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Thirty years later, I had earned a bachelor's degree in journalism, married a St. Louis police officer and started working at a newspaper and then non-profit organizations. My husband and I thought we could help others by becoming foster parents. We were licensed through the St. Louis Division of Family Services.

We learned how beautiful a loving family can be. Over the course of 10 years, we individually fostered two toddlers and two babies. All had special needs and challenged us to love them as they were. We had to deal with grief as they were reunited with their families. Then, sight unseen, we opened our home and hearts to our last foster child.. He became our son for keeps.

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:

May 10th to May 16th: Plant something native and green this week.

May 10th, 2020

10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.

May 17th, 2020

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.

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



College Church still has plans for 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). All trip participants MUST have a valid passport. The total cost of the trip is expected to be approximately \$850 per individual.

Examples of Potential Activities:

- Meeting parishioners and staff of *El Sagrado Corazon* (Sacred Heart), a Jesuit parish founded in 1893, located 3 blocks from the Texas/Mexico border. Visit participants and instructors in Social Ministries adult education program. Participate in Sunday liturgy.
- Border Patrol's information tour.
- Diocese's office for immigration legal assistance (DMRS) overview presentation of immigration law.
- Mass with detainees at ICE Detention Center in El Paso. Meet detainees.
- Visiting Annunciation House, a hospitality house for migrants and refugees.
- Presentation on border environmental concerns, given by university professor from Cd. Juarez.
- Programs for the impoverished in Cd. Juarez, Mexico. Meet the people and the leaders (a passport is required); or other U.S. option.
- Eucharists and end-of-day reflections. Common meals in the evening.

For more detailed information or to register, contact Dean at mrlama51@gmail.com.

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