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May 17, 2020
Sixth Sunday of Easter

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass

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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Prayer requests to:

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Next weekend, parishes in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be allowed to celebrate public Masses. All will have strict guidelines regarding social distancing, face masks and limited capacity. This goes for College Church as well. The doors are being cracked open carefully. There is no one who can say how long this period lasts, or whether this will be more of a "one step forward, two steps back" process.

What is different is that for the first time in months some of our community will attend Mass, and others will not. It is important, therefore, to keep a few things in mind. Each person or family will need to decide what is most appropriate. We all should pay careful attention to the CDC, archdiocesan, and parish guidelines for worship. I ask everyone to err on the side of caution in your decision about attending Mass. Yes, College Church is a great place. It will remain so whenever you return. Jesus loves you just as much at home as in church.

The last couple months have revealed the strength of our Christian faith. Being dispersed does not mean we are alone. Physical separation has been a challenge. However, we have found new and creative ways to connect. The Holy Spirit has reminded us that we can adapt quite well.

The unity we share is not dependent upon if we are able to be at College Church or not. Jesus prayed in John's Gospel "that they all may be one; as you Father are in me, and I am in you." No distance, no plague changes that truth.

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



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 join us for a virtual Creation Meditation on Thursday, May 21st at 7:30pm, led by Sr. Carolyn McWatters, Director of Liturgy and Music, in recognition of Laudati Si week. RSVP to Sr. Carolyn at carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu for the meeting information.

Contact Christine with any questions or to share how you are recognizing Laudato Si Week at christine@sfxstl.org.



Register for Youth Faith Formation!

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

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 Edelman 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 Six: Rights and Responsibilities
Laurie Knight



Probably most of us remember from our civics/government class in school that rights come with responsibilities or duties. For instance, we are afforded the right to vote, but with that right comes the responsibility to become informed voters, the duty to exercise the right to vote, and a myriad of other responsibilities. In our Catholic faith, we also have rights and responsibilities.

What are these rights and responsibilities? For one, we humans have the right to live. This right does not only entail the right to actual living, but also to the right to bodily integrity, and the right to the means necessary for the proper development of life such as food, clothing, shelter, medical care, and social services. This very right is at its most vulnerable at this time in our history because of the Covid-19 pandemic crisis.

As we know from civics class, this right has a corresponding duty/responsibility in other humans. We have an obligation to make sure that every human has access to necessary health care during this trying time. This access should not be limited to nationality, creed, race, or income status. One of the hardest hit populations in the St. Louis area is the African American population in the more under developed economic parts of our region.

All around the world, there are populations more at risk to Covid-19 than us. Some people in Africa are dealing not only with the pandemic but also a plague of locusts. They have to deal with the pandemic's constraints on the food supply and the loss of crops due to the locusts. How many of those people will go hungry which only then makes them even more susceptible to the virus?

During these trying weeks I have struggled with what I can do to help people during the pandemic. I have no medical skills to provide care to those in need or sewing skills to produce masks for others. While reflecting on this, I realized I can do one of the most fundamental actions that we Americans can take. I can exercise my constitutional rights to make a difference in how we as a whole react to this pandemic and ones like it in the future. I have the duty to my fellow men and women to become informed and active in government with voting, writing to my legislators, and demanding that our government act more swiftly and precisely in this time of great need. Every one of us can help our fellow man and woman by paying attention to what our governments from local to national are doing during this pandemic. I certainly have noticed how certain government officials have handled themselves during this pandemic and that definitely influences my voting power. I have a duty to vote based on my Catholic beliefs to help each other.



Volunteers Needed!

College Church's Outreach Program provides assistance with Missouri State IDs and birth certificates for people with limited resources in St. Louis. Having closed our walk-in hours since mid-March to protect the health and safety of program guests and volunteers, we are now preparing to reopen June 2nd in a way that adheres to CDC best practices. We are seeking volunteers to help with on-site (at St. Francis Xavier College Church) ID and birth certificate assistance on Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays. Volunteers will receive in-depth training and ample on-site support.

Ideal volunteers:

- Feel comfortable working—as close as physical distancing allows—with guests who belong to at-risk groups; and do not themselves belong to at-risk groups
- Can commit to two hours a week of onsite service
- Will navigate, with ease, iPads and standard copy machine
- Approach individuals whose life experiences may not mirror their own with respect, patience, and compassion
- Are teachable! Willing and able to work with good humor, humility, and poise
- Communicate with care; able to create and maintain boundaries and stay calm under pressure

Volunteer Roles:

ID and Birth Certificate Volunteer: Works one-on-one with program guests to review Missouri State IDs and birth certificates requirements, managing paperwork needed for applications. New volunteers can be matched with a remote, at-home volunteer for real time guidance.

Set-up, Breakdown and Sanitation Ministry: Helps to set-up tables in the ballroom; serves as keeper of disinfectant spray, potential-maker of DIY masks; bathroom checker; greeter; CDC best practice facilitator and enforcer; breaker down of tables...

To find out next steps to volunteer or learn more, contact Tess Sanders at outreach@sfxstl.org or (573) 833-4817.

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 17th to May 23rd: Bike or walk this week.

May 17th, 2020

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

May 23rd and 24th, 2020

Saturday

5:30 pm Fr. Baugh, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Baugh, S.J.

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

4:30 pm Fr. White, 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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