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May 24, 2020

**The Ascension of the Lord
Seventh Sunday of Easter**

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](https://www.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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* Long-term

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



We celebrate public weekend Masses for the first time since mid-March. I must admit in many ways it seems like two years rather than two months. It is difficult to believe there was a time before keeping six feet apart, face masks, and constant hand washing.

The world has changed, and we now exist in a new normal. It makes me wonder what this means for us as a Christian community. There is a classic image of the Church as ship on the sea. The waters may be calm or stormy, but the Church remains the same riding the waves unfazed and unchanged.

It is a powerful metaphor but limited. God remains the same, but I do not believe the this holds true for the Church. The faithful are called to live in that tension. Christ remains present through the Spirit at work in and through us. The Church, however, is shaped and formed to meet the needs of the times.

We now find ourselves dealing with a new reality none of us anticipated even a few short months ago. This has caused no little uncertainty, anxiety, and distress for us. How could it not? It is important to keep in mind that we are not abandoned or orphaned. The Spirit, sent by Christ, is with us. We can, and will, change and adapt as needed. *I will be your God, and you will be my people.* That will always be true.

For today's 10:30 am Mass, our lectors will be Jo Curran and Sandy Spencer. Our music ministers will be announced at the beginning of Mass.

No song sheets are included in this bulletin; we will be using instrumental music for the liturgy as a health precaution.

Statement of Revenue and Expense as of March 31, 2020

	Jul 19– Mar 20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
1	Offertory/Gifts/Contributions	\$549,000	\$580,000	(\$31,000)
2	Social Ministry Gifts & Grants	\$139,000	\$119,000	\$20,000
3	Religious Education & Adult Faith	\$29,000	\$23,000	\$6,000
4	Weddings & Events ¹	\$134,000	\$148,000	(\$14,000)
5	Maintenance & Repair	\$14,000	\$11,000	\$3,000
6	Beyond Sunday ²	\$11,000	\$13,000	(\$2,000)
7	Fundraising	\$112,000	\$103,000	\$9,000
	Total Income	\$988,000	\$997,000	(\$9,000)
Expense				
8	Personnel Costs	\$510,000	\$529,000	(\$19,000)
9	Prof Services: Music, RE, Janitorial	\$74,000	\$58,000	\$16,000
10	Supplies	\$39,000	\$28,000	\$11,000
11	Social Ministry Outreach Program	\$69,000	\$60,000	\$9,000
12	Buildings and Equipment	\$177,000	\$188,000	(\$11,000)
13	Archdiocese Assessments	\$94,000	\$94,000	\$0
14	Other (Card Transaction Fees)	\$11,000	\$10,000	\$1,000
	Total Expense	\$974,000	\$971,000	\$3,000
	Net Operating Income	\$14,000	\$26,000	(\$12,000)
	Unrealized Gains³	(\$25,700)	\$0	(\$25,700)
	Net Income	(\$11,700)	\$26,000	(\$37,700)

1. Wedding and Events are below budget primarily due to timing of events and rescheduling due to pandemic.
2. We receive 40% of Beyond Sunday contributions made by our parishioners. Thank you for your donations to this campaign!
3. This represents unrealized gains/losses on invested funds.



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 Seven: Solidarity

Mary White



In these pandemic days the oft quoted phrase, “We’re all in this together” conveys a sense of solidarity. Yet while there is commonality in our current situation of sheltering in place, we each experience it in a solitary way. When I realized that cloistering in my apartment was going to be my Springtime reality, I decided to make a list of things I wanted/needed to accomplish. To be honest, many of the items were things that I had long put off doing, such as organizing photos accumulated over decades. Revisiting the photos reminded me of a tangible experience of solidarity.

It was an afternoon birthday party at a New York City public hospital in da’ Bronx, attended by more than 50 guests. A majority of the guests were patients outfitted in “hospital blues” while others included a few family members, physicians, physician assistants, nurses, social workers, staff and housekeeping. No one was excluded from the party. An onlooker would have assessed the crowd as motley – kempt/unkept, educated/uneducated, middle aged/elderly, a variety of ethnicities, races and diagnoses.

Nydia, the hostess, a soft-spoken Hispanic woman, appeared elegant with her gray hair pulled back flowing over her shoulders, make-up brightening her face, a blue flowered bathrobe gently folding over the arms of her wheelchair, partially hiding her IV line. As a gesture of gratitude, Nydia was celebrating her 53rd birthday with everyone on the sub-acute floor prior to her discharge the next morning to Calvary Hospital, a hospice just a few blocks away. A widow of very modest means, with a diagnosis of stage IV breast cancer, graciously gathered everyone together for cake and comradery. Nydia’s last birthday celebration was a unique event, simple yet profound in its implications.

A global virus is upending our lives/livelihoods, bringing illness and death to countless people, wreaking havoc, challenging our individualism, enhancing our understanding of the common good. When a vaccine against Covid-19 is developed and administered globally, how will it impact our current sense of solidarity? Will we revert to global indifference or will we, as Pope Francis hopes, in a post-pandemic era possess “necessary antibodies of justice, charity, and solidarity”?

Pope Francis’ questions for reflection*

Are we capable of acting responsibly in the face of the hunger, suffered by so many in a world where there is in fact food for all?

Will we continue looking the other way in the face of wars fueled by [the quest for] domination and power?

Are we willing to change our style of life that submerges so many in poverty, by promoting and encouraging a more austere and human lifestyle that makes possible a more equitable sharing of resources?

Will we adopt, as an international community, the necessary measures to stop the devastation of the environment, or will we continue to deny the evidence [of this devastation]?

Will the globalization of indifference continue threatening and tempting our journey?”

*Article published April 17 in the Spanish magazine, *Vida Nueva*



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.

Glennon Sunday

Where faith and healing unite

June 7



When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital opened its doors as the nation's first free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, whether their parents could afford to pay for care or not. That promise still holds true today.

St. Louis has a long tradition of responding generously in times of crisis, coming together in solidarity to give hope to those in need. SSM Health Cardinal Glennon is a proud part of that tradition, and we need you now more than ever.

In this extraordinary time of crisis, our costs to deliver care are extraordinary as well. Now is the time for our dear friends in the faith community to come together and partner with us as we uphold a commitment to our mission of faith-filled health care services, delivered by some of the region's best caregivers: *Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.*

Please join us by making a gift during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 6-7, online at glennon.org. Together we will continue to make miracles possible bringing God's love and joy into the lives of our young patients. On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

Concert: Hope Thru Connection:

Meaning in a Time of Pandemic with Carrie Newcomer. Saturday, June 6, 2020 7 pm

Carrie Newcomer is a performer, recording artist, and educator, described as a "prairie mystic" by the Boston Globe and one who "asks all the right questions" by Rolling Stone. As one of the definitive voices of the heartland and progressive spirituality, Carrie has the ability for sharp observation of the world. She has attracted a devoted following with her warm voice, exquisite melodies, and an irreverent yet spiritual view of the world.

During this time of COVID-19, Carrie Newcomer and Mercy Conference and Retreat Center have agreed to move the benefit concert online. We have partnered to create an experience that will have professional audio & visuals, as well as an easy way for anyone to stream this experience from Carrie's home to yours.

For more information and to register: www.mercycenterstl.org

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 24th to May 30th: Use fewer chemicals, and more warm water and vinegar, in areas where you do household cleaning (note: you will still want to use disinfectant on high-touch surfaces).

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.

May 30th and 31st, 2020

Saturday
5:30 pm Fr. White, S.J.

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.
4:30 pm 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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