



## St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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**May 3, 2020**  
**Fourth 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](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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:associatepastor@sfxstl.org) with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto: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](mailto:carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu) or Fr. Dan White.

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Parish Registration: Available online at [sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration](http://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration) or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email [church@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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Or visit our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org),  
 and find the form under "Parish  
 Life."

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

This Sunday we mark another suspended celebration. This was to be confirmation for our young people in Youth Faith Formation. Archbishop Carlson was to preside at the liturgy as our community called upon God to send the Holy Spirit upon the *confirmandi*.

The good news is this has only been put off until a later date. My hope is the confirmation liturgy will take place some time this summer. However, today is not a bad opportunity to consider what this sacrament means, and more importantly how it is lived out as Catholics.

Please note that the following is mostly stolen from a terrific Confirmation homily I heard from the bishop of Belize when I was pastor there. Yes, I have no shame.

The invocation of the Holy Spirit and the anointing with chrism reflects the desire to be Christ-like. This is a deliberate, considered openness to radically living as one with Christ. Certainly, this takes place in ways large and small throughout the whole of our lives. Confirmation is a formal commitment in the presence of the faith community to this endeavor. A graced decision to make Christian discipleship the heart of one's existence.

I like the notion that discipleship informs every moment of our lives. The *confirmandi* and all of us are now engaged in a question no one was asking even three months ago: what does it mean to follow Christ in the midst of a pandemic? I'm not exactly sure. I do know we will need the gifts of the Spirit we seek at confirmation: wisdom, understanding, counsel, fortitude, reverence, knowledge and fear of the Lord.

**For today's Mass, our cantor will be Chris Redford. Our pianist will be Sue Martin and our flautist will be David Nischwitz.**

**Our lectors will be Dean Sullivan and Mary Ann Moore.**

### 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!"

### Coming Soon: New HVAC

I am also happy to announce that Saint Louis University has begun working on replacing the HVAC system at College Church. Our current system has served us well for thirty years, and it is time for a change. This should help us alleviate our pattern of having the church be about 50 degrees in the summer. We will be able to have a more pleasant, climate-controlled worship environment. The cost of this project is nearly \$900,000. I am grateful to SLU for making this a priority. I appreciate the wonderful relationship our parish shares with the university. Thank you.

### 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> (Feel free to copy and paste.)

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

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## 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](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org).



Week Four: Option for the Poor and Vulnerable  
Dean Sullivan

Jesus tells us that what we do “for the least of my people, you do for me.” Clearly, caring for the poor is central to following Jesus.

At College Church we have many opportunities to follow Jesus in this way. I have been involved in the Social Outreach Program, on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings (to resume after quarantining), which provides assistance in obtaining birth certificates and/or Missouri State identification. I and dozens of other parishioners take part in this. We have a nice mix of retired, religious, students, and others who can afford the time. Much of the funding for that comes from the “For the Poor” collections, so those who cannot afford the time have another option for helping out.

I got involved with the Social Outreach Program shortly after I retired (November, 2018) as a way to fill the time. My wife (Colleen McCluskey) recommended it to me; she had been involved in it previously. What started as a way to fill time became much, much more, in a very short time. First, I realized that there is a strong sense of comradery among the volunteers; friendships have formed and flourished. We rely heavily on each other for feedback on how to handle a particular situation. Secondly, various volunteers have evolved into specialized roles. I tend to arrive early Tuesday and tackle lunchmaking (we provide carry-away sack lunches to guests). Finally, and most importantly, I began to develop a deep compassion for our guests. These are often people who are struggling mightily to get on their feet. Our society puts up barriers to the marginalized. We can help, not only by filling out forms and sending them away with a voucher to cover the cost of the ID or Birth Certificate, but by listening. Sometimes, we can recommend an agency that can help with another problem they have, but if not, we can let them know that we care, by listening.

Since the coronavirus outbreak, a number of the Social Outreach volunteers, along with our leadership (Christine Dragonette and Tess Sanders) have begun meeting virtually on a weekly basis (ZOOM!). Topics include how we’re all coping and, just as important, how the pandemic will affect just how we offer this program, post-quarantine. Some considerations are: the number of people we can handle, whether we should try to move to a larger space, what protections we may need to put in place (Masks? Disinfectant? Table spacing, etc.). We will be challenged to protect ourselves, our fellow volunteers, and the guests that we serve. Also, we utilize a space that is then utilized for other purposes; we will be challenged to protect other users of the space. We want to continue in this calling, but it has become more complex.

Another program is the Xavier Winter Inn, an emergency shelter for homeless people on very cold nights. While only for the months of December through February, this is a critical program that saves lives. We have a number of volunteer roles for this program. I am especially impressed by the people who fill the role of “greeter.” They are often SLU students, who bring the incredible enthusiasm of youth. Greeters spend time with the guests, talking, playing cards or board games, and listening.

At College Church, we have these and several other ways to respond to Jesus’ call to serve his people. These are very rewarding ways to answer the call.



### 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?

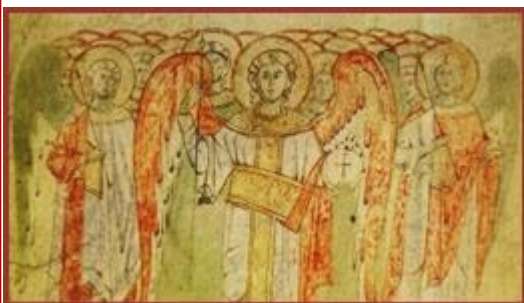
This unique position is part capacity building and part direct outreach. St. Louis needs both. If you're interested in spending the summer learning the ins and outs of state ID and birth certificate processes—both of which are essential first steps toward employment, housing, and social services—and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

If you have any questions, contact Tess at [outreach@sfxstl.org](mailto: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.

### FREE BOOK FROM POPE FRANCIS



(A resource suggestion from Joe Milner)

I think we can all agree that our Holy Father has been the model of strength and compassion during this pandemic. He has offered us breathtaking liturgies, heartfelt homilies, memorable social media posts, and multiple resources for prayer. He has offered courageous leadership to his Church and to the world.

The Vatican (specifically the Libreria Editrice Vaticana and the Dicastery for Communication) is offering a 192-page digital book for a FREE download -- *Strong in the face of Tribulation: The Church in Communion – A Support in Time of Trial*. It is a collection of the Pope's homilies, prayers, and messages. You may access the book at this link:

[www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation.-20042020.pdf](http://www.vaticannews.va/content/dam/lev/forti-nella-tribolazione/pdf/eng/strong-in-tribulation.-20042020.pdf)

## 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 3rd to May 9th: Don't wash your jeans all month. When you wash synthetic textiles, especially on the delicate cycle, you release microplastics into the environment.

#### May 3rd, 2020

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

#### May 10th, 2020

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

### Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:mrlama51@gmail.com).



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