

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 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 Fr. Dan White at frdan@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

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 Edelmant at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmant at terry@sfxstl.org.

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Prayer requests to:

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

Join our prayer group on Zoom, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The pandemic created the opportunity for hobbies and activities many of us would never have contemplated in normal times. We dove into sourdough bread baking, knitting, and learning a musical instrument. One of the most popular outdoor activities was birding. This is the art of watching, identifying and enjoying our feathered friends.

Birds have a rather prominent place in the bible. From Noah's dove in Genesis to the eagle in flight of Revelation, birds may well be the best represented animal species in the scriptures. They play a role symbolic in places, but also are simply a reference common to the lived experience people. This is still true in 2021. We may be far removed from the agrarian life of sheep and goats, but even in the midst of the city there are plenty of birds to encounter.

The birds in Ezekiel and Mark's Gospel enjoy the comfort and protection of trees. They are taken care of through no merit of their own. The birds are not the focus of the metaphorical language but act to draw us into the deeper meaning. God cares for all. God provides for all. The birds benefit from the work of God. Imagine how much more so we do.

Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith?

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, its beliefs and practices, you are invited to join our inquiry sessions. These offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joseph Milner, 977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Please Join Us Monday, June 21st
For a Mass of Celebration
with Fr. Matt Ruhl,
Pastor of St. Peter Claver in Belize

Fr. Matthew Ruhl, SJ, Pastor of our sister parish St. Peter Claver Parish in Punta Gorda, Belize will celebrate mass at St. Francis Xavier Church at 9 AM on Monday, June 21st. Mass will be followed by a gathering in the Ballroom with a continental breakfast and brief presentation about the Jesuits in Belize. Fr. Matt looks forward to meeting with parishioners to share more about Belize and build on our sister parish relationship with St. Peter Claver. Please mark your calendar now for this special opportunity.

Please RSVP to Christine at christine@sfxstl.org if you plan to attend.



Fr. Matt



The Outreach Program Is Hiring!

Thanks to your support, we reached our “Beyond 2020” challenge grant goal, which allows the Outreach Program to hire a new Mobile Outreach Coordinator to explore possibilities for expanding State ID and birth certificate access work in the region. The position is a one year, part-time (20 hours per week) role. The role of the Mobile Outreach Coordinator will be to initiate a new component of our ID and birth certificate work to more effectively reach people experiencing poverty and homelessness.

Please see sfxstl.org/outreach or contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309 for more information.

Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support Our Sister Parish!

All the proceeds from our Fair Trade sales go directly to St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. Because of the pandemic, as well as a series of fires which destroyed farms in the community, unemployment in the area has increased dramatically.

Available items include soups, cornbread, hot cocoa and baking cocoa, as well as our ongoing sales of chocolate, tea, and coffee! To purchase, please visit: sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade



The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1st and 3rd Sunday is the Tuesday before. The next deadline is June 15, for delivery/pick-up on June 20. Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!



Antiracism at College Church

Celebrating Freedom

Juneteenth—short for June 19th—is an annual celebration commemorating the day, in 1865, when 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas learned that they had been freed. Although President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier, that order applied only to the eleven Confederate states still at war with the Union. It did not apply to border slave states, like Missouri, that hadn't seceded, nor did it apply to portions of the Confederate states already under Union control.

Texas, which had been a state for only fifteen years when it chose secession, was a remote outpost of the war, with no large-scale battles and no significant presence of Union troops. Many slaveholders from other places in the South moved there expecting to be able to continue the practice of the “peculiar institution” unfettered.

On April 9, 1865, Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, but it wasn't until May 13th that the last land battle was fought in Texas. Finally, on June 19th, General Gordon Granger, commander of the U.S. Troops in Texas, marched into Galveston, ordering the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation. Celebrations broke out as Black people heard the news. With ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment, on December 6, 1865, slavery was officially abolished in the United States, but the struggle for equality continued.

Juneteenth—a day marked by festivals, prayer services, and family gatherings—is said to be the longest running African American celebration. But increasingly the holiday, and a recognition of its significance, has extended beyond the African American community to the nation at large. Currently, forty-seven states and the District of

Columbia observe Juneteenth, and a renewed movement is underway to have the day declared a national holiday. This year, in an effort to promote racial justice and to end systemic racism, St. Louis University will join a number of its sister Jesuit universities to celebrate Juneteenth. And St. Louisans will be able to mark the holiday with a variety of local events:

On Thursday, June 17th, the Marianist Social Justice Collaborative, the St. Louis Social Justice for All Team, and the West St. Louis County Collaborative will host a Juneteenth Racial Dialogue. (See the flyer on the next page for details.)

On June 19th, join Trailnet St. Louis, 4 The Ville, and the Missouri Historical Society for a community bicycle ride that, along the route, will include live performances from area musicians, as well as historians and storytellers sharing the city's history. This guided group bike ride will take place on city streets, at a pace that should be comfortable for all riders. The event begins at 9:00 a.m., leaving from the Tandy Recreational Center (4206 Kennerly Avenue). For more details about the ride and registration, visit trailnet.redpodium.com/2021-juneteenth-community-ride.

We celebrate Juneteenth as a critical moment in the African-American struggle for freedom from slavery, as we acknowledge the enduring structures of racism in a country that at times seems intent on forgetting its sins. We encourage all Catholics to learn about Juneteenth and to make it a moment of action against the persisting realities of racism.



Tuesday Vigils for Racial Justice

Weekly prayer vigils for racial justice are held on the steps of College Church each Tuesday night from 6 to 7 pm. Please join us as we stand in witness and prayer for equality and peace. You are encouraged to bring a sign expressing commitment to justice. If your group or organization is interested in leading a Tuesday vigil, please contact Joan McGinnis: jfmc676@gmail.com.

A Juneteenth Racial Dialogue Event

Progress Made - More to Do



**Thursday, June 17, 2021
7-8:30 PM CST/8-9:30 PM EST
Virtual Program via Zoom**

Feeling frustrated and helpless about racial injustice in the United States? The Marianist Social Justice Collaborative (MSJC), the St. Louis Social Justice for All Team (SJ4A), and the West St. Louis County Collaborative invite you to join in sharing prayer, songs and dialogue focused on overcoming racism. This will be an inspiring, challenging, and reflective experience. We are holding this reflection in preparation for Juneteenth (June 19), the day African Americans celebrate their freedom from slavery. For more information contact Jim Vogt at jimvogt2@yahoo.com.

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMP AT COLLEGE CHURCH

Students entering sixth through ninth grade are invited to a Social Justice Camp held at St. Francis Xavier "College" Church from June 28-July 2. Participants will learn how social justice issues are integral to our Catholic faith. They will see firsthand the needs that exist in our community and will have the opportunity for onsite visits and hands-on service to help some in our most vulnerable populations.

Through group discussions and artwork and journaling, students will develop solutions to the injustices they see. Cost for the camp is \$250, which includes off-site transportation and snacks. Camp hours are 9 – 3 pm, with early arrival at 8:30. For more information, contact Terry Edelman at 314.712.4216 or terry@sfxstl.org.

Registration Open For Religious Education This Fall



College Church offers a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and a more traditional Religious Education program as well. The RE Program at the College Church provides children in grades 1 - 8 with an Ignatian approach to their faith lives. Classes meet from 9:15- 10:15 on Sunday mornings, September through May. Children learn to experience God's love for them, and to share that love with those in their midst.

The program offers exceptional sacramental preparation, in-class service opportunities starting in the second grade and outside service days beginning in fifth grade. Classes include instruction based on a Loyola University Press Curriculum, and other hands-on learning activities helping children find God in all things.

Catechists include parents and St. Louis University students who volunteer because of their eagerness to share their love of God with others. For more information contact Terry Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org, or visit the Youth and Family Faith Formation website to register: sfxstl.org/youth-faith.



**Save the Date: Virtual Trivia Night for St. Vincent DePaul
Friday, September 17th at 7pm**

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Francis Xavier Conference, is hosting a virtual trivia night on Friday, September 17th at 7pm. The trivia night will directly benefit neighbors of College Church by providing additional funding for rent, utility, food, and furniture assistance.

Details on registration and sponsorship to come.
Save the Date!



Join us for a delicious, family style meal with fun and fellowship and an all around great time. For Vendor space, silent auction items or other questions, please contact Pat (573) 764-3250.

***Take-outs Available**

****Credit cards accepted for dinner purchases**

*****10% proceeds go to St. Vincent de Paul**

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Adults: \$12.00

Ages 5-12: \$6.00

4 and under: FREE

- Fried Chicken & Kettle Beef
- Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
- Green Beans & Corn
- Homemade Bread & Cole Slaw
- Fresh Tomatoes (if in season)
- Homemade Pies & Cakes

Also Enjoy

- Beer, Wine & Soda Garden
- Outside Food Court
- Music & Dancing
- Games, Crafts, Country Store
- Vendors
- Chuck-A-Luck & Pull Tabs
- Quilt Raffle & Main Raffle
- Rides- Bounce House/Barrel Rides
- Water Slide (bring change of clothes & towels)
- Central Dairy Ice Cream
- Silent Auction

Pellet Grill w/ meat pkg, 2nd & 3rd prizes

Circle of Creation Green Corner

If you are interested in receiving an email from Great Rivers Greenway about any upcoming trash cleanup opportunities this year, complete a form with your name and email address here <https://greatriversgreenway.org/trash-bash/>. This is a good way to act to recycle aluminum, glass, and some plastic and keep trash out of our streams and rivers.



The Solving Plastic Issue: www.yesmagazine.org/issues/solving-plastic the summer 2021 issue of YES! Magazine, is filled with well-researched articles. YES! Media is a nonprofit, independent publisher of solutions journalism.

June 12-13, 2021

Saturday	
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Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White, S.J.
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June 12-13, 2021

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Daly, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. White, S.J.

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

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

Update on Covid Restrictions

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The City of St. Louis has lifted the restrictions put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has left the responsibility to individual pastors regarding liturgical celebrations held inside their churches.

I ask that for the time being that we continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks while inside College Church. This comes after discussions with health care professionals and staff members here at the parish. As of Monday, May 17th, St. Louis City and County have a full vaccination rate of roughly 33%. The availability for children as young as 12 to receive the vaccine began around May 10th. This means a significant portion of the population is still not fully vaccinated. It seems prudent to ease our way into what we all desire: a return to normal.

I am not interested in inquiring about parishioners' vaccine status, nor do I want us to police those coming through the doors. Going slow on lifting restrictions will enable us to lessen the risk for everyone. By the third weekend in June, children 12 and up will have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated. The hope is that more adults will have reached that level as well. That is the tentative point when we may be able to re-evaluate our current policies.

In the meantime, we will have smaller measures scaled back to reflect the improving status. These changes will be communicated to the parish.

I want to thank you for your adaptability over the past year since we have resumed in-person liturgies. It has not been what any of us would have chosen, but your desire to celebrate together while remaining safe has been nothing short of spectacular.

God Bless and Happy Pentecost,

Fr. Dan

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