

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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July 19, 2020
Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

Monday - Friday: 7:15 am in the north transept.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesdays 10:45 am through noon.

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 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 Edelman 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 Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Bruce Blattenberger*
 Mary Bruemmer*
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 Linda Castillon*
 Edgar & Ingrid Canavan
 Ben, Michelle and Bryan
 Chappell
 Diane Flynn
 Monica Gunn
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 Mark Marsh
 Karena Menard
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 Family of Candace Sexton
 Art Taylor*
 Jacob Verghese
 David Williams
 Julia Williams
 Lisa Zimmerer*

* Long-term

Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

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

**Join our intercessory prayer
 group on Zoom,**

Friday mornings at 9 am:

<https://tinyurl.com/sfxprayer>

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

This past Monday two young men were shot and killed right in front of College Church. The number of people murdered in St. Louis in 2020 stands at 125. The total at this time last year was 99. I suspect by the end of 2020 the city of St. Louis will have more murders than deaths due to Covid-19.

Let me suggest these two calamities have something in common. They both expose the incredible gaps that exist in our society that enables them to be so deadly. Violence in our city is exacerbated by poverty, lack of opportunity, the proliferation of guns, unemployment, and on and on. They each reflect that certain members of society are worthy of attention and investment, while others are not. Concern over the coronavirus and violence is quite limited if it seems that it has little impact on me and those I love.

Such a complex problem will require a multitude of solutions. I wish that if we just did one thing all of this would disappear. But we cannot afford wishful thinking. This will require a commitment to working on all the varied factors that will alleviate violence. Our faith calls us to engagement especially in difficult times. May God give us the grace to do so.

Help Wanted

Are you interested in becoming a part of the Wedding Ministry Team? We are currently looking to expand our Wedding Ministry and need a few Sacristans. This is a paid, part time position whose duties include assisting both the Wedding Coordinator and the Priest during the wedding rehearsal and wedding ceremonies.

For more information call Sandy Hauck at 977-7303 or email her at sandy@sfxstl.org.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, including Joan McLean, sister of parishioner Vicki Simon.



May she and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.

Bridges Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Everyday Life

Looking for a deeper prayer life and a close relationship with God? If so, please consider the “Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life” based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. This retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. The retreat consists of daily prayer and journaling (experiencing discernment, contemplation, meditation).

The retreat runs September into May and coincides with the Church’s liturgical calendar. You meet weekly with a Prayer Companion who listens to your experiences and provides oral and written guidance through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

The last Information Sessions for 2020 are being offered via Zoom on Tuesday, August 11, 2020 from 7-9 p.m. and on Wednesday August 19, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. See details about the retreat, witness videos and Information Session schedules at bridgesfoundation.org.

To attend either of these meetings, please contact Linda to get a Zoom link connection at: Linda Leib, Executive Director: linda.leib@bridgesfoundation.org or 314-313-8283



Youth Faith Formation Update

As part of our anti-racism work, YFF is building a library of books to support conversations on diversity and anti-racism. These books will be used in our classrooms, with the hope of growing into a lending library some day. We are seeking donations of books or funds to help this project get off the ground. You can find ideas of books to donate on our Racism and Reconciliation page:

<https://sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation>

If you have questions, email Julie at julie@sfxstl.org or Terry at terry@sfxstl.org.

College Church St. Vincent de Paul Society Seeking New Members!



The Society of St. Vincent de Paul – College Church Conference needs volunteers to respond to phone calls from parish neighbors looking for assistance. The work includes completing a short form over the phone with the neighbor and sending the completed form to a Conference officer. Please prayerfully consider giving a small portion of your time to connect with those in our parish community who are trying to make ends meet.

For more information or to volunteer, call Chris Deason at 636-236-9122 or email at deasonchris@yahoo.com.

Cool Stuff 2020 Conquers Covid-19

Mark your calendar! Cool Stuff, our annual summer event of hospitality, clothing and lunch is on, but with a new twist. While social distancing prevents our physically gathering in the ballroom on July 25th, the spirit of Cool Stuff prevails.

From June 21st through July 25th parishioners are encouraged to participate in one or more of the following ways:

Donate directly to a food pantry of your choice or refer to the list of suggested sites below (more detailed info on website):

St. Anthony of Padua Food Pantry

St. Pius Parish

Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish

Our Lady of the Holy Cross – Baden

Donate directly to the clothing pantry of your choice or refer to the list of suggested sites on the parish website.

Visit sfxstl.org/cool-stuff for more details and contact christine@sfxstl.org with any questions.

CHILDREN'S MASKS NEEDED BY OUR BELIZEAN FRIENDS!



We have received a request from our Belizean Parish friends for facial masks for all their primary school children who will begin classes on August 15th. A generous donor has already provided them with needed thermometers and gloves, but they are still in need of 800 children's masks. Any acceptable but cloth (washable) preferred.

Might you, or someone you know, be able to make or purchase some children's masks? We need 500 for St. Martin de Porres and 300 for our Sister Parish school of St. Peter Claver. **We have approximately one month to collect them by July 31st** so they can be taken to Belize in time for the start of school.

It "takes a village" so please reach out if you can provide any children's masks and let us know approximately how many masks you can provide. Please reach out to coordinate either pickup locally or dropoff at St. Francis Xavier Church.

Contact: vickisimon4517@gmail.com or (314) 681-3916.

Thank you!

Bishops Endorse Medicaid Expansion

Saying “Yes on 2” for the August 4th primary election ballot to expand Medicaid, providing healthcare to the most vulnerable citizens in our midst, will give Catholics an opportunity to live out their Catholic social teaching beliefs. That is the essence of a letter signed by the state’s four bishops that was issued late last January. The letter speaks out for poor Missourians that include the elderly, the disabled, pregnant women and children.

As it is, Missouri taxpayer money goes to Washington, D.C., to fund healthcare for 36 other states including New York and California. “In our Catholic ministries throughout the state...we find that there are still many Missouri citizens who lack access to affordable healthcare coverage that is so necessary for human flourishing,” the bishops contended.

Additionally, the letter indicates that Medicaid expansion is all about saving lives and is pro-life. “Our commitment to life is unwavering and lives are at stake,” the bishops wrote. “We must make decisions on what we currently know to be true.”



Public Support of Medicaid Expansion 7/21 from 6-8pm

Additionally, join us to show your public support of “Yes on 2” **on Tuesday, July 21st from 6-8pm** as part of the Jesuit scholastics’ racial justice vigil in front of College Church. Bring signs in support of Medicaid Expansion and Yes on 2. We’ll also hear from DeMarco Davidson of Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) on why Amendment 2 is so important for Missouri. Medicaid Expansion is a racial justice issue as well!

If you’d like to plug into our Medicaid Expansion team and help spread the word, please contact Sarah Legett at legettsm@yahoo.com. And keep an eye on [St. Francis Xavier’s YouTube channel](#) for videos from parishioners in support of Medicaid Expansion.

Summer Schedule

Our weekend Masses will be on Sundays only, at 8 am, 10:30 am, and 4:30 pm. We will livestream the 10:30 am Mass and offer Outdoor Communion during this liturgy.

We will have one daily Mass through mid-August. Our daily Mass will be at 7:15 am, Monday through Friday.

Confessions will be available on Wednesdays, 10:45 am to noon. We will add more days as needed.

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:

July 19th-25th: Use your windows and shades to heat and cool your home.

Passive heating and cooling techniques mean you aren’t relying on forced air systems, like air conditioning and heating, to regulate temperatures in your home.

July 19th, 2020

Sunday

8:00 am

Fr. Daly, S.J.

10:30 am

Fr. Mercier, S.J.

4:30 pm

Fr. White, S.J.

July 26th, 2020

Sunday

8:00 am

Fr. White, S.J.

10:30 am

Fr. White, S.J.

4:30 pm

Fr. White, S.J.

No Saturday 5:30 pm Masses. Our Sunday 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed, and Outdoor Communion will be available. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

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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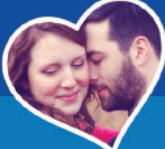
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