



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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July 26, 2020
Seventeenth 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 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.”

Join our intercessory prayer group on Zoom,

Friday mornings at 9 am:

<https://tinyurl.com/sfxprayer>

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



The latest edition of our Jesuit province magazine concludes with a reflection from Fr. Lasantha de Abrew, SJ. He works with the Jesuit Refugee Services of East Africa. Fr. de Abrew and his team have experienced the anxiety and uncertainty of the COVID-19 pandemic. Charite Lobo, a refugee from Congo, told him, “There is no need to be anxious. You fear because of uncertainties. We, as refugees, experienced these uncertainties from the very first moment we started running from our countries.”

Perspective is a powerful gift. It enables us to place ourselves and our concerns in a broader context. The words of Charite Lobo help us remember there are millions of people whose daily bread is anxiety and uncertainty. Christian faith is not dependent upon security, order and the control we so desperately seek. Times of crisis have always been the measure of how well we can deepen the faith we proclaim.

Now let me be clear I am not saying we should ignore or discount the difficulties we experience. The anxiety and uncertainty I have felt since March has been very real, and I suspect you feel the same. What I do suggest is this moment can enable us to see two important graces. The first is that authentic discipleship is often lived in the midst of struggle. Second, the experience of suffering should increase our compassion. Everything is an opportunity for us to grow in our friendship with God. How is that happening for us right now?

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.

Dear Parishioners,

I would like to update you on some re-structuring within the parish staff. The changes reflect a desire to have a stable, sustainable staff to accomplish our mission now and for the next three years. I have tried to structure a staff that can achieve the needs of the present while taking into account where we see ourselves in the near future. Sr. Carolyn McWatters will serve as our Coordinator of Liturgy. This position will facilitate our weekend liturgical celebrations. Sue Martin and Ray Sherrock will coordinate our music ministry. I believe this will allow us to continue to our long history of excellent and prayerful liturgies.

The staff has also made a generous decision in response to our challenging budget. All members of the staff will take a week's unpaid furlough during the fall semester. This will be a great help for us to make our financial goals this year. I am most grateful for their willingness to make this sacrifice.

The incredible staff we have is essential to the good work we do as a parish. I have sought to balance our future needs, the integrity of my team and the hard reality of a difficult fiscal year. I am confident we will continue to thrive due to the dedicated staff we enjoy at College Church. Thank you for your continued support.

God bless.

Fr. Dan

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!

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



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.”

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.



Dear St. Francis Xavier (College) Church Parishioners and Friends,

Hello and God's blessings. I pray that you are well. It is certainly not a normal St. Louis summer, but I hope that you and all those you love remain safe.

I want to share with you some financial information regarding the parish. Thank you for your incredible commitment to the stability of College Church. Your amazing generosity has enabled us to withstand the stress of the coronavirus pandemic. Giving to the parish has been maintained despite the impact of no public masses for over two months, and limited attendance since June. The fiscal year just ended indicates we met our budget goals. That we were able to do so in the midst of such uncertainty is due to you. It is a sign of your love for this community. I am grateful for your making possible the ministry of St. Francis Xavier. Unfortunately, the challenges created by Covid-19 remain. The budget for fiscal year 2020-21 reflects this reality. We have budgeted for a deficit of \$215,000. Slightly more than half of this deficit is due to lower estimated revenues in offertory and rental of our ballroom. I am confident in our ability to navigate this time with creativity. I am also aware the financial difficulties we face are shared by families, businesses, and most especially those in need.

You may recall that last year the decision was made to move our parish Gala to a every other year format. That choice has proven wise in light of our inability to gather in person. What this presents, however, is a \$100,000 gap in our budget given our reliance on Gala revenues to balance our budget. We are planning a fund-raising event the weekend before Thanksgiving which will be, of course, virtual. Please keep an eye out for more information.

I start my ninth year as pastor in a few months, and this has been the most difficult period by far. We will face many struggles in the months to come. But this parish community has weathered plenty of storms over the past 180 years. We know this has also been an experience of grace helping us see with new eyes and imagine new possibilities. Thank you again for all you do to support and live our mission. It remains an honor and privilege to serve at College Church. May God continue to give an abundance of faith, hope, and love to all who call this place home.

In Christ's Peace,

Fr. Dan

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.



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July 17, 2020

Dear Friends in Christ,

Since 1956, the Archdiocese of St. Louis has sent over 45 archdiocesan priests to serve the people of Bolivia, one of the poorest countries in South America. This year, we offer praise and thanks to our Lord, as Fr. Patrick Hayden and Fr. James Michler continue to serve in the Latin America Apostolate, each with over 25 years of missionary service to the apostolate. Their perseverance and endurance, especially in the midst of the recent crisis in Bolivia, is an outstanding testimony to their faith and to the support and encouragement they receive through the faithful of our local archdiocese.

All of us are facing unprecedented challenges because of the pandemic. Pope Francis reminds us,

"Like the disciples in the Gospel we were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying 'We are perishing' (v. 38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this" (*Meditation in Saint Peter's Square, 27 March 2020*).

Right now, we have the opportunity to come together. We are the Body of Christ and are called to live this reality, comforting one another. One of the ways we can do this is through the support of our Latin America Apostolate. Our brothers and sisters in Bolivia are, too, suffering the effects of the pandemic. Without the prayers and sacrifices of the people of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, our Latin America Apostolate could not offer pastoral care, formation, catechesis, and social services to the parish community of Maria Reina. Ask God how He is calling you to participate in this mission financially. Please pray for our Latin America Apostolate, missionaries, and all involved with this ministry. The annual collection for our Latin America Apostolate will take place in all parishes during the weekend of August 1st & 2nd.

I am asking God's blessings on you and your families, and am grateful for your support of our Latin America Apostolate.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Robert J. Carlson
Apostolic Administrator
Archdiocese of St. Louis

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 26th-August 1st: Find a moment this week to be awed by nature.

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.

August 2, 2020

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Daly, 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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