

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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August 16, 2020 Twentieth 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, noon and 5:15 pm in the main church

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.

<u>Bulletin Notices:</u> must be submitted to <u>church@sfxstl.org</u> by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-I, 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.

<u>Funerals</u>: contact Sister Carolyn McWatters at 314-977-1797 or carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu or Fr. Dan White.

<u>Disability Access:</u> Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: 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.

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> 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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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



It is great to welcome back our Saint Louis University students for the new academic year. This start will be unlike any other in the university's history. Our prayers are with the faculty, staff, and students on campus. May this be a year of growing in knowledge, wisdom, and faith. And I hope all can be done safely.

St. Francis Xavier exists because of SLU. Our ministry and that of the university have been connected intimately since 1841 when Archbishop Rosati allowed the college chapel to function as a parish for the city. The rest, as they say, is history.

This wonderful relationship has been mutually beneficial to both of us. The students, faculty and staff enrich the parish with their presence and generosity. I also believe the vibrant faith community that is College Church does the same for the university. In my humble opinion, it is hard to think of one without the other.

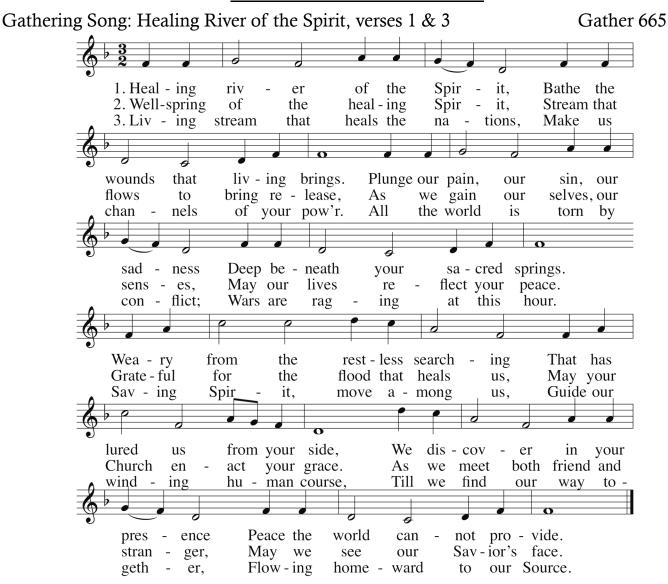
Now we share the great challenges that have arisen in the last six months. We need to respond with creativity, boldness, and generosity both within our communities and in the wider St. Louis community. SLU and St. Francis Xavier (College) Church together have been a part of this city for a long time. More than ever, we are called to be faithful to our common mission: to love God and love our neighbor.

Updates on Mass Schedules

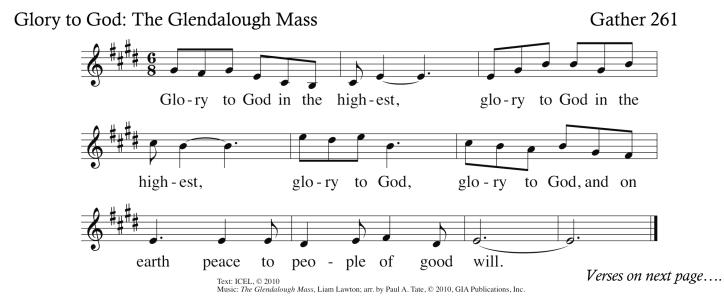
Today we are livestreaming the 8:00 am Mass, as it will be the first Mass for Fr. David Lugo, SJ. This Mass will be in English and Spanish. The livestream Mass will return to 10:30 am next Sunday, August 23rd.

Beginning August 17th, we will have three Masses Monday through Friday: 7:15 am, noon, and 5:15 pm. They will be held in the main church.

INTRODUCTORY RITES



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We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
you take away the sins of the world,
have mercy on us;
you take away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
have mercy on us.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: Ps. 67 Gather 1149



O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your salvation. R.

Let the nations be glad and shout for joy, with uprightness you rule the peoples;

you guide the nations on earth. R.

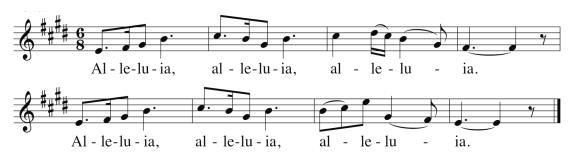
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing that all the ends of the earth may revere him. R.

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Gospel Acclamation: The Glendalough Mass



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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: Instrumental

Holy, Holy, Holy: The Glendalough Mass

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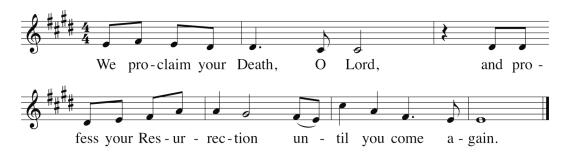


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Memorial Acclamation A: The Glendalough Mass

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Amen: The Glendalough Mass

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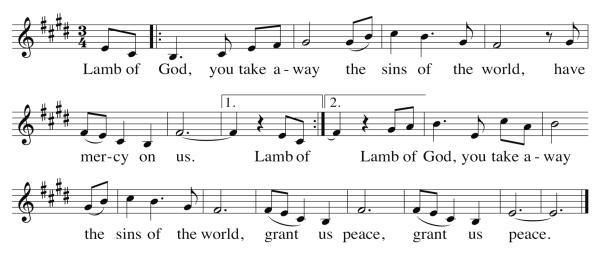


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Lamb of God: The Glendalough Mass

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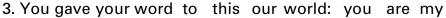
Communion Song: Hold Me in Life

Oosterhuis





2. Are you the one who is to come, or must we



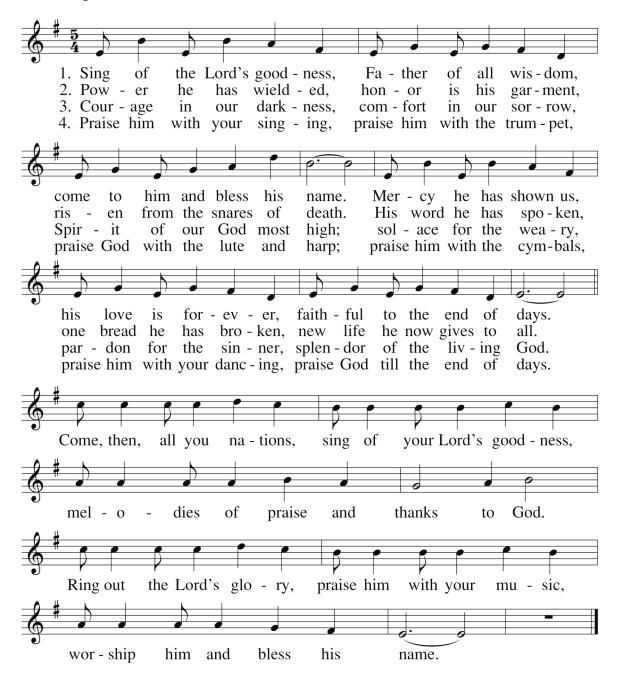


- by, but show me your mer cy; I will wait for you all __ my life.
- 2. wait and fol-low some oth er? Lord, my God, I am cer-tain of you.
- 3. song, the God of my glad-ness; my de-sire goes _ out _ to you.

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Recessional: Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Gather 610



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Leadership at St. Francis Xavier Church

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I wrote last week on how leadership at College Church has looked over the course of our long history. We have benefitted from many people, Jesuits and lay, who have devoted themselves to the mission of the parish. Different times and circumstances have required various responses and approaches to ministry. What has remained constant is the desire to serve God's people.

Now I want to share in a bit more personal reflection. It is important to note the labors of the recent pastors who proceeded me. I inherited a thriving parish, a talented staff, and a long history of parishioner involvement in the work of College Church. This has not been a "one-man operation" for a long, long time. Besides, I have never found that an attractive way to exercise leadership no matter the situation.

My approach has been to build and expand upon this foundation of shared leadership. I have done so by strengthening the responsibility of ministry commissions, creating the parish administrator position, working closely with the pastoral council, seeking greater ties with SLU, emphasizing our common mission with the Society of Jesus, and so on. This is a dynamic, complicated faith community. I have neither the ability nor the desire to oversee and control every aspect of SFX. I am confident you do not want that either.

I am convinced the best exercise of leadership at College Church, both now and in the future, is collaborative. I have profited immensely from the expertise, input, and yes, leadership of so many during my time here. This has enabled our parish to flourish and thrive. I believe the Holy Spirit continues to invite us to imagine creative ways to further our mission. I pray we have the grace to respond with generosity and boldness.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. Dan



Confirmation

Next Sunday, August 23, eighth grade Religious Education Students from the College Church will be confirmed. The sacrament was originally scheduled for May 3, but like so many things this year was delayed by COVID-19. Because of the many rescheduled events, the Archdiocese has given our pastor, Father Dan White, the authority to confer the sacrament. Please pray for our students as they take this next important step in their faith journey.

The Confirmandi are: Stella Marie Bishop, Molly Elizabeth Browne, Scout Mackenzie Carpenter, Dominic Jude Del Rosario, Grace Marie Dunson, Thomas Daniel Dunson, Joy Aelana Rush Garavaglia, Mariellen Johanna Hamlin, Elizabeth Grace Hubbard, Teresa Angela Hubbard,

William Anton Konradi, Kathryn Rebecca Lueke, Ava Josephine Martin, Riley Robert Mihill, Noah McKee Mitchell, Chase Anderson Morrow, Brady Robert Noonan, Lily Jane Reinert, Nicholas Alexander Sheppard, Andrew Patrick Strong, Katherine Fulbright Teasdale, Miriam Grace Vega and Ade Blessings-Marie Williams.

The Confirmation will take place at a special 12:30 Mass.

Antiracism Efforts at College Church

You have been told what is good, and what the Lord requires of you: only to do the right and to love goodness, and to walk humbly with your God.

-Micah 6:8

"I can't breathe." Those words—the last utterance of a dying man, and our witness of the horror of George Floyd's death—haunt us. They have driven some of us, in this time of pandemic, into the streets in protest. They demand that each of us evaluate what we are doing to promote racial justice. How have we, as individuals, within our families, and as members of our faith community, challenged our own biases in order to live the Gospel more fully?

Spurred to action by the similarly tragic death of Michael Brown and widespread area unrest, members of College Church leadership felt called to commit, in a substantial and sustained way, to creating a parish community that not only is not racist, but that is antiracist . . . a parish that—impelled by the love of Christ, informed by Catholic social teaching, and infused with Ignatian spirituality—opposes racism in all of its dimensions. That commitment entails deep self-scrutiny; an examination of how to effectively partner, as a parish, with other St. Louis social justice organizations; and a willingness to let go of the familiar, where necessary, in the pursuit of meaningful change.

Formalizing that response, parish leaders assembled, in 2018, the St. Francis Xavier Antiracism Team. With the guidance of the Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training group, the team convened focus groups through which parishioners expressed concern for the sin of racism, a desire to understand more deeply its systems and structures, and an intention to find paths to healing and reconciliation.

The goal of becoming an antiracist institution has since been identified as a priority in the parish's strategic plan. Using a self-evaluative instrument developed by Crossroads, the College Church—as a parish in the process of identity change—is on course to becoming an affirming institution, one that regards racial and cultural differences as gifts. Toward that end, Antiracism Team members, several of whom have undergone introductory training offered by Crossroads, are seeking—as the coronavirus restrictions allow—to engage in a more in-depth training experience, with partners from the St. Louis Archdiocesan Peace and Justice Commission, the North City Deanery, and the Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province, for the purpose of analyzing our current parish practices and creating just and equitable structures. Awaiting the commencement of that training, members of the Antiracism Team have undertaken thorough study of a work, Becoming an Anti-Racist Church, written by Crossroads' cofounder, Rev. Joseph Brandt.

Simultaneously, the parish's Racism and Reconciliation Committee has been hard at work planning activities—including the Lenten Racial Justice Journey; supporting the Social Ministry Commission in the development of an antiracism library; and working collaboratively with our community partners, such as the Peace and Justice Committee at St. Alphonsus Ligouri "Rock" Church. Through the efforts of the Racism and Reconciliation Committee, our representation in the Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative—a multiracial group of lay and religious leaders in parishes throughout the St. Louis area dedicated to overcoming racism in our Church and community—has increased. Likewise, our ties to Metropolitan Congregations United—an organization that works with member churches to impact public policy in support of disadvantaged and marginalized people—have strengthened, and we have been buoyed by serving with those in neighboring parishes on the North City Deanery's Interracial Relations Committee.

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The Grace of the Spirit is evident as individuals, ministries, and commissions have answered the call to recognize and reject racism, and have begun to incorporate it into the work of the parish and beyond. We are grateful for and encouraged by homilies that decry racism, suggestions for diverse reading material, personal demonstrations, and the deeper conversations happening within families, among friends, among our parish ministers, in the pews, and on the steps outside of church. The work is growing. The last breaths of George Floyd, Michael Brown, and the sad litany of others whose lives were lost have become our inspiration.

Thank you for all of the ways you welcome the Holy Spirit to work within you to bring about God's Kingdom. Please accept an open invitation to contribute your thoughts, comments, questions, and concerns to members of the Antiracism Team and to join us to actively participate in this work. Expect regular updates as we progress in this effort. And, finally, let us hold one another in prayer as we journey together toward becoming a fully inclusive church and authentically the Body of Christ.

Lisa Burks and Winnie Sullivan, Co-Chairs SFX Antiracism Team

Our New Associate Pastor will join us August 17th



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!"

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:

Week 38: Rent or borrow one item you were going to buy this week.

Instead of buying a new pair of hiking boots or that backpacking tent you've been eyeing for months, first consider renting or borrowing the item from a friend or a local retailer.

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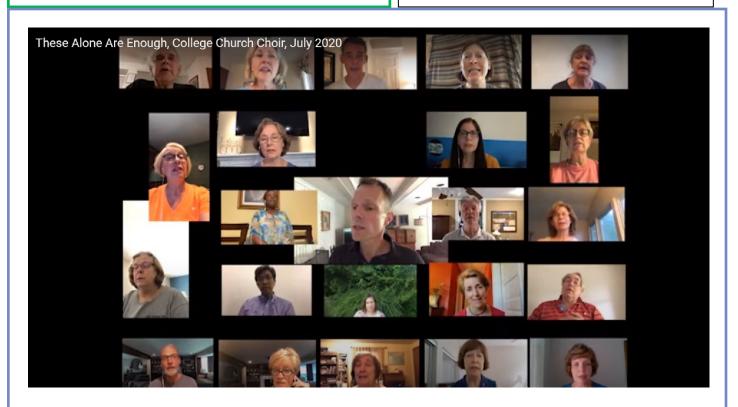
Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Stewart, S.J. 10:30 am Fr. White, S.J. 4:30 pm Campus Ministry

No Saturday 5:30 pm Masses. Today's 8 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.



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