



2020 First Communicants

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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August 30, 2020
Twenty-Second 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

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, 5:15 pm Monday through Wednesday, all in main church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays and 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 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:

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

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



I want to encourage everyone to take part in our virtual parish assembly this Sunday at noon. There are details in the green box below about how to participate in the discussion. It will not be the same as gathering in our ballroom. However, the benefit is one can do so from your favorite comfy chair wearing pajamas. No judgment!

I am utterly convinced this new model of leadership is exactly what we need for our future. It fits well the plans of the archdiocese, the province and our community. The first Jesuits of the 16th century lived in a time of incredible change, uncertainty, and newness. They were convinced God was calling them to proclaim the timeless message of the Good News in ways that reflected a very different reality. This same creative engagement with the Church and the world is our task.

I mentioned in our presentation last Sunday that Jesus’ description of “new wine needing new wineskins” resonates strongly with me. I am excited to be part of this next stage in our history. It is not often that an institution can make significant changes from a place of prosperity rather than crisis. The temptation can often be to stand pat when all is well. We believe the Spirit offers a different perspective. College Church is thriving, which seems a perfect time to imagine a new model of leadership to leverage our many strengths. I am convinced this will further our desire to proclaim the Gospel in bold, new ways. See you Sunday at noon.

Virtual Parish Assembly

Sunday, August 30th at 12 noon

Join Fr. Dan White, Pastoral Council Members Lisa D’Souza, Maurice Muia, and Jen Petruso, and Parish Administrator Katie Jansen Larson.

Your thoughts and questions are welcome (and feel free to have donuts with you as you participate online). Let’s talk about why and how we are restructuring our parish leadership.

Click or copy and paste this link into a web browser:

<https://zoom.us/j/97652790718?pwd=ekpLNXBkWF2S1QvcFM5dTdKQ2IKZz09>

Meeting ID: 976 5279 0718
 Passcode: 699907



We are excited about the future of College Church. On August 23rd, our pastor, Fr. Dan White, S.J., the chair of our Pastoral Council, Lisa D'Souza, and our Parish Administrator, Katie Jansen Larson, announced that, with the blessing of our province and the Archdiocese, we will move toward a new model of leadership. Over the next two years, we will transition to having Katie Jansen Larson become our Parish Life Coordinator.

A link to the announcement video is on our homepage, <https://sfxstl.org/>. There you will also find a link to a feedback form and the text of the full announcement.

We will use the responses we collect on this feedback form to guide our discussion in the Virtual Parish Assembly this Sunday. You can also continue to leave comments and questions on the form after the Assembly.

Welcome!

McKenzi Clausen was received into full communion with the Catholic Church through profession of faith, confirmation and first Eucharist on August 23.

Please pray for her and all who have been recently received into the church as they continue to grow in faith become more integrated into this community.



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, (314) 977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.



School Supplies Needed



College Church is once again partnering with the Peace & Justice Committee of the Rock Church to collect needed school supplies for students in Pre-K through 6th grade at Columbia Elementary School.

If you are able to provide any of the below items, please drop them off to the College Church parish center at 3628 Lindell Blvd. 63108 anytime Monday-Friday between 8:30am-12pm or 1-3 OR on Sunday in the bin in the vestibule. We will be collecting items through Tuesday, September 8th. Contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309 with any questions.

Thank you for any donation you can provide!

#2 Pencils

Glue

Black pens

Markers

Dry erase markers

Hand sanitizer

Crayons

Colored pencils

Pencil cases

Loose leaf paper

Notebooks

Backpacks

Folders

Spiritual Direction

Rob Garavaglia, a St. Francis Xavier parishioner and a student at the Aquinas Institute of Theology is looking for persons interested in receiving spiritual direction. This is to fulfill a practicum requirement for Aquinas' spiritual direction certificate program. If you would like to receive spiritual direction, or would like to more information, contact Rob at [\(314\) 750-9871](tel:3147509871).

TOOLS FOR TRANSFORMATION: HOW TO EDUCATE YOUR COMMUNITY ON FAITH AND JUSTICE

On Thursday, September 3rd from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. CDT Jack Jezreel, founder of JustFaith Ministries, and Leila Oakley, staff member, will be offering a presentation on Zoom, entitled "Tools for Transformation: How to Educate Your Community on Faith and Justice," introducing the programs of JustFaith Ministries. We invite you to learn about the powerful educational offerings that JustFaith Ministries can provide, all of which can now be used online on Zoom.

If you would like to participate or have any questions, contact Cris Fischer by email: crisfischer@icloud.com or phone/text message: 507-269-6268.

To view our latest video, please go to justfaith.org and click on "Play Video."

Hope you can join us!

Peace,
The Staff of JustFaith Ministries

Continued Tuesday Witness for Racial Justice

A group of St. Louis Catholics will continue to keep vigil for Racial Justice and Black Lives on the steps of St. Francis Xavier College Church [every Tuesday evening from 6-7pm](#). All are invited to join in silent prayer and bring signs calling for racial justice. The group is looking to include others in creating programming or reflection during these vigils. If you, or a group you're connected with, would be interested in leading one Tuesday, please email Billy Critchley-Menor, SJ at wcritchleymenor@jesuits.org.



THANK YOU MASK MAKERS AND MASK DONORS!

We were so excited by the generosity and number of parishioners and friends who responded to our request for face masks for the children at our sister parish of St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. More than 25 volunteered to help us reach our original goal of 800 masks! Talk about success...we ended up receiving over 2000 masks of many styles and colors! They were beautifully made and durable, many washable.

It is because of you that the children and the families of St. Peter Claver and St. Martin de Porres will be safer from the spread of Covid-19 as it begins taking a toll in Belize. Schools have not yet reopened as originally planned but the masks are greatly needed at home, in the outlying village communities and eventually in schools as they reopen. We will be sending some photos of the children after they receive the masks.

Thank you too for purchasing your Fair-Trade coffee, tea and chocolate products on-line so we can continue supporting the on-going identified needs at our Sister Parish of St. Peter Claver.

Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support our Sister Parish

Sales of fair trade products have resumed **online only** to benefit 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. All the proceeds from our Fair Trade sales go directly to St. Peter Claver to help with their current Food Pantry needs.

To purchase go directly to SFX website at:

<http://www.sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>

There are two options for receiving your items, which you will specify upon placing your online order. Both options occur twice a month on 1st and 3rd Sundays:

Hand Delivery (only for orders of \$20 or more): One of our volunteers will deliver your products to your porch or in front of your home. If requesting delivery of orders which contain chocolate, please plan for immediate retrieval of your package in order to protect chocolate from melting. Volunteers will ring your doorbell/buzzer or knock on your door when dropping off items.

Pick-up at College Church (orders of any value): Pick-ups at the College Church will be pre-collected into bags with the buyer's name displayed on the outside of the bag, available from 9-10:15am outside of the Ballroom (below the church) on the designated Sundays. We ask that parishioners wear a face mask and continue to practice social distancing during pick-up.

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

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 40 (August 30-September 5): Sip more soundly and take a closer look at your beverage choices. Look for icons like [Rainforest Alliance](#) or [Fair Trade Certified](#), which requires producers and manufacturers to promote sustainable livelihoods and safe working conditions for farmers and workers.

August 30, 2020

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

September 6, 2020

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

The 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.

Celebrate our First Communicants

This year 26 of our young parishioners will receive the Eucharist for the very first time. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers. The special First Communion Mass is Saturday, August 29 at 10 am, with some families electing to receive the sacrament individually.

Our Communicants are: Seamus Crowley, Xavier Daus, Jocelyn Edson, Nora Eggleston, Abby Gutting, Ken-na Haines, Lucas Haines, Rowan Hutchinson, Luke Kaikati, Emily Kraemer, Harold Lang, Dylan Lauver, Samuel Langeberg, Elena Larson, Drake Liebermann, Caroline Mamah, Samuel Marietta, Seamus Miller, Sofia Moreno, Eli Palis, Caroline Reynolds, Adelyn Simpson, Daniel Strong, Charlie Smallwood, Dominic Timko and Aspen Weintraub.

A special thank you goes to catechists: Julie Kilian, Amanda Taylor, Kristy Connell, Benedetta Malindi, Therese Beabout, Sam Agra, Julia Kreiser, Tracie Simpson and Lara Marietta.

First Communion-Offertory Procession: What is it that we bring to the Altar?

What is it that we bring to the altar? In preparation for First Communion this year, we have spent time with the children reflecting on this question. The “simple” answer is bread and wine. And yet, when we begin to ponder the bread and wine, the richness of these gifts unfolds.

One of the insights that we have come to this year in our preparation is that all of creation is a gift from God to us, but that creation is not finished yet. It is a part of God’s plan that human beings have a special role in the on-going work of creation, in the transformation of creation. By the work of our hands, we take the gift of wheat and make bread; we take grapes and make wine. Our work brings the creation of the earth to a new place. The bread and wine represent all the gifts that we’ve received from God that we transform “by the work of our hands”-our cooking, our cleaning, our drawing, our skating, our playing sports, our befriending, our reading, our studying, our loving. We present our whole lives to God at the altar and ask God to transform them, to fill them-that God’s presence may shine through them.

As part of our celebration of First Communion yesterday, the children who were celebrating each brought a symbol of “the work of their hands;” these were placed near the altar as a visible image of what the offering of bread and wine represent to them: the offering of their daily lives on behalf of God’s gifts.

The work of our hands:

Sculpture-“I used the hands that God gave me to make it.”-Sam M

Drawing- “I am drawing things that make me happy and thanking God for them. My drawings also make people happy.” - Caroline M

Playbill-I am “sharing my talent for acting and bringing joy and laughter to people when they see performances.”-Adelyn

Tie-dyed mask she made- “It is a memory from the pandemic and it keeps me safe.”-Nora

Swim mask- “I chose this item because being able to swim allows me to help others who don’t know how to swim and to help other things in the water.”-Harry

Field guide to North American birds- “ I chose to bring this book about birds because birds are fascinating to me and I love studying these remarkable creatures.”-Charlie

Practical joke materials- “God gave me the gift of comedy and I use that gift to make others around me laugh, smile and relax.”-Seamus C

Artwork- She chose this because “art is beautiful and helps spread God’s beauty in the world.”-Aspen

Art supplies-She “likes doing art and creating beautiful pictures.”-Caroline R

Tennis ball- He “ enjoys playing tennis and likes the balance of running and using his arms.”- Eli

Origami piece- “ I like folding origami objects.”-Luke

Cross made of seashells- “I chose the cross made of Sea Shells because I have picked them from the beautiful Cape San Blas Beach in Florida that God created.”-Ryan

Canvas drawing of Christ the Redeemer- "I chose this because of my love of drawing and this image is very powerful to me."-Kenna

Bike helmet- because "God gave me courage to try something new, mountain biking."-Daniel

Paintbrush-"To symbolize my love of painting and crafts."-Emilia

Stuffed plush baby deer- "My baby fawn represents my love of animals. No matter how big or small, I'm usually not too afraid of animals. I'm always gentle and I like to take care of them."-Xavier

Painted portrait of my dog- "I chose a portrait I painted of my dog, Sammy, because I love Sammy and I love painting and I wanted to combine the two things."-Jocelyn

Dance shoes-because he "loves singing and dancing through every aspect of life."-Dylan

Bird nest-since she is "thankful for the joy God's gift of nature and animals bring to her and so many others."-Abby

Baking sprinkles- "because she really enjoys baking with her mom and grandparents." -Elena

Tae-kwon-do yellow belt-"because I like training and learning the skills of martial arts."-Dominic

Photographic of my grandfather- "because I love him very much."-Sofia

Hand-made pirate ship- "I am creative and I like to make things that look special and beautiful."- Sam L



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