

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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August 9, 2020 Nineteenth 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.

<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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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 Saturday, August 15th two Jesuits will be ordained to the priesthood at College Church. The ordination, like so many other events, was delayed due to COVID-19. One of the new priests is Matt Stewart who will begin as our associate pastor about 48 hours after his ordination. Nothing like jumping in with both feet.

There are a multitude of theologies and spiritualities of the priesthood. I believe it best viewed in the same way as our faith tradition. Tradition seeks to engage the needs of God's people in specific times and places. Tradition also acknowledges the equally important need to remain rooted in the wisdom that has come before. Authentic tradition lives in the balance.

A priest shares that task. He must discern how to creatively engage the moment while not wandering from a solid foundation. It is like the scribe in Matthew's Gospel who, having been schooled in the Kingdom of Heaven, "brings from the storeroom both new and old." Clearly, this is only possible by the grace of God.

The best advice I ever received regarding priesthood came from my novice director. He told us simply, the people will teach you how to be a priest. Amen to that. I am certain you will be good and wise teachers for Fr. Matt as you have for all our new priests at SFX. And please don't neglect the senior priest here. He still has a lot to learn, too.

Updates on Mass Schedules

Next Sunday, August 16, we will livestream 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 the following 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.

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

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!"

Our Parish Vision

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

I hope that you have been following the video communications related to Our Parish Vision. Thank you to the heads of commissions and members of the pastoral council who have participated. They are YouTube's newest stars!

The videos serve as an introduction to our present and point to where we are headed in the next five years. I wanted to share with you some thoughts on Our Parish Vision and parish leadership. That relationship is essential because our mission shapes, and is in turn shaped, by the exercise of leadership at College Church. This is the first in a series I want to do over the next few weeks.

I am always a fan of providing a bit of context. SFX has a lot of it given that we have been around for nearly 180 years. Leadership has been a bit more complicated than you might expect. We have always had pastors, of course. But the unique relationship with SLU, the Jesuits, and the Archdiocese has impacted how the parish was led. For instance, our SLU connection meant in the past the president, rector of the SLU Jesuit community, and other Jesuits worked with the pastor to lead the parish. As a Jesuit parish of the Archdiocese of St. Louis, pastoral leadership has also been understood in light of the archbishop and the Jesuit provincial. Parishioners have exercised leadership over the years, especially in terms of financial support and planning for the parish.

You can see these distinctive elements have shaped us. We have been blessed with many wonderful pastors over these long years on whose shoulders I stand. I would add we have enjoyed from the very beginning strong guidance from parishioners. Working together has been a hallmark of College Church for many years. I personally have benefitted from an excellent pastoral council, finance committee, commissions, and an incredible staff.

This great gift has enabled the flourishing of our faith community. One of the distinguishing characteristics of SFX is not only are you invested and committed to this place, but that you truly see it as your own. Many parishioners over long years have contributed to the flourishing of our spiritual home. We have a tremendous history of responsibility and care for the gifts the Holy Spirit has entrusted to us. This will serve us well as we look to our future. I am certain God has great plans in mind for College Church. I pray we have the wisdom to discern His vision, and act on it with boldness.

In Christ's peace,

Fr. Dan

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:

Jan Belk (daughter of our Office Manager, Joyce Miller)

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



Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support our Sister Parish

Until further notice, sales of fair trade products are resuming **online only** to benefit our sister Jesuit parish St. Peter Claver in Belize. Because of the pandemic, as well as a series of fires which destroyed farms in the St. Peter Claver parish community, unemployment in Punta Gorda, where the parish located, has increased dramatically. In response, St. Peter Claver is opening a food bank, which we would like to support through our fair trade sales.

Fair trade sales are resuming online only. You may purchase items directly from the College Church 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 will 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.

<u>Pick-up at College Church (orders of any value):</u> 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. For example, to receive your order on Sunday, August 16th please plan to place your online order by the end of the day THIS Tuesday, August 11h. Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!

This Sunday marks the anniversary of the death of Michael Brown. Who could have known on August 9, 2014, as the 18-year-old lay dying on Canfield Drive in Ferguson, that his death would serve as both a lens and a clarion? A lens, bringing into focus a history of brutality in communities of color at the hands of police and sharpening our perception of events yet to come. And a clarion, sounding a call to action such as had not been heard since John Lewis first tried to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge. We, at College Church, heard that clarion and will keep striving to respond faithfully. In that spirit we offer the following prayer:

Prayer for Racial Healing

God of justice,

In your wisdom you create all people in your image, without exception.

Through your goodness, open our eyes to see the dignity,

beauty, and worth of every human being.

Open our minds to understand that all your children are

brothers and sisters in the same human family.

Open our hearts to repent of racist attitudes, behaviors, and speech which demean others.

Open our ears to hear the cries of those wounded by racial

discrimination, and their passionate appeals for change.

Strengthen our resolve to make amends for past injustices

and to right the wrongs of history.

And fill us with courage that we might seek to heal wounds,

build bridges, forgive and be forgiven, and establish peace

and equality for all in our communities.

In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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Shared Prayer

"For whenever two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in their midst" (Mt 18:20). College Church parishioners continue to gather for prayer; we just do so virtually.

The prayer team of the Pastoral Care Committee holds a weekly Zoom meeting for intercessory prayer. The prayer time will offer chances for individuals to offer names of people in different circumstances (the sick, those who are mourning, the unemployed) and pray for all of the together. Even if you do not have a particular person to prayer for, you are invited to pray with all of those who do have an intercession.

Intercessory prayer happens every Friday morning at 9 am. Find out more by visiting our Online Church page on our website: <u>sfxstl.org/online-church</u>. There you can also learn about our Lectio Divina prayer groups, which meet on Mondays from 7 to 8 pm and Thursdays from 9:30 to 10:30 am.

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 37: Buy or make plastic-free and nontoxic laundry detergent.

This week, skip the plastic and take a container for refilling laundry detergent. Look for a co-op or grocer that has refillable options for nontoxic soaps and detergents.

August 9, 2020

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August 16, 2020

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8:00 am Fr. Lugo, 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.







Here are some of the faces that were part of our most recent Youth Mass. Thank you to all the families that participated! You can watch this Mass and our previous Youth Mass on our Youth and Family Formation page: https://sfxstl.org/youth-family-faith-formation







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