

Season of Creation Poster (printing by Becky McKenna, art by Anne Osdieck)

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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September 20, 2020
Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, 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 Edelmann 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 Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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 Terry Kippenberger*
 Pat March*
 Mark Marsh
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Ruthann Redmon
 Mark Roddy*
 Dennis Saunders*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Family of Candace Sexton
 Art Taylor*
 Judy 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:

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

FROM THE PASTOR’S DESK



The wildfires in the West are the worst in recent memory. There have always been fires, of course, in that part of the country. However, experts indicate that climate change is changing the frequency, duration and intensity of these blazes. Hot, dry summers create the conditions for fires. Mild winters plus a lack of significant moisture is the recipe for disaster. Sadly, the destruction and loss of life experienced in the West has become the new normal.

Our response to the environmental crisis is often conditioned by its apparent incremental nature. How can we act when it is a disaster taking place in slow motion? The truth is the signs are all around us. The wildfires are but the most recent revelation that our failure to care for creation is already wreaking havoc. The calamity is upon us.

Christians are called to stay awake and pay attention. We discern the signs of the times and respond. Wishful thinking and ignoring the obvious are not Christian virtues. The Church seeks to work with all of those around the globe who are committed to change.

Too often a sense of urgency has been lacking in our response to the environmental catastrophe. The season of creation calls out of apathy to engagement. Faithful people have never been afraid in the midst of a crisis. Now is not the time to start.

Virtual Parish Assembly

If you were unable to tune in to the Virtual Parish Assembly we hosted via Zoom on August 30th, you can view it on our YouTube channel. Here is the link:

<https://youtu.be/U3qAUqVvuCc>

You can also continue to send in comments and questions via our Leadership Feedback page:

<https://sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-feedback>

Thank you for being part of this parish!

Third Sunday of the Season of Creation

September 20, 2020 | 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

SCRIPTURES

Isaiah 55:6-9

Ps. 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Matthew 20:1-16a

Today we will hear from Isaiah God's message: "As high as the heavens are above the Earth, so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts."



In this Season of Creation, we are being called to recognize the global climate emergency in which we are living. The planet is warming dangerously because of our use of fossil fuels and our systems of production and consumption. The ways our economies function and the values they serve are depleting and wasting Earth's resources, creating great inequalities, suffering and injustice, and exceeding Earth's regenerative capacity. Earth is crying out, the poor are crying out, the existence and wellbeing of future generations is threatened.

Climate experts continue to warn of devastating, severe and destructive changes to all dimensions of life within a decade unless the global community makes dramatic changes urgently.

In this Season of Creation, we are being called to take up our prophetic responsibility in love to spread the word and to transform the ways we are living upon Earth. We must acknowledge our failures to care for creation and embrace God's ways.

Points for Reflection on the Scriptures

Reading from the Book of the Prophet Isaiah. God is near to all who call upon God.

We are invited to enter into contemplative reverence in the midst of creation before the greatness of God, the source of Earth and all the universe. Love of God's creation in all its beauty, intricacy, and lavish goodness can spark love in our hearts and guide us in caring for creation as it needs to be cared for.

- In what ways can we grow in consciousness of God's gifts and presence in creation?
- How can we grow in an ecological spirituality, discover and deepen our sense of wonder, praise, joy and gratitude before God in creation?
- How might we develop and promote creation-centered liturgical celebrations? Retreats? Education programs?

Visit our Season of Creation page on our website for more: <https://sfxstl.org/season-of-creation>

These reflections come from catholicclimatecovenant.org.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION NEWS**Youth Faith Classes Resume September 27**

College Church Youth Faith Formation Classes will begin Sunday, September 27. In an abundance of caution they will begin virtually, with a commitment to return to live classes as soon as it is safe.

Both RE and Catechesis of the Good Shepherd virtual classes will replicate the in-person classes as closely as possible. Classes for children in sacramental years will concentrate on sacramental preparation. There will be times when students in those years come together outside or in the ballroom for activities specific to that preparation.

There will be opportunities to come together even as we learn virtually. We will have Class Masses with seating in designated areas of the Church, and we will come together for penance services.

We will offer opportunities and suggestions for service work, either done independently at home, or in safe gatherings in the ballroom or outside.

It is all our hope and prayer that this is a very temporary situation. In the meantime we feel this structure will allow you and your family to maintain and nurture the role of faith in your life and keep a connection with our YFF family.

If you have questions please contact Terry Edelman, 314.712.4216, or Julie Kilian at 314.698.9268.

Link for Registration:

<https://www.cognitoforms.com/CollegeChurchI/YouthFaithFormationRegistration20202021>

New Classrooms for Atrium Levels I and II.

When students return to their Atrium classes, they will have a dedicated space which is much more easily accessible. Level I and II classrooms will all be in a large area behind the Ballroom in the space of the former Chapel.

All the rooms are larger than the current ones, and they will have a dedicated entry, down the ramp on the southside of the church. There are no steps so monitored entry and social distancing will not present a problem. Parents can park in the Laclede garage, which is free on Sunday, and just make a short trip through the campus to the Atrium door.

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.

Laudato Si: On Care for Our Common Home



PANEL DISCUSSION ON FAITH, SCIENCE, JUSTICE & CREATION

WELCOME BY ARCHBISHOP
ROZANSKI

In Laudato Si, Pope Francis calls Catholics and all people of good will to unite in caring for the future of our planet.

Join a panel discussion on how to advocate in our homes, parishes, schools and legislatures for the care of our common home. This panel discussion will include a climate scientist, a student activist, an ecumenical partner, lay parish leaders and a religious sister.

October 1, 2020 at 7 pm via Zoom.

Details and RSVP at www.archstl.org/laudato-si or call James Fowlkes-Comminellis at 314-792-7177.

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:

Sr. Jeanne Meurer, FSM

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



Enhance the Romance

A SECOND WIND *for Your Marriage or Significant Relationship*



You are invited to a beautiful autumn evening of dinner, live music, and a couple's enrichment experience designed to give you and your beloved, a second wind in these unprecedented times.

Marriage and family therapist, presenter, and author, Dr. Tom Wagner will spend an evening with you and your significant other providing insight and exercises designed to grow warmth, companionship, and romance between the two of you. Dr. Tom's couples' enrichment

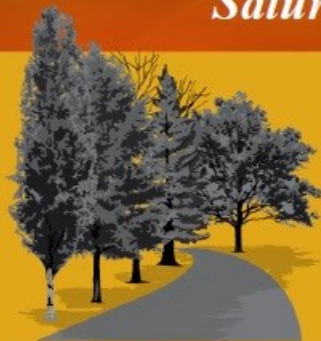
work is unique. Sign up today, and you will see how he creatively blends marital research, storytelling, humor, and solid mindfulness practice that is accessible to a wide audience.

WHAT YOU WILL EXPERIENCE

- ☼ The evening will begin with a boxed dinner for you and your spouse/significant other.
- ☼ Next, Dr. Tom will provide a presentation including couple's exercises (no group exercises).
- ☼ The evening will conclude with an outdoor concert provided by the local string and vocal group, "What's Next?" In a relaxed atmosphere, couples will be free to chat, mingle (from a safe distance please), or just listen to first rate music!

So bring your lawn chairs, your cooler, wine, cheese or any other picnic goodies you and your sweetheart would enjoy together (sorry, due to the circumstances, no potluck).

Saturday, September 26 ■ 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.



MERCY CONFERENCE
AND
RETREAT CENTER

6:00 - 6:30 Boxed dinners will be served for you to enjoy in the courtyard (state your dinner choices during registration)

6:30 - 8:00 Dr. Tom's program to foster your connection as a couple

8:00 - 9:00 Music to enjoy the rest of your date night

Cost: \$65 per couple

Advanced registration is required. Please register by noon on Wednesday, September 23.

Visit our website to register: <https://www.mercycenterstl.org/enhance-the-romance>

Rain date will be Saturday, October 3 if this program needs to be postponed due to rain. Limited financial assistance is available. Please contact Cathy at cmodge@mercycenterstl.org or 314-909-4646

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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 43 (September 20-26): Save money and water by installing water-efficient fixtures. Water-efficient fixtures can be used in toilets, urinals, showerheads and faucets to reduce the flow of water, allowing you to use at least 20 percent less water than conventional fixtures, according to the EPA.

September 19-20, 2020

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| Saturday | |
| 5:30 pm | Fr. White, S.J. |
| Sunday | |
| 8:00 am | Fr. Daly, S.J. |
| 10:30 am | Fr. White, S.J. |
| 4:30 pm | Campus Ministry |

September 19-20, 2020

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| Saturday | |
| 5:30 pm | Fr. Stewart, S.J. |
| Sunday | |
| 8:00 am | Fr. White, S.J. |
| 10:30 am | Fr. Stewart, S.J. |
| 4:30 pm | Campus Ministry |

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed, and will have Outdoor Communion. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to church@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Laudato Si Quote of the Week

Disinterested concern for others, and the rejection of every form of self-centeredness and self-absorption, are essential if we truly wish to care for our brothers and sisters and for the national environment. (#208)

The full encyclical can be read here:

http://www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/encyclicals/documents/papa-francesco_20150524_enciclica-laudato-si.html

