



## **St. Francis Xavier (College) Church**

*The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis*

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**January 31, 2021**  
**Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. Please RSVP at [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:associatepastor@sfxstl.org) with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration) or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email [church@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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**Prayer requests to:**

[church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org)

Or visit [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org), and find the form under "Parish Life."

**Join our prayer group on**

**Zoom**, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

[joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



We talk about the "dog days of summer" but there really needs to be a winter equivalent. This time of year should have special designation that captures the dreariness and malaise we are all feeling. Every day is 38 degrees, gray and damp. June is a long way off.

This year even those normally festive events of the Super Bowl and Mardi Gras offer no respite. The global pandemic means no parties this year to break the monotony. It is enough to make one cry with the Psalmist, "How long, O Lord? How long?"

Is it possible, though, that there is much to learn in the bleak mid-winter? Our obsession with ignoring painful realities by claiming everything is fine is not working. This is not good for individuals or a community. Our faith tells us something different: God remains present in the suffering. Grace is not found apart from the struggle but embedded within it.

The temptation is to just push through the hard times. St. Louis in late January/early February is simply to be endured. However, every human experience is capable of drawing us nearer to God. We might think there is little to be gained or learned from this particular moment. We would be wrong.

**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:

Pat March

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



**YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION****Announcing: Donut Decadence!**

Like so many things this year, our annual Pancake Breakfast is a COVID cancel. Instead, in the spirit of Mardi Gras and high calorie exuberance, we offer Donut Decadence.

Just visit the Parish website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org), and make a donation of any amount at [sfxstl.org/donut-decadence](http://sfxstl.org/donut-decadence). Everyone who donates has a chance to win one of five \$20 gift certificates to Pharaoh's Donuts. Father Dan's favorites, and a perfect treat for Fat Tuesday. Winners will be notified February 14.

All money raised goes to support Youth Faith Formation Programs.

Thank you for your participation in this event and for supporting our Youth Faith programs.

Stay well.

**Parish Men's White House Retreat,  
February 11-14**

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is the manual for discerning how God is calling us to follow Him. The "White House" Jesuit Retreat Center in South St. Louis County applies the Spiritual Exercises to our daily lives to develop our faith, deepen our peace and increase our gratitude.

You are personally invited to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish to make a retreat there, the evening of February 11th to the afternoon of the 14th.

The beauty of the natural setting, the prayer and liturgies and the comfort of the accommodations combine to make this a spiritually renewing and rewarding experience.

More information about the retreat (including COVID precautions) and online registration is available at [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org) or by calling John Hartung (314-326-6018—updated) Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).



## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Racial Justice and the Way of the Cross: A Lenten Racial Justice Journey



The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in a Lenten Racial Justice Journey with the theme "Racial Justice and the Way of the Cross." In addition to a daily offering of articles, podcasts, or videos to help guide your Lenten prayer and reflection, this year we are also offering reflections from College Church community members on each of the fourteen stations of the cross as they relate to racial justice. A variety of materials are offered for you to choose those that best guide your path.

Prayer cards featuring artwork from Kelly Latimore, a racial justice examen, and prayers for racial justice will be available at the back of the church at the start of Lent, as well as electronically. Visit [sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation](https://sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation) for more information or to sign up for email alerts.

Contact Christine Dragonette at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) with any questions or suggestions. We'd also love to hear your reflections as you participate throughout Lent. Please feel free to reach out!

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### Meet Janeé Davis, our new Social Ministry Communications Americorps VISTA member



Janeé is a graduate student at Webster University pursuing her Master's in Human Resources Management. During her undergraduate studies, she was heavily involved on campus serving the Black community at Saint Louis University as president of the Black Student Alliance. Along with her VISTA service, Janeé is also involved with her sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. Her passions outside of public service include cooking, traveling, and being with her loved ones.

Janeé can be reached at [janeed@sfxstl.org](mailto:janeed@sfxstl.org). Her role this year as the Social Ministry Communications VISTA will be to help develop communications for the Outreach Program and Winter Inn.

Please be sure to welcome her to College Church!

## Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins on February 17. There will be four reflection booklets available this year. These can be purchased after Masses on Feb 7, 14, and 21. These include: the Little Black Book with a scripture verse and a reflection on a person, event or practice that invites us to deeper faith; Little Purple Book for youth with daily reflections and activities; a booklet with reflections from the writings of Henri Nouwen; and *Jesus, Friend of my Soul* by Joyce Rupp, OSM. These may also be reserved for pickup during the week or to have them mailed to you. The order form is on the College Church website. The cost of each booklet is \$2.00. For more information contact Joe Milner, [joe@sfxstl.org](mailto:joe@sfxstl.org).

## LET US INTRODUCE YOU TO DONIVAN & NATALIA!

Last week, we began an update on our Sister Parish and Fair-Trade project at College Church. This week we look forward to introducing you to the two recipients of high school student scholarships from St. Peter Claver Parish in Belize.

In the Fall of 2020, we entered into a conversation with Fr. Matt Ruhl, S.J. and Ms. Olive Woodeye, who coordinates their Student High School Scholarship program. With their suggestions and discussion, our Committee decided to participate in their program by sponsoring two students beginning with Form I and hoping to continue helping them for all four years of high school.

We thought you might enjoy reading each student's application letter explaining why they need and hope to be selected for the scholarship. Each one tells their own story and that of their family.

### **Student #1: Donivan Chiac**

#### WHY I NEED A SCHOLARSHIP:

*25-09-20: My name is Donivan Chiac. I am 14 years old. I am a first son of my parents. I have a large family consisting of 5 more siblings in the household. My father is a farmer and my mother is a housewife living in a rural village means a day or 2 day work for my father. He works mainly in the farm to support our family. I have heard about this scholarship but I don't know much details. Being a student to get help with a scholarship would be a great lift for my family and me. I have applied to attend Julian cho technical High School and was registered there. As a youth and a first son to my parents. I want to make them proud I have seen the struggles we face as a family. All I have in mind is to be educated in secondary school and to find a job to help my family through further on. I will create new plans goals for my life. I will try my best in education. I believe that being close to God daily through prayer can help me reach my goal. To God everything is possible and I hope I can get a scholarship to help especially my parents. I have a third form sister and siblings in primary school. A lot of expenses will be faced and I just hope I can be given a scholarship. There might be hardships and difficulties but I will try to reach my goal. Thank you for giving me this scholarship for further my education. God bless all the donors!*



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### Student #2: Natalia Roxana Maguin

Conejo creek village  
Toledo District  
Belize C.A.

30<sup>th</sup> November 2020

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am hereby kindly writing to you for asking an assistant in my Education.

My name is Natalia Roxana Maguin, I am 13 years old. My favorite subject is mathematics. I love reading, I am from the village of Conejo creek. I am hereby kindly asking you if you and your donors could please assist me with my education because there are three of us attending high school this school year and none of us has scholarship. I am just starting first form this year and my sister is attending third form and my next sister is attending fourth form, and my father is not able to provide everything for us and he is not able to pay our school fees. He is sick and he cannot go to work worse during this pandemic it is hard for him to find job. he only works on his small farm. So I would appreciate your help. I would thank you if you could help me for my uniform, my school fees and etc. I really need education because education is the key to success. I don't want to be like my parents one day.

I thank you once more for everything



Thanks to parishioners' fair-trade purchases, these two scholarships have been made possible for Natalia and Donivan. We look forward to providing more scholarships in the new year!

**Reminder:** Sales of fair-trade products are available **online only** at this time. All the proceeds from our sales go directly to St. Peter Claver. **Place your order by Tuesday to receive it on February 7th.**

**Seasonal items still available include soup, chili, cornbread, hot cocoa, and baking cocoa, in addition to our ongoing sales of chocolate, tea, and coffee!**

To purchase go directly to SFX website at:

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

**The Liturgy: A Conversation**

Have you ever wondered what the parts of the liturgy mean? The documents of Vatican II say that the liturgy is both the “summit” and “font” of the Church’s life, but is that your experience?

If you find yourself asking these or other questions about Catholic liturgy, then you will enjoy a two-part series that our associate pastor, Fr. Matt Stewart, SJ will be facilitating on February 4 and 11, from 7-8pm.

The evenings will consist of a presentation and conversation geared toward helping connect the experience of liturgy to our Christian lives and vice-versa. The series is free of charge, and will be conducted via Zoom. The link will be sent out after you register.

Register here (make sure you register for both dates!):

[tinyurl.com/liturgyconversation](https://tinyurl.com/liturgyconversation)

**January 30-31, 2021**

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

**February 6-7, 2021**

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. White, S.J.

*The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at [sfxstl.org](https://sfxstl.org).*

**Bulletin Articles**

email bulletin articles to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

**Social Ministry Appeal  
+ Beyond 2020 Campaign**

Every year, we reach out to our parish community for specific support that helps to sustain our work over the coming year through the Social Ministry Christmas Appeal. This year is no different. As the cornerstone program of Social Ministry, the Outreach Program for ID and birth certificate assistance relies on your contributions in a particular way.

We are proud that our program offers a unique service, providing the only large scale, consistent identification assistance in the region. The pandemic has highlighted more than ever the need to sustain this work, while also prompting us to reimagine how we might one day grow our ministry beyond the four walls of our parish. This year, we have two opportunities to help us both sustain and grow our State ID and birth certificate ministry in the region.

Please visit [sfxstl.org/support-us](https://sfxstl.org/support-us) for more information on how to support Social Ministry. Contact Christine with any questions at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) or (314) 977-7309.





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