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February 14, 2021
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. Please RSVP at sfxstl.org.

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays through 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.

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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.

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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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Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life."

Join our prayer group on

Zoom, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Lent is almost here. I hope that you have seen the invitation for parishioners to share their reflections as we enter the forty days. There is more information on the final page of the bulletin on how to participate.

I would like to share my own perspective as we start this holy season. The image of the wilderness or desert resonates deeply with me. It is the place we find Jesus in next Sunday's Gospel. The wilderness is also where the people of Israel wandered for forty years before entering the Promised Land.

The desert is harsh. It is where the Israelites suffer so greatly they long to return to Egypt. It is where Satan lurks to tempt Jesus. The wilderness confronts us with our weakness, sinfulness, and fears. It exposes our spiritual pretensions and comfort.

That is not the whole story, though. The wilderness is also the place where God is found. The Lord forms His people there. St. Mark says it is the Spirit that drove Jesus into the desert. The wilderness is where the encounter with God can take place.

My own experience of the last year captures both aspects of the wilderness. The pain, suffering and isolation is real. Like the Israelites I have felt exhausted, cranky and skeptical of God's presence in the midst of all this. Yet, this time has also revealed hard but important truths. I am convinced being in the desert has exposed injustice, neglect and self-satisfaction. That is good. This on-going experience of struggle informed by faith seems the perfect way to enter Lent.

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Ash Wednesday is February 17. Because of the need to socially distance we will offer an expanded Mass schedule. Masses will be held at 7:15, 9:00, noon, 3:00 and 5:15.

There is a link on our homepage, sfxstl.org, to RSVP for these Masses.

The Disciplines of Lent

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day, and follow in my steps." (Lk 9:23)



In response to this call, the Church for centuries has invited Catholics to make the season of Lent one of repentance for sin and a renewal of our baptism. **Baptism and penance** are the two foci of the season. We journey with our catechumens as they prepare to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. We embrace the traditional spiritual practices of **prayer, fasting and almsgiving** in order to deepen our own discipleship.

Prayer is the way each of us grows in our relationship with God. Consider adopting the Ignatian practice of praying with the examen (use the *Racial Justice and the Way of the Cross* booklet prepared for us this year); pray the Stations of the Cross to connect with the deep suffering of so many of our brothers and sisters today; commit to more daily prayer time. And remember to journey with catechumens and candidates throughout the Church as they prepare for full incorporation into the Easter mysteries.

Fasting helps us remember that we are ultimately dependent, not on food or ourselves, but on God.

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fasting for those 18-59. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing in between. Our communal fasting manifests our collective commitment to putting God first in our lives.

Almsgiving is a means for us to concretely respond to those who are in need. Giving can include material gifts as well as gifts of the spirit. Ideally, whatever we choose is given not from our excess, but in a way that is sacrificial and makes us do without.

Lenten Liturgy Schedule

<u>Ash Wednesday</u>	February 17	Masses 7:15 am, 9:00 am, noon, 3:00 pm, 5:15 pm
<u>Passion Sunday</u>	March 27-28	Masses 5:30 pm; 8:00 and 10:30 am
<u>The Sacred Triduum</u>		
Holy Thursday	April 1	7:30 pm
Good Friday	April 2	3:00 pm
Easter Vigil	April 3	8:00 pm (no 5:30 mass)
Easter Sunday	April 4	8:00 and 10:30 am

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins on February 17. Reflection booklets are available for purchase after the Sunday morning masses this weekend. You may also request them to be mailed to you on the College Church website, <https://sfxstl.org/lenten>

For more information contact Joe Milner, joe@sfxstl.org

SOCIAL MINISTRY

**Racial Justice and the Way of the Cross:
A Lenten Racial Justice Journey (Week One)**



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.

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 for more information or to sign up for email alerts.

Contact Christine Dragonette at 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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Ash Wednesday Feb 17	Thursday Feb 18	Friday Feb 19	Saturday Feb 20
What Dr. King and St. Ignatius Taught Me About Discernment and Anti-Racism <i>Article</i> https://tinyurl.com/yx9edoy7	"Worship of a False God" An Interview with Fr. Massingale <i>Podcast and Text</i> 35:00 https://tinyurl.com/y2v45u6m	Afterward by John Lewis in His Truth Is Marching On <i>Text</i> https://tinyurl.com/y6mbmjkw	The Lies We Tell Ourselves About Race <i>Podcast and Text</i> 4:00 https://tinyurl.com/yxzgk67y

Thank You and Next Steps for Beyond 2020 Campaign

Thank you SO much for your generous response to the Social Ministry Christmas Appeal this year. Thanks to you, we raised \$26,301 for the Christmas Appeal and an additional \$7,468 toward the Outreach Program Beyond 2020 Campaign, getting us halfway to our \$15,000 goal! We are so grateful for your support.

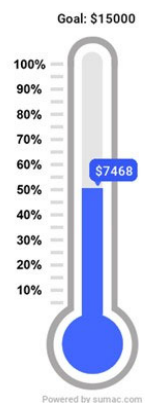
As the Beyond 2020 Campaign continues, can you help us by reaching out to your family and friends to support our ID and birth certificate program?

We received a grant to evaluate ways to expand our ID/birth certificate program. This funding will allow us to hire a part-time Mobile Outreach Coordinator to explore how to expand our work into the wider community. Together, we can work toward ensuring that all St. Louisans have access to State IDs and birth certificates.

Please reach out to Christine at christine@sfxstl.org to receive a one-pager with information on the Beyond 2020 Campaign to share with your networks.

Two Ways to Give New or Increased Donations to Support Beyond 2020:

- Checks can be made out to "St. Francis Xavier" with "Beyond 2020" in the memo to: St. Francis Xavier Church, Attn: Christine Dragonette, 3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108.
- Online contributions can be made online by visiting the following link: <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/714/DirectDonate/77984>



Thank you so much for your ongoing generosity and support! We couldn't do it without you.

St Francis Xavier (College Church)
 Profit & Loss Budget Performance - Quarterly
 July through December 2020

Second Quarter Financial Summary

Thank you for your financial support as we work to balance our budget during COVID. Back in June, we projected a loss for this year of **(\$130,000)** using our best estimates of the impact of COVID.

Through your financial generosity we project our loss will be around **(\$40,000)** while retaining all current staffing.

A few noteworthy items are: our Gala exceeded our budgeted expectations by \$70,000; our unrestricted gifts (primarily offertory) are exceeding our budget by \$12,000; our restricted gifts (For the Poor, Maintenance and Social Ministry) are exceeding budget by \$30,000; while our parish staff remains diligent with expenses below budget by \$20,000. Our unrestricted giving (primarily offertory) is consistent with last year.

	Jul - Dec 20	YTD Budget	\$ Over Budget	Annual Budget
Unrestricted Revenue (Primarily Offertory)	376,134	364,285	11,849	688,685
Restricted Offerings & Gifts	86,262	56,750	29,512	90,000
Program Fees	21,609	27,240	(5,631)	44,785
Investment Income	166	34	132	68
Grant Revenue	35,949	43,700	(7,751)	64,875
Other Revenues (Weddings, Ballroom and Gala)	213,470	134,470	79,000	226,635
Merchant Account Fees	(10,620)	(6,130)	(4,490)	(12,030)
Total Income	722,971	620,349	102,622	1,103,018
Personnel Costs	316,372	326,063	(9,691)	651,127
Supplies	15,939	19,100	(3,161)	34,360
Fees & Services	81,889	88,868	(6,979)	160,150
Occupancy	127,232	129,485	(2,253)	248,040
Tfrs Other Parishes/Diocese	71,631	71,152	479	142,303
Total Expense	613,063	634,668	(21,605)	1,235,980
Net Ordinary Income / (Loss)	109,908	(14,319)	124,227	(132,962)

- 1) Unrestricted revenue, primarily offertory, is ahead of budget and consistent with prior year.
- 2) Program fees are under budget due to COVID impacting our our Adult and Youth Formation programs.
- 3) Restricted Revenue is ahead of budget resulting from gifts to Social Ministry and Giving for the Poor and Maintenance.
- 3) Grant revenue is currently under budget as we are pending receipt of the Brown Sisters' Grant, the matching grant for our of the Social Ministry Beyond 2020 campaign.
- 4) Other revenue is is ahead of budget due to the great success of the Virtual Gala (\$70,000).
- 5) We are under budget on expenses due to the diligence of our team to cut spending along with salaried personnel taking a one week furlough. We have also delayed some repair and maintenance cost due to COVID restrictions which we anticipate incurring in the spring.

Green Corner

Members of the College Church Circle of Creation Committee had the chance to watch “Environmental Justice in St. Louis,” a program hosted by the St. Louis County Public Library, in January.



The one-hour program focuses on how low-income minority communities in the St. Louis area are more likely to suffer from toxic air emissions and poisons on the land and in the water. The presenters are lawyers from the Great Rivers Environmental Law Center.

The program is available to watch on the Library’s YouTube channel: <https://youtu.be/KqRdTuNQZ08>

You can learn more about Great Rivers Environmental Law Center at: <https://greatriverslaw.org/>.

February 13-14, 2021

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. Stewart, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White, S.J.
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February 20-21, 2021

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

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

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

Entering Into Lent – An Invitation

Lent begins this Wednesday. We recall that Lent has two underlying themes. First, we journey with those who are making their final preparation for the Easter sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. We share their joy and provide witness of the presence and power of Christian community. Secondly, we are challenged by them to examine our own lives and see what is in need of renewal and conversion, that with them we might be ready to celebrate the Easter mysteries with passion and joy.

This year, Lent comes in the midst of a pandemic which has seen our lives, our world, and our worship up-ended. We have witnessed extreme racial tension, violence and polarization. None of us is unaffected. Our experiences and our feelings about them will color the way we live Lent 2021.

The parish Liturgy Commission invites you to reflect on how it is you find yourself entering into this particular Lenten season. In light of this past year:

1. How does it feel to begin Lent this year?
2. What does community – conversion – discipleship mean to you?
3. How do the Lenten Scriptural themes of desert, fasting, living water, restored sight, new life take on fresh meaning for you?
4. What is the cry of your heart? What is it you seek?

Sharing our reflections can be a powerful means of connection, strength and encouragement for us all at this moment in our history. So we invite you to write down whatever you feel comfortable sharing with your sisters and brothers of College Church, and submitting it via email to Angela Pancella (angela@sfxstl.org). You can read these reflections at <https://sfxstl.org/lent-reflection> (use the password “Lent”).

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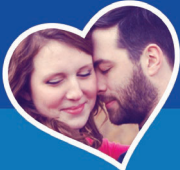
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