



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

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

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**February 7, 2021**  
**Fifth Sunday in 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**

The season of Lent is nearly upon us. It seems like we just took down our Christmas trees, but Ash Wednesday is February 17th. The beauty of the liturgical year is that we return continually to the fundamental truths of our faith that remain a source of hope and love.

It is also true that we bring ourselves to the liturgical celebration. Consider all that has taken place since Lent began last year. What does it mean for us to enter into this season given all that has happened? How are we to engage in the ancient Lenten practices of prayer, fasting, and generous giving in light of the turbulent times we face?

I ask that we consider our spiritual state on the cusp of Lent. As individuals and as a community I invite you to ponder:

How does it feel to begin Lent this year?

What does community-conversion-discipleship mean in this moment?

How do the Lenten themes of desert, light, reconciliation, new life, etc. speak to you?

What is the cry of your heart? What is it you seek?

Look on page 6 of this bulletin for more details about how you can share these reflections, if you choose, with your parish family.

We remain distanced as a faith community. However, this opportunity for sharing can connect us as we all begin this sacred season. No one "does" Lent by themselves. It is a shared movement toward Christ's death and resurrection. We walk it together.

**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.

We will have a link on our homepage, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org), to RSVP for these Masses.



## YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### 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, **so the deadline for making a donation is February 12th.**

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!

### Entering Into Lent – An Invitation

The liturgical season of Lent will soon be upon us. 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, however, is different from any we have known. Lent comes in the midst of a pandemic which has seen our lives, our world, and our worship upended. 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.

It can be helpful for each of us to prayerfully and honestly acknowledge where we are right now, psychically and spiritually. 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](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org)). She will post it on the parish website in a section that will be password protected. Information about that will be forthcoming.

### Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins on February 17. There will be six 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 *Daybreaks* booklets. 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: <https://sfxstl.org/lenten>. The cost of each booklet is \$2.00. For more information contact Joe Milner, [joe@sfxstl.org](mailto:joe@sfxstl.org).

### Special Collection Next Week

Next week we will take up the **Collection for the Church in Eastern and Central Europe**. This collection supports the Church in more than 25 countries that still struggle to recover from former Communist rule. It supports pastoral care, catechesis, building renovations and seminary formation. Your support helps to strengthen the Church now and into the future. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute to this collection.

## 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 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.

### February 13-14, 2021

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

## Happy New Year from Ignatian Young Adults!

Ignatian Young Adults is interested in forming a group to participate in Lightworks through St. Francis Xavier College Church.

### What is Lightworks?

Lightworks is an introduction to Ignatian prayer. It is a great primer in the spirituality of St. Ignatius. Lightworks covers the basic forms and approaches to prayer.

It is a once a week gathering of the group with the commitment of regular prayer throughout the week. Our hope is to begin in a few weeks at the start of Lent. This is an opportunity to build community with other young adults in the parish.

The parish is forming a new leadership model and is seeking young adults as engaged leaders in the parish. A significant aspect of that leadership is being formed in spirituality of the Society of Jesus. This is a great opportunity for those new to this approach to prayer.

Lightworks will meet on Zoom for 16 weeks, starting on Wednesday, February 24th from 7:00-8:30 p.m.

If you are interested in Lightworks, please email [ignatianyastl@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianyastl@gmail.com) or Fr. Dan White, [frdan@sfxstl.org](mailto:frdan@sfxstl.org).



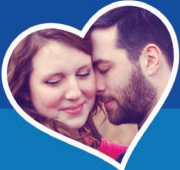
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