



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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**February 21, 2021
First Sunday of Lent**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. 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, 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.

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

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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 Edelmans at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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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 joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Temptation seems to be all around us, even in today's Gospel. It is a theological word but one that has seeped into the popular usage with a blurring of meaning. So we say we are tempted to have another brownie, or hit the snooze button, or watch endless YouTube videos rather than finish our term paper.

The classic understanding, particularly in the New Testament, is different. Temptation is a trial where we are free to be faithful or unfaithful to God. It is the challenge presented to our fidelity to the love of God in Jesus Christ. Therefore, to be tempted is not to sin. Rather, it is being confronted with that opportunity to go our own way mindful of the consequences.

Like every single human being in history, Jesus encounters temptation. The false spirit (as St. Ignatius Loyola would call him) seeks to have Jesus reject his relationship with the Father. Instead, Jesus chooses freely to be faithful to God and God's plan for him.

The account of Christ's temptation speaks clearly to his followers as well. One could argue the Church is the community of those called to resist temptation by continually expressing our faith in Him. It is also the place where those who succumb to temptation find the mercy and compassion of Jesus...something to keep in mind as we journey through Lent.

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:

Wayne and Shirley "Tuck" Loui

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

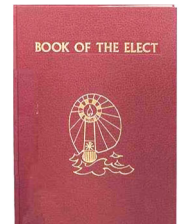


The following prayer is offered for those unable to be physically present at mass to pray:

Act of Spiritual Communion

Most holy Lord, I believe that you are truly present in the Eucharist. I know your love for me, and I desire to receive you into my soul. Since I am not able at this moment to do so sacramentally, I ask that you spiritually enter my heart. I desire to unite myself wholly with you and with all my sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ. Amen.

Christian Initiation and the Lenten Season



The season of Lent directs our attention to the new life given through Christ's dying and rising. Each of us will be invited to renew our baptismal promises at the end of Lent. Our catechumens and candidates have been preparing for many months to share in the sacramental life of the church and those who are nearing completion of their formation enter into a spiritual preparation during the coming weeks. At the 10:30 Eucharist today, Catechumens Jenn Koskie, Karli Williams, and Bernie Lu will express their desire to be initiated into the Christian community through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist. The church will inquire of their godparents if they have matured in their faith and in their commitment to Christian living. They are then invited to present their names by signing the Book of the Elect and Father Dan will declare them members of the Elect. This process of inquiring of their godparents and having them offer their names, goes back at least to the fourth century. Our Book of the Elect is placed next to processional cross in front of the ambo to remind all of us to pray for them throughout the Lenten season.

We also have sisters and brothers who already share in the new life of baptism and who wish to share fully in the sacramental life of the church. During the 8:00 mass Amanda Gonzales, Christine Sinicrope, Adrienne Brammeier, Grant Hartley, and Adam Wilke, who are called candidates, will express their desire to participate in the sacramental life of the church. They will be preparing to celebrate the sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist. They do not write their names in the Book of the Elect since they are already Elect by virtue of their baptism. We include them as well in our prayers that they may grow in relationship with God and enrich our community with their gifts and prayer. Please pray for all of them during this Lenten season.



Communal Lenten Formation Activity

There is a long tradition of adopting a special practice for Lent in order to make a more generous offering of ourselves to the Lord in this season. As an expression of our communal desire to be formed more deeply by the Lord—not only as individuals but as a parish—we propose that we adopt this common Lenten practice again this year *as a parish*, but through virtual means. Think of this as something you can do, not just for yourself, but for the parish, and even for the whole Church.

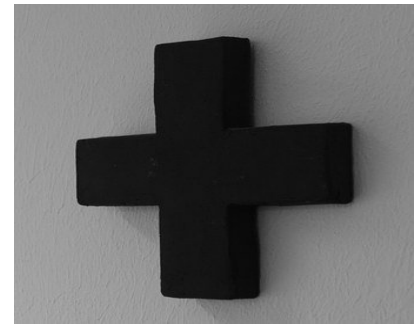
| What We're Proposing | The idea is to reflect together in small groups on the scriptures for the previous Sunday as a way of entering more deeply into our weekly encounter with the Lord in the Mass. Each week you will receive an email with a brief background to the scripture passages to help you better understand the passages. *What makes this gospel passage "good news"? What new horizon do these scriptures open for me personally and for our parish? How do I sense it forming me more profoundly in the love of God?*

| We invite you to sign up | Sign up by sending your email address to the Adult Faith email of sfxAdultFaithFormation@gmail.com and we will provide you with the Zoom link to join this meeting. We will meet every Monday evening at 7:00 during Lent for about 45 minutes. There will be prayer and brief introduction to the passages. The larger group will be broken down into small groups for more intimate sharing. You will be provided reflection questions each week prior to the meeting.

| Would You Like to Facilitate a small group? | If you are available to serve as a facilitator of one of these groups, please email Joe Milner joe@sfxstl.org. No special expertise is required.

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>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

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Second grade students celebrate First Reconciliation

On Saturday, February 27, fourteen second-graders from the Youth Faith Formation classes at the College Church will celebrate First Reconciliation. The students are Hazel Bishop, Brennan Brown, Benjamin Cirrito, Amari Coleman, Agnes Dunn, Elizabeth Jarboe, Kiersten Kelting, Patrick Langenberg, Maxwell Moehle, Kate Nguyen, Harry Posnanski, Eva Talsky, Owen Taylor and Josie Weaver. Please keep them in your prayers as they accomplish this important step in their faith journey. Pray also for the catechists who have prepared the students for this day. They are Amanda Taylor, Mona Vespa, Tracie Simpson and Julia Keiser. They have done a wonderful job; we are blessed to have them.

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. 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 for more information or to sign up for email alerts.

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Sunday Feb 21	Monday Feb 22	Tuesday Feb 23	Wednesday Feb 24	Thursday Feb 25	Friday Feb 26	Saturday Feb 27
<p style="text-align: center;">Repentance and Reconciliation-Bishop Ferdinand Cheri III</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Video 35:40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/y4oxho8n</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">What Would Tolton Think of Today's Crisis of Racial Injustice?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/y2t9sbh4</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">How to Go Beyond Diversity and Inclusion to Community and Belonging</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Video 14:45</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/yyzkvtb</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Race, Empathy, and the White Psyche</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/yxmnotao</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">The Unbearable Whiteness of American Lent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Article</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/y6c57cqw</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Notice the Rage; Notice the Silence</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Podcast 51:28</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/y8ytkulj</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Applying the Lessons of #MeToo to #Black Lives Matter-Dr. Kira Banks</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Video 12:40</p> <p style="text-align: center;">https://tinyurl.com/y5b2tl1b</p>

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!

Hiding in Plain Sight: The Reality of Everyday Racism

As our country and our communities continue to confront racial inequity and social injustice, we often find ourselves asking, “How did we get here?” “What keeps us from making greater progress?” We know that racism is a barrier to fully living the call of the Gospel, and we seek ways to remove all that separates us from the Beloved Community God intends for us. As individuals and as a parish, we search for ways to make that a reality.

The Antiracism Team at College Church is hosting a virtual series of awareness sessions designed to open our eyes, minds, and hearts ever wider; to help us more fully understand how racism persists; and to guide us on the path to creating greater equity and justice. Participants will share prayer, benefit from the expertise of a guest speaker, and exchange perspectives in small groups. Please join us as we seek to provide a space in which to listen, reflect, and learn to increase our individual and collective awareness of how systemic racism continues to permeate our societal structures and influence our daily interactions. There will be time for questions and answers, and participants will receive resources to aid in continuing the journey.

The next session will be held on Thursday, March 11 from 7:00 – 8:45.

The Racialization of America – Housing Discrimination
Presenter: Jeff Schulenberg
Facilitator, Peace and Justice Commission Sacred Heart, Valley Park

The event is free.

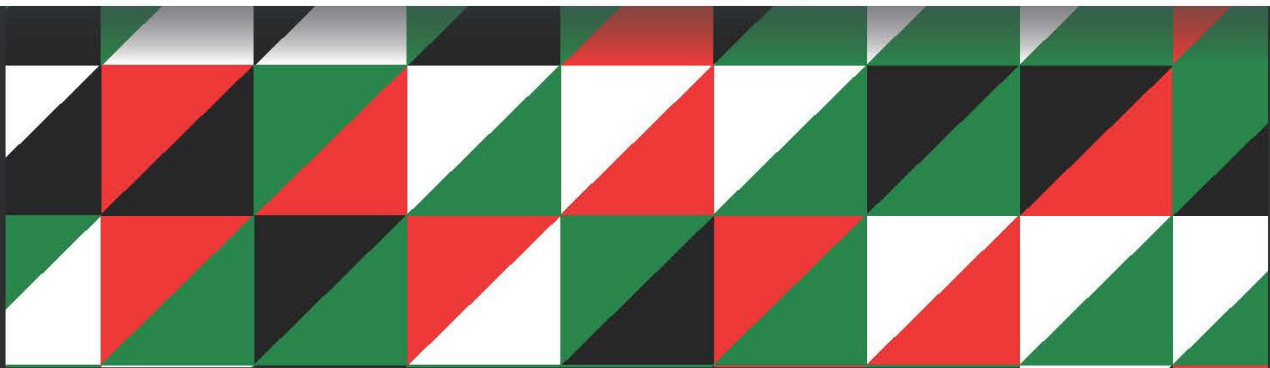
Register in advance for this meeting:
<https://zoom.us/meeting/register/tJlqcO-orzopHdBTYD6O9dk2mbBjERDspZ5>

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

New topics will be presented each month. Please look for information about upcoming sessions on racism as experienced in legal systems, financial insecurity, health care, food insecurity, and education.

For more information, please contact Carl Greiner at carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com.





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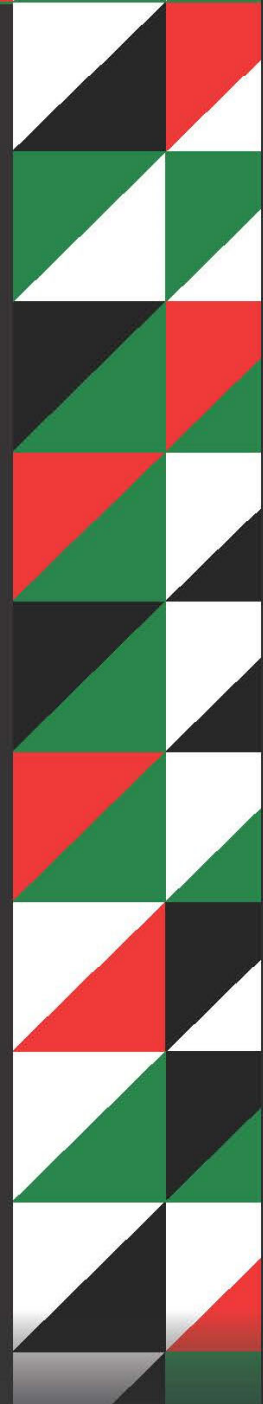
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**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2021
3:00-4:30 PM**

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There is an event on Saturday, March 6, 2021 hosted by St. Margaret of Scotland, Troop 110 at 3964 Castleman Avenue, 63110 from 9:00 AM - 12:30 PM.

Visit the Circle of Creation Green Corner anytime on sfxstl.org under Social Ministry or sfxstl.org/circleofcreation.

February 20-21, 2021

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

February 27-28, 2021

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