



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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January 3, 2021
The Epiphany of the Lord

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.

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 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 Edelman 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 Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org.

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* Long-term

Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

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

The story of the Magi is a strange one, to say the least. Following the movements of the heavens, they see a new star they believe signals something big. Traveling from the distant East, they show up unannounced and uninvited first in Jerusalem, and later in Bethlehem. Bearing gifts for the Christ child, they exit the stage just as quickly and mysteriously as they arrived.

What to make of them? It helps to remember the Wise Men appear only in St. Matthew's Gospel. Matthew has great concern in his telling of Jesus' story with two complementary notions: the Messiah's proclamation of the Good News as the fulfillment of God's plan for His people Israel; and, at one and the same time, the extension of this plan to include the Gentiles.

The birth of Christ inaugurates this reality. The presence of the Magi at the very beginning represents those on the outside who actually understand far better than Herod the importance of Christ. Now, fast forward to the end of Matthew's Gospel. There the Risen Lord instructs his disciples to go forth to all the nations to preach and baptize. These bookends of the Magi and the so-called Great Commission show the universality of the Gospel. It is the culmination of the covenant with Israel but not limited to a single people or tribe. All are invited to share in the goodness of God.

A prayer for health as we begin the New Year...

Restore My Strength

Holy Spirit, drive away from me all forms of sickness and disease.
 Restore strength to my body and joy to my spirit,
 So that in my renewed health,
 I may bless and serve you,
 Now and forevermore. Amen.

(Author unknown)

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 or by calling John Hartung (314-918-1950), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

January 2-3, 2021

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

January 9-10, 2021

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

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.

Social Ministry Christmas Appeal + Beyond 2020 Campaign

Every year at Christmas, 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 end of year 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 for our Christmas Appeal, 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 for more information on how to support Social Ministry through our end of year Christmas Appeal. Contact Christine with any questions at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

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