



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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**March 21, 2021
Fifth 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

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 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.

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

To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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 Fay Efken*
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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



Today begins the last full week of Lent. We will begin soon the most sacred part of our liturgical year. We approach this Holy Week knowing, of course, that last spring we were unable to celebrate together as a faith community due to the pandemic.

I invite you to spend some time this week in preparation. A worthwhile celebration does not just happen. It requires a deliberate, thoughtful period of getting ready. We need to seek God's grace so our hearts, minds and souls are primed for the richness of Holy Week.

What might this look like? Consider reflecting on all the events of this long year. How has that shaped you? How has it shaped us as a Church? What do you bring spiritually, emotionally, and physically to our shared prayer? The accumulation of grief, weariness, and loss seems to me the perfect way to enter the coming days.

The passion, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ is the essential truth of our faith. It is the lens by which everything else is understood. It is, at the same time, so familiar we can glide through it. The challenge is to be quite intentional about our desire to remain close to Jesus.

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:

Lyn Pickel (sister-in-law of Kathy Ryan)

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



ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Lenten Scrutiny Rites

The season of Lent invites all Christian to reflect upon Baptism. For those to be baptized, the church offers special prayers on the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent to assist them in looking into their hearts so that they may surrender more fully to God. The scrutiny rites have a two-fold purpose: First, they are to "uncover then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful." We pray that they may have a clear self-understanding so that they may know their need for God. Secondly, the rites are "to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good." These prayers also ask God to help them recognize the gifts and virtues that are within them.

This year we have three people who are ready to receive the sacraments of initiation: Jennifer Koskie, Karli Williams, and Bernie Lu. Please pray for them and join them on their journey toward baptism in reflecting on your baptism as we move toward Easter.

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program needs your help!

Our program continues to grow and we need more catechists, so that we can serve more children! There are two direct ways you can help: consider serving as a catechist in this ministry or help us by funding the costs of catechist formation. The training will begin this summer and finish in May 2022. It can be described as a long, working retreat. The tuition for Level I training is \$500.00 plus the costs of books; our hope is that we raise sufficient funds so that cost is not an obstacle to being a part of this beautiful ministry. Please keep this ministry in your prayers!

For more information, email Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org.



Lenten Liturgy Schedule (RSVP on our website, sfxstl.org)

Passion Sunday	March 27-28	Masses 5:30 pm; 8:00 and 10:30 am
The Sacred Triduum		
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



We are continuing to collect **reflections on Lent** on our website. Please submit your reflection to angela@sfxstl.org and visit <https://sfxstl.org/lent-reflection> (password: Lent) to read reflections from fellow parishioners.

Virtual Stations of the Cross

Our friends at St. Louis University’s Campus Ministry recorded Stations of the Cross with reflections in light of the pandemic and other human sufferings. Find the Stations here: https://youtu.be/k-GUXS_0nls

The Second Station

JESUS TAKES UP HIS CROSS



Jesus, the poor one, bears the burden of his people. Carrying the cross, he carried them; he carries us. The cross is the whole history of hate, violence, rejection, and war. In accepting the cross, Jesus takes up the misery of humanity. The cross becomes God’s complaint—there is no justice, mercy, or peace when the children of earth are despised, despoiled, and made to endure indignity.

We each have a different cross to carry. We carry our crosses with us every day. Some people know the crosses we bear. Some have no idea what we carry. But the one person who knows every cross you carry, first took up the cross for you. Jesus took up his cross so that you could have salvation. Jesus is always going to be taking up your crosses as long as you give them to him. We must be willing to open our hearts. Be not afraid, Christ is with you, especially during this time of uncertainty. Jesus is with us through everything. It may be hard for us to see him, but he is there, ready and willing. God is with you always.

We adore you, Christ, and we bless you. By the power of your holy cross, you will heal the world.

- Claire Brennecke, School of Education '21

Please help us celebrate Mary’s month

“Month of Mary” - The month of May is traditionally dedicated to Our Blessed Mother. To help us celebrate, the Liturgy/Spiritually sub-committee of the parish's Anti-Racism team is gathering Marian images and music to share during the month of May. To help us expand our appreciation of cultural diversity, we especially welcome other cultural images of Mary which may be significant to you.

We invite parishioners to share a Marian image or song that is meaningful to you. We envision creating a brief video that includes the images and music offered by our collective parish members. Also, if you’re willing to share a few words about what you submit, please let us know if you’d be open to being interviewed.

Please send pictures, music, videos, and website links to Thi Nguyen at thianguyen29@gmail.com by March 30. Thank you.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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

Week Six



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 March 21	Monday March 22	Tuesday March 23	Wednesday March 24	Thursday March 25	Friday March 26	Saturday March 27
<p>Members of Black Catholic Clergy Caucus Say Action Is Needed</p> <p>Article</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/yxknyvpw</p>	<p>10. Jesus is Stripped of His Clothing</p> <p>Reflection by Tim Voss</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/35bj93u3</p>	<p>Black Lives Matter in the Worshipping Church</p> <p>Article</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/yajro7nz</p>	<p>11. Jesus is Nailed to the Cross</p> <p>Reflection by Ted Agniel</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/974becbn</p>	<p>Walter Johnson Explains Why St. Louis Is The Broken Heart of America</p> <p>Podcast 24:39</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/y66w3brf</p>	<p>12. Jesus Dies on the Cross</p> <p>Reflection by Anne Osdieck</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/y2cz6g2c</p>	<p>Environmental Racism in St. Louis</p> <p>Podcast 9:00</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/3f5htw8n</p> <p>Article</p> <p>https://tinyurl.com/4ue4eme</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!

SFX College Church Finance Update

Finance Committee discussions routinely involve ensuring a path forward for the sustainable financial future of College Church over the next few years. COVID-19 has been a key topic of discussion as it has presented so much uncertainty for our parish this past year and the foreseeable future. Among the challenges we have seen:

- Ability for the full parish community to participate in liturgy
- Ability to host weddings (church and ballroom)
- Imagining and implementing new ways to connect our parishioners
- Missing many of our most vulnerable who are not able to be present in person
- Impacts on giving and revenues

The Finance Committee has been in dialogue for several years with Fr. Dan, Katie and our Development Commission regarding a longer view (beyond the current fiscal year). Last spring, as we prepared the budget for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021, we were faced with uncertainty associated with COVID-19. In light of this uncertainty, we established a budget with a projected operating loss of \$130,000.

As we discerned our financial future last spring, there was substantial uncertainty in how the parish would be financially sustainable during a pandemic when in-person liturgy and other events could not occur. We reviewed the option to apply under the CARES Act for a Payroll Protection Program (PPP) loan and agreed this was a prudent direction to proceed. We proceeded and qualified for a loan and the monies were used to pay our staff. In February 2021, we received notification that our loan has been fully forgiven. Also, in February, we reviewed the potential for a second round of PPP loans this spring and we have determined, in conjunction with the Archdiocese, that we are not eligible for an additional loan.

In reviewing our mid-year financial statements, we want to recognize the generous response of our parishioners. Our online giving has increased and now represents 55% of our unrestricted giving. We exceeded financial expectations with our virtual gala. Thank you for your continuing financial support. With your generosity, coupled with uncertainty associated with COVID still present, we are now projecting an operating loss (excluding the forgiveness of the PPP loan) of \$50,000 for the current fiscal year ending June 30, 2021.

We are grateful for our talented, devoted staff and your financial support that enables us to keep our staffing at current levels so we can continue to support our ministries. While we encourage our staff to maintain a balance between work and home, we are aware the hours our staff commit to our parish work have increased during the pandemic. Thank you to our staff and each of you for your continuing financial support.

While not able to fully interact in person, we appreciate your continuing support. As we continue to review our finances, rest assured we will continue to update you regularly. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Carl Greiner at cgreiner.stl@gmail.com.

Circle of Creation Green Corner

Gather up your electronics stuff to be discarded recycled. Consult [Public Electronics Recycling Events: mrcrecycling.net/electronics-recycling-events](http://mrcrecycling.net/electronics-recycling-events)



on the Midwest Recycling Center website for dates, locations, schedules, what they accept, and fees which may apply to particular items.

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

March 20-21, 2021

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

March 27-28, 2021

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. Stewart, 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.

Bulletin Articles

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

Pastoral Council Update

The Pastoral Council's role at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church is to advance the parish's mission by giving guidance and advancing the common good of parish members through discernment. Along with Katie and Fr. Dan, we meet with commission chairs monthly to discuss updates from the various ministries at College Church and offer a flexible platform to discuss each commission's works to advance our mission and foster relationships both within the parish and in our communities, including the North City Deanery, the Greater St. Louis area, our sister parish St. Peter Claver in Belize, the Society of Jesus, and the Catholic Church.

This is the first of monthly updates we have started for the parish to offer transparency about our meetings. Along with other topics in February and March, we discussed:

Upcoming plans to continue keeping our parish safe during Lent, and Lenten spiritual opportunities for the parish.

Creation of our Transition Team led by Aimee Whitman. The team will help lead us through our transition to a shared governance model at College Church. They are developing a process focused on learning from experts, listening, prayer, and discernment.

The Anti-Racism team's ongoing work with Crossroads to move us along the spectrum of institutional anti-racism.

The latest updates from the newly formed Pastoral Care Commission, previously a committee under Parish Life. Pastoral Care supports parishioners through prayer and action with recently began charism with parishioners who are living with Alzheimer's, and their caregivers, as well as helping families who have experienced miscarriage.

Our recent visit from the new Jesuit Provincial, Fr. Tom Green, and discussions with Archbishop Rozanski have been good, and each leader has shown support for College Church's plans to transition to a shared leadership model between the church and the laity.

Want to contact the Pastoral Council? Email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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