



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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January 24, 2021
Third Sunday of Ordinary Time

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.

To contact our Pastoral Council, please email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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Prayer requests to:

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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

(Editor's Note: I used this three years ago as an introduction to Mark's Gospel. It seems more appropriate than ever in this bitter winter of COVID and national crisis.)

Canongate Books published a series on the Bible a while back. The various books were introduced not by scholars but artists. One of the most striking was the Australian punk rocker/concept artist Nick Cave. Mr. Cave, as an artist and an admirer of Jesus, is out there. His take on Mark's Gospel, this liturgical year's Gospel, is a personal favorite. Here's a taste:

Mark took from the mouths of teachers and prophets the jumble of events that comprised Christ's life and fixed these events into some kind of biographical form. He did this with such breathless insistence, such compulsive narrative intensity, that one is reminded of a child recounting some amazing tale, piling fact upon fact, as if the whole world depended upon it - which, of course, to Mark it did. 'Straightway' and 'immediately' link one event to another, everyone 'runs', 'shouts', is 'amazed', inflaming Christ's mission with a dazzling urgency. Mark's Gospel is a clatter of bones, so raw, nervy and lean on information that the narrative aches with the melancholy of absence. Scenes of deep tragedy are treated with such a matter of factness and raw economy they become almost palpable in their unprotected sorrowfulness.

The Christ that emerges from Mark, tramping through the haphazard events of His life, had a ringing intensity about him that I could not resist. Christ spoke to me through His isolation, through the burden of His death, through His rage at the mundane, through His sorrow. Christ, it seemed to me was the victim of humanity's lack of imagination, hammered to the cross with the nails of creative vapidty.

Weekday Mass Schedule Update

Starting this Monday, January 25th, our weekday Mass schedule will be:

Monday through Friday: 7:15 am and noon

Monday through Thursday: 5:15 pm

We continue to offer the Sacrament of Reconciliation on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, 10:45 am to noon.

Welcome, New Pastoral Council Leadership and Members!

We have started the New Year with new leadership and new members of our Pastoral Council. Here is a list of our full Council:

Maurice Muia, chair
Jen Petruso, vice-chair
Gwendolyn Hood, secretary
Margie Borges
Martha Daly
Lisa D'Souza
Dick Fleming
Carl Greiner
Marty Lenihan
Amy Sanders
Winnie Sullivan

Thank you to all of you for your commitment to our mission and willingness to serve.

Here are topics discussed at the first Pastoral Council meeting of 2021:

- We are asking our SLU Students and children of the parish (~10th grade-12th grade) to join us in Council leadership. Please reach out to the chair at sfxpc@sfxstl.org if you are interested.
- Progress Management Team: Will develop a process for engaging parish leaders and parishioners at large in living into the new leadership model consistent with Our Parish Vision.
- November Virtual Gala: Gross: \$99,000 Net: \$91,000; we budgeted \$30,000 (Success)
- Anti-Racism update: During the month of February, we will have sessions on incarceration awareness. Additionally, we will be partnering with the Rock Church regarding sessions on the justice system. As a Jesuit parish, we promote a "Faith that does Justice".
- Black History Month is coming up, let us prepare to recognize and celebrate the contributions of African Americans in American society and the world as a whole.

You can reach our Pastoral Council by emailing sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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 first session will be held on Thursday, February 11 from 7:00 – 8:30.

The Racialization of America

Presenter: Joyce Jones

Program Director for Racial Harmony – Archdiocese of St. Louis

The event is free. Please click to register: <https://tinyurl.com/racialization>

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

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

ID AND BIRTH CERTIFICATE PROGRAM UPDATE

Our ID and Birth Certificate program currently runs on Tuesdays from 9 am to 3 pm in our Ballroom.

We assist with vouchers so that our guests can replace lost or stolen IDs or birth certificates. These are documents that are important when people are looking for employment or housing, so this is an essential ministry of service.

If you are interested in volunteering with our program, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

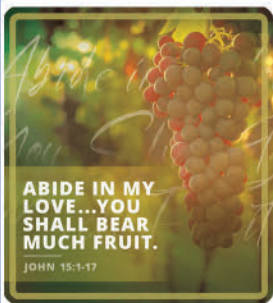
Winter Inn Update

We are still searching for more cleaners and greeters for our Winter Inn. Please help us to share the opportunity!

Contact Tess by calling 314-977-7311 or emailing outreach@sfxstl.org to learn more about this in-person, potentially-contactless ministry.



Want to support but can't volunteer? Consider donating magazines or other recreational materials that guests can enjoy with minimum human interaction. We also welcome "HotHands" hand warmers for when our guests leave the heated space.



Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Virtual Ecumenical Prayer Service Sunday, January 31st from 7 - 8 pm

Join Archbishop Rozanski and our St. Louis Christian communities in prayer for unity as we strive to abide in God's love in order to bear much fruit (cf. John 15).

This prayer will allow us to virtually enter over a dozen churches in the St. Louis area as we pray together for Christ's unity among us.

Register here: tinyurl.com/yx9lyn77

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 (314-326-6018—updated) Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

SISTER PARISH & FAIR TRADE UPDATES - 2021

As we begin 2021 we would like to share some good news about our Sister Parish and Fair Trade Program here at College Church! Through the bulletin and our website, we will begin a series of articles that will update you on where we are today and on our mutual vision for our Sister Parish Program. Today's article will explain a little about St. Peter Claver's new Food Pantry and the Scholarship Program in which we are now engaged.

In 2019 St. Francis Xavier "College" Church developed a sister parish relationship with St. Peter Claver (SPC), a Catholic Mission Parish with a Jesuit tradition located in Punta Gorda, Belize. SPC ministers to its local community in addition to 36 surrounding villages and 30 schools in the Toledo district. Fr. Matt Ruhl, SJ is the current Pastor. A small group from SFX visited St. Peter Claver in June 2018 and, through the Sister Parish and Fair-Trade Committee, have been slowly growing this relationship. It is through our parish Fair-Trade sales and your purchases each month that we are able to raise funds for newly identified needs.

Last year, during the height of the pandemic and after a late summer hurricane hit Belize, Fr. Matt asked if we could help their Vincent DePaul group start up a Food Bank. In August we sent some funds to help open a Food Pantry at SPC. Many parishioners had lost employment and food needs were dire. The funds we sent came directly from your purchases of our Fair Trade products each month. They were so very grateful we were able to help them, as this recent note and photos from Ms. Olive demonstrate:



Happy New Year!!

Thank you for you all your assistance in making our pantry a reality for the needy in our community.

Without your support it would not have been possible.

God bless.

Olive



The Liturgy: A Conversation

Have you ever wondered what the parts of the liturgy mean? The documents of Vatican II say that the liturgy is both the “summit” and “font” of the Church’s life, but is that your experience?

If you find yourself asking these or other questions about Catholic liturgy, then you will enjoy a two-part series that our associate pastor, Fr. Matt Stewart, SJ will be facilitating on February 4 and 18, from 7-8pm. (Please note: the second session was moved from the 11th to the 18th.)

The evenings will consist of a presentation and conversation geared toward helping connect the experience of liturgy to our Christian lives and vice-versa. The series is free of charge, and will be conducted via Zoom. The link will be sent out after you register.

Register here (make sure you register for both dates!):

tinyurl.com/liturgyconversation

January 23-24, 2021

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

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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.

Social Ministry Appeal + Beyond 2020 Campaign

Every year, 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 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, 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. Contact Christine with any questions at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.



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