



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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December 6, 2020
Second Sunday of Advent

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 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.

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 Fay Efken*
 Diane Flynn
 Mary Frank
 Gene Grabbe*
 Monica Gunn
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Paul Hanson*
 Mary Jane and Butch Henning*
 Christina Bah Ireland
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Carlita Logan
 Jill and Dwain Loupe
 Pat March*
 Mark Marsh
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Lyn Pickel
 Ruthann Redmon
 Mark Roddy*
 Dennis Saunders*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ*
 Louis M. Sherrock and Family
 Colleen Starkloff
 Art Taylor*
 Judy Taylor*
 David Williams
 Julia Williams
 Lisa Zimmerer*

* 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



"In the bleak mid-winter..." begins one of my favorite Christmas carols. We are technically still some days from the start of the winter season but that seems an apt description for right now. If a one-word description of 2020 was asked, you could do very well with "bleak".

It is not just the global pandemic. This time of year lends itself to starkness. The trees are bare, plants are brown, and the days chilly. And the nights are very long. I remember as a kid in Wisconsin walking to school as the sun was rising and walking back as it was setting. December felt like one long night. Advent is always dark, cold, and bleak. This year has been that only more so.

It feels right to embrace this season. The urge to just get through it is not the lesson of Advent. The comfort God promises the people in the reading from Isaiah only makes sense when the suffering is real. The radical new vision the prophet describes reflects that our great need. The light coming into the world is so longed for because the night is so long, dark and bleak.

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The feast of the Immaculate Conception on Tuesday, December 8th is NOT a holiday of obligation due to COVID restrictions. We will celebrate the feast at our normal Christmas break daily Masses at 7:15am and noon.

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:

Mary Lacina (Fr. Dan's aunt)

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



Thank you for being part of our Virtual Gala!

Our goal was to raise \$50,000, and our net proceeds were over \$80,000! You helped make this possible whether you were a sponsor, a contributor of videos or photos, a silent auction donor, a silent auction bidder, or helping to spread the word. Thank you. All videos can be seen at sfxstl.org/virtual-gala.



Ready for your faith to do justice?

Apply to the SFX Social Ministry Commission to make a difference in 2021

The Social Ministry Commission is actively seeking new members for 2021.

Commission goals:

- Continue to partner with existent anti-racism efforts at the College Church to deepen our racial justice knowledge and representation in the parish.
- In light of the growing need and challenges, build the capacity of the Outreach Program for ID and birth certificate assistance.
- Connect discernment and prayer with our justice work.
- Support Migration Reform through the Archdiocese' Peace and Justice Commission and other activities.

Meetings occur on the 4th Wednesday of each month from 5:00-6:30, virtually. We are seeking about four new Commission members from all age groups, backgrounds and interests. Commission members commit to a three-year term, with an opportunity to renew for one additional term if desired.

Application deadline: January 15, 2021.

First meeting for new members: Wednesday, February 24th.

For more information or to request an application, contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

Christmas Poinsettias Donations

We would be pleased to accept donations for Christmas poinsettias in honor of the living and deceased members of the parish or your family. Please mark your donations for POINSETTIAS and list the name(s) of those you wish to remember. You may place your donation in the collection basket, give to Sister Carolyn, or mail to College Church, 3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108. (Just write "poinsettias" on your check.)

At the end of the Christmas season, those who made donations are welcome to take some flowers home.

Suggested donation: \$10

Please print clearly:

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Fair Trade Online Christmas Market
TWO exciting ways to support our Sister Parish



(For those of you reading this on Sunday, we're including this today because we email the bulletin on Thursdays, so the info is not yet out of date!)

As the holiday season begins, please consider shopping fair trade to support our sister Jesuit parish St. Peter Claver in Belize. Since we cannot hold an in-person Fair Trade Christmas Market this year, there are TWO ways to support our sister parish from the comfort of your home this year:

1. Shop College Church Fair Trade products + enter our raffle online from 11/27-12/4:

Visit <http://www.sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade> between Friday 11/27-Friday 12/4 to purchase delicious fair trade goods including: coffee, tea, chocolate, baking cocoa, hot cocoa, soups, cornbread mix, and brownie mix. In addition to our selection of fair trade products, you can also purchase 50/50 raffle tickets and fair trade basket raffle tickets. Purchase tickets starting on 11/27 and by midnight on Friday 12/4 in order to have a chance to win!

2. Shop at Zee Bee Market (online or in person at the Maplewood store) from Friday 12/4-Sunday 12/6 in order to earn 10% of proceeds for our sister parish. Zee Bee Market offers beautiful fair trade products, perfect for holiday gifts or to treat yourself! Online shoppers (zeebeemarket.com) must indicate that they are supporting the College Church fundraiser upon checkout. In person shoppers must bring a physical copy of the flyer (included in our e-mail newsletter) to the Maplewood location only. Be sure to wait to shop until 12/4-12/6 so that our sister parish

Crèche Exhibit and Pilgrimage

The Marian Library of Dayton, Ohio, in conjunction with the University of Notre Dame is offering a digital Advent and Christmas Crèche Calendar. You will receive a daily email with a different nativity scene from around the world along with a prayer as you prepare for Christ's coming. For more information or to sign up, please visit :

<https://mcgrath.nd.edu/events/creche-exhibit/> .



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Saint Francis Xavier's Outreach Team is looking for to fill a full time AmeriCorps VISTA position. This is a one-year position that will focus on both internal and external communications for the parish's direct service programs, specifically the ID and Birth Certificate Program. This position starts January 2021

QUESTIONS?

CONTACT CHRISTINE
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CHRISTINE@SFXSTL.ORG OR
(314)-977-7309.

Apply Here:

<https://cutt.ly/Dg6VH62>



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**Advent Reflections
Via Email**

The Advent season can be a wonderful opportunity to slow ourselves down and refocus our spiritual lives as we prepare for the birth of Christ at Christmas. This Advent, College Church will be sending out a daily email that will include the day's liturgical readings, some music and art, and a short reflection written by a member of our parish family, all with the goal of helping us enter more prayerfully into this holy season. If you would like to receive these emails, please register at



tinyurl.com/sfxadvent

May this Advent season be one of peace and joy for you and your family.

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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.

Change in Mass Schedule

The Sunday 4:30 pm Mass (the Campus Ministry Mass) will resume when classes resume at the end of January.

Online Church Reminders



Just a quick reminder that we have a number of virtual opportunities to engage with the life of the parish beyond Sunday mornings.

We have Lectio Divina gatherings, a series of interviews called Parish and Community, an Intercessory Prayer group, and a podcast Recommendation all linked at

<https://sfxstl.org/online-church>

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