



*A previous year's snowfall at College Church*

## **St. Francis Xavier (College) Church**

*The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis*

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**January 14, 2024**  
**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass)

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, all in main church. (7:15 am Mass only on national holidays.)

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](mailto: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](http://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 [frtim@sfxstl.org](mailto:frtim@sfxstl.org) with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto:joseph.milner@slu.edu)

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at [frtim@sfxstl.org](mailto:frtim@sfxstl.org) or 314-977-7300.

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](http://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration) or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org).

Youth Faith Formation: Catechesis of Good Shepherd classes are available for preschool through 6th grade level students. Traditional religious education classes are available for grades 1 through 8. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Contact Jennifer Quick at [jennifer@sfxstl.org](mailto:jennifer@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) for more information.

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[church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org)

Or visit [sfxstl.org](http://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](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.

**Reflection from our Director of the Work**

*By Katie Jansen*



**We had a gathering of parish leaders last Saturday to discuss parish engagement in 2024. We will focus on knowing each other better, recognizing the gifts and contributions of parishioners and making it easier for us to journey together. You will hear more about this in the coming weeks. This will require us to continue to build the muscle of deep listening. So as we anticipate the implementation of our plan, let us pray for the intention to listen.**

**Litany for Listeners**

*Adapted from the First Spiritual Exercise: Four Guided Retreats by Michael Hansen*

Dearest Lord, companion on the road,  
voice in the night, here we are, gathered to listen.

Open our ears, our whole being,  
that we may become a listening presence to others,  
that we may enjoy the gift of our spiritual conversation.

Give me the generosity to listen with openness,  
the wisdom to understand what I hear, the strength to be changed by what  
is shared, the listening that never judges, the curiosity of a child.

Increase in us the peace to forgive and be forgiven, the reverence to  
honor both gift and loss, the acceptance that allows failure to be shared,  
the prudence to know when not to speak, the surrender that treasures  
silence after word.

Enliven in us the freedom to let mystery be the joy to celebrate new  
discovery the readiness for laughter when it rises the grace to listen with  
humble love the awe to hear you speaking in us.

Amen.

**Ready to start 2024 by joining a small faith Community with other SFX members?**

A small faith group meets monthly at the home of Peg Woodworth in University City on the third Thursday of the month, from 2-3:30 pm. It is hosted by parishioners, Peg Woodworth and Anita Blattenberger. For more information or to join, please contact Bridget Brennan at [joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) or 314-313-0613.

**Donut Sunday This Sunday!**

Donuts, coffee, tea and cocoa will be served after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. And stick around for Fr. Mike Harter, SJ’s presentation after the 10:30 am Mass as part of the Spotlight on Seniors Ballroom Lecture Series! More information on page 8.



Lisa Dickmann

### Living Our Faith: Meet Lisa

(Note: this is one of a series of profiles of parishioners to help us all get to know one another better. If you are interested in participating, or want to suggest we highlight a parishioner friend, contact Angela at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org).)

**An SFX parishioner since:** 2016. We are very grateful to Father Dan White, the late Father Glenn Mueller, and the College Church community for walking with us through the diagnosis and death of our baby daughter, Cecelia Faith, in 2017. We are also very grateful for the many catechists who have taught our children over the years. Each one is amazing!

**Living my faith:** We were drawn to SFX because of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. I assisted in the first-grade classroom for several years, before discerning that I was being called to use my gifts elsewhere. I now serve as a lector occasionally during 10:30 Mass.

I've been a lector for nearly 30 years and love sharing my gift of reading. My oldest child, Stephanie, who is 15, has the same gift and hopes to begin proclaiming the Word at College Church in 2024. Some people, and Facebook's AI, have difficulty telling us apart because we look so similar. I'm the one without braces.

**Why I'm involved:** Just like all of us, I am here to be light to the world. It is a great joy to proclaim God's word to our congregation. I am an instrument of His peace, and hope to continue to bring His light and be His hands, feet and voice for many years to come. My husband, Jonathan, and I started dating while members of a church choir, and we hope one day to rejoin the choir when our four kids require less of our time. One thing I've learned in my years of ministry is that God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

**Three words that describe SFX:** Compassionate, Faith-filled, Just. (And: Stained-glass windows.)

**My neighborhood:** We live in Richmond Heights, one block north of Maplewood. Our four kids attend three different Maplewood Richmond Heights schools and Cor Jesu Academy.

**Fun facts:** In 2017, I became Missouri's very first KonMari Consultant and started my home organizing company, Tidy Upgrade Home Therapy. Today, I'm still St. Louis' only organizer certified by Marie Kondo. Simply put, I help people choose joy and let go with gratitude of what is weighing them down. It's a very therapeutic process.

*St. Francis Xavier's parish family represents diverse backgrounds, with many immensely talented, deeply engaged, warm and welcoming parishioners. Learn more about how to become involved by calling (314) 977-7300 or visiting [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org). You can find past parishioner profiles at [sfxstl.org/living-our-faith](http://sfxstl.org/living-our-faith).*

## Atrium For Adults

You are invited!

The catechists from the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) at College church invite you to an hour of quiet enjoyment, contemplation and discussion of the mysteries of our faith before the 10:30 liturgy. CGS catechists have discovered that this approach to faith formation nurtures our spirituality, as well as the child's, and we're excited to share it with you!

We'll meet 6 times during the spring semester. You are welcome to come for one session or for as many as you like. The dates, details and sign-up can be found using the QR code, the link below, or by emailing [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org). We hope to see you there!

[www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4FABAD28A0F85-47047208-adult](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/30E0D4FABAD28A0F85-47047208-adult)





### Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Saturday, February 3rd, 9 to 11:30 am in the SFX Ballroom

This breakfast is our way of honoring the wonderful volunteers who make our parish such a welcoming community! We invite you to take time on the first Saturday of February to spend time in fellowship and hear an inspiring message.

Featured Speaker: Danielle Harrison

This breakfast is for anyone who is part of a commission, ministry, committee or volunteer activity of any kind at St. Francis Xavier. Do you help with our ID/Birth Certificate (Outreach) program? Lector at Mass? Bring Communion to parishioners? Sing in our choir? Serve as part of our Antiracism work? Participate in other ministries and programs? Then you are invited!

Find out more and RSVP here: [sfxstl.org/volunteer-appreciation](https://sfxstl.org/volunteer-appreciation)



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Walking Together

A Discussion on the State of Our Parish

Sunday, February 4, 2024

11:30 am - 1:00 pm (Immediately after 10:30 Mass)

College Church Ballroom



Every member of SFX Parish is invited to participate in this important discussion about our journey to become a synodal parish. Join other members of the SFX family to hear updates on our priorities and progress, express your views and questions, and enjoy fellowship.

Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/SFXWalkingTogether>

### Pastoral Care Commission

#### Spotlight on Seniors

#### 2024 Program

*Join with us to learn, to celebrate, to grow in our faith, build friendships and Community*

Ballroom Lecture Series following 10:30 Mass

**January 14th: Yet Another Journey into Yes, Continuing to allow God to lead us gracefully on our myriad journeys.** Presented by Jesuit Father Mike Harter, S.J. Father Harter, a member of the Central-Southern Province, has served the Society of Jesus not only in our own Province but from Oregon to New York and from Canada to Australia, gracefully learning to say Yes on his own personal zig-zag journey. Currently Father Harter is a member of the support staff at St. Ignatius Hall, Florissant, serving our retired, elderly and infirmed Jesuits. Please join us for a presentation of a Yes lived in faith sprinkled with a touch of humor.

**February 11:** Just in time for Valentine's Day: **The Centrality of the Heart In Prayer. How is it that our hearts and brains are wired for compassion, how the connection between heart and brain lead us to prayer, care and love.** Presented by parishioner and spirituality guru, Sandy Spencer. You don't want to miss this.

**March 10th: Tips and Challenges in choosing among long term care options: independent living; assisted living, memory care and skilled Nursing.** Presented by Linda DeSmet. Linda was on staff at the Alzheimer's Association for 18 years, served as Family Support Specialist at a Residential Living Center and recently moved into an independent living community. Linda holds a Masters degree in gerontology. Join us for an informative presentation with time for questions.



## Antiracism at College Church

At College Church, antiracism is an expression of our recognition that all are created in the image of God. As such, we respond—personally and collectively—to the call to identify, and to actively challenge, structures and systems that devalue people on the basis of race, and to practice restoration in the pursuit of justice.

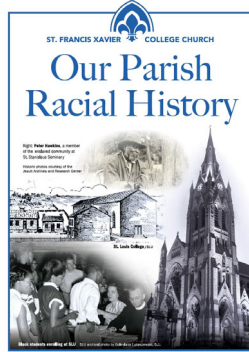
### Matilda Tyler

Among the significant figures included in this week's column, we honor Matilda Tyler. Her life and her story hold a special place, not only in the history of our parish, but in our current journey of racial justice and reconciliation. The truth of the enslavement of Matilda and her family by the Jesuits was revealed through the work of the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project and shared in a letter from the pastor, Fr. Dan White, to the parish community in 2018. In this letter, he invited us to reflect on Mrs. Tyler's life of struggle for liberation. Commemorating her actions helped to lead our parish toward the work of antiracism.

According to the 1880 census record, Matilda Tyler was born in 1815 in Washington, D.C. Her parents are believed to have been Proteus and Anny Queen, who were enslaved by the Jesuits. Matilda was likely brought to St. Louis from the Jesuits White Marsh Plantation in Maryland in 1829, along with a large group of enslaved people. She initially worked at the Jesuits farm in Florissant, but eventually she and her children labored at Saint Louis College, which became Saint Louis University.

Matilda married George Tyler and, together, they had five sons and two daughters: Edward, George Jr., Thomas, Samuel, Anna, Charles, and Joanna (or Georgia). As provided by Missouri law, Matilda was allowed, and sought, to purchase her freedom and that of her family members from the Jesuits. "An 1847 entry in the Province Treasury ledgers, under the heading 'Matilda, colored servant' reads, 'She is to have her freedom, if she pays \$300 [approximately \$12,000 dollars in 2024] to be appropriated to St. Fr. Xavier Church.'" George Tyler acquired his freedom in 1847 and by 1848, Matilda had successfully purchased her freedom and that of her youngest son, Charles. The funds were, indeed, appropriated to the College Church where, in 1849, Matilda would receive the sacrament of Confirmation along with her son, Thomas.

By 1859, the Tylers on their meager salaries—Matilda washed clothes for a living and George drove a wagon—had purchased the freedom of their four



remaining sons, and Saint Louis University released them from slavery. As of 1860, Matilda is listed in the St. Louis City Directory as a widow. Thereafter, she lived with her sons Charles and Thomas and, later, solely with Charles in two different residences in the Ville neighborhood of St. Louis.

Charles died in 1899 from progressive paralysis at the age of 53. The St. Louis Post-Dispatch says of Matilda that "grief over the death of her son has unbalanced her mind," and she was placed in the City Asylum, where she died on January 20, 1901. Her funeral was held in her family home, later processing to St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church. She was buried in the family plot Charles had purchased in Calvary Cemetery in an unmarked grave.

To read more about Matilda Tyler and the history of St. Francis Xavier College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.net, or Lisa Burks, lmburks60@gmail.com to request a copy of *Our Parish Racial History*, created by the SFX Racial Equity Review Team's History Committee.

Content and an excerpt for this article were drawn from the work of Kelly L. Schmidt, Jasmine Molock and Jeff Harrison, "Matilda Tyler and Her Family," Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project, 2020.

### Significant Figures in Racial History

Julian Bond - born January 14, 1940, in Nashville, TN. As a college student, Bond helped establish the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee. He also served as the first president of the Southern Poverty Law Center and was chairman of the NAACP for twelve years. Eventually, Bond served four terms in the Georgia House of Representatives and six terms in the Georgia State Senate.

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. – born January 15, 1929, in Atlanta, GA. Following in his father's footsteps, King became a Baptist minister, activist, and political philosopher. He was among the most prominent leaders of the civil rights movement in the 1960's. King was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1963. He was assassinated in 1968, and his birth is now commemorated as a national holiday in the U.S.

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Matilda Tyler – died January 20, 1901, in St. Louis. Tyler was among the many people enslaved by the Jesuits whose labor helped build Saint Louis University and College Church. She was a woman of courage, strength, and perseverance. After buying her freedom for \$300, she eventually purchased freedom for her five sons, as well. Tyler received the sacrament of Confirmation in the original St. Francis Xavier Church (downtown). Dear Matilda, pray for all of us at College Church and guide our efforts toward racial justice!

### Current and Upcoming Events

**January 12 – January 15** The Missouri History Museum will host a variety of family activities in celebration of the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Programs will include crafts, storytelling, Gospel music, youth workshops and more. See their website for more details. [mohistory.org/mlk-celebration](http://mohistory.org/mlk-celebration)

**January 14** 3:00 pm The Skinker-DeBaliviere Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Commemoration will be held at St. Roch Catholic Church, 6052 Waterman Blvd. This free event is offered by parishioners at St. Roch, as well as the congregations of Grace United Methodist Church and New Cote Brillante Church of God. Keynote Speaker: Winnie Sullivan. All are welcome!

**January 14** 2:00 – 3:30 pm The St. Louis Art Museum will host the annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration. The program will highlight the richness of

the Black experience in America and feature an original theatrical work inspired by photographs by Moneta Sleet Jr. in the Museum's collection. It is a free event. Check their website or more information. [slam.org/event/2024-rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration-boldly-embracing-a-legacy-of-greatness/](http://slam.org/event/2024-rev-dr-martin-luther-king-jr-celebration-boldly-embracing-a-legacy-of-greatness/)

**January 14** 2:30 pm The Archdiocese of St. Louis will commemorate the legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. with Mass at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis and the Annual MLK, Jr. Model of Justice Awards.

**January 21** 1:00 pm A Sinulog Festival will be held at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 3130 Parkwood Lane in Maryland Heights. This celebration commemorates the beginning of Christianity in the Philippines. It will include Mass and a reenactment of the gifting of the icon of Santo Nino to Queen Juana by Ferdinand Magellan.

**February 23** 7:30 pm The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra and the IN UNISON Chorus—marking its 30th year in 2024—is offering a one-of-a-kind celebration of Black History Month at the Stifel Theater. See their website for more information and to purchase tickets. [www.stifeltheatre.com/events/detail/lift-every-voice](http://www.stifeltheatre.com/events/detail/lift-every-voice)

**For more information, or to become part of anti-racism ministries, contact Winnie Sullivan penultim@swbell.net or Lisa Burks lmburks60@gmail.com**



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**Circle of Creation Green Corner**



Sacred Water: Oceans & Ecosystems, a program in JustFaith Ministries' Eco-Justice series, guides small groups in discerning how they can better care for Earth's waters, as well as the creatures and communities who live in and around them. This in-person eight-session program, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM, will be held at the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Tau Center in Kirkwood on alternate Thursday evenings from Jan. 18 through May 2 plus an act of advocacy will also be scheduled. More information and registration can be found here [[justfaith.org/sacred-water-franciscan-sisters-of-olph-small-group](http://justfaith.org/sacred-water-franciscan-sisters-of-olph-small-group)].

**Public Electronics Recycling events**

[mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events](http://mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events)

January 20, 8:00 – 11:00 AM  
359 Old Meramec Station Road  
Manchester, MO, 63021  
hosted by City of Manchester

**Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner**

[sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](http://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation) on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events.

**Prayer for Christian Unity**

Join Christians from many communities in prayer for the greater visible unity of the Body of Christ.

Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski,  
Archbishop of St. Louis,  
Presiding

Bishop Michael Jones, Friendly  
Temple Baptist Church,  
Preaching

WHEN:  
Sunday, January 21 @ 7pm with a reception to follow

WHERE:  
St. John Bosco, 12934 Marine Avenue Creve Coeur, MO 63146



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**This Sunday's Scripture Readings**

**First Reading:**

1 Samuel 3:3b-10, 19

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10

**Second Reading:**

1 Corinthians 6:13c-15a, 17-20

**Gospel:**

John 1:35-42

**Bulletin Articles**

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**College Church Accessibility**

As a reminder, **assistive listening devices** are available for our liturgies. Please let the ushers know if you would like to use one.