



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

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

**3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108**

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**sfxstl.org**

**January 15, 2023**  
**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, 10:30 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 Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) for more information.

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**Prayer requests to:**  
[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 Parish Life Coordinator**



By Katie Jansen

"A synodal church is a church of participation and co-responsibility. In exercising synodality she is called to give expression to the participation of all, according to each one's calling, with the authority conferred by Christ on the College of Bishops headed by the pope. Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and called to serve each other through the gifts they have all received from the Holy Spirit." *America Magazine*

Called to serve. Paula Sapienza, a retreat director who lives in Colorado, asked a group of women and Jesuits to discern how God is calling each of us to serve. She suggested that the starting place for our discernment be to reflect on how God has served us. We were asked to spend time trying to fully recognize and receive God's labor for and service to each of us.

It was a reflection on God's goodness; not my obligations. I found that as I recognized and more fully appreciated the ways God has served me, I felt a joyful desire to share what I have received with others.

I wrote this reflection months ago. I didn't use it because I felt like it wasn't complete. And maybe it's not. But I'm sharing it now because it's exactly what I need to hear this week. When I focus on my obligations, I feel like an aluminum can that is crumpling under pressure. But when I look around at how the Holy Spirit is at work in my life and the lives of people around me - the ways that God is laboring in the world - I feel a combination of relief, amazement and gratitude. It's good news that must be shared!

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers:

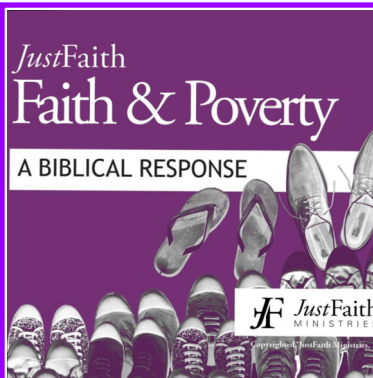
James Lewis Lowder (father of Jerry Lowder)

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



**Widows and Widowers Support Group**

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be on Sunday, January 22, at 9:15 a.m. in the break room on the first floor of the Parish Center. Interested in attending? Contact Val Rutterer at [vrutterer@gmail.com](mailto:vrutterer@gmail.com) or 314-393-8986 for questions or more information.



**Faith and Poverty: A Biblical Response--Catholic Version, Part I.**

Virtual program

Facilitator: Tyler Timm & (College Church Parishioner) Mary Ann Moore

9 Consecutive Mondays

Starting February 6, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This program explores God’s call to respond to poverty in our local communities. Participants explore these two questions:

1. What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer regarding huge questions around poverty and injustice, and
2. In light of poverty and other forms of human suffering, what is the Good News of the Gospel? The materials include *Poverty: Responding Like Jesus & Laudato Si*. Register online: [just faith.org](http://justfaith.org)

**The Human and the Holy: A Partnership**

A zoom webinar for seven Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 8:15 p.m., this series will be an exploration of what Spirituality is, how it differs from religion, and how it becomes visible in behavior. Participants can simply listen, bring their questions for discussion, and learn. Those who want to do some background reading or listening can purchase the book, *Foundations of Spirituality*, or the CD set, *The Human and the Holy*, from the presenter. The series is open to friends and family. Those who want to make an offering at the close of the series are welcome to do so; there is no fee. January 10 through February 21, 2023. The Presenter/ Discussion Leader is Carla Mae Streeter, Professor Emerita of Aquinas Institute of Theology. Registration for the zoom link for the series can be made with Shanna Bentley at [shannastreeter@gmail.com](mailto:shannastreeter@gmail.com).

**The Human and the Holy: A Partnership**

**Jan 24: Who is 'spiritual?'**

**Jan 31: What is 'Christian' Spirituality?**

**Feb 7: What is 'Human' about Spirituality?**

**Feb 14: What is 'Divine' about Spirituality?**

**Feb 21: How do I know the 'real thing?'**

**Alzheimer’s Support Group**

The SFX College Church Alzheimer's Support Group will meet on Sunday January 22nd Noon-1:30pm (we gather at 11:45am) in the Adult Faith Room of the parish center. For more information, contact Ann Steffen at 314-313-0158 or [steffena@umsystem.edu](mailto:steffena@umsystem.edu).



## 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.

### Remembering the Real Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



This weekend, we're celebrating the life, work, and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. These days, few would deny that King is an important historical figure; most would agree that his pursuit of racial and economic justice,

all while risking his life, was heroic. As the period during which he lived recedes into history, there has been an increasing tendency to portray King as saintly and sanitized, to forget how he was regarded while he lived—to minimize his passion, the anger that sometimes rose to the surface, and the dogged tenacity that fueled his work. As our memory of that era dims, we may not recall that a holiday commemorating King's life was by no means a foregone conclusion.

King, despite being a recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize just days after he spoke at St. Louis University in 1964, was viewed by many as a controversial and divisive figure. The last Gallup poll taken during his life revealed an unfavorability rating of 63%, a number which appears to have spiked when King turned his focus from the South and began to call out and protest the racial discrimination that exists in the North. Reportedly, when Americans were asked in 1964 who the three figures were for whom they had least respect, King ranked second. And his lack of popularity only grew as his efforts expanded to include issues such as economic disparity and the Vietnam War. But popularity was not King's concern, as he made clear in a speech titled "Three Evils of Society," delivered in Atlanta in 1967:

*"For those who are telling me to keep my mouth shut, I can't do that. I'm against segregation at lunch counters, and I'm not going to segregate my moral concerns. And we must know on some positions, cowardice asks the question, 'Is it safe?' Expediency asks the question, 'Is it politic?' Vanity asks the question, 'Is it popular?' But conscience asks the question, 'Is it right?' And there are times when you must take a stand that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but you must do it because it is right."*

Even after his assassination, approximately a third of Americans held the opinion that King, in challenging the

sociopolitical status quo, had brought about his own death.

By the 1970s, public opinion was beginning to change with the realization that King had been effective in helping to advance civil rights legislation. But even as a bill in support of the MLK holiday was being passed by Congress and signed by President Reagan in 1983, opinion about designating a day to commemorate King's life was split down the middle. Many states lagged behind in their recognition of the holiday—with South Carolina being the last to approve it in 2000—and some states continued to insist on honoring, simultaneously, figures from the Confederacy such as Robert E. Lee.

So as we celebrate the King holiday in 2023, it's important to remember the real flesh-and-blood man that he was: an advocate for nonviolence, a proponent of the Beloved Community, but also a firebrand, an antiwar activist, a lightning rod, a drum major for justice, a target of hatred. It's important to recall the context of his times and the inherent risks then that only magnified his achievements. And it's important to bear in mind, as we seek, in our own time, to dismantle structural racism regardless of the attendant risks, King's summons to "take a stand that is neither safe nor politic nor popular, but...because it is right."



### MLK Day ON of Service

The third Monday in January has been designated as a national holiday in the US since 1983 to celebrate the birth of the Rev.

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Eleven years later, Congress passed the King Holiday and Service Act, to honor his legacy of service to others. This act transformed a day "off" into a day of action and service to the community. It is the only federal holiday to be designated as a National Day of Service. All are invited to volunteer in any way that contributes to others. The Corporation for National and Community Service sponsors and coordinates many opportunities to volunteer on this date. Some local organizations plan events. Families and individuals may also choose to contribute in a particular way. Each of us can make a difference to improve our communities. For more information about the MLK Day ON of Service, visit the AmeriCorps site:

[tinyurl.com/2f648ayt](https://www.americorps.gov/2f648ayt)

## Antiracism Upcoming Events

January 14-16, 2023

The Missouri History Museum will be celebrating the life and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. by hosting a series of events over the holiday weekend. Workshops, storytelling, movement, and craft activities will be offered for participants of all ages. Details about each program can be found on their website: [tinyurl.com/bddf2av6](https://tinyurl.com/bddf2av6)

January 15, 2023 2:30 pm

Archbishop Rozanski will celebrate a Mass for Peace and Justice commemorating the birth and legacy of the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at the Cathedral Basilica of St. Louis. You may also participate through livestream at: [cathedralstl.org/liturgy-sacraments/livestream](https://cathedralstl.org/liturgy-sacraments/livestream)

January 19, 2023 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm (Central Time)

The Ignatian Solidarity Network is hosting a virtual presentation entitled Slavery, the Catholic Church, and Lessons for Today. The featured speaker is Chris Kellerman, SJ whose book *All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolition, and the Catholic Church* was recently published. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. For more information or to register go to: [tinyurl.com/yvusm6jx](https://tinyurl.com/yvusm6jx)

If you would like to learn a little more about Fr. Kellerman's work, the following resources are recommended: "An honest look at slavery in the Christian tradition." Gloria Purvis interviews Fr. Kellerman for her podcast. You can listen here: [tinyurl.com/25xszy2p](https://tinyurl.com/25xszy2p)

"A history of slavery, abolitionism, and the Catholic Church." Nate Tinner interviews Fr. Kellerman for the Black Catholic Messenger, highlighting the stories and "holy resistance" of Black Catholics. You can read it here: [tinyurl.com/wexb9euv](https://tinyurl.com/wexb9euv)

### SAVE THE DATE

March 30, 2023

College Church is hosting a webinar featuring theologian, Christian ethicist, and author Maureen O'Connell. She will discuss her book, *Undoing the Knots—Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-blackness*, and share ideas about working toward freedom from the entanglements with racism.

### **Parish Men's White House Retreat, February 9-12, 2023**

The upcoming retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center is a great opportunity to study and apply the Spiritual Exercises, in a beautiful quiet setting with an excellent Jesuit retreat director. Accommodations are excellent and meals are delicious.

The retreat begins Thursday, February 9th with 7:00 pm dinner and concludes on Sunday the 12th at about 1 pm following lunch. For more information, just call John Hartung (314-326-6018), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227). You can also get info/register by contacting White House directly at 314-416- 6400 or at [www.whitehouseretreat.org](http://www.whitehouseretreat.org).

## Pastoral Care Commission

### Spotlight on Seniors

#### 2023 Program

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

#### **Ballroom Lecture Series** following 10:30 Mass

**February 12<sup>th</sup>: Wills and Healthcare Directives** Presented by parishioner and attorney, Matt Perlow. He will focus on understanding and developing health care directives from a legal perspective.

**March 12<sup>th</sup>: End of Life Conversation** Presented by Carla Baum, Senior Healthcare Executive and Founder of *Life Decision Story.com*. Carla's focus will be on exploring end of Life decisions.

**April 23<sup>rd</sup>: Understanding Healing Touch** Presented by parishioner, Mary O'Neil. Healing Touch is a relaxing, nurturing energy therapy. Gentle touch assists in balancing your physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well-being. Healing Touch supports your natural ability to heal.

#### **Small Groups for Seniors**

*Registration required*

*Contact Bridget Brennan at 314-313-0613 or [joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) to register*

**Beginning Thursday January 19<sup>th</sup>**, parishioner, Peg Woodworth will host a **small faith group gathering** at her home in University City. **Group will meet monthly on 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 2:00—3:30.** Parishioners, Anita Blattenberger will co-facilitate the group. Join with other parishioners to reflect on our life's journey, our prayer lives and build community with other parishioners.

**Beginning Sunday, January 29<sup>th</sup>** after the 10:30 parishioner, Mary O'Neill will facilitate a **weekly small group** based on the film series, **The Chosen**. Group will meet most Sundays after the 10:30 in the Adult Faith Room. Mary will begin with Season I. (Season I runs 8 weeks. Adjustments will be made so as not to conflict with Ballroom Series.)

**Beginning Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> after the 8:00 Mass** **Sister Sally Rude, RCSJ** will offer a guided prayer experience **after the 8:00 a.m. Mass** on the **first Sunday** of each month. We will reflect on the readings of the day, asking God to deepen our awareness of God's love and call to each of us.

#### **Support Groups**

**Widow and Widowers Support Group** meets **fourth Sundays** after the 8:00 Mass in Parish Center.

**Caregivers of Those with Alzheimer's and Other Forms of Dementia** meets on **fourth Sundays** after the 10:30 Mass in Parish Center.

*For information or questions about any of the above programs please contact Bridget@ [joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) or 314-313-0613. More events will be announced as the year unfolds. Stay tuned!*

#### **Pancake Breakfast is Coming—Save the Date!**

**9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Youth Faith Formation Pancake-a-palooza**

**Sunday, February 19, 2023**

**Tickets go on sale after the 8 a.m. Mass on Sunday, January 29, 2023 in the Church vestibule.  
Look for raffle items and tickets—coming soon.**

**Circle of Creation Green Corner**



Did you know? Wine Cork Recycling: The Wine Cellar Outlet Sappington Plaza 11553 Gravois Rd, St. Louis, MO 63126 collects natural corks only (no synthetics). You can drop them off with an employee just inside the doors anytime during store hours.

**Plastic grocery bags, bubble wrap, resealable food storage bags, and other sorts of plastic bags and film do NOT go into recycling bins anywhere.** Instead these items should go to NexTrex plastic bag and film recycling via the brown bins at the grocery store (e.g., Schnucks, Dierbergs, etc.). Check out <https://nextrex.com/view/educate> for further information and the specific kinds of items NexTrex accepts and makes into composite decks and benches. Scroll down that page to More Than Just Plastic Bags Are Recyclable. This even includes ice bags, wood pellet bags, salt bags.

One type of item that unequivocally can and should be recycled is ABCs, that is, Aluminum Beverage Containers. Inside Climate News provides an informative article “Want to Help Reduce PFC Emissions? Recycle Those Aluminum Cans.” (<https://tinyurl.com/eecbd395>) The moral of the story is when you purchase beverages in stores, if possible, buy those in aluminum containers. Then, do what you can to be sure those Aluminum Beverage Containers (ABCs) get recycled. First, be sure they are emptied of liquid. Keep ABCs separate from trash and other possible recyclables. If it is feasible for you to do so, squash the ABCs so they take up less space for the same weight. You can then take ABCs to a metal recycler yourself (Try googling aluminum recycling near me). Or leave your ABCs in a bag on a fence post for the Alley Pickers.

The Solving Plastic series on YouTube will help you learn how we can end the plastic pollution crisis for real! <https://tinyurl.com/5brtn54v>

**Public Electronics Recycling events sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC):** <https://mrcrecycling.net/>

January 21, 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](#) on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events. <https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

**January 14 - 15, 2023**

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. Reale, SJ  
Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ  
10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

**January 21 - 22, 2023**

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

**This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:**

**First Reading:**

Isaiah 49:3, 5-6

**Responsorial Psalm:**

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

**Second Reading:**

I Corinthians 1:1-3

**Gospel:**

John 1:29-34

**Bulletin Articles**

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

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