



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 21, 2024
Third 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

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 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 frtim@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.

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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: 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 or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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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.

New Year, New Me?

By Fr. Tucker Redding, SJ



We are already several weeks into the New Year, but it feels like it just happened.

Like many people, I tend to make New Year's resolutions and, like many people, I already feel behind. It's not that I've already given up on my resolutions, I feel like the year started so quickly that I didn't even get a chance to start. And so now I think about the things that I hoped to do in the new year and feel like I'm already behind.

New Year's resolutions can be a bit arbitrary, and it is important to acknowledge that, but it is a good thing to set goals and challenges for ourselves. It can be particularly helpful to attach those goals to a big event, like the start of a New Year, to add some motivation. Sometimes, though, the goals and challenges that were meant to lift us up and bring us to a better place end up weighing us down.

Our faith can set great goals and challenges for us. This should be a good and positive thing for us. It is a reminder of the goodness within us and our capacity to grow. There are times, however, when those goals and challenges can feel more like a weight. What could lift us up and encourage us to strive to be the very best versions of ourselves can sometimes be a weapon that we use against ourselves because we don't think we measure up.

Just as with New Years resolutions, when it comes to growing in our faith it is often our own expectations that we don't measure up to. It is always good to be moving forward, but that path must be motivated by love and hope, not shame and fear.

If there is anything that you are working on let it be a positive experience. There's nothing wrong with striving to be a "new you," but remember that God loves the old you too.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

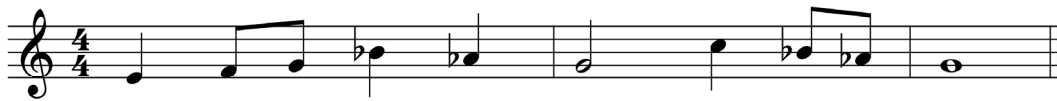
With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, including:

Samuel (Sammie) Belk, brother of Office Manager Joyce Miller

Lorraine Buck, grandmother of parishioner Mya Laurence

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



INTRODUCTORY RITES*Gathering: Sing a New Song to the Lord**Gather 627**Gloria: The Glendalough Mass**Gather 261***LITURGY OF THE WORD***Responsorial Psalm 25: Teach me your ways, O Lord...**Guimont*

Teach me your ways, O Lord, teach me your ways.

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*Gospel Acclamation: Mass of Remembrance**Haugen*

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Music: *Mass of Remembrance*, Marty Haugen, © 1987, GIA Publications, Inc.

**The kingdom of God is at hand.
 Repent and believe in the Gospel.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST*Presentation of the Gifts (10:30): Hold Me in Life**Oosterhuis/Huijbers*

Hold me in life for you are my safe - ty al-ways my eyes - are look-ing for you.

*Eucharistic Acclamations: The Glendalough Mass**Gather 263, 264, 267 & 269*

COMMUNION RITE*Communion: Pescador de Hombres**Gather 781**Meditation (10:30): I Sought the Lord**White*

I sought the Lord, and afterward I knew
 he moved my soul to seek him, seeking me.
 It was not I that found, O Savior true;
 no, I was found of thee.

I find, I walk, I love, but oh, the whole
 of love is but my answer, Lord, to thee!
 For thou wert long beforehand with my soul;
 Always thou lovedst me, always thou lovedst me.

Thou didst reach forth thy hand and mine enfold;
 I walked and sank not on the storm-vexed sea.
 'Twas not so much that I took hold,
 As thou dear Lord, on me.

CONCLUDING RITE*Recessional: Go Make of All Disciples**Gather 769**Recessional (10:30): We Are Marching/Siyahamba**Gather 594*

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**Missouri Voting Rights Advocacy Day
 Tuesday, January 30th**

The College Church Advocacy Committee invites you to join us in Jefferson City! We'll be joining a Voting Rights Advocacy Day sponsored by the Missouri Voter Protection Coalition on Tuesday Jan. 30, 2024, at the State Capitol from 9am - 1pm. This is a great opportunity for you to learn about legislation impacting our democracy, meet with lawmakers, and attend a committee hearing. No experience required! Two virtual training sessions will be offered on Jan. 23rd (details available at the signup link below), and the Advocacy Committee will coordinate carpooling for the 30th, preparation for the day, and debriefing your experiences afterwards. The focus issues for this nonpartisan advocacy day will be protecting Missouri's long-standing citizen initiative process, protecting election workers, and expanding ID access for all. Register online at bit.ly/Jan30Lobby - and be sure to let the Advocacy Committee know, too! Just email us at sfxadvocacy@gmail.com. We hope to see you on the 30th!



Maureen Hughes

Living Our Faith: Meet Maureen

(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.)

An SFX parishioner since: 1979. I began attending College Church that summer after moving to St. Louis from my native South Bend, Ind. That's 44 years, except for about three years at a West County church where I never really connected or felt that I belonged.

Living my faith: As a young family in 1988, we participated in the very first religious education program for children. I've served on the Pastoral Council in the past and on the Development Commission presently, and I've sung in the choir for about 15 years. (You'll see me on the left in the soprano section.)

Participation in one of the early Just Faith groups compelled me to focus on social justice, move to the City of St. Louis, and volunteer with youth projects in North City. Something that continues to remain on my mind from Just Faith is the notion of "crossing borders" to connect with others and to be of service. I've also participated in retreats at the White House, Bridges and bible study at St. Matthew the Apostle Church.

Why I'm involved: This is an exciting and energizing time in the Catholic Church. I'm "all in" with synodality and walking together as people of God, listening to each other and the Holy Spirit. There are many challenges in our Church that also raise great opportunities. College Church is the best-kept secret in our St. Louis community, and this is a wonderful time for outreach to those who have left the Catholic Church and others who are searching for a new spiritual home. College Church welcomes all! Let's cross the borders!

Three words that describe SFX: Welcoming All, Ignatian Spirituality/Jesuit Charism, Spiritual Home

My neighborhood: Having lived in St. Louis County where my now-adult children attended schools, I currently make my home in Southwest Garden adjacent to The Hill. St. Louis is known for its many neighborhoods, and it would help to address long-standing injustice issues if we would, as a community, "cross borders."

Fun facts: I first became aware of the Jesuits in my freshman year of college at Georgetown University in the School of Languages and Linguistics. This was during Watergate! For financial reasons, I returned to South Bend and graduated from St. Mary's College with a degree in Accounting and Spanish. I'm now a semi-retired CPA on contract with an accounting firm for "gig" projects.

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. You can find past parishioner profiles at 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. We hope to see you there!



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Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

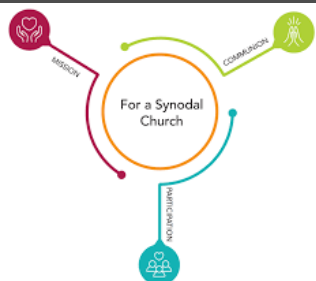
Saturday, February 3rd, 9 to 11:30 am in the SFX Ballroom

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



Walking Together A Discussion on the State of Our Parish Sunday, February 4, 2024 11:30am - 1:00pm (After 10:30 Mass) College Church Ballroom



All members of the St. Francis Xavier parish community are invited to gather for our first forum of 2024 that will feature information-sharing, small group discussion and fellowship. Parish leaders will provide updates and address questions about our ministries, operations and journey to become a synodal parish. There also will be opportunities to meet other parishioners and express your ideas about our parish's work and future.

Families are welcome; there will be supervised activities for children. Registration is encouraged so that we are ready to welcome everyone who is planning to take part.

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

Please save the date, register and plan to attend.

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

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.

Please note: the talk by Fr. Mike Harter is being rescheduled. We will send more details on it soon.



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.

The Witnessing Whiteness Program

By Colleen McCluskey

In recent years, awareness of race and racism has become more prominent in the US. Certainly, the work of the College Church Racism and Reconciliation Committee has aided my awareness of these issues, especially as it pertains to the history and workings of our parish community. I want to talk about some of my experiences in another program operating in the wider St Louis community that is dedicated to goals similar to those of our own committee.

The program known as Witnessing Whiteness was established at the St Louis Metro YWCA by Amy Hunter in 2009. It is designed to create a space exclusively for those who identify as white to explore the history, meaning, and impact of whiteness in the United States. Under the guidance of experienced facilitators, white people are encouraged not only to investigate how whiteness functions in creating and maintaining a racist system in the US, but also to recognize how racism functions in their own lives and how their own white identities and actions contribute to ongoing racial oppression in the Saint Louis area.

The program uses Shelly Tochluk's book, *Witnessing Whiteness* (3rd edition, published in 2022) to introduce participants to the concept and impact of whiteness. For each meeting, participants read a chapter of the book to prepare themselves for the discussion and exercises that occupy the meetings. The goal is to educate white people on the realities of race in the US and to assist in their development of what Tochluk calls a positive anti-racist white identity. It seeks to empower white people to become effective anti-racist workers in helping to transform their own communities.

As both a former participant and a former volunteer facilitator in the program, I can attest to the power of this program. Prior to taking part as a participant, I considered myself to be fairly enlightened on the topic of race. Going through this program brought home to me how much I didn't know about race and racism in this country and about my own complicity as a clueless white person who did not have to think about her own



racial identity and its impact on individuals of color. The program is genuinely eye-opening and helps white people to understand that developing a positive, white anti-racist identity, although a life-long process, is ultimately necessary in order to live an authentic and meaningful life. It helps those of us who are white to do our part in recognizing the pillars that uphold a racist system (to use Barbara Love's inspiring metaphor) and to do our part in knocking down those pillars maintained by white supremacy. For those of us who are white, this program helps to set us on the path to help build a racially just community.

If you are white, I would like to encourage you to consider taking part in a Witnessing Whiteness session. Although the work of gaining knowledge about how race functions in our society and coming to terms with one's own white identity can be painful and arduous, it is ultimately rewarding. For more information, you can click on the following link: www.ywcastl.org/what-we-do/racial-justice/witnessing-whiteness/. I wish you well on your journey.

A Prayer for Migrant Families

Good and gracious God, we thank you for the gift of families.

We are grateful for all of the joy and love that they bring into our lives, and we ask that you provide special protection for all families, particularly those who face hardships as they move in search of a better life.

Show mercy to those who travel in danger, and lead them to a place of safety and peace. Comfort those who are alone and afraid because their families have been torn apart by violence and injustice.

As we reflect upon the difficult journey that the Holy Family faced as refugees in Egypt, help us to remember the suffering of all migrant families. Open our hearts so that we may provide hospitality for all who come in search of refuge.

Give us the courage to welcome every stranger as Christ in our midst.

-United States Conference of Catholic Bishops



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Significant Figures in Racial History

St. Alberto Hurtado, SJ – born January 22, 1901, in Vina del Mar, Chile. Ordained a Jesuit priest in 1933, Hurtado desired to improve the lot of the poor, especially the young. He founded an organization called “Hogar de Cristo” (Home of Christ), that served thousands of poor and abandoned young people throughout Chile.

Venerable Satako Kitahara – died January 23, 1958, in Tokyo, Japan. In the trauma after World War II, Kitahara became Catholic and volunteered in a shanty neighborhood called Ants Town. But she was challenged by one of its residents for helping only during her free time. After all, had not Christ totally emptied himself? From then on, she lived among the ragpickers and became known as “The Mary of Ants Town.”

Arturo Schomburg – born January 24, 1874, in San Juan, Puerto Rico to African and German parents. Schomburg moved to the U.S. where he researched and wrote about contributions made to society by Afro-Latino Americans and African Americans. He collected literature, art, slave narratives, and other materials of African history for the Schomburg Center for Research in Black Culture at New York’s Public Library in Harlem.

St. José Gabriel del Rosario Brochero – died January 26, 1914, in Cordoba, Argentina. Brochero was a diocesan priest known to travel long distances on a mule to serve the people of his huge parish. He cared for the sick during a cholera epidemic and contracted leprosy during his travels. Brochero was canonized in 2016.

Henry O. Wagoner – died January 27, 1901, in Denver,

CO. As a free black man in Maryland, Wagoner worked with the Underground Railroad to free enslaved people. Under suspicion for that activity, he moved to Chicago as a journalist for anti-slavery newspapers. After the Civil War, Wagoner worked in Denver seeking quality education for Blacks and the right to vote.

Current and Upcoming Events

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.

January 26 5:00 – 7:00 pm Washington University, Brown Hall, Room 100 All are invited to attend a free screening of the short historical dramatic film *Eliza*. It tells the story of Eliza Rone who was enslaved by one of the richest families in St. Louis. The screening will be followed by a panel discussion. For more information, go to: library.wustl.edu/events/eliza-film-screening/

January 28 12:00 – 6:00 pm Teens from across St. Louis are invited to participate in the St. Louis Youth Advocacy Workshop. Increase your skills and knowledge, and develop connections that will help you to impact the issues important to you. The event will be held at The Legacy Center, 6850 Normandale Dr., 63121. Lunch will be provided. Go to wymancenter.org/st-louis-youth-advocacy-workshop/ for more information and to register.

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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Social Ministry Christmas Appeal: Thank You!



On behalf of our staff, volunteers, and program guests, thank you so much for your generous support of the Social Ministry Christmas Appeal. All of the funds raised will go directly toward the continuation and growth of our parish's service and social justice efforts. Thanks to you, we raised **\$29,828** in contributions to Social Ministry in the Christmas season! These funds, combined with the commitment of so many parishioners who dedicate their time to Social Ministry, allow us to live out our Gospel call to love our neighbors and work for justice.

Thank you again for your continued generosity and prayers for Social Ministry!



Social Justice Camp at College Church

Registration is now open! The Social Justice Camp sponsored by the College Church Youth Faith Formation program will be held June 24 – 28 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Young people who will be entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the fall are invited to attend. The week's schedule will include engaging group activities and participation in a variety of community service events. We will explore ways God calls us to build a just society and use our gifts to help others.

Camp fees are \$350 per camper and include all program materials and daily snacks. Campers bring their own lunches. Scholarships are available.

Reserve your spot by registering through this link:

sfxstl.org/youth-group-registration.

Please contact Jennifer Quick jennifer@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

Circle of Creation Green Corner



If you would like to bring to the attention of the Circle of Creation Committee information and/or events related to environmental justice, please feel free to email fran@drfransmathstronglab.com.

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].

Great Rivers Greenways has a short slide show [greatriversgreenway.org/volunteer] picturing how you could volunteer.

Public Electronics Recycling events

mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events

March 2, 8:00 AM to Noon

2505 South Brentwood Boulevard

Brentwood, MO, 63144

hosted by the City of **Brentwood**

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

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

January 20-21

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. Redding, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. McMahan, S.J.

10:30 am

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January 27-28

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This Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Gospel:

Mark 1:14-20

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



Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Camille Smith, at bulletin@sfxstl.org, before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

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.