



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

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

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

**314-977-7300**

**sfxstl.org**

**January 22, 2023**  
**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](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 11:45 am.

### **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 [fritim@sfxstl.org](mailto:fritim@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 [fritim@sfxstl.org](mailto:fritim@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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To reach the Pastoral Council, email [sfxpc@sfxstl.org](mailto:sfxpc@sfxstl.org).

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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 Parishioner Sandy Spencer**



*Sandy is actively involved with our Elder Prayer Companions, among other ministries.*

How might we live into this Kin-dom – this Reign of God – these weeks and months of ORDINARY time. Meditate along with me.

COME – PARABLE PEOPLE – of all races, all ages, all genders, all faiths: all of us who grapple with MYSTERY, who pray for faith and trust, who are learning the challenges of compassionate, forgiving love.

LEARN FROM JESUS-THE RISEN CHRIST: LISTEN to the SPIRIT.... TO DISCOVER, as with a pearl, how to let go of everything to hunt for the hidden treasure.

TO EMBRACE that which has been lost- but found... as in the 100th lamb. TO SEARCH with uncommon faith, as did the woman searching for the lost coin. TO SET A TABLE and THROW A BANQUET because the penny is found. TO PRAY on a hillside to ABBA, in the nighttime, at table with friends,

Plant a tree and harvest fruit. Throw out a net and pull in fish. Lift up a child and hold the reign of God in your lap. Receive service from another: anointing, washing feet. Take note of birds. Give away bread. Sit at a table and eat.

Gather all the community for supper – the widow, the tax collectors, the sick, us common folk who hurt and love, who grieve and cry, who know how to laugh. This is WHAT HAPPENS IN ORDINARY TIME. God shows up.....at our tables, during our walks, in the ways we see and listen to another; when we pray and when it hurts too much to cry...when we say, "Thank You."

The Kin-dom is mystery and purifying love. It is JUSTICE on this planet Earth, peeling away all that divides and hinders life, growth, truth and gentle care... EVERYDAY,

The SEARCH we are in, the DESIRE that consumes us – this IS God in Ordinary time. Spirit at work. The Risen Christ present within us, among us, and through us....our prepositional God.

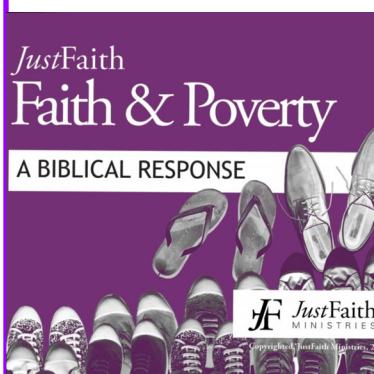
**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

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

Pat Greiner (mother of Carl Greiner)

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





### **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: [justfaith.org](http://justfaith.org)



NATIONAL  
**Eucharistic  
Revival**

The bishops of the United States have invited everyone to enter on a journey of deeper understanding of and participation in the celebration of the Eucharist from 2022 through 2024. Each diocese and each parish has been invited to develop ways to help people learn and grow in their praying of the Eucharist. The Second Vatican Council, in the document on the Liturgy stated: the sacred liturgy is the "summit toward which the activity of the Church is directed; and the same time, it is the fountain from which all her powers flow." (SC 10)

To deepen our understanding of the mass, College Church will offer a series of five presentations on different parts of the mass. These will be offered online on Monday evenings starting Feb 6. These will explore the historical background, the scripture readings, the Eucharistic prayer, and communion. There will be background information, presentation, and time for discussion each week. To join us, please send an email with your name to [joe@sfxstl.org](mailto:joe@sfxstl.org).

### **Widows and Widowers Support Group**

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be this 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.

### **Alzheimer's Support Group**

The SFX College Church Alzheimer's Support Group will meet this 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.

### Lifting Every Voice



Thirty-five years after the close of the Civil War, the activist, educator, and Harlem Renaissance writer James Weldon Johnson (1871-1938) penned a poem to celebrate the birthday of President Abraham Lincoln. Johnson's brother Rosamond later set the poem, "Lift Every Voice and Sing," to music.

The song was intended to capture African Americans' yearning for, and journey toward, freedom and equality at a time when Jim Crow laws were replacing slavery, Reconstruction Era gains were being reversed, and the brutality of lynching was on the rise.

The song was first performed by a choir of 500 children at the Stanton School, a segregated academy in Jacksonville, Florida, where James Weldon Johnson was the principal. From there, the song grew in popularity until, in 1919, it was adopted as the official anthem of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP)—an organization that Johnson would later serve as its executive secretary.

"Lift Every Voice and Sing" became a rallying cry during the Civil Rights Movement of the 50s and 60s. Over the years it has been included in many church hymnals and sung by an array of performers in a variety of settings. While it has continued to grace African American communal gatherings, increasingly it may be heard at events for the general public. More recently, it was sung by those protesting the death of George Floyd, and it has been referenced in President Joseph Biden's plan to address racial disparities. The song was first dubbed, and is often called, the Black National Anthem, a description that has been the subject of some controversy as, according to critics, it implies an intended separatism—a charge that seems clearly refuted by the lyrics below:

Lift every voice and sing,  
'Til earth and heaven ring,  
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty;  
Let our rejoicing rise  
High as the listening skies,  
Let it resound loud as the rolling sea.  
Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us,  
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us;

Facing the rising sun of our new day begun,  
Let us march on 'til victory is won.

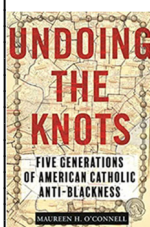
Stony the road we trod,  
Bitter the chastening rod,  
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died;  
Yet with a steady beat,  
Have not our weary feet  
Come to the place for which our fathers sighed.  
We have come, over a way that with tears has been watered,  
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered,  
Out from the gloomy past,  
'Til now we stand at last  
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast.

God of our weary years,  
God of our silent tears,  
Thou who has brought us thus far on the way;  
Thou who has by Thy might  
Led us into the light,  
Keep us forever in the path, we pray.  
Lest our feet, stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee,  
Lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee;  
Shadowed beneath Thy hand,  
May we forever stand,  
True to our God,  
True to our native land.

To hear a recording of "Lift Every Voice and Sing," please follow this link:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=w4EdnxNjrhc>

Sculpture by Augusta Savage of Lift Every Voice and Sing (The Harp) on display at the 1939 New York World's Fair.

### Undoing the Knots—Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness



Among the many stories of her Irish Catholic heritage, author Maureen O'Connell describes for us the penitential practice of rounding. In this ancient tradition, after confessing his sin, the

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penitent removes himself to a secluded place considered to be holy and walks clockwise around a particular point, offering prayers of contrition. He would place a small stone on the ground to mark each completed “round”—the growing pile symbolizing his desire to be free of the weight of the sin he carried. At the completion of the ritual, the penitent returns home, resolved to leave the sin behind. In writing the book, *Undoing the Knots-Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness*, O’Connell undertakes a similar *tura*, or pilgrimage, as she uncovers the experiences of her Irish Catholic family—seeking to understand how they simultaneously learned how to be Catholic as they also learned to see Black people as a threat rather than as brothers and sisters.

Incorporating personal and family memoir and an examination of systemic racism—both historic and contemporary—the author reveals the ways in which we are all entangled in racism, even as we struggle to resist it. As we have seen in our own parish racial history, Catholic institutions too often upheld and reinforced racial barriers rather than work in solidarity with Black Americans to remove them. We continue to live with that legacy.

O’Connell’s pilgrimage also offers a spiritual path seeking racial mercy and justice. She writes, “With racial mercy, we can acknowledge the wrongs and shortcomings, our desire to be forgiven, and then commit ourselves to making things whole again.” O’Connell helps us to see that undoing the knots of racial injustice can begin with learning to recognize the practices that uphold it and creating new ties of authentic belonging in multicultural communities.

## Upcoming Events

January 26, 2023 6:00 – 7:30 pm

Have you participated in a JustFaith program? All Alumni are invited to hear from Executive Director Susie Tierny and other local JF leaders about new programs. Come hear about the exciting programs available through JustFaith and enjoy fellowship and refreshments. The event will be held in the St. Francis Xavier (College) Church Ballroom. Reservations are requested. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/justfaithministries> to register.

February 2, 2023 7:00 pm

The second annual Mass for Racial Unity will be hosted by St. Catherine Labouré Parish, 9740 Sappington Rd., 63128. Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will celebrate the Liturgy. The music will feature the choirs of St. Catherine Labouré and St. Augustine. All are welcome. The Mass will be livestreamed at [sclparish.org](http://sclparish.org) for those who are unable to attend in person.

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?** Foam Products Corporation ([www.fpcfoam.com](http://www.fpcfoam.com)) is accepting Styrofoam for recycling, non-food packaging only. FPC is at 2525 Adie Road, Maryland Heights 63043. Outdoor bins are accessible 24/7 on the north end of the building, the side that faces Page Avenue.

One way to avoid single-use take-out packaging is to take advantage of Kind Box, a reusable container program for Green Dining Alliance ([greendiningalliance.org](http://greendiningalliance.org)) restaurants in the St. Louis area that allows consumers to lessen their waste. Among other benefits, choosing Kind Box reusable containers will remove single-use containers from the waste stream, removing them from landfills, streets, waterways, and incinerators. Visit this Kind Box link and see how this works: [kindboxstl.org](http://kindboxstl.org)

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

**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.

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

February 11, 8:00 AM to Noon  
900 TR Hughes Boulevard, O'Fallon, MO, 63366  
hosted by the City of O'Fallon

February 25, 8:00 – 11:00 AM  
Wohlwend Elementary School  
5966 Old Telegraph Road St. Louis, MO 63129  
hosted by Wohlwend Elementary School

March 4, 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM  
3964 Castleman Ave. St. Louis, MO 63110  
hosted by St. Margaret of Scotland/Troop 110

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 21 - 22, 2023

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

### January 28 - 29, 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 8:23-9:3

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 27:1, 4, 13-14

**Second Reading:**  
I Corinthians 1:10-13, 17

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 4:12-17

### 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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