

## **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 23rd, 2022**  
**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, 10:45 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 [associatepastor@sfxstl.org](mailto:associatepastor@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. Dan White at [frdan@sfxstl.org](mailto:frdan@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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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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.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



This coming Friday the 28th is the feast of St. Thomas Aquinas. I attended Aquinas High School back home in Wisconsin where my admiration for him began. I must confess, though, this devotion was based on the fact we had a day off from school on his feast day. I would like to think my appreciation for this great saint has deepened over the years.

It is impossible to summarize Thomas Aquinas' contributions to the Church. Perhaps his most relevant insight is his understanding of the relationship between faith and reason. He was not the first theologian to stress the compatibility of Christianity and intellectual inquiry. But he did so in a way that was quite controversial and ground-breaking for his time.

St. Thomas used pagan Greek concepts via Muslim philosophers to create a systematic way of understanding our faith.

St. Thomas was convinced there was no great divide between rationality and faith. Intellectual questioning was not to be feared but was the path to a greater sense of God's revelation in Jesus Christ. The human intellect assists our faith because both came from God.

Religious faith is often criticized for being hostile to reason. Unfortunately, there are plenty of examples of Christians and others to support that view. St. Thomas Aquinas offers a very different perspective. Our capacity to reason is hardly a barrier, but rather an essential means to understand the gift of Christian faith.


**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:

Bill Kuc

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





*"We saw the  
star in the East"*

*Mt 2:2*

Sunday, January 30 @ 7 - 8pm  
St. John Bosco Catholic Parish  
12934 Marine Avenue  
Creve Coeur, MO 63146

*Archdiocese of St. Louis*  
**Week of Prayer for Christian Unity**

**Now Hiring! 2022 AmeriCorps Communications Development  
Specialist VISTA**

College Church Outreach Program and AmeriCorps VISTA are seeking a full-time AmeriCorps VISTA volunteer! If you have any questions, please contact Christine Dragonette at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org). For more information or to apply, scan here: <https://tinyurl.com/2p8azura>







## Our Leadership Transition: Becoming a more Synodal Church

### A Call to Discernment

Our leadership transition is a watershed moment in the history of our parish, and one that calls for new forms of engagement. Pope Francis has reminded us that we should be a Church whose members, clergy and laity both, are discerning our direction; a Church in which each person's potential is recognized and their contributions fully valued; a Church in which we all participate fully.

**To that end, we are inviting everyone to consider attending a house meeting.** The purpose of these gatherings is two-fold:

- Build community by meeting in small groups.
- Share our desires and concerns for our parish and ourselves as we become a more synodal church.

We hope by meeting as small groups, we can begin to be the Church we hope to become--one in which our lay members take an active role in discernment about our future.

#### SIGN UP FOR A HOUSE MEETING

[sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org)



### Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, "We stand before You, Holy Spirit," which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

***We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.***

***With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;***

***Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.***

***We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.***

***Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.***

***Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.***

***All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.***

***Amen.***

## Reflections on Synodality

The Church's recent emphasis on synodality is a perfect example of the Catholic understanding of tradition. Tradition is not a single moment we preserve in amber so it can remain unchanging and static. It is instead a lived expression of our faith that is rooted in the wisdom of the past but open to our current reality. Synodality is an ancient notion rooted in the Scriptures and the lived history of the Church. It is now being revived to help us live our faith in this very particular time. Synodality recognizes the Holy Spirit calls the faithful to continual conversion. Christians need to listen to one another so we can listen to the Spirit. That is as true for us as it was for St. Paul and the Corinthians. The more things change, the more they stay the same. - Fr. Dan White

**"A synodal Church is a discerning Church, in which everyone listens to each other, in order to listen to the Holy Spirit." - Pope Francis**



## Antiracism at College Church Ignatian Spirituality and Antiracism: A Call to Conversion

Next month College Church will be hosting a speaker series that will help us explore the gifts of Ignatian Spirituality in the transformational work of antiracism. Speakers from around the U.S. will share their unique perspectives and experiences with grounding the work of racial justice in the teaching and practices of St. Ignatius. This event, supported by a grant from the Jesuit Central and Southern Province, is part of the celebration of the Ignatian Year. Please plan to join us through Zoom on February 9, 16, and 23 from 7:30 to 9:00 pm CST for this series of consequential and thought-provoking presentations. Free Registration is available through this link: [bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism](https://bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism).

One of our featured speakers will be Danielle Harrison. She is the President of Mission, Faith, Equity Consulting, helping organizations understand the relationship between faith and equitable justice. Her experience not only with Catholic Schools in the country, but with various religious congregations, gives her a unique ability to foster connections between the work of the Gospel and social justice. As Danielle frequently says,

**“There is not a Catholic Mission or Charism that does not embrace the work of recognizing, supporting, and creating safe spaces for all those who have been made in the image and likeness of God: It is about connection and not agreement.”**



Danielle also works with Cor Jesu Academy as the Charism and Mission Integration Director and serves on the preaching team at Kings' House Retreat Center in Belleville, Illinois.

Previously, Danielle served as the Co-Director of the Slavery, History, Memory and Reconciliation Project, Mission Integration Director at Visitation Academy, founding member of Loyola Institute for Spirituality, and taught theology at several Catholic High Schools in the St. Louis area. She is a graduate of Dartmouth College, Saint Louis University Law School, and Aquinas Institute of Theology, where she received her Master's of Theology with a concentration in Biblical Studies.

Danielle is married to Rev. Dr. Tim Harrison, an ordained United Methodist Clergy Elder, who serves as pastor of Friedens UCC church in Troy, Illinois. She loves

singing, playing the piano, and most importantly, sharing the good news of God to all!

## The Clock Tower Accords: Saint Louis University's Continuing Commitment to Social Justice

In October 2014, after six days of protests and negotiations, the occupation of the clock tower on the Saint Louis University campus ended peacefully. The protests occurred following the shootings of two Black men, Michael Brown in August, and VonDerrit Myers, Jr. in October, by police officers. The Myers shooting struck close to home as VonDerrit Myers, Sr. has been, for many years, a member of the SLU community. The outcome of the protests was the Clock Tower Accords in which Saint Louis University committed to strengthen its campus diversity, inclusion, and equity programs. The Accords, however, went beyond the SLU campus and extended the commitment to the city and suburban neighborhoods of the most marginalized and vulnerable communities. The Accords were developed through many hours of dialogue among student leaders, neighborhood activists, faculty, and SLU administrators.

The sweeping changes called for by the Accords included increasing financial aid for SLU students of color, re-examining current scholarship programs for Black students, establishing college prep workshops for disadvantaged school districts, creating summer programs for the Normandy and Shaw neighborhoods, and forming a diversity speakers' series on campus. The Accords identified 13 action points for the university to implement.

Every October the university's Division of Diversity & Innovative Community Engagement (DICE) commemorates the Accords. In 2021 the programs were held from October 8th to the 15th. An annual event is the reading of the



Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. speech, which he delivered before the SLU community at the West Pine gym in October 1964. Because no current SLU students were part of the 2014 protests, seminars included speakers like Rabbi Susan Talve of the Central Reform Congregation, Jamell Spann, and Brittany Ferrell, all of

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**The Clock Tower Accords (continued):**

whom participated in the Ferguson and Shaw neighborhood demonstrations. Also, the work of Dr. Jonathan Smith, SLU's Vice President for Diversity and Community Engagement, was performed by the Black Repertory Company. Dr. Smith unexpectedly passed in June 2021 before his life's work was completed.

Today the Clock Tower Accords guide us in developing solutions that advance racial equity, economic opportunity, and social justice for all. As SLU's President, Fred Pestello wrote, "The Accords must be consciously and actively pursued. We must refuse to regress into the familiar path that maintains exclusion and inequality."

**History Highlights: Louis William DuBourg, Bishop of the Louisiana Territory**

Louis Guillaume Valentin DuBourg was a native of Cap François (known today as Cap-Haïtien) on the Caribbean island of Santo Domingo. The son of a family of minor nobles, DuBourg was sent, as a child, to be educated in France. In 1788 he was ordained a Sulpician priest, but was forced to flee Paris during the Reign of Terror, with its targeting of nobility and clerics. From Paris, DuBourg fled to Bordeaux, then to Spain, and finally set sail for America in 1794, arriving in Baltimore, Maryland.

In 1812, Archbishop John Carroll of Baltimore suggested that DuBourg become the Apostolic Administrator of the Diocese of Louisiana and the two Floridas—a vast expanse of approximately 885,000 square miles—until a bishop for the area could be named. DuBourg traveled first to New Orleans, where he encountered a challenge to his authority. In 1815, he went to Rome to report on conditions in Louisiana and soon after was appointed bishop of the Louisiana Territory by Pope Pius VII. DuBourg returned to America, arriving in St. Louis on January 15, 1818. He chose St. Louis as his diocesan seat, in part because of its proximity to Native Americans whom DuBourg hoped to convert.

During his relatively brief time in St. Louis, Bishop DuBourg founded St. Louis College (which would later become St. Louis University), began construction of a new St. Louis King of France Cathedral, encouraged many religious orders to come to the area, and sent several missionaries to the western frontier. In 1826, the bishop departed for France expecting to resign, but later was appointed to serve the diocese of Montauban and the archdiocese of Besançon until his death in 1833. Both St. Louis University's DuBourg Hall and Bishop DuBourg High School in St. Louis are named in his honor.

Research conducted by the Archdiocese of St. Louis has revealed that DuBourg was among a number of early St. Louis prelates who engaged in the enslavement of African Americans. According to an article on the St. Louis Public Radio website (M. Lewis-Thompson, July 27, 2021), DuBourg purchased an enslaved couple and their children in 1822, later transferring their ownership to Bishop Joseph Rosati. A spokesperson for the archdiocese stated that a goal of the research is to learn more about those who were enslaved and to reach out to their descendants.

**SOCIAL MINISTRY****Request for Large Winter Coats  
and Men's "heavy duty" Winter Gloves!!**

We have many male guests in our Winter Inn and Outreach Programs struggling with the elements of this winter season. We would love your help with donations that can be brought to the Parish Center this week, and our Winter Inn Coordinators will retrieve donated items for our community friends!! Thank you for your many blessings.

**This Sunday's Scripture Readings****First Reading:**

Nehemiah 8:2-4, 5-6, 8-10

**Responsorial Psalm:**

Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

**Second Reading:**

I Corinthians 12:12-30

**Gospel:**

Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21



# IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND ANTIRACISM:

## A CALL TO CONVERSION

The path we follow on the journey of racial justice is illuminated and strengthened through the gifts of Ignatian Spirituality. Join us as we learn from some of the most knowledgeable and engaging speakers who will share their perspectives and experiences with grounding the work of racial justice in Ignatian Spirituality. This three-session virtual series of consequential and thought-provoking presentations will include opportunity for discussion and reflection.

**PLEASE REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE WITH THIS LINK:**  
[bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism](https://bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism)

**February 9, 2022**

7:30-9:00pm CST

**Thomas F. Clark S.J.**

You Are That Man!  
2 Samuel 12:7



Thomas F. Clark is the pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, an historically Black Catholic Church, and the Catholic Chaplain to Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. His ministries have included secondary education, hospital chaplain, chaplain to an HIV clinic, and pastor.

**February 16, 2022**

7:30-9:00pm CST

**Danielle Harrison**

Call of the King...Call of the  
People: Ignatian Spirituality and  
the Invitation to Allyship



Danielle Harrison is the President of Mission, Faith, Equity Consulting, helping organizations understand the relationship between faith and equitable justice. Danielle also works with Cor Jesu Academy as the Charism and Mission Integration Director and serves on the preaching team at Kings' House Retreat Center in Belleville, Illinois.

**February 23, 2022**

7:30-9:00pm CST

**Mary J. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi**

A Redemptive Call to the Altar:  
Ignatian Spirituality for Anti-  
Racism and Racial Justice



Dr. Mary J. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi is an academic and thought leader on race, leadership, and faith-informed social justice. She is the inaugural vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and Full Professor of Communication at University of the Pacific.

All sessions will be moderated by **Hung Pham, S.J.**

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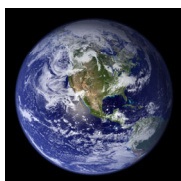
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### Circle of Creation Green Corner



As Mrs. Robinson’s husband says to Benjamin Braddock (Dustin Hoffman) in *The Graduate*:  
“**PLASTICS**”

ICYMI “What can we do about all that plastic” podcast on NPR IA:  
<https://the1a.org/segments/what-we-can-do-about-all-our-plastic/%22>

#### Publics Electronics Recycling events [sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center \(MRC\)](#)

January 29, 2022 9:00 AM to Noon

401 South Lindbergh Boulevard  
St. Louis, MO, 63131

*Hosted by Our Lady of the Pillar Church*

February 5, 2022 8:00 AM to Noon

900 TR Hughes Boulevard  
O’Fallon, MO, 63366

*Hosted by the City of O’Fallon*

February 12, 2022 9:00 AM to Noon

824 Ferguson Avenue  
Ferguson, MO, 63135

*Hosted by Ferguson City Library*

February 19, 2022 8:00 AM to Noon

2505 South Brentwood Boulevard  
Brentwood, MO, 63144

*Hosted by the City of Brentwood*

**Confluence Trash Ban** takes place near the end of March, 2022 (*date not yet finalized*). Help Great Rivers Greenway clean up the rivers and creeks within the Confluence area. You can complete the form here: <http://greatriversgreenway.org/event/save-the-date-confluence-trash-bash-2/> to be notified when registration is open.

Visit [sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](http://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation) to learn more.

### January 22-23, 2022

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.

### January 29-30, 2022

Saturday

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

Sunday

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

10:30 am Fr. Page, S.J.

#### College Church Accessibility:

**Accessible Parking:** On Sundays, we have reserved accessible parking spaces on the south side of Lindell, just west of Grand.

**Assisted Listening Devices:** Please see an usher if you would like to use an alternative listening device during Mass.

**Livestream:** If you are not able to come in person, we offer our 10:30 a.m. Mass on livestream. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel to always be informed when our videos go live. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](http://tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass).

#### Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Lexi Mentzel, at [bulletin@sfxstl.org](mailto:bulletin@sfxstl.org), before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

#### Online Giving Reminder

Over the past several years (even before the pandemic!), we’ve been inviting our parishioners and friends to consider supporting College Church through online giving. If you set up weekly or monthly gifts, it saves the trouble of writing out checks, and it means our ministries can better rely on stable funding.

Many of our parishioners have begun to contribute to College Church through our online link, which can be found at the top of our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org). We wanted to make it more convenient to reach this site, so we have made a QR code for it.

Thank you for your support!

