



## **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 29, 2023**  
**Fourth 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 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.

Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at 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 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 Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at 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

The Vatican recently released a document that shares the major themes that were heard in listening sessions and house meetings during the first phase of the Synod on Synodality. Catholics worldwide are invited into a phase of discernment about what was heard in the first phase of listening. I encourage everyone to read the document. And I will continue to post excerpts from it.

<https://bit.ly/continental-stage>

"Listening that becomes welcoming

"The vision of a Church capable of radical inclusion, shared belonging, and deep hospitality according to the teachings of Jesus is at the heart of the synodal process: *'Instead of behaving like gatekeepers trying to exclude others from the table, we need to do more to make sure that people know that everyone can find a place and a home here'* (remark by a parish group from the USA).

*"the call is to live better the tension of truth and mercy, as Jesus did [...]. The dream is of a Church that more fully lives a Christological paradox: boldly proclaiming its authentic teaching while at the same time offering a witness of radical inclusion and acceptance through its pastoral and discerning accompaniment"* (EC England and Wales).

"In this journey, the Churches have realised that the path to greater inclusion – the enlarged tent – is a gradual one. It begins with listening and requires a broader and deeper conversion of attitudes and structures, as well as new approaches to pastoral accompaniment; it begins in a readiness to recognise that the peripheries can be the place where a call to conversion resounds along with the call to put the Gospel more decisively into practice. Listening requires that we recognize others as subjects of their own journey. When we do this, others feel welcomed, not judged, free to share their own spiritual journey. This has been experienced in many contexts, and for some this has been the most transformative aspect of the whole process. The synodal experience can be read as a path of recognition for those who do not feel sufficiently recognised in the Church. This is especially true for those lay men and women, deacons, consecrated men and women who previously had the feeling that the institutional Church was not interested in their faith experience or their opinions."

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

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

Eugene B. Mueller (brother of Linda Muller Albritton, nephew of Jeanette Mueller)

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



### Outreach Coordinator Opportunity

SLU School of Social Work Master's Level Current or Prospective Students: consider applying for St. Francis Xavier College Church's part time Outreach Coordinator scholarship position. This position is for master's level students who will be enrolled at least from August 2023 to May 2025. The role is a part time (20 hours/week) position and covers the full cost of tuition, with the remainder refunded to the student as a stipend. This position is a great opportunity to gain social work experience while enrolled in the program. Applications are due March 1st, 2023 and available at the following link: [bit.ly/collegechurchscholarship](https://bit.ly/collegechurchscholarship).



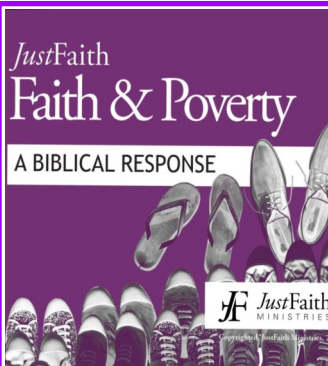
### College Church on YouTube

A big thank you to Matt Whitman, Ruth Cochran and Fr. Matthew Baugh, SJ for highlighting College Church and the Jesuit presence here at St. Francis Xavier. Matt Whitman has a YouTube channel where he shares his experience as a Protestant visiting Christian churches of many different denominations. Ruth gave him a tour of College Church, and our former associate pastor Fr. Matthew shared his thoughts on the charism of the Jesuits. Find both videos by searching YouTube for “Matt Whitman College Church” and “Matt Whitman Jesuit.”

**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).

**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? (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, facilitated by Joe Milner. 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).

**Accessibility at College Church**

If you would like to use an assistive listening device during Mass, our ushers can provide you with one.

We offer handicapped parking on Lindell, on the southwest corner with Grand. You can also use the cutout in front of church to drop off a passenger closer to the ramp entrance, which is on the south side of the church. The ramp entrance takes you to the lower level, and we have an elevator to the main church.



## 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.*

### Black History Month

February is Black History Month, an annual observance intended to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. The monthlong celebration derives from an initiative—Negro History Week—launched by the historian Carter G. Woodson. Woodson, whose parents had been enslaved, obtained graduate degrees from the University of Chicago and from Harvard. In 1926 he introduced Negro History Week as a means of not only acknowledging the accomplishments of African Americans, but also of encouraging instruction of that history in public schools. He chose the second week of February for the commemoration because that week contains the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Over the decades, Negro History Week grew in popularity, aided by the Civil Rights Movement, as well as state departments of education, churches, and the media.

Despite having founded Negro History Week, Woodson was never of the opinion that black history should be confined to a specific and limited period of time; instead, he believed that it should be made known and taught throughout the year. In 1969, black educators and students at Kent State University proposed the celebration of Black History Month, and it was first observed at that university in 1970. Other educational institutions, with growing numbers of black students, began to follow suit and soon observance of Black History Month spread across the country. It was officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976 and, since that time, every American president has designated February as Black History Month. Celebrations during the month are guided by a theme, and for 2023 the theme is Black Resistance, which will explore African Americans' struggle to counter historic and ongoing oppression in all of its forms.

Recently, Black History Month has afforded an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the African diaspora. While the United States and Canada observe it in February, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, and the Netherlands have designated October as Black History Month.

### The Griot Museum of Black History

Griot (pronounced GREE-oh) is the French name given to the oral historians of West Africa. Men and women carrying this title are responsible for collecting and preserving the history that

is of value and relevance to the community. The griot often interprets or critiques events and then passes on the information through stories and song—adding details that relate to their lives and the lives of their audiences. This is how the stories remain relevant across generations and cultures.

In the spirit of this ancient tradition, the Griot Museum of Black History collects, preserves, interprets, and shares the stories, culture, and history of black people—with a particular emphasis on people from the St. Louis region—demonstrating their connection to American history. The stories come to life through full-sized wax figures, art, artifacts, and memorabilia. Visitors will learn about the lives and contributions of a wide variety of people including Carter G. Woodson, Miles Davis, Madam C. J. Walker, James Milton Turner, the Reverend Earl Nance, Sr., Elizabeth Keckley, and many others.



(left): The Josephine Baker display at the Griot Museum.

Originally opened in 1997 as the Black World History Wax Museum, the Griot was renamed in 2009 to reflect its mission of preserving, interpreting, and sharing the history and culture of black people more fully. In addition to the permanent collection, the Griot presents special exhibits. In 2021 the museum featured the achievements of Black women and their contributions to the cultural, social, and political life of St. Louis. Soon the Griot will be home to a public art installation from the designer of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Architect David Adjaye will create a monument that surrounds the museum. It will be made from soils and other natural materials taken from various locations in the St. Louis

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area that had relevantly large African American populations.

The museum is located at 2505 St. Louis Ave. and is open Wednesday through Saturday from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm. Information to plan your visit can be found at their website: [thegriotmuseum.com](http://thegriotmuseum.com).

### Upcoming Events

February 2, 2023 7:00 pm. The second annual Mass for Racial Unity will be hosted by St. Catherine Laboure Parish, 9740 Sappington Rd., 63128. Archbishop Mitchell Rozanski will celebrate the Liturgy. The music will feature the choirs of St. Catherine Laboure 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.

February 26, 2023 12:00 pm. St. Alphonsus Liguori (Rock) Church is hosting a screening of the movie, Till.

This film focuses on the activism of Mamie Till-Mobley in the wake of her son's brutal murder. All are welcome to attend the lunch, screening, and discussion. Admission is free. Donations for lunch are appreciated.

### The Triumphant Return of the Youth Faith Pancake Breakfast!

Lent is on its way, but you know we have to have a last hurrah before the season of fasting...that is why on **Sunday, February 9th, from 9 am to 1 pm**, you can join us for a veritable **Pancake-a-palooza!**

All proceeds benefit College Church's Youth Faith Formation programs.

We will be selling tickets in the vestibule after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses this Sunday.

There will be a raffle with prizes ranging from art to AirPods, with more raffle donations rolling in. We have sponsorship opportunities, too!

Visit <https://sfxstl.org/pancake-breakfast-1> to become a sponsor or to purchase tickets and raffle tickets online!

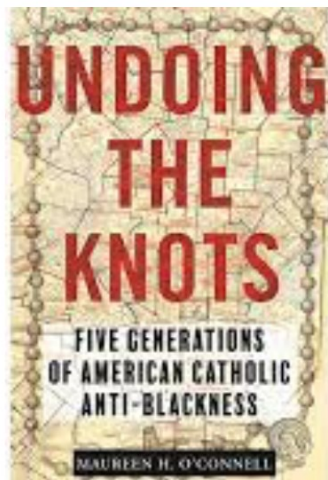


# SAVE THE DATE

## MARCH 30TH, 2023

COLLEGE CHURCH IS HOSTING A  
WEBINAR FEATURING THEOLOGIAN,  
CHRISTIAN ETHICIST, AND  
COMMUNITY ORGANIZER

### 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.



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## 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.

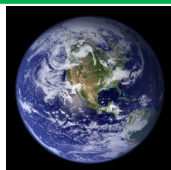
### Support Groups

**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!

## 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 NextTrex plastic bag and film recycling via the brown bins at the grocery store (e.g., Schnucks, Dierbergs, etc.). Check out <https://nexttrex.com/view/educate> for further information and the specific kinds of items NextTrex accepts and makes into composite decks and benches. Cursor 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 28 - 29, 2023

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

## February 4 - 5, 2023

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

### This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

#### First Reading:

Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10

#### Second Reading:

I Corinthians 1:26-31

#### Gospel:

Matthew 5:1-12a

### 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.

### Online Giving Reminder

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