

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 30th, 2022 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

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.

<u>Bulletin Notices:</u> must be submitted to <u>church@sfxstl.org</u> by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> 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 associatepastor@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. Dan White at frdan@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: Available online at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

<u>Youth Faith Formation:</u> 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.

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Lou Ampleman* Michael Anderson* Margaret Baughman Bill Bollwerk* Kathy Bookstaver Maureen Carney* Linda Castillon* Marcie Corwin Steve Frank* Monica Gunn Jessi Haselhorst Paul Hanson* Mary Jane and Butch Henning* Jeanne Hermann* Laura Kaiser and Family Terry Kippenberger* **Julianne Lister** Tom McDermott Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie * Karena Menard* Joyce Miller Karen Mitts Mary Mondello Suzanne Mondello Tom Mulvihill, Sr. Nancy Partridge* & Glider Mark Roddy* Dennis Saunders* **Jennifer Saunders*** Mark Segovia Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ* Alix Serant Louis M. Sherrock Vicki Simon Lucille Sims Greg Stephen Colleen Starkloff Judy Taylor* Brent Thompson Patricia Wittman Lisa Zimmerer* * Long-term Prayer requests to: church@sfxstl.org Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life." Friday mornings at 9:

Join our prayer group on Zoom, Friday mornings at 9: Contact Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



"In life, the only constant is change" is a saying often attributed to the Greek philosopher Heraclitus. There is a great deal of truth to that notion whoever the source. Our human experience is that permanence and constancy are elusive. Change, both rapid and incremental, is part of life.

This is not only true for human beings. Institutions, organizations, nations, cultures, etc. also evolve over time. As you know, College Church is in the midst of great change. This is happening as the parish as move toward a new leadership structure. Change is also happening in the global Church as we are called to become a synodal community. This past week the Archdiocese of St. Louis announced a process of significant change. All Things New is a strategic plan to address the needs of area Catholics for the coming decades.

Let me be clear: Pope Francis, Archbishop Rozanski and I did not get together one afternoon and decide it would be awesome if we did all this at once. However, I do believe the Holy Spirit is stirring things up. There is a need for the Church hear God's call. I believe this is a significant moment that requires great courage and creativity. It is natural to feel anxious in the face of uncertainty. We can acknowledge that challenge without being crippled by it. The Lord is calling us to deep waters. May we respond with faith and trust.

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:

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



Letter from Rev. Mitchell T. Rozanski, Archbishop of St. Louis

Today, we celebrate a pivotal moment in the life of Church – one in which St. Paul was called by Jesus to participate in the saving story of salvation in a new way. Through St. Paul's acceptance of this call, he became one of the biggest and earliest evangelizers in our Church's history.

In St. Louis, we too are called to a new chapter in our nearly 200-year history. The model that fulfilled its mission in growing and evangelizing the Church during the last century has become archaic. Jesus is calling on us to re-energize and reshape our efforts to share His saving message.

I am excited to share with you today the official launch of our archdiocesan strategic pastoral planning initiative known as "All Things New." Under the leadership of Father Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning, we will assess every aspect of our Archdiocese and make the necessary adjustments to our ministries and supporting structures to reflect the needs of our communities for the next century. We anticipate that these adjustments will be the most sweeping changes that the Archdiocese has witnessed in its history.

"All Things New" seeks to enable a vibrant Catholic presence across every square mile of our Archdiocese by renewing the church in its mission of proclaiming the Gospel, and securing a vibrant future. Throughout this process, we will be mindful of our three-fold goals: engaging in unceasing prayer, defining and implementing a unifying vision, and ensuring intentional stewardship of the gifts that God has given to us over these past 200 years.

With St. Paul, let us begin this journey together with prayer. Opportunities for prayer and eucharistic adoration will be held throughout the Archdiocese, asking for God to enter our hearts and minds and guide our actions as we consider the best path forward.

Throughout this process, you will have several opportunities to provide feedback on your aspirations for the Archdiocese. The first of these opportunities will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 2nd, where every Catholic in the Archdiocese will be asked to take a survey. This survey, known as the Disciple Maker Index, will ask you about your

beliefs, participation, satisfaction, and attitudes about your faith and your local parish experience. I encourage you to complete this survey so your voice can be heard at this important moment.

I thank you in advance for investing and serving God's one Holy Church here in St. Louis. Please know that you are in my prayers.



Parish Men's White House Retreat, February 10-13, 2022

Thanks to College Church's leadership, staff and many parishioners, we have ongoing opportunities to study The Spiritual Exercises, created by the Jesuits' founder, St. Ignatius. One excellent opportunity is a retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises, at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center in South County.

The retreat has fabulous presentations by a Jesuit retreat director, daily liturgy, many opportunities to meet

individually with a priest, ample silent time for prayer and reflection in a beautiful natural setting, comfortable accommodations and delicious meals. The retreat can help us apply the Spiritual Exercises to our daily lives to develop our faith, deepen our peace and increase our gratitude. The retreat begins Thursday, February 10th with 7:00 pm dinner and concludes on Sunday the 13th at 2 pm following lunch.

We invite you to prayerfully consider participating. More information (including COVID precautions) and registration is available at www.whretreat.org or by calling John Hartung (314-326-6018), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).



Letter from Rev. Chris Martin, Vicar for Strategic Planning

We have officially launched All Things New, the strategic pastoral planning process for the Archdiocese of St. Louis. All Things New will evaluate the effectiveness of the Church in St. Louis in proclaiming the Gospel and will identify opportunities for improvement and renewal within all parishes, schools, curia offices and agencies.

Why a pastoral planning initiative?

Well, why does the church exist? The Church exists to make disciples, not to run hospitals, schools or homeless shelters. The latter are all good fruits that flow from discipleship, but if we are not effective in making disciples, the institutions become hollow.

We all know that the Church of today is not the same that it was 50, 100 or 150+ years ago, yet we are still functioning in many ways out of the same mode of evangelization. We have inherited a great treasure of Catholic institutions from previous generations, but as the Catholic population and society have shifted over the past several decades, those institutions are no longer as effective or sustainable as they once were.

We are closer now to 2050 than to 1950. We need to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries and institutions need to look like in order to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children and for generations to come.

What does All Things New entail?

We will be utilizing three guiding principles for All Things New; unceasing prayer, a unified vision for evangelization, and intentional stewardship.

*Unceasing Prayer

-Prayer resources for individuals and parishes, as well as local and diocesan events, will help us to renew our own personal call to holiness and evangelization and will ask the Holy Spirit's guidance as we discern what is best for our local Church moving forward.

*Unified Vision for Evangelization

-Evangelization is the mission Jesus gives to us. To share the Good News is the responsibility of all of us. Yet only 0.6% of Catholics say that they feel equipped to share their story and invite others into relationship with Jesus and the Church. We need to renew and rediscover this call in our lives.

*Intentional Stewardship

-The Church is made of living stones, not just those of brick and mortar. We cannot allow our attachment to infrastructure impede our primary mission of building up disciples and saving souls. Empty churches don't save anyone.

How will this initiative be accomplished?

Your prayers and input are needed. Opportunities for prayer, to provide feedback, and to attend listening sessions will be occurring all across the archdiocese. We invite you to stay informed and sign up for regular updates on the All Things New website at <u>AllThingsNew.archstl.org</u>. Sign up today! Steadfast in Faith, Forward in Hope.





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



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

"Synodality demands that we listen and engage in dialogue to establish binding relationships that build church. "Binding" means "mutual need," as Lumen Gentium reminds us. It is more than collecting opinions or running surveys. Synodality is an invitation to foster processes of conversion as we listen to one another and to the larger society while reading the signs of the times together." *Rafael Luciani, Theologian*

Antiracism at College Church The Homer G. Phillips Hospital: A Landmark Institution

If you have lived in St. Louis for a year or more, it is likely that you have heard the name of Homer G. Phillips, even if you do

not know the story behind it. The medical center, closed since 1979, and its namesake, deceased long before he could see his dream and work fulfilled, Homer G. Phillips is a name revered today within the Greater Ville neighborhood where it is located, and beyond. Knowing more about the story helps us to understand why.

Between 1910 and 1920, the Black population of St. Louis increased by 60% as African Americans migrated from the Jim Crow South to the industrial North in search of new opportunities. However, healthcare in St. Louis of the 1920s—as was true of every other aspect of societal life-was segregated, and the few facilities that offered inpatient care to Black people were, typically, woefully inadequate. In 1923 a prominent Black attorney and civic leader, Homer G. Phillips, led a campaign to build a new public hospital for the city's 70,000 Black residents. A native of Sedalia, Missouri, Phillips graduated from the Howard University Law School (Washington, D.C.) and had built a very successful law practice in St. Louis. His campaign would allocate \$3 million dollars for the hospital from an \$87 million dollar bond issue that had recently passed. Rather than a new hospital, however, the city advocated for a "colored annex" to City Hospital #1 (later renamed the Max Starkloff Memorial Hospital) in the Peabody-Darst-Webbe neighborhood in south St. Louis. Ten years after the bond passage, the Board of Alderman approved the new hospital, also referred to as City #2, but Phillips never saw his dream realized as he was murdered on his way to work in June 1931. Two men were arrested but were acquitted by a jury. The actual circumstances of his death have never been determined.

Construction began in 1932 on the seven-story, four radiant wing hospital built on Whittier Avenue in the Ville – the premier Black neighborhood, which included Sumner High School, the first high school for African Americans west of the Mississippi; the Antioch Baptist Church; and the Annie Malone Children's Home. The hospital was dedicated in 1937 and construction concluded in 1939. The Phillips hospital had 685 patient beds, employed more than 800 people, provided a school and dormitory for nurses, a school for laboratory and x-ray technicians, and facilities for medical records librarians. Homer G. Phillips Hospital became the largest and best-equipped hospital serving the city's Black population. Within twenty years, the hospital claimed the distinction of having trained the largest number of Black doctors and nurses in the world. By 1945, Homer G. Phillips was one of the ten largest public hospitals in the country. By 1961, 75% of the Black doctors in the United States interned at Homer G. Phillips.

In 1955 Mayor Raymond Tucker ordered the practice of segregation to end at the two city hospitals. Phillips remained the Black hospital, as Black residents continued to be concentrated within the surrounding neighborhoods. With a falling city population and an eroding tax base, the debate started about whether the city could afford two public hospitals. For the next 15 years, debate persisted over which of the two hospitals should be closed. Two independent audits concluded City Hospital #1 should close. In the 1960s the first steps toward consolidation began when the psychiatric and neurological departments at Phillips were moved to City Hospital #1. In August 1979, the city ordered all patients and departments transferred to City Hospital #1. The closing of the Homer G. Phillips Hospital was extremely controversial pitting the city's white politicians, two newspapers, two medical schools and the downtown business interests against the Black residents of north St. Louis. Despite its closure, for 42 years the Homer G. Phillips Hospital served the Black community and was a landmark institution in the history of St. Louis. The building, now listed on the National Register of Historic Places, has since been repurposed as a senior residence. More recently, a new, but far smaller healthcare facility, which seeks to bear the name of Homer G. Phillips, has been a source of discord for those who hold that legacy dear.

Further information on Homer G. Phillips Hospital can be found in the St. Louis Room in the Central Library in downtown St. Louis on Olive Street. Additionally, a documentary, "The Color of Medicine, the Homer G. Phillips Hospital," was produced and premiered at the Missouri Historical Museum in March 2018.



Institute for Healing Justice and Equity at SLU

In 2020, the Institute for Healing Justice and Equity was launched at St. Louis University. It was founded by an interdisciplinary collective of researchers and scholars: Kira Banks, Ph.D., associate professor of psychology; Ruqaiijah Yearby, J.D., M.P.H., professor of law and executive director of the Institute; Keon Gilbert, DrPH, associate professor of behavioral science and health education; and Amber Johnson, Ph.D., associate professor of communication. In addition to research focused on change in institutional policies and systemic inequities, their work is exploring healing practices needed to support healthy individuals and communities that have been harmed by injustice. Members of the institute are clear that they do not have the answer nor seek a single remedy for the multiple injuries of oppression. They desire to apply their research skills and collaborate with communities to develop pathways to healing, health and wholeness.

One of the initial research projects surveyed governmental jurisdictions that are using racial equity tools to guide policy decisions. These tools offer guidelines and a structured process that can be used within organizations to normalize conversations about race, promote new behaviors, and develop policies that can achieve racial equity. The findings of this study revealed that many of the communities had made racial equity a priority, developed policies, and enacted legislation to address inequities and positively impact the social determinants of health. The researchers found evidence that the use of these racial equity tools influenced the organization's process and the results they achieved.

We will look for this work to continue and for the Institute to help us better understand how we can join in the effort to build a more equitable community in which race, gender, class, and other social identity categories can no longer predict life outcomes.

For more information, you can find the website for the Institute for Healing Justice and Equity through the following link: slu.edu/research/research-institute/big-ideas/institute-for-healing-justice-and-equity/index.php.

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND ANTIRACISM:

A CALL TO CONVERSION

Please register to participate with this link: bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism

SOCIAL MINISTRY

A Fair Trade/Sister Parish Committee Update:

The Fair Trade / Sister Parish Committee has temporarily suspended in-person Fair Trade sales in the back of Church on Sunday due to the Covid surge. Sales will be only online for the next few months. Orders must be placed online by the end of the day Tuesdays before pickup, and can be picked up at the College Church on the first and third Sunday of the month around the 8am or 10:30am Mass. Purchasers needing alternative arrangements for pickup should contact Christine Dragonette (christine@sfxstl.org, 314-977-7309). All inventory has been updated on the Fair Trade website, including our gift boxes. Visit our Fair Trade sales page at: <u>sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade</u>.

Fair Trade sales directly benefit our sister Jesuit parish, St. Peter Claver, in Punta Gorda, Belize.

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 1A: <u>https://thela.org/segments/what-we-can-do-about-all-our-plastic/%22</u>

Publics Electronics Recycling events

sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) 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: <u>http://greatriversgreenway.org/event/save-the-date-confluence-trash-bash-2/</u> to be notified when registration is open.

Visit sfxstl.org/circleofcreation to learn more.

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.

February 5-6, 2022

Saturday 5:15 pm Fr. Page, S.J. Sunday 8:00 am Fr. White, S.J. 10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading: Jeremiah 1:4-5, 17-19

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 71:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 15-17

Second Reading: | Corinthians 12:31-13:13

Gospel: Luke 4:21-30

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Lexi Mentzel, at 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. We wanted to make it more convenient to reach this site, so we have made a QR code for it.

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