



*2021 Christmas Tableau*

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

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

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**January 9th, 2022**  
**The Baptism of the Lord**

### **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).

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.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

The synoptic Gospels (Mark, Matthew, and Luke) tell the story of Jesus in a similar way. It is in the small, but important, details that one can tease out the approach each writer takes. The Baptism of the Lord is a perfect example. All three tell the same basic story but differ in significant ways. Those differences reveal an important theme in each Gospel.

St. Luke describes the Holy Spirit descending upon Jesus after his baptism as he was praying. He alone shows Jesus at prayer. This is the first but far from the last time Luke depicts Jesus in prayer. Jesus spends the night in prayer before choosing the twelve disciples (6:12); he is praying with Peter, James, and John before his Transfiguration (9:28-29); Jesus is in prayer when his disciples ask how to pray (11:1); and in the garden Jesus prays for the Father to take the cup of suffering away (22:41ff). Prayer is one of Jesus' most conspicuous actions in Luke's Gospel.

There is much we can learn. First, prayer is essential. If Jesus needs to pray regularly, how much more do we need to cultivate our prayer life? Second, prayer facilitates our relationship to God. It is clear Jesus prays to deepen his intimate union with the Father. Prayer enables him to discern God's desires for him. Finally, prayer requires listening. It is openness in prayer that allows Jesus to be attentive to the will of the Father. Thus, Jesus models prayer for all believers.

**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:

Fr. John Padberg of the Society of Jesus  
 Parishioner Jerry Wuller  
 Mary Bremmer of St Louis University

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



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**CONCLUDING RITE****House Meetings in January**

We have several more options (mostly virtual) for folks who have not yet had a chance to attend a house meeting. The purpose of these meetings is two-fold:

1. Build relationships with other College Church parishioners and friends.
2. Share with one another about becoming a more synodal church: a discerning Church, in which everyone listens to each other, in order to listen to the Holy Spirit.

What we hear from one another in these gatherings helps us to discern our path together as we transition into our new leadership model. Our desire is to listen to everyone in the parish.

If you would like more information or if you are interested in hosting a gathering, please contact Katie Jansen at [katie@sfxstl.org](mailto:katie@sfxstl.org). You can also sign up here:

[tinyurl.com/sfxhousemeeting](https://tinyurl.com/sfxhousemeeting)

**This Sunday's Scripture Readings**

**First Reading:**  
Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10

**Second Reading:**  
Acts 10:34-38

**Gospel:**  
Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

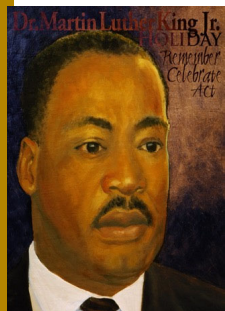
Our thanks to Michael Burks for capturing these photos (and our cover photo) from our Family Mass on Christmas Eve!





## Antiracism at College Church Lift Every Voice

*The time is always right to do what is right.* Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.



Since 1983, the third Monday in January has been designated as a federal holiday in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., making him the first modern private citizen to receive this distinction. His leadership and legacy have come to be synonymous with civil rights, social justice, and nonviolent social change - all of which came from his call and commitment as a preacher and pastor. A fourth generation Baptist minister, Dr. King became the pastor at Dexter Avenue Baptist Church in Montgomery, Alabama at age 25, a position he resigned when the responsibilities of national leadership did not allow enough time to care for the spiritual needs of his congregation. He then directed his pastoral service throughout the country with a commitment to "redeem the soul of a nation." We know his efforts ushered in the end of legalized racial segregation. His example continues to inspire and challenge us to put our Christian love into action in service of others, and to work for equity for all of God's children.

**The Office of Racial Harmony in the Archdiocese of St. Louis** is offering an opportunity to examine Dr. King's application of the gospel and the biblical revelation to the social issues and concerns of his time and our own. They will be hosting a discussion forum on Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.'s "Letter from a Birmingham Jail." Writing in response to the "Call for Unity" from eight white clergymen who criticized the Civil Rights demonstrations, Rev. Dr. King's compelling words continue to challenge and inspire us, as people of faith, to take action in bending the "long arc of the moral universe toward justice."

Four weekly sessions, held through Zoom January 10th, 17th, 24th, and 31st from 7:00 – 8:30 pm will include excerpts from the letter, a brief reflection, and small group discussion.

Please register through this link: <https://bit.ly/stlrhlev>

There is no cost for participation.

Link to "A Call for Unity" AND "Letter from a Birmingham Jail" (PDF)  
[tinyurl.com/callforunitybirminghamletter](https://tinyurl.com/callforunitybirminghamletter)

YouTube Video: Reading of the letter from a Birmingham Jail  
[www.youtube.com/watch?v=cT397uOak](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cT397uOak)

## 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 7:00 to 8:30 pm CST for this series of consequential and thought-provoking presentations. Registration is free and will be available soon.

One of the featured speakers will be Mary J. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi, Ed.D. who will share her scholarship and experience in leading institutions in the work of antiracism. Her presentation, *A Redemptive Call to the Altar: Ignatian Spirituality for Anti-Racism and Racial Justice*, will describe how Ignatian values, traditions, and practices call us and support our actions to build radically inclusive and caring communities.

Dr. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi is a thought leader on race, leadership, and social justice who has served as dean of students and vice-provost of diversity and community engagement at the University of San Francisco from 2008 to 2021. USF is a Jesuit Catholic university of over 10,000 students.



Her initiatives resulted in one of the most ethnically diverse student bodies in the nation. She also serves on the board of the Ignatian Solidarity Network, the largest national Catholic social justice network in the nation.

Recently, Dr. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi was named Vice-president of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion at the University of the Pacific where she is also a full professor in the Department of Communication. Her book, *Twice as Good: Leadership and Power for Women of Color*, was published in 2020. She is a graduate of the University of the Pacific, earned an M.A. in Intercultural Counseling and Social Justice from San Diego State University and an Ed.D. in Education from Pepperdine University.

SAVE THE DATE

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*February 9th, February 16th, February 23rd*  
*7:00pm-8:30pm CST*

INFORMATION ON SPEAKERS AND  
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### Circle of Creation Green Corner

RECYCLE RESPONSIBLY is a virtual program presented by Earthways Center of the Missouri Botanical Garden.

Tuesday, January 11, 2022 from 10:00 –

11:00 a.m. Learn how recycling systems work and how you can help turn the tide

of plastic pollution. Registration required. Participants will receive Zoom information via email immediately after registering. A recording of this virtual program will be available on the St. Louis County Library YouTube page within three business days. Register here:

[slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=289698](https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?EventId=289698)



CONFLUENCE TRASH BASH 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 to be notified when registration is open:

[greatriversgreenway.org/event/save-the-date-confluence-trash-bash-2/](https://greatriversgreenway.org/event/save-the-date-confluence-trash-bash-2/)

### January 8-9, 2022

Saturday

5:15 pm

Fr. Page, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am

Fr. White, S.J.

10:30 am

Fr. White, S.J.

### January 15-16, 2022

Saturday

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Sunday

8:00 am

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10:30 am

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### Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

### Widows and Widowers Meeting Sunday, January 16th, 9:15 a.m.

Are you interested in connecting with other College Church members who have lost a spouse? Please join us. We meet on the 3rd Sunday of the month between Masses. A small group has met 3 times now. We are getting to know each other, talk about our loved ones, share resources and experiences. An email list has been set up so we can connect between meetings. We will next meet on Sunday, January 16 at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Level Adult Faith Room. For more information contact Val Rutterer at [vrutterer@gmail.com](mailto:vrutterer@gmail.com) or call 314-494-8986.

### 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](https://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!

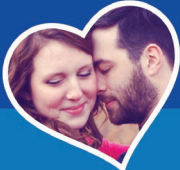


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