



SLU Family and Alumni Weekend 2023

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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sfxstl.org

October 1, 2023
Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30pm (when school is in session), 8:00pm (when school is in session)

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchlivestream

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 Jennifer Quick at jennifer@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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

To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Maureen Carney*
 Tara Chandler
 Bernadette Farrell
 Dick Fleming
 Steve Frank*
 Sue Griffard
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Joanie Hasser*
 Butch Henning*
 Jeanne Hermann*
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
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 Tom McDermott
 Eddie McDevitt
 Angie Menard*
 Karena Menard*
 Barb Michael
 Rea O’Neill
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 Fr. Dick Perl, SJ*
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 Mark Roddy*
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 Ned Spencer
 Greg Stephen
 Robert Wilmott
 * Long-term

Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

Or visit 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 for info.

Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator

By Katie Jansen



2021 Synod 2024
 For a synodal Church

The Global Synod Assembly in October

Instrumentum Laboris (IL) (<https://bit.ly/SFXIL>) is the document that those who are attending the global synod gathering are using to prepare for the gathering. We are invited to pray and reflect with them in preparation. I invite us to consider the big and small ways we can engage in this phase of the Synod.

The Instrumentum Laboris is designed as a practical aid for the conduct of the Synodal Assembly in October 2023 and thus for its preparation. “[It] is not a document of the Church’s Magisterium, nor is it the report of a sociological survey; it does not offer the formulation of operational indications, goals and objectives, nor a full elaboration of a theological vision.” This is inevitable given that the IL is part of an unfinished process. Nonetheless, the IL takes a step beyond the DCS, drawing from the insights of the first phase and now the work of the Continental Assemblies, articulating some of the priorities that emerged from listening to the People of God, but avoids presenting them as assertions or stances. Instead, it expresses them as questions addressed to the Synodal Assembly.

Here are the overarching questions that the Synod Assembly will ask in particular ways based on the priorities that were raised during the listening phase of the synod.

1. A communion that radiates: How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?
2. Co-responsibility in Mission: How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?
3. Participation, governance and authority: What processes, structures and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal Church?

Once the People of God are freed from the anxiety of inadequacy, the inevitable incompleteness of a synodal Church and the readiness of its members to accept their own vulnerabilities become the space for the action of the Spirit, who invites us to recognise the signs of his presence.

I am grateful for the model that the Synod offers us as we continue down a synodal path as a parish community.

Fair Trade Sales this Sunday!



Fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate and more will be available in the vestibule for purchase after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses Sunday, October 1st. All sales support our sister parish, St. Peter Claver in Belize.



Living Our Faith: Meet David

(Note: this is one of a series of profiles of parishioners to help us all get to know one another better. If you are interested in participating, or want to suggest we highlight a parishioner friend, contact Angela at angela@sfxstl.org.)

David Nischwitz

I've been a parishioner since: 2010. I joined the parish when I returned to my hometown after being away about a decade for school and work.

Living my faith: As an active liturgical music minister, I frequently play flute at the 5:15 Mass on Saturday and at weddings occasionally throughout the year. Just before the pandemic I completed Witnessing Whiteness with fellow parishioners and have volunteered for Hot Stuff/Cool Stuff (a one-day event where community members come to the Church for a meal, clothing and social engagement). I recently was honored to become a member of the Parish Council.

David Nischwitz

Why I'm involved: Great music brought me to College Church, but the Ignatian tradition and sense of incredible community has kept me here. The parish brings members of the community together and thoughtfully addresses and reflects upon

social issues. It's inspiring to see so many in the parish living their faith through service to others, and I hope to follow that example, as well.

Three words that describe Welcoming, Ignatian, Socially Minded

My neighborhood: North Hampton

Fun facts: I'm an avid endurance athlete and enjoy swimming, biking and running. Running is a true love for me, and I've completed four marathons, including the Boston Marathon in 2014. It was one of the most meaningful experiences of my life to participate in an event that triumphed over the previous year's tragic race. I received an MBA at Saint Louis University in 2018, and currently serve as Director of Marketing at Drury Hotels.

St. Francis Xavier's parish family represents diverse backgrounds, ages and interests, with many immensely talented, deeply engaged, warm and welcoming parishioners. We come from all areas of the St. Louis region, including from over 80 zip codes. Learn more about our parish and how to become involved by calling (314) 977-7300 or visiting sfxstl.org.

"Living Our Faith" Program

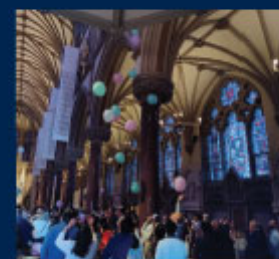
This week our registered parishioners will receive a brochure introducing our "Living Our Faith" Program. On Commitment Weekend, October 7 & 8, we invite each of you to participate in this important program and help us respond to God's great gift of love. We ask that you please review this brochure and prayerfully consider how you and your family can help St. Francis Xavier College Church by financially supporting our ministries, furthering our mission, and reinforcing our future.

We ask that all faithful parishioners complete a Commitment Card. (If you participated in our offertory campaign last year called Journeying Together in the Spirit, and wish to continue with your commitment levels from last year, please note this on your card. Likewise, if you plan on making a gift of a sponsorship or attendance at this year's gala, you can indicate that as well.) A card will be included in the brochure mailing for you to mail to the church using the pre-addressed envelope included in this mailing. or bring your card to Mass next Sunday. or you may visit our parish website at www.sfxstl.org and complete an electronic Commitment Card.

The back of the Commitment Card has a place for you to include any prayer intentions you wish to share. We welcome all intentions and they will be prayed for collectively over the next few weeks. If you would like to speak to a priest, please indicate so on your card and we will be in contact with you.

Our goal is 100% participation! Thank you for your generosity and support of St. Francis Xavier College Church!

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OUR
Faith





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.

National Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, from September 15th through October 15th, Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month. This week, in celebration of that heritage, we've included a stanza from a poem by Aurelio Arturo, considered by many to be the most important Colombian poet of the twentieth century. In the poem, offered below in both English and Spanish, Arturo relies on memory to evoke the beauty of, and longing for, his homeland.

From *A Home in the South (Morada al Sur)*

In the worn threshold a faithful wind persists,
repeating a syllable that gleams now and again.
A delicate leaf carries its slender freshness
from one year's end to another.
"Come back, come back to this land where life is
sweet.

*In el umbral gastado persiste un viento fiel,
repetiendo una sílaba que brilla por instantes.
Una hoja fin aún lleva su delgada frescura
de un extremo a otro extremo del año.
"Torna, torna a esta tierra donde es dulce la vida."*
—Aurelio Arturo, trans. Rose Shapiro

Mandela Exhibit

Thanks to the efforts of parishioner Dick Fleming and parish stewardship director Angela Pancella, College Church parishioners had a special opportunity to view the St. Louis Science Center's recent offering, *Mandela: The Official Exhibition*. The exhibition traced the life and work of Nelson Mandela, the antiapartheid activist, president of South Africa, and global human rights advocate.

Viewers were introduced to Mandela as a child, in his boyhood village in rural South Africa. Artifacts on display helped to capture aspects of the cultural life of his tribe and their agrarian lifestyle. Mandela's early educational experience was described and reflected in photographs, including his enrollment in a local Methodist elementary school—where he received the name Nelson—and a Western-style, religiously affiliated secondary school for black Africans. Following high school, Mandela attended the University of Fort Hare and, later, the University of Witwatersrand, where he studied law.

The exhibition explored Mandela's growing awareness, particularly after his move to Johannesburg, of the harsh realities of South Africa's system of apartheid. Videos and remnants from that era revealed the extent of efforts to enforce racial segregation. Gradually, Mandela was shown becoming increasingly active, and assuming a leadership role, in resistance to apartheid through membership in the African National Congress (ANC). His multiple arrests and twenty-seven years of imprisonment were brought to life in the display of the implements, clothing, and bedding that he used, as well as copies of the lengthy, loving letters he wrote to his wife, Winnie, and their children while he was incarcerated. Finally, Mandela was shown after his release from prison, in his rise to become the president of South Africa and, afterward, as a global elder statesman.

After viewing the exhibition, College Church parishioners had a chance to discuss their impressions of it over a light lunch. All agreed that *Mandela: The Official Exhibition*, the elements of which were contributed by the Mandela family, was powerfully effective and an impactful experience with many lessons for our parish's work of antiracism.



Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Fannie Lou Hamer – Born October 6, 1917, in Montgomery Co., AL, into a sharecropping family. Because she tried to register to vote, her family was evicted from their home. She then led a "Freedom Delegation" to the 1964 Democratic Convention saying, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired!"

Joseph Lowery – Born October 6, 1921, in Huntsville, AL. Lowery participated in civil rights activities during the 1950s and 1960s. He founded the Southern Christian Leadership Conference with Martin Luther King Jr. and served in its leadership. He continued his civil rights work into the 21st century and was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 2009.

For more information, or to become part of antiracism ministries at College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan penultima@swbell.net or Lisa Burks Imburs60@gmail.com.



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Anointing of the Sick

Healing was one of the central aspects of the ministry of Jesus. He was moved with care and compassion for each of the people who sought his assistance. The church extends this ministry of Jesus into our time and place through visitation of the sick, bringing communion to those in institutions and who are homebound, and through the sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. On Oct 14 and 15, we will celebrate the sacrament communally at each of our Sunday liturgies. Communal celebrations allow the whole community to express their connection to the sick and help overcome any sense of isolation. It allows us to focus our prayer for them, express our support, and affirm their dignity as our sisters and brothers in Christ.



Please join us and bring someone who would benefit for the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick.

Belize 2020, an Ignatian Partnership, is a dedicated volunteer group focused on improving the quality of life in Belize by supporting Jesuit ministries.



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Auction items needed

- ..Vacation Rental/Home
- ..Cardinals Tickets
- ..Concert, play or other performance tickets
- ..Restaurant or retail gift cards
- ..Group outings or experiences such as wine tastings
- ..Bottles of wine valued at \$25 or more
- ..Family friendly items or experiences

Contact: Katie Jansen Larson,
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 *Film Screening with Q & A*

Palestinian Christians Today In Jesus' Birthplace (and Theirs)

October 8, 2023

At College Church in the Ballroom 12:15-12:45 pm

Open your ears and harden not your hearts. Hear the voices of Christians in their homeland in Bethlehem living under the longest military occupation in modern history. Learn the truth from those experiencing the reality of it.

Then find your own voice.

We plan to offer the *Kairos Cry for Hope* curriculum on Palestine this winter. It is based on two pillars, Scripture and current events. More information will be forthcoming later.



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Creating a Climate for Community



Circle of Creation Green Corner#

Blessing of the Animals: Sponsored by the Circle of Creation Committee of St. Francis Xavier College Church and St. Mark's Lutheran (ELCA) Church on **Saturday, October 7th at 10:00**



AM at the southwest corner of Forest Park at Skinker Blvd and Clayton Rd. As part of our celebration of the Season of Creation, all are invited to bring an animal to the prayer service or a photo of an animal you cannot bring, a photo of an endangered species, or a photo of a deceased, beloved animal companion.

Fall 2023 Franciscans For Earth Eco-Series film series schedule and registration is available at fslph.org/events. These films are available via Zoom and are scheduled at 6:30 PM Central Time on the 2nd Tuesday of each of the months September, October, and November.

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

October 6, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
12777 Olive Boulevard
St. Louis, MO, 63141
hosted by St. Louis Realtors

October 7, 9:00 AM to noon
11333 Big Bend Boulevard
Kirkwood, MO, 63122
hosted by Hand On Kirkwood

October 7, 9:00 AM to noon
9810 North Outer 40 Road
St. Louis, MO, 63141
hosted by the City of **Ladue**

October 19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
324 South Mason Road
Creve Coeur, MO, 63141
hosted by the City of **Creve Coeur**

October 21, 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard
O'Fallon, MO, 63366
hosted by the City of **O'Fallon**
November.

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: <https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

Join us for **Baked Goods Sunday** (a fall variation of Donut Sunday) hosted by our Parish Life Coordinator Katie Jansen and her husband Trevor Bourne!

September 30-October 1, 2023

SLU FAMILY AND ALUMNI WEEKEND

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Redding, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

October 7-October 8, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. May, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Flowers, SJ

10:30 am Fr. Armstrong, SJ

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Exodus 18:25-28

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading:
Philippians 2:1-11

Gospel:
Matthew 21:28-32

Online Giving Available

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Thank you for your gift!



Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

College Church Accessibility

As a reminder, **assistive listening devices** are available for our liturgies. Please let the ushers know if you would like to use one.