



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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sfxstl.org

October 8, 2023
Twenty-Seventh 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 fritim@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 fritim@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.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator



By Katie Jansen

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Living Our Faith

This week we are kicking off our annual Offertory Campaign. Our theme this year is *Living Our Faith*. Every person does that a little differently. And here at College Church we believe that we are called to creatively imagine new ways of living our faith and new ways of being church. St. Paul tells us, "Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." That is the purpose of all that we do here.

This weekend you will hear from parishioners about how they are living their faith in our community. I want to take an opportunity to talk to you about our staff. As Parish Life Coordinator I get to see more than most people how much love and creativity our staff put into serving this parish. Each week I'm blown away by the joy and passion that our staff members bring to supporting the many ministries we have. I worked at a number of non-profit organizations before coming to College Church and it is unusual to work with a staff as talented as we have here. And although none of these folks chooses to be here for the big salary, it is very important to me that we as a parish demonstrate how much we value them.

As I speak to you today, our financial situation is not where I wish it were. In our last fiscal year which ended in June we had a larger deficit than we thought we would. This is due in part to the long term impact of the pandemic. Our attendance has not gotten back to pre-pandemic levels. And, as you know, inflation is very high. And, although I am really grateful for the pandemic relief funds we received, they unfortunately masked the issue of decreasing revenue for the parish.

This is the situation we are in as we launch the *Living our Faith* Campaign. Last year many of you generously responded to our request for you to increase your giving. I want to thank you for your gift. And this year, as we strive to become a more synodal parish, we hope to expand participation. Our offertory is what sustains all the good work the parish staff does. I'd like to ask every person to consider either beginning a regular offertory gift or increasing your gift if you haven't recently.

You should have received a report with a commitment card either in the mail or at church. (You can also find an electronic copy of the commitment card on our website, sfxstl.org.) I ask you to prayerfully consider how you can support our parish. Thank you in advance for your response and your gift.

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.

Baked Goods Sunday this Sunday!

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 after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses today!



Dave and Tina Hilliard

Living Our Faith: Meet Tina and Dave

(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.)

Tina and Dave Hilliard

We've been a parishioners since: 1990. We were living in Eureka and began to search for a place in which our three elementary school-aged sons could grow in a faith community that offered more diversity than existed in our parish at the time. The Ignatian charism and dynamic liturgies attracted us to SFX. Dave knew Jesuits who were active at SFX from his education at SLUH and SLU, and Tina had participated in the liturgies in the lower church during the '70s.

Living my faith: Through the years we have participated in SFX home bible studies, hosted PSR family events at our home, and helped with Hot Stuff and Cool Stuff events. Tina has volunteered with the ID program and taught in the parish school of religion, and Dave served a term on the board of the Ignatian Volunteer Corps. Now, we provide meals for Winter's Inn, Dave serves on the development commission and Tina is active in the pastoral care ministry.

Why we're involved: For more than 30 years, Tina was a special education teacher working primarily at the high school level. For 41 years Dave was the CEO at WYMAN, a national leader in adolescent development, leadership and learning committed to youth and families impacted by poverty and living in communities largely bereft of positive developmental opportunities. We sought a parish that reflected our values of promoting justice, equity, education and faith. At each stage of our lives as parents, busy adults in our professions and now as retired seniors, SFX has always offered opportunities to worship in a joyful community, reflect deeply on the grace-filled milestones of our life journey, understand and appreciate the diversity of God's people and be of service in areas broader than our professions.

Three words that describe SFX: Welcoming, Diverse, Inspiring

Our neighborhood: We live in LaBarque Creek, a small community nestled in conservation areas between Eureka and Pacific, Missouri.

Fun Facts: Now retired, we annually travel the U.S. by car and try to take an international trip each year. We recently calculated that over the past 33 years we've traveled more than 120,000 miles back and forth from our home to SFX! We enjoy sharing time with our family and friends, theater, good films, reading, golf and walking daily throughout the beautiful natural area where we live.

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.



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.

Hispanic Diaspora



The word diaspora generally refers to a group of people living outside of their countries of origin. While the term is often used to describe those who were forcibly removed from their

homeland, it may also refer to people who migrate voluntarily but retain meaningful connections—language, family, cultural ties—to the land of their birth.

When applied to persons of Hispanic or Latin American heritage, diaspora describes those who have migrated from Latin America outward—to the United States, to countries in Europe, to Africa, and to Asia—but who remain bound to their native region and to others within their ethnic or cultural group. A variety of reasons may account for their migration including political persecution or violence, social upheaval, natural disaster, and/or a desire for greater economic opportunity.

An understanding of the Hispanic diasporic experience forces a recognition that, despite some common

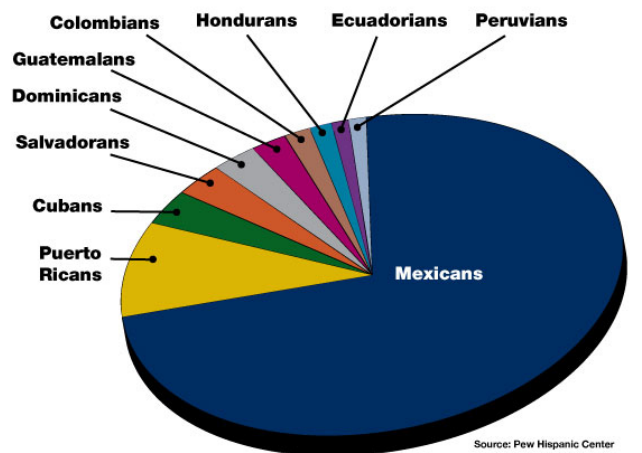
linguistic and cultural characteristics, the group is not monolithic. Within the United States alone, those of Hispanic descent come from Mexico, Puerto Rico, El Salvador, the Dominican Republic, Cuba, Guatemala, Colombia, Honduras, Ecuador, Peru, Venezuela, Nicaragua, Argentina, Panama, Chile, Costa Rica, Bolivia, Paraguay, and other Latin American, South American, and Caribbean nations. It is the contributions, the traditions, and the achievements of each of these groups that form the rich tapestry we celebrate during Hispanic Heritage Month.

Columbus Day, Indigenous Peoples' Day, and Reparations

Columbus Day is a national holiday commemorating Christopher Columbus and his arrival in the Americas. It is observed on the second Monday in October with the closure of the offices of the federal government and those of many states, including Missouri. It was not given this designation of federal holiday until 1934. However, in 1892, President Benjamin Harrison proclaimed October 12th to be Columbus Day, in celebration of the 400th anniversary of Columbus and his party landing in the Bahamas. Apart of this story that is less often told is that Christopher Columbus was not widely known until after the Revolutionary War. The newly established nation began to use the name Columbia for its landmarks and institutions, such as the District of Columbia and Columbia University. Columbus became more widely known through the 1828 publication of Washington Irving's *A History of the Life and Voyages of Christopher Columbus*. Today this work is considered highly fictionalized and the source of many myths and misunderstandings of Columbus' life and legacy.

At this time, the United States was also experiencing a significant increase in the number of immigrants from Italy. As Italian-Americans began to settle in the country's major cities, they often faced religious and ethnic discriminations and sometimes brutal violence. In 1890 anti-Italian sentiment boiled over in New Orleans and resulted in one of the largest mass lynchings in the United States. Eleven Sicilian immigrants were beaten, shot, and hanged by a mob after the city's police commissioner was killed and suspicion placed on the Italian community. The unprosecuted murders created strain on the diplomatic relationship between the US

The 10 Largest Latino Ethnic Groups in the U.S.



Mexicans: 31.7 Million • 63.0%	Guatemalans: 1 Million • 2.1%
Puerto Ricans: 4.6 Million • 9.2%	Colombians: 909,000 • 1.8%
Cubans: 1.7 Million • 3.5%	Hondurans: 633,000 • 1.3%
Salvadorans: 1.6 Million • 3.3%	Ecuadorians: 565,000 • 1.1%
Dominicans: 1.4 Million • 2.8%	Peruvians: 531,000 • 1.1%

Numbers and percentages are based on the total U.S. Latino population of 50.5 million

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and Italy. Just one year later, the presidential proclamation initiating Columbus Day, recognizing the achievements of Columbus and other Italian Americans, as well as \$25,000 (approximately \$844,000 today) paid in reparations, helped to restore diplomatic ties. Columbus Day remains a cherished celebration of cultural pride and achievement in many Italian American communities.

The story of Columbus also includes abuse, enslavement, and forced assimilation of the indigenous people in the lands he helped to colonize. They lost access to their ancestral lands and natural resources, which significantly impacted their ability to practice their cultures and traditions. It is painful to celebrate the life of one who caused so much anguish. Many campaigned for a national holiday to honor indigenous people. Among them, the Reverend Red Fox James who, in 1914, traveled 4,000 miles on horseback to seek support from state senators.

On December 14, 1915, he presented endorsements from 24 governors to President Woodrow Wilson at the White House. Continued demonstrations have cities and some states to adopt and celebrate Indigenous Peoples' Day in addition to or in place of Columbus Day. In 2021, the United States celebrated its first national Indigenous Peoples' Day. In a commemoration President Joe Biden proclaimed as a day to honor "our diverse history and the Indigenous peoples who contribute to shaping this Nation."

There have been a few initiatives to make amends and restore what was taken. After World War II, Congress created the Indian Claims Commission to pay compensation to any federally recognized tribe for land that had been seized by the United States. The results were disappointing for Native Americans. That commission paid out about \$1.3 billion, the equivalent of less than \$1,000 for each Native American in the United States at the time the commission dissolved in 1978. As significant health, education, and economic disparities persist for the indigenous people of the United States, we must continue to seek meaningful ways to make reparations for the harm that has been done.

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

St. Artemide Zatti – Born October 12, 1880, in Boretto, Italy. His family moved to Argentina and young Artemide felt called to the priesthood. But he had to leave the seminary for health reasons and moved to the mountainous regions. There he became a Salesian Brother and spent his life working among the poor and sick at a hospital.

George Floyd – Born October 14, 1973, in Fayetteville, NC. Floyd was an unarmed Black man who died in Minneapolis because of brutality by a police officer during an arrest in May 2020. His death spawned numerous protests for several months in cities throughout the U.S.

Current and Upcoming Events

October 13 10:00 am – 12:00 pm Greenwood Cemetery Tour and Headstone Cleaning Workshop 6571 St. Louis Avenue. Learn about this historic cemetery that dates back to 1874 and served the growing African American population following the Civil War.

October 14 9:45 am – 1:00 pm The Black History Bus Tour, led by Fr. Gerry Kleba, shares some of the concealed stories of our racial history and deepens understanding of systemic racism in St. Louis. The tours leave St. Cronan's Church, 1202 S. Boyle Ave, 63110 at 9:45 and will return at 1 pm. The cost of the tour is \$10.00 to be paid the day of the event. There is one stop in the middle of the tour at a service station for rest rooms and refreshments. Participants are invited to bring a lunch and stay for further discussion. If you would like to reserve a spot, send your name, email address, and phone # to Paul Loida at Paul.Loida@Bayer.com

October 14 12:00 – 4:00 pm From Field Hollas to Hip Hop: Celebrating St. Louis Black Music History will be held at the Mary Meachum Freedom Crossing on the Mississippi Greenway, 25 E. Grand Ave., St. Louis, MO 63147. It will feature music from various eras throughout history, with a view toward how life in the city's Black communities gave rise to that music. There will be food, drink, and the work of local artists and makers for sale. Admission is free. For more information, see greatriversgreenway.org/mary-meachum/

October 14 1:00 – 2:30 pm The Beatitudes Center for the Nonviolent Jesus is sponsoring a webinar: *Hungry and Thirsty for Racial Healing: A New Way to See the Journey*. The presenter, Dr. Catherine Meeks, is one of the world's leading Christian voices on racial healing. To register, click on: form.jotform.com/231235394389160. The cost is \$30. Scholarships may be requested. For more information, go to: beatitudescenter.org/programs/#sept09-2023

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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- ...Vacation Rental/Home
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- ...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

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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. Today, 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.



Following the homily, all who have a serious illness, who are preparing for surgery, or who are experiencing the challenges of advancing age are invited to receive the sacrament. The rite begins with intercessory prayers for those who wish to be anointed. All who are near them are invited to hold their hand, touch their shoulder or extend a hand toward them.

For the anointing they will be invited to step out into the aisle and stay by their pew. The priest will come to them. Those who are unable to stand should raise their hand as the priest comes down the aisle. He will anoint you on your forehead and the palms of your hands with the words:

*Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen
May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up. Amen*

 *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

Some members of the College Church Circle of Creation Committee helped out last April with trash cleanup at Greenwood Cemetery. Many others have been working for years on the restoration. An opportunity is available to tour this historical and hallowed ground on: Friday, October 13, at 10:00 AM.

Fall 2023 Franciscans For Earth Eco-Series film series schedule and registration is available at fsolph.org/events. These films are available via Zoom and are scheduled at 6:30 PM Central Time on October 10 and November 14, the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

Open Space STL lists opportunities for volunteer service through various organizations, providing information and registration here: volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/ Great Rivers Greenway lists events at various Greenway locations. You can look through those events for volunteer opportunities: greatriversgreenway.org/events/

Smithsonian Magazine Smart News September 18, 2023 brings this informative article “Humans Have Exceeded Six of the Nine Boundaries Keeping Earth Habitable.” smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/humans-have-exceeded-six-of-the-nine-boundaries-keeping-earth-habitable-180982909

Another must-read article (also a youtube video) is a September 22 opinion-piece by Robin Wall Kimmerer in the New York Times titled “The Turtle Mothers Have Come Ashore to Ask About an Unpaid Debt.” nytimes.com/2023/09/22/opinion/climate-change-turtles-refugees.html

Public Electronics Recycling events sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)

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

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>

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

October 14-October 15, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Redding, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahon SJ

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:6-9

Gospel:

Matthew 21:33-43

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College Church Accessibility

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