



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

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sfxstl.org

October 15, 2023
Twenty-Eighth 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.

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

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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 Fr. Tucker Redding

Back to The Beginning

Last weekend I wasn't here at College Church because I was back home in Texas. I used to be the youth minister at a parish in Houston and one of my previous volunteers asked me to celebrate her wedding. I also had the opportunity to return to my college parish, St. Mary's Catholic Center at Texas A&M University, to celebrate a Mass of Thanksgiving.

I'm a cradle Catholic and I grew up attending Mass and parish festivals and all of that, yet I never really considered myself to be that serious about my faith. In high school, I had already received all of my sacraments, so I mainly just attended Mass with my mom. When I went off to college, I thought that I should go to the church. I'm not sure if it was a sense of habit or obligation, but I went. I went on my first retreat, which was offered for freshmen, and it was there that I met so many wonderful people.

I continued to go back. At first, it was for the social interactions with the great people that I met there. Eventually, I got more involved in the parish and learned how to apply my own gifts for ministry. I didn't have a sense of being called to religious life or the priesthood at that point, but I felt that a journey had begun that eventually led me to where I am now.

Because of my Jesuit formation, I haven't had the opportunity to visit my college parish for years. When I returned last weekend, I was flooded with both the old and the new. I visited familiar sites, including walking the massive campus. Of course, over the years new buildings were erected and old ones were remade. I celebrated Mass in a brand new church because the students had outgrown the old one. I was greeted by many new faces and some old ones that I knew from before.

Sometimes it takes going back to the beginning, to the roots of our faith, to the start of our journey, to see how far we have come. As I look back, I can see how I have grown and I can also see that I haven't been alone on that journey. God has placed family and friends in my life who continue to accompany me. Of course, I can also see how Jesus has been on the road as well. Sometimes looking back helps me to see his presence more clearly.

Every once in a while we all need to take a look back and give thanks for the journey.

Alzheimer's Association Family Support Group meets today, October 15th at noon in a new location: the Ballroom Classroom (go through the Ballroom and turn to the right). For more information, please contact Ann Steffen, 314-313-0158.

Widows and Widowers

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be next Sunday, October 22nd, at 9:15 a.m. in the break room on the first floor of the Parish Center. Interested in attending? Contact Val Rutterer at vrutterer@gmail.com or 314-494-8986 for questions or more information.



Living Our Faith: Meet Grace

(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.)

Grace Teofilo

Been a parishioner since: May 2022. I was looking for a young professionals group after moving to St. Louis in February 2022 and am so grateful to have found a community that welcomed me right away.

Living my faith: I am one of the leaders of the College Church Young Professionals group. CCYP has biweekly meetings that involve activities such as beer and bible study, outings around town and guest speakers. Many of us are passionate about supporting other young adults who may struggle finding their place in the Catholic Church, and we want to provide a welcoming community that creates a sense of belonging. I am also a member of the Parish Council. As a young Catholic woman, I'm not often provided opportunities to speak up for myself or others like me within the institution of the church, so I am beyond grateful to sit on a Council that values the voices of all kinds of people who enter our community. I'm proud to be part of a parish that cares about listening to its members and wants to support marginalized voices.

Grace Teofilo



College Church Young Professionals

Why I'm involved: After several years of isolation during the pandemic and a rough transition from college to adult working life, it's been amazing finally to find a community that shares similar values and challenges me to grow in my faith. I love this intentional community that is full of people who have now become some of my closest friends. I've also enjoyed exploring more about the wonders of Ignatian Spirituality and tapping into new forms of prayer that I hadn't encountered before joining a Jesuit parish.

Three words that describe SFX: Welcoming, Active, Forward

My neighborhood: Tower Grove South in St. Louis City

Fun Facts: I'm originally from the Milwaukee area and was a trumpet player in the University of Wisconsin Marching Band. Before meeting my fiancé and settling in St. Louis, I lived in nine states and two countries in just five years, including in one of the largest cities in the world (Shanghai, China) and in a remote mountain valley with a population of 98 people (Wisdom, Montana). Some adventures during this time included working as a National Park Service park ranger, teaching English in China and installing solar panels in Colorado.

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.

Meet Our New Development and Communications Assistant, Camille Smith



Hello! My name is Camille and I'm the new Communications and Development Assistant at St. Francis Xavier Church. I'm originally from Memphis, TN, where I graduated from St. Mary's Episcopal School. I decided to attend S. Louis University, where I currently study psychology and criminology. I am involved with student government, campus magazines, and mock trial. In my free time, I enjoy activities like photography, reading, graphic design, hiking, cooking, or hanging out with my friends and family. I am so excited to be a member of this welcoming community and I can't wait to get to know my fellow parishioners better. Email me with any bulletin submissions or questions at bulletin@sfxstl.org. Thank you so much!



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.

Racial Equity Review Update

Since our last communication about the equity review in May, the process has continued to move forward. Members of the Review Team have employed two evaluative tools, provided by our partners at the Crossroads Antiracism and Training organization, to aid in the identification of residual structural racism at College Church. The tools have enabled the collection of useful qualitative information.

Now, team members are embarking on the next phase of the review: creation of a **racial equity survey** which, following its distribution throughout the parish, will provide quantifiable data on which meaningful recommendations for change can be based. In order to ensure that the racial equity survey's results are reliably applicable, Review Team members will be inviting parishioners to participate in a **preliminary demographic survey** to obtain some basic characteristics about our College Church community. Parishioner participation, which will be anonymous, is critical to the success of the equity review, so please look for additional information and announcements about the demographic survey over the course of the next two weeks

La Calle Cherokee

In 2017, Cherokee Street between Gravois and Jefferson was officially designated as a Hispanic/Latino cultural district known as “La Calle Cherokee.” This stretch of Cherokee between Jefferson and Gravois is home to the largest concentration of Hispanic/Latino owned restaurants and businesses in St. Louis. Since the 1980s, the Hispanic presence has steadily grown on Cherokee Street and the surrounding neighborhoods of Benton Park West, Gravois Park, and Dutchtown. Residents established successful businesses and sparked a new era of commerce. Not only are there many restaurants, bakeries, and cafes, there are art galleries, stores, and groceries. This cultural designation honors the contributions of the residents and business owners of Hispanic/Latino descent and recognizes the importance of promoting and preserving that heritage. Neighborhood residents continue to create ways to support new members of the community. A grassroots organization called Latinos en Axion began with efforts to provide English instruction and complete primary and secondary education. They have grown to advocate for social and

economic justice, to fight for humane and just immigration reform and to act as a local resource to parishes and communities, offering workshops and support regarding a number of social needs. This community support is also seen in the work of the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce of Metropolitan St. Louis. It was incorporated in 1982 and promotes the economic growth, development, and interests of Hispanic and Latino/Latina-owned businesses—not only in the Cherokee neighborhood—but throughout the St. Louis region. The member businesses represent the racial and ethnic diversity of St. Louis and demonstrates how support for the success of each of our communities helps the entire community thrive.



Significant Figures in Racial History

General Colin Powell – died October 18, 2021, in Bethesda, MD. Born in Harlem, NY, Powell's professional military career began with a college ROTC program and lasted 35 years. He served as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1989-1993. He also served as the first African American U.S. Secretary of State from 2001-2005.

Charles R. Douglass – born October 21, 1844, in Lynn, MA. The youngest son of Frederick Douglass, Charles was one of the first Black clerks at The Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen, and Abandoned Lands – an agency created to assist freed men during Reconstruction. Later, he worked for the D.C. school district, hiring the first Black teachers in that county, with pay equal to white

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George Stinney – born October 21, 1929, in Pinewood, SC. At age 14, Stinney was the youngest person ever executed in the U.S. during the 20th century (June 14, 1944), for the rape/murder of two white girls that he did not commit. He was exonerated in 2014, the judge declaring that Stinney was denied due process throughout his entire trial.

Current and Upcoming Events

October 14 10:00 am to 11:00 CT A webinar, sponsored by the Jesuit Antiracism Sodality, will be presented on *Slaveholding and Reconciliation: Truth and Reconciliation Gatherings as a Platform for Healing*. Lorenzo McDuffe, D. Min. and Jack McLinden, SJ will be the featured speakers. Register for this event at: forms.gle/FenZMTCZppPKyHqA8

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

October 18 7:00 pm Call to Action is sponsoring a webinar *Confronting Christian Nationalism: A Presentation with Theologian Alex Mikulich*. A social ethicist, Mikulich will discuss the dangers of Christian nationalism, its presence within the U.S. Catholic Church, and the ways in which Catholics can combat this ideology. He is the author of *Unlearning White Supremacy: A Spirituality for Racial Liberation* (2022, Orbis Books), and he frequently speaks on issues of anti-Black white supremacy and anti-racism from a Catholic perspective. For more information and to register for the event, go to <https://www.cta-usa.org/news/confronting-christian-nationalism>.

October 21 10:00 am to 11:00 CT A webinar, sponsored by the Jesuit Antiracism Sodality, will be presented by Billy Critchley-Menor, SJ on the topic of *Jim Crow, SJ: Segregation and Integration in Jesuit Novitiates*. Register for this event at: <https://forms.gle/VBzUGYxhUoUM4vsT9>

For more information, or to become part of antiracism ministries at College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan penultima@swbell.net or Lisa Burks Imburks60@gmail.com.

Dining Out for Seniors (and for anyone who wishes to join us) Season Finale for 2023

Saturday, Oct 28 - after 5:15 p.m. Mass - Vito's. Reservations by Tues, Oct 24 to Rosemary Jermann: jermann.rosemary@gmail.com or 314-320-7677

Sunday, Oct 29 - after 10:30 a.m. Mass - Grand Hall (on SLU campus). Reservations by Thur, Oct 26 to Bridget Brennan: joy@canainstitute.org or 314-313-0613 Please note: The Grand Hall will only accept credit cards!

Dining Out For Seniors will resume in the spring!

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*



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, katie@sfxstl.org



Circle of Creation Green Corner

All people of good will can read it for free.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION [LAUDATE DEUM](#) OF THE HOLY FATHER FRANCIS TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS: tinyurl.com/2vhj7wjt

The Missouri Botanical Garden provides information [Plastic Pot Recycling Discontinued in St. Louis](#) (<https://tinyurl.com/3avec4b5>) and more on plastic recycling in general. MoBot recommends the free 2-hr documentary [The Story of Plastic](#) (tinyurl.com/2by83kzj), directed and produced by Deia Schlosburg, an alumna of Washington University. However, Home Depot and other stores with gardening departments may be continuing to recycle plastic pots.

The final film of the **Fall 2023 Franciscans For Earth Eco-Series** is "Seeking Asylum, A Mother's Journey" and will be shown via Zoom on Tuesday evening at 6:30 PM Central Time on November 14. Registration is available at fsolph.org/events.

The US Army Corps of Engineers Mississippi Valley Division has a publication relevant to our metropolitan area. [Our Mississippi](#) is available on their website. (<https://www.mvd.usace.army.mil/Library/Publications/Our-Mississippi/>)

Open Space STL lists opportunities for volunteer service through various organizations, providing information and registration at <https://volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/>.

Great Rivers Greenway lists events at various Greenway locations. You can look through those events on <https://greatriversgreenway.org/events/> for volunteer opportunities.

Smithsonian Magazine Smart News September 18, 2023 brings this informative article "[Humans Have Exceeded Six of the Nine Boundaries Keeping Earth Habitable](#)." 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](#)."

Public Electronic Recycling Events:

October 19, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
324 South Mason Road, Creve Coeur, MO, 63141

October 21, 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard, O'Fallon, MO, 63366

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's [Green Corner](#) (<https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>) on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events.

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5:15 pm Fr. Redding, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

October 21-October 22, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Reale, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Redding, SJ

10:30 am Fr. Redding, SJ

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Is 25:6-10a

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Second Reading:

Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20

Gospel:

Matthew 22:1-14

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Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Camille Smith at bulletin@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.