

## **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 16, 2022**  
**Twenty-Ninth 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](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 [fritim@sfxstl.org](mailto:fritim@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)

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Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at [fritim@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](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.

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[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.

**Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator**



By Katie Jansen

*Beloved: I remind you to stir into flame the gift of God that you have through the imposition of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love... Take as your norm the sound words that you heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard this rich trust with the hope of the Holy Spirit that dwells within us.*

As part of All Things New we are moving into the phase of hearing proposals for how our planning area, which is essentially North City, will be restructured and how we could be affected. We will hear multiple proposals and we will be asked for our feedback. I'd like us to consider how we want to show up, individually and as a parish, to these listening sessions.

It feels safe to assume that most of us have some amount of skepticism, concern, or even anger about the perceived process and potential outcomes of All Things New. It has been tempting for me to show up with my brow furrowed, my jaw clenched and arms folded or to show up ready for battle.

But Paul's letter to Timothy invites a different posture. St. Paul is reminding Timothy - and us - to stir into flame the gift of God that you (each of us) have. We are invited to listen and respond with a spirit of power and love, trusting that the Holy Spirit dwells within us.

For me, that looks like showing up with my hands open, leaning in to listen carefully, remaining grounded in a place of love, and speaking boldly, trusting that the Holy Spirit dwells within me. What might it look like for you?

College Church's listening sessions will happen on consecutive Saturdays, October 22 and 29 from 9 to 11am. The October 22 session will be in the Ballroom, the October 29 session will be at Aquinas Institute of Theology, 23 S Spring Ave. Parishioners can choose which session to attend (the sessions will be identical). Here is the sign-up link for the listening sessions: <https://bit.ly/ATN-listening>



**College Church to Celebrate Family Mass**

Sunday, Oct. 30, College Church will hold its first Family Mass. Children from the Youth Faith Formation program will have significant roles in the 10:30 liturgy. Students will serve as lectors, gift bearers, ushers, cross bearer and musicians. The seventh-grade class wrote the Mass petitions. Ideally there will be Family Masses throughout the academic year with the next scheduled for Nov. 20, the feast of Christ the King.

Formerly each YFF class had its own class Mass in the downstairs chapel. When the chapel was replaced by classrooms that no longer was a possibility, but with the advent of Family Masses students will again fill leadership roles in the Sunday Mass.

**CONCLUDING RITE***Recessional: Lead Me, Guide Me**Gather 656**All rights reserved. Used with permission. LicensingOnline number U2821. WLP License ALC.**Reprinted under OneLicense.net number 04947-A.**Art by Steve Erspamer. All Rights Reserved.***The State of Identification Documents in Missouri**

As the Birth Certificate and Identification Program continues to grow, a core group of parishioners and community leaders have come together to envision ways to bring this essential service beyond the walls of College Church, into more organizations across St. Louis and throughout the whole state. Lessons learned from the experience of the Mobile Outreach Coordinator from August 2021-July 2022 have informed a new strategy aimed at regional access to government issued identification.




Our weekly Tuesday onsite programming remains an essential need and will continue under the leadership of Outreach Coordinator, Jasmine Brown. As new Regional Access Coordinator, I have continued to develop training and support materials to share with partner organizations in St. Louis and across the state of Missouri who are interested in starting similar state ID and birth certificate assistance programming. The relationships built through our regional access efforts, in addition to the recent passage of a photo ID requirement for voting in Missouri, have galvanized all kinds of groups statewide.

Since the beginning of August, the College Church Outreach Program has held nearly a dozen sessions to train at least 118 people across the state of Missouri. Fifty eight people are committed to meeting more regularly to continue developing their programs, as well as make regional connections. In our first monthly meeting we had thirty energized individuals present. These individuals represent 68 different organizations from every corner of the state. We are excited to see these efforts grow so that we can work toward a state where everyone has access to the official identification they need, regardless of income level, housing status, geographic location, or any other factor.

**Please Join Us for A Decade of Dan!**

A DECADE OF  
**DAN**  
COLLEGE CHURCH



On November 13th, we have a big opportunity to celebrate Fr. Dan and continue to demonstrate the abundance we experience as a parish. This year our annual fundraiser is called "A Decade of Dan!" We will gather at 12 noon at 18Rails, a new venue at the Foundry, to eat, drink and be merry! There will be musical performances by some of our very talented musicians, and lots of ways to celebrate memories of our time with Fr. Dan.

Please consider sponsoring this event, and definitely plan to purchase tickets to attend! Find out more by visiting [decadeofdan.givesmart.com](https://decadeofdan.givesmart.com).

Big thanks to all those who voted for the name of this event, and thanks to Laura Stanton for designing this amazing event logo!



## 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.

### Making a Place at the Table (and on the Walls) for All

by Christina Ryan

In children’s literature, there is the phrase “mirrors, windows, and sliding glass doors,” coined by Dr. Rudine Sims Bishop in 1990. This refers to the reader being able to see into—and even walk into—different worlds created by the author. If the book and reader match in a special way, then the story might also be a mirror, reflecting the experiences of the reader. When children can’t find a book that serves as a mirror for their lives, they “learn a powerful lesson about how they are devalued in society,” and children from the dominant social or racial groups lose an opportunity to “glimpse into the lives and experiences of others.” (Institute for Humane Education). *Everyone* loses out.

As a former teacher and mother of two—a Black son and a white daughter—I have always loved seeking out diverse children’s books, but it is strange and disturbing to me that I never questioned the lack of diversity in the religious imagery I saw in the Church. Until a few years ago, my vision of heaven and the Church was whitewashed, inspired by the pale Precious Moments dolls I collected as a child, the Warner Sallman Head of Christ that was displayed prominently in my grandparents’ home, the angels of Renaissance paintings I saw in art history books, and the countless images I have seen over the years in religious education materials, stained glass windows, Sunday bulletins, etc. My own default image of the divine was NOT diverse; I had to purposefully invoke it. WHY? Because whiteness in religious imagery was nearly all I had ever seen. When I first had the realization, I felt horrified, but I also knew that the more evil sin would be to do nothing about it.

I don’t want either of my children—or any other children of our parish—to experience the sins of omission in imagination that I have had to confess. Whom we see and whom we don’t see in religious imagery makes a statement about whom our faith values. The arts—music, theatre, dance, the written word, visual art—are an extremely powerful tool that express language, creativity, culture, emotion, and humanity. If our art is an incomplete representation of the divine, then our vision of the divine is incomplete, creating a grave risk that whom we see as God’s creation will be limited. I do not want to throw out all the Renaissance art! But I am eager to invite in all the

images we have been missing so we can see through those windows, walk through those doors, and look into those mirrors.

Sister Marie Chin, with the Sisters of Mercy of Jamaica, wrote a beautiful prayer that helps us appeal to God to forgive us for our sins of exclusion. *“Creator of all races and ethnicities, help us to see that a diverse community is the way to deepen our lives and to know you more deeply. Guide us to see that entering into a vital and just relationship with others who are different from us is the way to make ourselves whole. Guard us from fear of the other, from the fear that our own security is threatened if we become truly willing to make a place at the table for all...”*

At College Church, over the past few years, Thi Nguyen and I have been working together on a Liturgy and Spirituality subcommittee of our Antiracism Team. Making changes has been a gradual, prayerful process concurrent with—and made more meaningful by—our parish racial history review. One place we have had an influence is in our permanent Atria classrooms. For those we have purchased beautiful poster size images by artist Laura James, and, in recent years, our dedicated catechists have become ever more thoughtful about the



materials they present, such as using a variety of skin tone colors of clay for human figures.

Thi and I are in the process of collaborating with a group of College Church parishioners to select images for a Wall of Saints in the Parish Center hallway, representing a diverse selection of gender, era, patronage, and racial and cultural origin; we are particularly interested in the often concealed stories of these holy people from whom we can learn, as Sister Chin says, *to enter into a vital and just relationship ...to make ourselves whole*. We have the support of the parish leadership for future large-scale projects in the next few years and are gradually building the capacity to do so—through engaging with ministry members; considering what we need to do to prepare spaces, such as the vestibule, that will honor larger-scale pieces; sourcing art with a responsible and antiracist lens; and seeking out artists of color whose lives and work we can

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celebrate. We welcome parishioners with passion or expertise in design and the visual arts, as well as those with an enthusiastic desire to learn and participate with us, to join hearts and hands with us and truly *make place at the table*—and on the walls—for all at College Church.

For more information or to join the Art and Environment Committee, please contact: Beth Pilarski (bpilarski48@gmail.com) or Theresa Lueke (tmlueke@yahoo.com). For more information or to join the (Antiracism Team) Liturgy and Spirituality subcommittee, please contact Christina Ryan (christinaryan1995@gmail.com) or Thi Nguyen (thianguyen29@gmail.com).

### Reflection on the Racial Justice Vigils

*As the Racial Justice Vigils conclude for the winter months, we share this reflection from one of the regular participants.*

I found the killing of George Floyd on May 25, 2020, a terribly saddening and angering occurrence that pointed to centuries-old patterns, rooted in racism and demeaning attitudes toward African-Americans. Such patterns have also been part of the history of St. Louis, in which I have lived for 70 years. Those who gathered to pray after Mr. Floyd's death decided to continue praying in front of the College Church every Tuesday night, to ask God to heal the racism and its wounds that still plague us. Our presence kept before us and all those driving by this issue and the continued suffering that we need to work to eliminate. We shared readings and spent time in silence, reflecting on the struggle for racial justice and praying to God for assistance. I appreciated much being with several members of the College Church community, many of whom were veterans in the struggle for justice for decades and who faithfully showed up weekly. Our group was very diverse, black and white, men and women, lay and religious, all of us sharing a common concern and commitment. It was inspiring when several of those driving by honked and waved to express solidarity. Others expressed hostility in several ways. Some of our number held "Black Lives Matter" signs, and they screamed at us that "all lives matter"—and they do, it is just that for centuries, as George Floyd's murder demonstrated, Black lives haven't mattered as much as they deserve to. I was touched at how the veterans of the pursuit of justice absorbed these demonstrations of hostility peacefully, not screaming back, continuing to pray and silently hold their signs. Racial justice can only be won by acting on its behalf, as well as by depending on God who alone changes hearts.

### Meeting of Widows and Widowers

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be on Sunday, October 23, 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](mailto:vrutterer@gmail.com) or 314-393-8986 for questions or more information.

### 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 22 and 23, 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. The sacrament will be offered after the homily. All who have a serious illness, who are preparing for or recovering from surgery, or who are experiencing the challenges of advancing age are invited to receive the sacrament. Please invite any friends or family members who would benefit from prayer and support in their illness to join us on Oct 22 or 23.



## Our Parish Racial History: Past As Prelude

### Stories of Race, Resistance, Faith, and Freedom

Please join us for the first of a three-part exploration of the racial history of College Church. Integral to this story are the founding and development of the city of St. Louis, the Archdiocese, the Society of Jesus, and St. Louis University. Each presentation will include interactive experiences that will explore previously concealed stories of injustice, resilience, faith, and resistance to oppression.

#### Session Two

#### Jesuit Ministry to African American Catholics

This second presentation in the series of parish racial history offerings will continue to explore the complex story of Jesuit ministry to African Americans Catholics in St. Louis and its significance for College Church. Focusing on the period from the late nineteenth through the mid-twentieth centuries, presenters will introduce the Jesuits who were in active ministry with Black Catholics at that time; will celebrate the faithfulness and resilience of St. Elizabeth of Hungary Catholic Church—the designated Black Catholic parish; and will examine the tensions between the Black leadership of the Federation of Colored Catholics and its Jesuit allies.

Presented by: **Jeffrey Harrison, S. J.** Director of the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project  
**Winnie Sullivan** Co-Chair: Antiracism Team, St. Francis Xavier “College” Church  
**David Werthmann, M. A.** Pastoral Studies-Aquinas Institute of Theology

October 16, 2022

12:00 – 1:30 pm

St. Francis Xavier “College” Church

3628 Lindell Blvd.

Lower Level

Admission is free of charge.

A light lunch will be provided at 11:45 a.m. The presentation will begin promptly at noon.

SAVE THE DATES for the final session of this series:

#### November 20: Voices of Resistance, Advocacy, and Activism

Please register in advance at: [tinyurl.com/4hu4s6rd](https://tinyurl.com/4hu4s6rd)  
to assist us in our planning.

For more information, contact Winnie Sullivan, [penultim@swbell.net](mailto:penultim@swbell.net) or Lisa Burks, [lmburks60@gmail.com](mailto:lmburks60@gmail.com)

*This event is sponsored in part by a grant from The Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus.*

**Faithful Citizenship: Your Vote Matters**

With a new voting law in effect, House Bill 1878, the newly formed SFX Advocacy Committee wants to ensure that College Church parishioners and our wider community can access the ballot this November and beyond. Visit [sfxstl.org/advocacy](http://sfxstl.org/advocacy) or see a Voting Access Ambassador after Masses to learn more.

One of the most harmful aspects of HB1878 is the new requirement to produce a nonexpired photo ID in order to vote, which will greatly impact many Missourians who cannot readily obtain a State ID. These are the people that come to our parish's weekly Outreach Program for help with birth certificates and Missouri State IDs. Leading up to the November election, we will share reflections from volunteers connected to our ID and Birth Certificate Program. Rebecca Cunningham, a current SLU medical student and former program volunteer, shared this:



*Over the years as a parishioner at College Church, I have participated in various committees regarding voting rights and, in speaking with Missourians, have been struck by questions and statements such as "Isn't it easy to get an ID? If I can do it, anyone can do it." For many of us in this parish, obtaining a nonexpired photo ID may seem like a minute task. However, multiple barriers exist that make obtaining a photo ID a challenge for many of our community members. While I had heard these challenges enumerated over the years, such as cost or lost documents due to dangerous social situations, I did not fully grasp the frustration of such challenges until I had the opportunity to serve as a volunteer at the SFX Outreach Program in 2020. In the midst of the pandemic, many guests would venture to the College Church ballroom for help obtaining IDs and birth certificates, a program which serves only a small percentage of the population in Missouri. I frequently heard from guests that they needed an ID or birth certificate for work or social services and shared in their frustration when more barriers would appear that would prevent them from quickly obtaining a photo ID. Now,*

*Missouri House Bill 1878 requires a non-expired photo ID to vote, which will limit the voting eligibility of many Missourians. As Catholics, we are called to care for the vulnerable; therefore, we must be aware and advocate for those who are adversely impacted by this bill, such as those who attend our Outreach program.*

Contact Christine Dragonette at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) if you are interested in becoming a Voting Access Ambassador or joining the Advocacy Committee, which meets every first Wednesday of the month from 5-6:30pm.

*The SFX Advocacy Committee believes advocacy means:*

*To stand with and for another person by listening and observing in order to give witness.*

*To amplify voices that are often silenced.*

*To affect systemic change through policies and structures that uphold the dignity of all members of our community.*



# TRIVIA NIGHT!

**SATURDAY,  
OCTOBER  
29**

Join us for a night of fun and fellowship to benefit Jesuit works in Belize that promote life-changing opportunities for at-risk children and families.

**Doors: 6:00 pm**  
**Trivia: 7:00 pm**

**Tickets, Tables, Sponsorships & Info:**  
**[www.Belize2020.net/trivianight](http://www.Belize2020.net/trivianight)**

**St. Louis University High School - Si Commons**  
4970 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110 - free parking in adjacent lot



### Circle of Creation Green Corner



**Saturday, October 22** is the date for the 2022 **River des Peres Trash Bash** organized by The Open Space Council along with the Great Rivers Greenway, MSD Project Clear, the River des Peres Watershed Coalition, and the Earthways Center. Other opportunities offered by the Open Space Council include tree planting/maintenance and removal of invasive species. For more information and to register for any of the above events, please visit: <https://volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/>.

**The 2nd Annual Green Dining Week** returns **October 17-23** and includes 18 Green Dining Alliance establishments. Each day of the week will feature at least one GDA member, with a portion of the day's total sales going to the Green Dining Alliance, a sustainability certification program for the St. Louis area. To learn more about Green Dining Week and the Green Dining Alliance, visit: <https://greendiningalliance.org/2022/09/green-dining-week-2022/>

**STL Green Drinks** will be hosting their October happy hour on **October 18 from 6-8pm**. Each month, STL Green Drinks will feature a new GDA-certified establishment for happy hour. Support local, green dining and join in the conversations of fellow environmentalists and sustainable living advocates. This month's event will take place at GDA-certified Salt + Smoke, at 5625 Hampton Ave. upstairs in the Bovine Room. To RSVP, please visit: <https://tinyurl.com/2p92cp7r>

**Public Electronics Recycling events**  
sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)  
[mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events](http://mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events)

Oct. 22 from 9:00 AM to Noon  
1 Detjen Drive Saint Louis, MO, 63126  
hosted by City of **Crestwood**

Oct. 29 from 8:00 AM to Noon  
8001 Dale Avenue, Richmond Heights, MO, 63117  
hosted by **Richmond Heights**

**Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner** on the Parish website to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation:  
<https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

### October 15-16, 2022

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5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, S.J.  
Sunday  
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### This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

**First Reading:**  
Exodus 17:8-13

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

**Second Reading:**  
2 Timothy 3:14-4:2

**Gospel:**  
Luke 18:1-8

### Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

### Online Giving Reminder

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](http://sfxstl.org). You can also reach this link through the QR code here.



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