



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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October 2, 2022
Twenty-Seventh 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

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 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 Terry Edelmann at terry@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 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 our second reading today 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 11 am. 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>

The Festival of Ministries Returns!

At our next Donut Sunday, October 9th, after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses, we're hosting a Festival of Ministries in the Ballroom here at College Church. This will be the first in-person version we've hosted in several years.

This is an opportunity for all of us to get to know about the rich variety of ministries, commissions and teams that make this such a vibrant church. Come meet the people behind these ministries, and have a chance to sign up to participate in one you feel called to join!



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.

St. Louis Realtors Apologize for Housing Discrimination

The lead story in the Tuesday, September 20, 2022, edition of the St. Louis Post-Dispatch was the apology by the St. Louis Realtors for historical discrimination in housing policies that denied mortgages to Black people (redlining) and fostered widespread housing segregation in the St. Louis area. The St. Louis region's largest real estate association stated, "St. Louis Realtors is painfully aware of the documented policies and practices of our national, state, and local realtor organizations that perpetuated discrimination against the Black community. We apologize for these actions."

Going back to 1924, the National Association of Real Estate set policies restricting home sales and mortgages to African Americans and began a decades-long practice of embedding race-restricted covenants in real estate deeds. These efforts resulted in African Americans having the lowest rate of homeownership (45%) among any racial group in the country.

What follows are some of the elements in the realtors' plan to address inequitable housing practices:

St. Louis REALTORS® Reimagining St. Louis Plan

The Reimagining St. Louis Plan contains St. Louis REALTORS® initiatives to assist our association in reckoning with its past and building a more equitable future. It best demonstrates our association's commitment to diversity and inclusion.

- Issue a public apology on behalf of St. Louis REALTORS® for the past practices of REALTORS® discriminatory housing practices that created a dual housing market for Black and White families in St. Louis.
- Hire a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Director to manage ongoing diversity initiatives.
- Increase awareness of clear title issues, and the importance of estate planning, promote generational wealth, and work to prevent neighborhood vacancies. Engage with community organizations to achieve these goals to foster thriving communities.
- Educate members and partner with other organizations to conduct homeownership and financial literacy workshops.
- Support legislation in the Missouri State Legislature to eliminate Restrictive Covenants based on race or color
- Sponsor mentoring programs to help attract and retain

African American agents and assist in closing the homeownership and wealth gap with our African American clients.

- Encourage Missouri REALTORS® to recommend that the Missouri Real Estate Commission (MREC) require a mandatory federal fair housing continuing education class.
- Attract and retain black agents by offering scholarships and mentorships and participating in career fairs with speakers from St. Louis REALTORS®.
- Create an annual brokerage award for diversity and inclusion achievement.
- Create opportunities to educate, inform brokers on the importance of diversity, and motivate brokers to embrace diversity, equity, and inclusion. Explain how diversity helps our region become more inclusive and progressive and can increase everyone's bottom line.
- Use a racial equity lens when updating policies in all St. Louis REALTORS® Association decisions and when considering our policy agenda.

For more information about the St. Louis Realtors equity plan, please visit <https://www.stlrealtors.com/>.

Recalling The Reverend Dr. King Jr. at SLU

On October 12, 1964, the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. spoke to an audience of nearly 3,900 students, faculty, staff, and community members at what was then Saint Louis University's West Pine Gymnasium—today known as the Center for Global Citizenship. As a minister, King often spoke with members of churches and other religious institutions about the fight for equality and the need to challenge their own prejudices.

October 12, 2014 is the date protesters came to the SLU campus following the deaths of Michael Brown and Vonderrit Myers. The speech Dr. King delivered over 50 years ago has been presented as part of the annual commemoration of #OccupySLU and the Clock Tower Accords since 2016. For many years, the University had only photographs of the event. The words Dr. King spoke had been lost until archivists at Washington University discovered the audio recording of the speech, and SLU archivists transcribed it.

The Division for Diversity and Innovative Community Engagement will once again include a presentation of Dr. King's address to SLU on October 12th as part of this year's activities. Additional details will be shared when available.

Orange Shirt Day

September 30th marked the 9th annual celebration of Orange Shirt Day. This campaign was established by Canadian First Nations people to bring attention to mistreatment of the children in residential schools and is known there as Truth and Reconciliation Day. Many of the schools were run by Catholic religious orders. It commemorates the experience of a young girl who was being taken to a Native Boarding school. Her grandmother gave her a new orange shirt and she was told at the school that it wasn't an appropriate color, and it was taken from her. The orange shirt represents the stripping away of the culture and the self-esteem of Native People. Orange Shirt Day promotes awareness about the Indian residential school system still impacting indigenous communities in the United States and Canada.

Upcoming Events

Screening: Target: St. Louis, Vol. I - This documentary film reveals the experience of residents of the Pruitt-Igoe housing project and nearby north St. Louis neighborhoods following government sponsored experiments that released toxic chemicals in the area in the 1950's and 60's. St. Louis filmmaker, Damien D. Smith, as well as a panel of St. Louisans unknowingly subjected to the experiments will be present to describe the health consequences they have endured and their ongoing pursuit of justice. The film will be shown October 1st from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Central Branch of the St. Louis Public Library, 1301 Olive Street.

Our Parish Racial History - Join us on October 16th for the second presentation of the exploration of the racial history of College Church. This program will focus on the Jesuit Ministry to African American Catholics and will feature remarks from Jeffrey Harrison, S.J. who is the current director of the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project. The presentations will be held in the ballroom from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. Admission is free. A light lunch will be provided beginning at 11:45.

**JustFaith Catholic Program Offered on Zoom!
Faith and Poverty:
A Biblical Response Through Catholic Social Teaching
9 Consecutive Mondays Starting Oct. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

This first program in a series of 4 JustFaith Catholic programs explores God's call to respond to poverty in our local communities. Participants explore these two questions:

1. What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer regarding huge questions around poverty and injustice?
2. In light of poverty and other forms of human suffering, what is the Good News of the Gospel?

This small group program will take place on zoom/ The program consists of deep prayer experiences, input from readings and videos, speakers, and group discussion using tools for respectful dialogue. The program was created by JustFaith Ministries in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. A suggested individual cost for the program is \$35 and the purchase of one book for as little as \$6 used. This program is being sponsored by JustFaith Ministries St. Louis. For more information on the program go to justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/. Register at justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-st-louis-fall-2022-small-group-catholic/.

Young Adult Faith Group

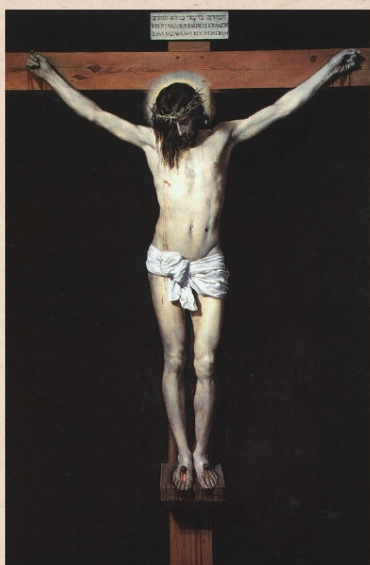
Are you a young adult looking for community? Are you looking to feed your faith with other young adults? Why don't you consider joining College Church's Young Adult Faith Group?

We have a beer and Bible study series that meets every other Tuesday night. The title of this series is "Ignite." We have two more Bible studies in this series. We are meeting on October 4th and October 18th at 7pm in the Adult Faith Room. We would love to see you there.

If you are interested in this or in the Young Adult Faith Group in general, please call Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 or email her at sandy@sfxstl.org for more information.

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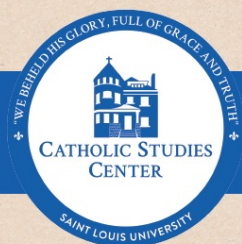
ADULT EDUCATION SERIES



Tragedy & Christian Faith

Tragedy is one of the perennial themes of great literary and artistic works because every human life is marked by it at one point or another. In this seminar we contemplate two classic responses to tragedy. We can either gather up all our strength and try to impose our own meaning on an essentially meaningless world, or we can say 'yes' to the world in all its ambiguities and contradictions in an act of love and trust like Christ who loved us "to the end."

In 5 weekly sessions, we make a close study of literary, musical, cinematic, philosophical, and theological sources.



PRESENTED BY FR. MATTHEW BAUGH, SJ
 DIRECTOR OF SLU CATHOLIC STUDIES CENTER



OCT 5 / OCT 12 / OCT 19 / NOV 2 / NOV 9

6:15 PM - Wine & Cheese
 6:45 PM - Seminar
 8:00 PM - Mass

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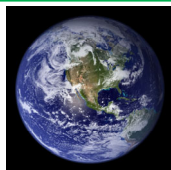


BOOK TO PURCHASE:

The Bridge of San Luis Rey
 by Thornton Wilder
 (New York: Harper Perennial, 2014)
 [ISBN: 978-0060757502]

for more information: catholicstudies@slu.edu / 314.977.7199

Circle of Creation Green Corner



Prayers, action urged worldwide during Season of Creation Sept. 1 - Oct. 4. Read about the Season of Creation Calendar and Season of Creation Calendar Prayers in the St. Louis

Review (www.archstl.org/nation-and-world-briefs-7886) or in the National Catholic Reporter (tinyurl.com/279atz25). You can download both a Season of Creation Calendar and Season of Creation Calendar Prayers here: tinyurl.com/5d6auh4k

“Pope Francis calls on Christians to ‘repent and modify our lifestyles’ to save the planet” in America Magazine: <https://tinyurl.com/33zz39ak>

If families, groups of friends, dog park buddies, or other pods of humans would like to do their own **Blessing of the Animals**, information and a suggested program for such a service is provided at the Green Corner on the Parish website, as indicated below.

Earthday365 sponsors **Environmental Justice Days of Action** on **October 15** at **O’Fallon Park**. Information and registration here: <https://earthday-365.org/environmental-justice-days-of-action/>

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. Volunteers are also needed for **Storm Inlet Marking**. For more information and to register, you can go here: <http://openspacestl.org/river-des-peres-trash-bash/>

Public Electronics Recycling events sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC) mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events

Oct. 15 from 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard, O’Fallon, MO, 63366
hosted by City of **O’Fallon**

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 1-2, 2022

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

October 8-9, 2022

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Heumann, S.J.
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Seixas-Nuñez, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Suwalsky, S.J.

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

Second Reading:
2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Gospel:
Luke 17:5-10

Bulletin Articles

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

Online Giving Reminder

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