



## **St. Francis Xavier (College) Church**

*The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis*

**3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108**

**314-977-7300**

**sfxstl.org**

**October 22, 2023**  
**Twenty-Ninth 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](https://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](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 [frtim@sfxstl.org](mailto:frtim@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)

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at [frtim@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](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 Jennifer Quick at [jennifer@sfxstl.org](mailto:jennifer@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto: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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- Dick Fleming
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**Prayer requests to:**  
[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.

We are in the midst of our *Living Our Faith* campaign. Two weekends ago parishioners shared experiences of living their faith in our community. The italicized words come from Maurice Muia, former pastoral council chair.

*What keeps me at College Church is this, we acknowledge the wrongdoings and sins of the Catholic Church and our parish. We stand for what is right, even if it is inconvenient or hard. I see this in action with our racial justice vigils, our Lenten Anti-Racism series, and our lay-led model with Katie as our parish life coordinator.*

*At College Church we use our richness, our God given gifts to serve with our talents, some professional and some personal. This is done, because this is what our God and Savior Jesus Christ calls us to do.*

As I noted two weeks ago, 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 expected. 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 so our costs have risen. And, although I am really grateful for the pandemic relief funds we received, they unfortunately masked the issue of decreasing revenue for the parish.

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 of our good work. Please consider either beginning a regular offertory gift or increasing your gift if you haven't recently.

I would ask every one of you to understand this. No gift is too small to share. All gifts are welcome. You are part of the Body of Christ. We are the living God at work that brings calm to the world.

Thank you for your time, contributions, and commitment to the Catholic Church and our mission to live the Gospel through our lives.

The *Living Our Faith* commitment card, and instructions on how to start or update online giving, can be found here: [sfxstl.org/giving](http://sfxstl.org/giving)

You can also use the QR Code to go to the commitment card.

Thank you!



**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers:

Fr. Glenn Mueller, SJ

May he and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



### **Festival of Ministries this Sunday**

Looking for ways to become more involved in the life and mission of SFX? Head to the Ballroom after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses this Sunday, October 22nd for our Festival of Ministries! You'll get to meet people involved with a wide range of ministries and find the ones that best suit your own gifts and skills. Plus...we'll have donuts. Looking forward to seeing you there!

### **Widows and Widowers**

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be this 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](mailto:vrutterer@gmail.com) or 314-494-8986 for questions or more information.

### **St. Francis Xavier College Church Mass of Remembrance**

Sunday, November 5 at 10:30 am we will have our parish Mass of Remembrance for those who have died in this past year.

You are invited to bring a small, framed photo of your loved one or a small memento to be placed in a shrine in the church for the month of November as a remembrance for the whole parish. **Please do not leave anything that is irreplaceable.** A photocopy of the photo or memento could be used. Please put your name on the back. The items may be retrieved at the end of November.

**Living Our Faith: Meet Grant Harley**

*(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](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org).)*



**Grant Harley**

*Started at SFX in:* 2019, through RCIA, a process in which non-baptized adults engage in study, prayer and rites at Mass as preparation for joining the Catholic Church. I formally entered the Church and became a member of the SFX community in 2021.

*Living my faith:* I've been a lector at Mass, although it's more difficult to do that regularly now as I focus on my graduate studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology and an internship at the Office of Peace and Justice for the Archdiocese. I was able to tag along for RCIA again recently as a friend entered the Catholic Church last Easter. I also joined the SFX book club that read Fr. Ed, the biography of Edward Dowling, the spiritual advisor to the founder of Alcoholics Anonymous (and who did much of his ministry here in St. Louis, including at SFX).

*Why I'm involved:* When I began attending Mass regularly to discern whether or not I should become a Catholic, I was a bit of a nervous wreck. I was in the process of leaving a religious community in which I no longer felt comfortable or welcome. I was processing enormous shifts in my theology. And I was unsure, and perhaps even frightened, about how my life would change as a result. The SFX community proved to be an extremely safe and supportive place for me to come every week with my questions, my uncertainties, and my longings for beauty, justice and community.

*Three words that describe SFX:* Welcoming, Gentle, Attentive

*My neighborhood:* I live in University City, near the Delmar Loop -- a vibrant neighborhood with a lot of students from Wash U. I also spend a lot of time near the SLU campus at Aquinas Institute of Theology where I'm a student.

*Fun facts:* Starting as a teenager, I've been interested in topics related to the intersection of Christian faith and LGBTQ+ issues. I've been blessed with many opportunities to write and speak about these topics, and my personal ministry involves providing resources and finding ways to care for LGBTQ+ folks in the Church. Other hobbies include running and baking.

*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](http://sfxstl.org).*

**Kairos Call to Action  
Scripture...Current Events  
Connect the Dots**

"My mother and my brothers are those who hear the word of God and do it." Luke 8:21 It is the 'do' part of Jesus' comment that challenges us. What, where, when, how and why are not always easy to discern. We will offer you the US response to Kairos Palestine curriculum at College Church. The course will be 6 weeks, 2 hours on Saturdays 3 pm-5 pm. (conveniently timed for 5:15 Mass.) We plan to begin after the holiday season. The class will be co-facilitated by Lea Koesterer and Bob Suberi. More details to come. If you want to keep yourself informed and engaged through this study, please email: **Lea Koesterer** at [st.louisfriendsofbethlehem@gmail.com](mailto:st.louisfriendsofbethlehem@gmail.com)



## 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.

A digital copy of the survey can be accessed and completed through the following link: [tinyurl.com/25xh5rky](https://tinyurl.com/25xh5rky) or the QR code below. All participation is anonymous. Respondents' e-mail addresses will not appear with the survey results. If you prefer a paper copy of the survey, those are available at the exits and, once completed, can be dropped in a box located in the vestibule. Survey materials will be available through October 31st. Parishioner participation is critical to the success of the equity review. If you consider yourself to be part of the College Church community, we hope you will complete the survey. Your time and attention to this effort are appreciated. Please feel free to address any questions about the survey to either Winnie Sullivan, [penultim@swbell.net](mailto:penultim@swbell.net), or Lisa Burks, [Imburks60@gmail.com](mailto:Imburks60@gmail.com).



### Filipino American History Month

Filipino American History Month is celebrated in October to commemorate the first Filipinos to arrive in

what is now the United States. On October 18, 1587, a Spanish galleon landed in what is now Morrow Bay, California with Filipino crewmen aboard. Called *luzones indios* by the Spanish, the Filipino sailors were part of the landing party that claimed the territory for Spain. The first settlement of Filipino Americans was established in 1763 in St. Malo, Louisiana. Immigration to the US grew after the U.S. acquired the Philippines in 1898 as a result of the Spanish-American War. That growth continued with the passage of the Immigration and Nationality Act in 1965 which eliminated quotas based on national origin. It prioritized highly skilled immigrants and people with family already living in the United States.

Filipino-Americans have made numerous contributions to this country. Their achievements can be seen in all parts of society. For example, Vicki Manalo Draves, an Olympic diver, made history at the 1948 London games by becoming the first Filipina American and the first Asian American to win an Olympic gold medal. However, in the US she faced discrimination and was required to hide her Filipina heritage, using her English mother's surname of Taylor to be allowed to swim.

While Cesar Chavez is often associated with the farm-worker movement in the 1960s, it was a Filipino American labor leader, Larry Itliong, who led the walk-out that marked the beginning of the Delano Grape Strikes. On Sept. 8, 1965, he led a demonstration with more than 2,000 Filipino farmworkers to demand better wages and working conditions for agricultural laborers. Itliong's accomplishments and labor rights advocacy highlighted the commonality of labor struggles across ethnic lines.

Many people of Filipino descent live in St. Louis and throughout the state of Missouri. The Filipino-American Association of Missouri hosts cultural and social events throughout the year. You can honor the heritage and contributions of Filipino Americans by learning more about their contributions to our shared history. For more information see [faamo.net/](http://faamo.net/) and [fanhs-national.org/filam/about/](http://fanhs-national.org/filam/about/).



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### Significant Figures in Racial History

Jackie Robinson – Died October 24, 1992, in North Stamford, CT. Born in the south, Robinson broke the color barrier in 1947 by becoming the first African American to play for a major league baseball team: the Brooklyn Dodgers.

Mahalia Jackson – Born October 26, 1911, in New Orleans, Louisiana. As “the Queen of Gospel,” she became one of the most influential gospel singers in the world. She died in 1972.

Hattie McDaniel – Died October 26, 1952, in Los Angeles, CA. McDaniel played the role of “Mammy” in the 1939 movie classic “Gone With the Wind,” and won the Oscar as Best-supporting Actress. She was the first Black woman ever to win an Academy Award. However, because of her skin color she was banned from the Hollywood award ceremony.

Blessed Peter Donders, C.Ss.R. – Born October 27, 1809, in The Netherlands. As a Redemptorist priest, Donders served in various missions among the Native peoples throughout Surinam in South America. He is predominantly known for his work at a leper colony where he died in 1887. At his beatification he was dubbed, “Apostle of the Indians and Lepers.”

### Current and Upcoming Events

**November 11** 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

**November 12** 8:45 and 11:30 Join us in the Ballroom after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses to view and discuss the diverse images of saints and holy people that will be installed in the Parish Center. Project leaders Thi Nguyen and Christina Ryan will describe the development of this project.

**November 18** 10:00 am to 11:00 CT A webinar, sponsored by the Jesuit Antiracism Sodality, will be presented by Fr. Tim Kesicki, SJ on: *A Reflection on the Jesuits' Relationship to Descendants of People Held Enslaved by the Society of Jesus*. Register for this event at: <https://forms.gle/VBzUGYxhUoUM4vsT9>

**November 19** 8:45 and 11:30 Join us in the Ballroom after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses to celebrate the publication of *St. Francis Xavier (College) Church—Our Parish Racial History*. Members of the Antiracism Team History Committee who authored and published the booklet will discuss the project and some of what they learned. Participants will receive a free copy of the book.

**For more information, or to become part of antiracism ministries at College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan penultima@swbell.net or Lisa Burks lmburks60@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!

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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, [katie@sfxstl.org](mailto:katie@sfxstl.org)

[2023sfxgala.givesmart.com](http://2023sfxgala.givesmart.com)

**Gala News!**

Our silent auction page is now live! We'll be adding items over the coming days and weeks, so be sure to check back regularly and start placing your bids. Visit [2023sfxgala.givesmart.com](http://2023sfxgala.givesmart.com) and choose "View Items" under the heading "Browse, Bid and Buy."

We're especially excited to offer the SLU Basketball President's Box this year.

You and your guests will be in the President's Suite for Billiken Men's Basketball on Tuesday, November 28 vs Utah State. Suite capacity is 50 and includes food and drinks during the game.

Donated By Saint Louis University, Dr. Fred Pestello





### Circle of Creation Green Corner#

All people of good will can read this for free.

APOSTOLIC EXHORTATION [LAUDATE DEUM](#) OF THE HOLY FATHER **FRANCIS** TO ALL PEOPLE OF GOOD WILL ON THE CLIMATE CRISIS

Here are some [Eco-Friendly Halloween](#) ideas which are worth considering.

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

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](https://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.

Open Space STL lists opportunities for volunteer service through various organizations, providing information and registration [here](#). Great Rivers Greenway lists events at various Greenway locations. You can look through those [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 Electronics Recycling events [sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center \(MRC\)](#)**

November 4, 9:00 AM to Noon at 824 Ferguson Avenue **Ferguson, MO 63135**, hosted by Ferguson Municipal Public Library

November 18, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM at 359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester, MO 63021, hosted by City of **Manchester**

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, including public electronics recycling events.

### 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

### October 28-October 29, 2023

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. Redding, SJ

Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. Redding, SJ

10:30 am Fr. Redding, SJ

#### This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

##### First Reading:

Isiah 45:1, 4-6

##### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 96:1, 3, 4-5, 7-8, 9-10

##### Second Reading:

I Thessalonians 1:1-5b

##### Gospel:

Matthew 22:15-21

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#### Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Camille Smith at [bulletin@sfxstl.org](mailto: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.