

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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# October 23, 2022 Thirtieth 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

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### 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.

<u>Bulletin Notices:</u> must be submitted to <u>church@sfxstl.org</u> by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> 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.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: Available online at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

<u>Youth Faith Formation:</u> 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.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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

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## PRAY FOR THE SICK

Margaret Baughman Bill Bollwerk\* Ann Burk S. Burkel Maureen Carney\* Alice Edler Steve Frank\* Al Frei Jessi Haselhorst Paul Hanson\* Butch Henning\* Jeanne Hermann\* Laura Kaiser and Family Terry Kippenberger\* Julianne Lister Norman Marmillion Tom McDermott Eddie McDevitt Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie \* Angie Menard\* Karena Menard\* Liz Moloney\* Suzanne Mondello Mary Nicholson Nancy Partridge\* & Glider **Joan Rice** Mark Roddy\* Jennifer Saunders\* Betty Schnorbus Mark Segovia John Seibel Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ\* Jean Steely Greg Stephen Colleen Starkloff Marjorie Woodeye Lisa Zimmerer\* \* Long-term

#### 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 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 I Iam. 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



#### PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Kathy Bookstaver

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



#### World Mission Appeal

Pope Francis has invited all the church to enter into solidarity with the poor and struggling of the world. "Mission is part of the 'grammar' of faith, something essential for those who listen to the voice of the Spirit who whispers 'Come' and 'Go forth.' Those who follow Christ cannot fail to be missionaries..." ~ Pope Francis

Our attention is drawn to the people in the 1150 missionary dioceses of the world. In these areas there are 1,200 schools, 9,000 clinics, and 10,000 orphanages that offer services to those in need. A collection will be taken up for them and envelopes are in the pews. We are each asked to be on Mission with the areas that have new churches developing. While most of us are not able to go to a distant place to help build communities of faith, we can support those who do go with our prayers and sacrificial gifts. Consider giving up some time, some activity or some expenditure to reflect upon the needs of our sisters and brothers who live in the missionary lands or who have gone there to serve and make a gift to support their efforts. Thanks for your generous support of those serving the poorest of the world.

#### The State of Identification Documents in Missouri

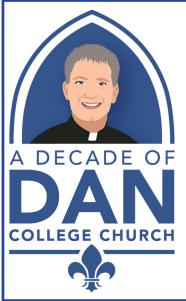
As the Birth Certificate and Identification Program continues to grow, a core group of parishioners and community leaders have come together to envision ways to bring this essential service beyond the walls of College Church, into more organizations across St. Louis and throughout the whole state. Lessons 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!

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 <u>decadeofdan.givesmart.com</u>.

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.

#### The Clavius Project: Building Minds. Cultivating Community

The Clavius Project began at Saint Louis University High School (SLUH) in 2014 as a collaboration among students, faculty, and staff to bring Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) to city Catholic schools. Named after Christopher Clavius, a German Jesuit mathematician and astronomer who was responsible for the Gregorian Calendar, the Clavius Project trains, mentors, and inspires urban middle school kids in STEM. The SLUH Robotics Club had a history of partnering with city middle schools, while also seeking opportunities to engage via activities like summer camps, and in areas such as student financial aid, curriculum development, and parental involvement. But as participation in programming grew to include 50 St. Louis area schools, the size of the project exceeded the capacity of SLUH to operate it unaided.

On April 30, 2022, the SLUH Clavius Project announced an exciting new partnership with Saint Louis University (SLU), made possible by a \$600,000 grant from the Thomas R. Schilli Foundation. The Schilli Foundation was established in 2021 to support local Jesuit schools and their partners in providing collaborative, integrated, and coordinated educational opportunities. The announcement was made at the 8th Annual SLUH Clavius Project Robotics Jamboree, which included students from 28 schools throughout the region.

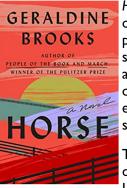
The Clavius Project will be housed in SLU's new Center for Ignatian Service, which is located in the College of Philosophy and Letters. Starting this fall semester, the Center will offer a new cross-disciplinary minor focused on project-based, service learning that challenges students to help support underserved areas while fostering a lifelong commitment to service.

During this pilot year, the project has identified several schools that will serve as the focus of their students' work; these include Marian Academy, Sister Thea Bowman Catholic School, St. Cecilia School and Academy, St. Louis Catholic Academy, and Loyola Academy. Jeff Pitts, director of the Clavius Project and a former Anheuser-Busch engineer, said, "The partnership with St. Louis University and the grant from the Schilli Foundation will sustain the program and provide opportunities to many more students who wouldn't otherwise have access to robotics, coding, and STEM programming."

#### **A Review of Horse**

by Bridget Brennan

I was attracted to the book, *Horse*, because of the stature of the author, Geraldine Brooks. She is a very strong, in depth, historical author. *Horse* did not disappoint.



Horse is an historical (fiction) account of racism during the Civil War period. I bracket fiction because some of the characters are historical and some fictional but representative of the people who lived during that era. Included in Horse is a parallel story of today's racism.

The Civil War component is developed around the character, Lexington, an actual race horse who

was very successful at the track and later as a stallion whose offspring were sold for hefty prices. Lexington was owned by a white man but was groomed, trained, and handled by slaves. Jarret, a young boy when we meet him, learns the trade from his father, who has actually bought his own freedom and is saving to buy his son's freedom. However, before he has enough money to buy Jarret's freedom, Jarret is sold along with Lexington to another white man who is part of the racing industry. So part of Horse is Jarret's journey; his struggles and survival during the Civil War and his freedom post-Civil War. Jarret represents the many enslaved people who held fast and with cunning, courage, and a bit of luck survived the Civil War and made choices to market their skills to ensure their freedom thereafter. Jarret's life was not easy, but his talent with training horses, especially Lexington, spared him some of the most cruel and savage treatment that many other slaves endured.

The contemporary parallel story of racism occurs in Washington, DC, where fictional Theo, a graduate of Yale University, currently a graduate student in equestrian art at Georgetown University, develops a friendship with one of the Smithsonian staff who is an expert in equestrian art. The thread that sews these two parallel stories together is that the particular piece of equestrian art that Theo is researching is none other than Lexington whom we met in the Civil War story. You need to read the book to see how the contemporary story plays out.

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A couple of sidebars from the story: I had never heard of equestrian art; I found that intriguing. I learned a lot more about the training, grooming, and the business of horse racing. It's a big business. Was then, is now.

The above are just snippets. You need to read the story to review the horrors of slavery. And to be reminded that racism is still way too prevalent in 2022. In my naivete I kept thinking each generation would be less racist. As a child I would meet people who were racist and bigoted. But I thought that would change as we moved towards—if not integration—at least more exposure to people of different races and cultures. But that is not the fact. And we know that. And it is heartbreaking. Yet, we keep on trying each in our own small way.

The extensive SFX Antiracism team coordinated by Winnie Sullivan and Lisa Burks and a host of parishioners are moving us forward. As a faith community we are being called—and will continue to be called—to speak up, speak out, and to embrace the changes that will unfold in our North Deanery with All Things New. As a faith community we will have the opportunity and the grace to welcome people whose church has been closed. And we will be stretched to grow and change and maybe even be transformed!

#### History Highlights: SFX School Days

A recent history highlight looked back at Xavier High School for girls, which was opened by the parish on the campus of St. Louis University in 1932. College Church parishioners familiar with the high school offered some additional historical details, which we are eager to share. The religious community under whose administration the high school operated was the Sisters of Charity of the Blessed Virgin Mary of Dubuque, Iowa—better known as the BVMs—some of whose members continue to work in St. Louis today. Also of interest, relative to the history of parish-based schools, is the fact that just west of the building that housed the high school (3733 West Pine) was St. Francis Xavier Elementary School, which offered a kindergarten through eighth grade curriculum. If you have information about our parish history that you would like to share, please feel free to forward it to Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.net.

#### **All Things New**

All Things New is the Archdiocesan planning process to develop evangelizing and vibrant parishes throughout the Archdiocese. Many parishioners completed the Disciple Maker Index during Lent. In late summer and September, priests, deacons, parish life coordinators, and parish leadership gathered to hear some proposed models for parish reconfiguration.

In October, parishioners are invited to learn about these models. Our second and last session will be on Saturday morning, Oct 29, from 9:00 until 11:00. It will be held in the Ascension Commons at Aquinas Institute, 23 S Spring, (S. Spring and Forest Park Blvd.).

#### 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

#### 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 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 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 SATURDAY, OCTOBER NIGHT! 29

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

Doors: 6:00 pm Trivia: 7:00 pm Tickets, Tables, Sponsorships & Info: 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**

Even in November and December, the Open Space Council offers opportunities for service such as honeysuckle removal, tree planting, and willow staking.



Do your investments really make a difference? For the Earth? For Human Rights? Corporate Lobbying Expenses? Recent studies on Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) issues are showing definite impacts on corporations, their bottom line and investor bottom line. **Franciscans For the Earth (FFE)** are sponsoring a Zoom presentation by Sr. Barbara Jennings, CSJ on **Nov. 5 at 6:30PM** on Environmental, Social and Governance Issues.

Visit <u>https://franciscansisters-olph.org/events/ffe-nov2022-zoom/</u>to register.

Virtual Program from St. Louis County Library (free, of course): "Earth's Climate—Facts, Myths, Opportunities" presented by Earthways Center of MO Botanical Garden. Nov. 2, 10:00 – 11:00 AM.

To register, visit: <u>https://slcl.evanced.info/signup/EventDetails?</u> EventId=305682.

#### Public Electronics Recycling events

sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)

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

Nov. 19 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM 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 all of our resources related to caring for creation: https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation

#### All Saints Day

Tuesday, November I, is the Feast of All Saints and a Holyday. Our Eucharistic Liturgies will be: 7:15 am, Noon, and 5:15 pm. Come join us in giving thanks for all of God's gifts to the saints and for the example that they offer us.

## October 22-23, 2022

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#### This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 34:2-3, 17-18, 19, 23

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

**Gospel:** Luke 18:9-14

## **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

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. You can also reach this link through the QR code here.

Thank you for your support!



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