



## **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 29, 2023**  
**Thirtieth 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 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.

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Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

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

Youth Faith Formation: Catechesis of Good Shepherd classes are available for preschool through 6th grade level students. Traditional religious education classes are available for grades 1 through 8. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Contact Jennifer Quick at jennifer@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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**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.

**Reflection from Our St. Vincent de Paul Conference**

By Catherine Swanstrom



**Looking out of the Window**

"Just look out of your window!" This suggestion was offered by a friend to a parish Neighbor, a young single mom who was not sure how she would pay rent that month. Resources had taken a toll. When she peered from the window of her South Grand Avenue apartment, she saw the College Church. A hope rose in her heart. "I'll call the St. Vincent de Paul. They may be able to help me." A few days later, when two of us from our parish conference made home visit to her, she invited us to see our church as she did that day.

This led me to ask,

*How do our parish neighbors see College Church?*

*Do we open ourselves to be transformed by our parish neighbors?*

It was through a St. Vincent de Paul home visits that a young man named Pedro Arrupe first experienced the injustice of poverty. Leaving his comfortable college campus to visit the homes of families in need would transform Pedro, who later became Fr. Arrupe, Superior General of the Society of Jesus. "All that, I sincerely confess, was a totally new world for me..." (*Pedro Arrupe, Witness of the Twentieth Century, Prophet of the Twenty-First*). Fr. Arrupe went on to lead the Society of Jesus to a revolutionary commitment to those who are poor.

To look out of our window invites us to see as God sees. It is to open our hearts to transformation.

Through generous parish donations to St. Vincent de Paul we were able to offer rental assistance to our Neighbor on South Grand. We were able to pray with her and to let her know that she is not alone. We discovered Jesus in her, and, we hope, she saw Jesus in us.

Thank you to all those who have helped our St. Vincent de Paul parish conference with your prayers and your financial donations. Together, we can look out of our window to discover God's presence in our parish Neighbors.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

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

Carol Joselyn

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



**Parish Men's White House Retreat, February 8-11, 2024**

The parish men's retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center (an easy drive to South County) begins Thursday evening, February 8, 2024 with 7:00 pm dinner and concludes on Sunday the 11<sup>th</sup> at about 1:00 pm following lunch. For early registration (now open), the White House is holding a limited number of College Church parishioner slots.

To get signed up or learn more, you can contact White House directly ([www.whitehouseretreat.org](http://www.whitehouseretreat.org), 314-416-6400) or just reach out to John Hartung (314-326-6018, [jjhartung@aol.com](mailto:jjhartung@aol.com)), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599, [wkmorrison534@yahoo.com](mailto:wkmorrison534@yahoo.com)) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

The retreat is a great opportunity to study and apply the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Retreatants have abundant quiet time to reflect and pray (in a beautiful setting) and are not asked to join in group discussions. We do, though, attend outstanding presentations by a Jesuit retreat director, may join in daily liturgy, and have many opportunities to meet individually with a priest. Accommodations and meals are excellent. No charge is specified for the retreat; retreatants are encouraged to consider any free will offering they can afford and find appropriate.





Rosemary Jermann

### Living Our Faith: Meet Rosemary

(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).)

Rosemary Jermann

*I've been a parishioner for: 46 years.* Graduate school at SLU brought me into the College Church parish in 1977. My raggedy jeans raised the eyebrows of one of the priests at the time, but no one kicked me out.

*Living my faith:* My activities have included serving as a lector, a eucharistic minister at the hospital, and a guide for Weeks of Guided Prayer and retreats for the homeless. In earlier years, I helped Kate Shaw's committee start the Gathering Place (now called Doughnut Sunday) and gave presentations on Jeremiah and on an early Christian tradition of the Holy Spirit as feminine. These days, participation in racial justice vigils and hosting Dining

Out for Seniors are my focus.

*Why I'm involved:* College Church's openness to, and support of, different levels of participation has facilitated involvement at different points in life and has helped me balance a highly introverted personality. When trying to sing hymns during pandemic YouTube Masses, I realized how much I depend on other parishioners to shore up my faltering and off-key voice.

*Three words that describe SFX:* Respectful, Responsive, Flexible

*My neighborhood:* The two-block area from College Church to Vandeventer has been my home for more than 45 years. I have either lived, worked, taught, studied, prayed, or dined in every building – except three --from the Hotel Ignacio to Vandeventer Avenue. A big plus is walkable access to church, the post office, SLU events, art museums, grocery stores, pharmacies, bus lines, and the symphony.

*Fun facts:* I continue to write and edit after retirement from SLU, where I taught Old Testament and did translating and editing for Theology Digest. A constant challenge is keeping track of time differences while working on a column for a Honolulu newspaper and editing for a professor in Sweden. Reading and discussing Shakespeare plays is a favorite hobby. Recently, I've been learning how black scholars are raising awareness of racism in the plays or in their interpretation.

*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).



### El Día de los Muertos: Celebrating Death & New Life

Every year in November people of Mexican descent celebrate El Día de los Muertos or the Day of the Dead to honor those who have gone before us. Friends and family welcome back the souls of deceased loved ones through rituals like decorating altars, dancing, and

playing music. By remembering one's ancestors in this way they come alive again in the hearts of present-day generations.

El Día de los Muertos goes back 3,000 years, long before Christianity came to the Americas. With the arrival of missionaries those ancient traditions were melded with Christian beliefs and the main celebration now takes place on November 2, or "All Souls' Day" in the Church. But it lasts the whole month long and is celebrated in all communities of Mexican heritage. Personal home altars are adorned with candles, skulls, family photographs, and sweet breads to entice the dead to return. It is believed that the bright color and distinctive scent of Marigolds help guide deceased loved ones back to the living world, so you'll find Marigolds on gravestones and woven into the hair of young señoritas.

Families and friends often celebrate at cemeteries, as well, eating sweet breads topped with pieces of dough shaped like bones and singing to the music of mariachi groups. Candles burn throughout these vigils at the gravesites. Limericks, poems, cartoons, and jokes all make fun of death to remind us that it does not have the last word.



In the Latinx tradition, the truth about death is only revealed in light of the resurrection of Christ. Thus, commemorating deceased relatives and friends is not a macabre fascination with death, but affirms the belief that this earthly life is not all there is. Christians have always honored the dead by offering prayers for them. In the early church the bodies and possessions of martyrs were venerated as relics. Churches were built over their burial sites, and their lives were written about to inspire future believers. Likewise, families gather on El Día de los Muertos and share stories about their beloved dead, passing on treasured memories to younger generations. They honor their loved ones, celebrate their lives, and pray for the souls of the faithful departed.

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### Significant Figures in Racial History

St. Narcisa de Jesus – Born October 29, 1832, in Guayas, Ecuador. She was known for her charity and devotion to Christ. The death of her father in 1852 prompted her to begin a mission of helping the poor and sick, and caring for abandoned children. She soon took a job as a seamstress to fund that mission. She later moved to Lima, and although not a nun, she lived at a convent until her death.

St. Martin de Porres, OP – Died November 3, 1639, in Lima, Peru. Martin grew up in poverty as the illegitimate son of a Spanish nobleman and a freed slave of African and Native descent. Eventually he became a Dominican Brother and was known for his work among the poor, feeding 160 people every day and distributing money to the indigent. He also established an orphanage and a children's hospital. He is the patron saint of social justice, racial harmony, and mixed-race people.

### Current and Upcoming Events

**November 4** 5:30 pm You are invited to a screening of the documentary *A Place at the Table-African Americans on the Path to Sainthood* at St. Margaret of Scotland. Pizza and soft drinks will be provided. Please RSVP to [mimi.n.m@gmail.com](mailto:mimi.n.m@gmail.com). A trailer of the film can be viewed at [tinyurl.com/trunaet3](https://tinyurl.com/trunaet3).

**November 9** 5:30 pm SLU is hosting Dr. Alexia Williams, Department of Religion at the University of Illinois at champagne-Urbana. She will speak on *Envisioning Paradise: Canonizing African American Catholic Women of the Frontier*. The talk will be held in the Sinquefeld Stateroom–Dubourg Hall, 209.

**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](mailto: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.

**November 20** 5:00 pm Fr. Jeff Harrison will present *Mill Creek Valley: SLU and the Destruction of a Black Neighborhood*. The event will be held in the Spring Hall Multipurpose Room.

**For more information, or to become part of antiracism ministries at College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan** [penultima@swbell.net](mailto:penultima@swbell.net) or **Lisa Burks** [Imburks60@gmail.com](mailto:Imburks60@gmail.com).

**Corrections:** In last week's bulletin we misspelled parishioner Grant Hartley's name as "Harley." (He is not a motorcycle brand.) We also listed an incorrect date for Jackie Robinson's death; he died October 24, 1972. (Thank you to Dan Darst for providing this information.)



**Gala News!**

Tickets still available! Visit [2023sfxgala.givesmart.com](http://2023sfxgala.givesmart.com) to purchase yours.

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.



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**Have you returned your *Living Our Faith* Commitment Card?**

Our goal this year for our *Living Our Faith* campaign is full participation! Even if you are keeping your offertory giving the same this year, please return a Commitment Card to let us know. And, of course, we welcome your pledges for increased support. Every gift, big or small, helps us *Live Our Faith* through the ministries of St. Francis Xavier College Church. As parishioner Maurice Muia says, "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."

You can fill out an online Commitment Card by using the QR code below.



Then, visit [sfxstl.org/giving](http://sfxstl.org/giving) if you'd like to enroll in online giving or update your gift. If you have any difficulties with our online giving platform, please reach out to Angela at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) or (314) 977-74304.

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**FROM 4:30-6PM ON FRIDAY!**



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### 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 [tinyurl.com/2vhj7wjt](https://tinyurl.com/2vhj7wjt)

Here are some [Eco-Friendly Halloween](#) ideas which are worth considering: [earthfriendlytips.com/how-to-have-an-eco-friendly-halloween/](https://earthfriendlytips.com/how-to-have-an-eco-friendly-halloween/)

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. [mvd.usace.army.mil/Library/Publications/Our-Mississippi/](https://mvd.usace.army.mil/Library/Publications/Our-Mississippi/)

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. Learn more at [mobot.org](https://mobot.org).

*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](#).”*

Open Space STL lists opportunities for volunteer service through various organizations, providing information and registration here: [volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/](https://volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/)

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

#### 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. [sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation)

### October 28-29, 2023

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. Redding, SJ

Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. Redding, SJ

10:30 am Fr. Redding, SJ

### November 4-5, 2023

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. Redding, SJ

Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. McMahan, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahan, SJ

#### This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

**First Reading:**  
Exodus 22:20-26

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 18:2-3, 3-4, 47, 51

**Second Reading:**  
I Thessalonians 1:5c-10

**Gospel:**  
Matthew 22:34-40

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#### Bulletin Articles

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#### 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.