



## **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 3rd, 2021**  
**Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. RSVPs are no longer needed.

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 [associatepastor@sfxstl.org](mailto:associatepastor@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. Dan White at [frdan@sfxstl.org](mailto:frdan@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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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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.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



Tomorrow is the feast of St. Francis of Assisi. It is fitting the Season of Creation concludes with the celebration of the *Poverello*, the little poor one. St. Francis was noted for his recognition of God's presence in the created world and in the poor, forgotten people.

His namesake, Pope Francis, often makes the connection between how we treat the poor and how we treat the earth. A changing climate and environmental degradation spell disaster for the most vulnerable. We have already begun to see the migration of peoples due to rising temperatures, a lack of clean water, "natural" disasters, and food insecurity. The most polluted places in America and the wider world are populated by our poorest citizens.

Care and concern for the most vulnerable is the core of Catholic Social Teaching. Scripture and Church tradition consider this a non-negotiable of our faith. What we are coming to realize is that solidarity with those in need and how we treat our world are inseparable. Rather than two distinct issues they must be addressed together.

St. Francis of Assisi was blessed with the gift to see how all that is reflects God's glory. All that is bears the mark of the Creator. This comprehensive vision is the only way we can respond to crisis facing us.

**Welcome to Ministry Month**

**This Sunday**, in the announcements after the 10:30 am Mass, Becky McKenna and Dick Fleming will give a short introduction to the Circle of Creation Committee and the Financial Development Commission, respectively. In the back of church at every Mass there will be a table with a sign-up sheet if you'd like more information or would like to become more involved.

They are our first presenters in Ministry Month, where we'll be learning about various opportunities to be involved at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church.

Listen in as each ministry is described, because the speakers will be saying a "secret word" each Sunday. As soon as you hear it, email Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) to be entered into a drawing for a prize! The prize drawing will take place at the end of October.



## Our Leadership Transition: Becoming a more Synodal Church

College Church's new leadership model is consistent with the direction of the wider Society of Jesus. The quote below is from a world-wide gathering of Jesuits known as a General Congregation. It called upon Jesuits and the laity to imagine creative ways to share our mission.

*All those engaged in the [Jesuit] work should exercise co-responsibility and be engaged in discernment and participative decision making where it is appropriate. The present moment is a moment of grace. As lay people continue to grow in their service to the world, the Society of Jesus will find opportunities for cooperation with them reaching far beyond our present experience. We will be stretched in our creativity and energy to serve them in their ministry. We will be called upon to take a supportive role as they become more responsible for our own apostolates.*

General Congregation 34 (1995)

### A Call to Discernment

This change is a watershed moment in the history of our parish, and one that calls for new forms of engagement. Pope Francis has reminded us that we should be a Church whose members, clergy and laity both, are discerning our direction; a Church in which each person's potential is recognized and their contributions fully valued; a Church in which we all participate fully.

**To that end, we are inviting everyone to consider attending a house meeting.** In these meetings, we want to talk in more detail about what the transition means or may mean, to hear your honest reactions, and to gather input on how you and other parishioners can guide College Church through this transition. We hope by meeting as small groups, we can begin to be the Church we hope to become--one in which our lay members take an active role in discernment about our future.

**SIGN UP FOR A HOUSE MEETING**  
<https://forms.gle/6oKd7qauSC2iweFL8>



## THE IGNITE CAMPAIGN

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (COLLEGE)  
CHURCH

**Ignite** is the theme of our new fall fundraising campaign, which takes the place of a gala this year.

**Ignite** calls to mind the way one candle flame can light another, and it also reminds us of the name St. Ignatius. In our support of this parish, we are living into our call to become a synodal church, walking together toward our common goals.

On our website, <https://sfxstl.org/>, you'll find a link where you can learn all about **The Ignite Campaign** and how to take part. We are taking financial donations, we'll be offering a silent auction, and we'll be selling raffle tickets.

We are also asking you to consider becoming an **Ambassador** to help us spark more interest and support. Every week, we'll feature videos and stories about our different activities and ministries; Ambassadors commit to help share these with fellow parishioners, with friends outside the parish, or on social media. Please choose the "Ambassador" button on the Ignite Campaign page to learn more, or contact Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org).



## Antiracism at College Church St. Michael's Convent, Slavery, and the Society of the Sacred Heart

By Emory Webre

Some readers of this column may have read the article in the St. Louis Review entitled, "Archdiocese's research into history with slavery reveals three bishops, priests as slaveowners." (June 17, 2021) Similar research has shown how religious communities of women also held people in bondage.

I was a member of the Committee on Slavery, Accountability, and Reconciliation of the Society of the Sacred Heart that researched how St. Rose Philippine Duchesne, after coming to St. Louis in August 1818, wrote that she did not want them but "It is necessary to have slaves in order to have service." The small group of religious women realized they could not perform the daily work and also teach in the schools they came to establish. Arriving in New Orleans in May 1818, she spent several months with the Ursuline sisters where she was confronted with the practice of women religious owning slaves.

After establishing a school in Grand Coteau, Louisiana, in 1821, a second convent and school were founded in Convent, Louisiana, in 1825. With the sisters was a 13-year-old enslaved girl named Eliza, given to them by Bishop William DuBourg. Her parents and eight siblings were purchased by the bishop in 1822. Seven legal documents provide the names, ages, and prices paid for 21 persons purchased by the sisters between 1837 and 1856. Over the years five family groups were purchased as well as individuals.

In addition to doing the cooking, household and school chores, as well as tending the large garden and grounds, the enslaved people built a three-story building in 1848. The sisters' House Journal recorded participation by the enslaved in the sacraments, processions, and devotions at the school. Between the convent records and those of the nearby St. Michael's Church, the baptisms of 24 persons were recorded. There were also several marriages and burials. Perhaps as many as 80 persons were held in bondage at St. Michael's Convent by the Religious of the Sacred Heart during the 37 years prior to their emancipation. Several financial journals show amounts paid to purchase various single men and women, as well as mothers and their children.

In 1862 when the Union forces captured the parishes (counties) of southeast Louisiana, plantations were ordered to pay wages to their workers according to a

scale set by the officials. The sisters were more generous than the schedule required. Names of 20 workers and their wages were listed in a financial record as "Domestics." Most of the people probably stayed at the convent because they had housing, food, and there was no place for them to go.

Attention has been given to tracing the descendants of three families who were at St. Michael's. Through various official and unofficial records a large number of descendants have been identified. One of the members of the original RSCJ committee set up family trees on Ancestry and is in communication with several living descendants. Census records show that some of the former enslaved continued to live in the area and two were at the site when the school was torn down in the 1940s. More information about the



participation of the Society of the Sacred Heart in slavery at St. Michael's, Grand Coteau, and other places in Louisiana and in St. Louis, can be found on their website. The story of Eliza "Liza" Nebbit's years at the convent and her relationship to the Society is detailed: <https://rscj.org/history-enslavement>

### Upcoming Events

#### The Giftedness of Black Spirituality

Dr. Valerie Lewis-Mosely, DMin. and local panelists  
October 16, 2021 9:00 am – 11:30 am

This webinar, sponsored by the Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative and Aquinas Institute of Theology, will explore the roots of Black Spirituality and the ways it enriches our faith. It is free and open to the public. For more information and to register, go to: [events.ai.edu/event/164386](https://events.ai.edu/event/164386)

#### Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice (Virtual)

Imagining a Path Forward: Reflection. Reckoning. Kinship.

October 16, 2021 10:00 am – 5:00 pm

The Ignatian Solidarity Network is offering a virtual option for their annual conference. A variety of topics related to Social Justice will be presented. Winnie Sullivan and Lisa Burks will present a breakout session on the antiracism efforts at College Church. Registration is required. If you plan to attend, contact Lisa to see if a group rate may apply: [lmurks60@gmail.com](mailto:lmurks60@gmail.com). Find out more at their website: [ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj/](https://ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj/)

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Tea Time with Katie and Jasmine



Please join us October 4th at 2pm for Tea Time with our program Outreach Coordinators, Katie and Jasmine! They will be answering questions about various topics over tea on Facebook Live. The event will be accessible on our Outreach Program page on Facebook. Attendees will be able to ask live questions as well! We look forward to seeing you there!

*Katie Cobps,  
Mobile Outreach Coordinator*

*Jasmine Brown,  
On-site Outreach Coordinator*

*Tea time  
with Katie &  
Jasmine*  
October 4th, 2021  
via Facebook Live  
at 2pm CST

*Get to know our Outreach  
Coordinators!*  
Ask Katie and Jasmine questions  
about themselves, the ID and  
Birth Certificate Program, and  
their roles!

### Thank you from the Society of St. Vincent De Paul

Our Trivia Night on September 17th to benefit the SFX Conference of Society of St. Vincent De Paul was a great success! We are so grateful to the following sponsors and donors who helped to make this event possible. We are now better prepared to assist our Neighbors in Need with immediate assistance with rent, utilities, and other basic needs.

Archdiocese of St. Louis, Annual Catholic Appeal  
Clare and Paul Brady  
Brasserie Restaurant  
The Daughters of Charity, Louise de Marillac Province  
El Toluco Taqueria and Grocery  
Dick Fleming  
Fountain on Locust Restaurant  
Main Street Inn B&B, Pat Faherty and Susan O'Donnell, Proprietors  
New Market Hardware  
Parker's Table at Oakland and Yale  
International Language Center, St. Louis  
Sarah Legett  
Joan McGinnis

Saint Louis University Office of Mission and Identity  
Jane and Emory Webre

Would you like to join us in mission?

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul at College Church is seeking new members. We meet monthly for prayer and planning outreach. Vincentians respond to requests from our Neighbors in our parish boundary with hospitality, prayer, and financial assistance.

To learn more please contact Kathy Danzo at [kdanzo508@gmail.com](mailto:kdanzo508@gmail.com) or sign up on our Ministry Month sign-up sheet on October 24th.

The Society of St. Vincent De Paul, the world's largest social service agency, was founded by Blessed Frederick Ozanam in 1833 when he was a college student in France.

### Toiletries and Supplies Needed for Outreach Program

The Outreach Program is in need of toiletries and supplies for our program guests. If you are able to provide any of the below items, please drop them off at the front desk of the College Church parish center at 3628 Lindell Blvd, 63108 anytime Monday-Friday between 8:30am-12pm or 1-3pm. Please contact our Outreach Coordinator Jasmine at [outreach@sfxstl.org](mailto:outreach@sfxstl.org) or 977-7311 with any questions.

Thank you for any donation you can provide!

Toiletries (travel size): shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, lotion

Supplies: Clean, reusable water bottles; new disposable masks

### Care for Creation Discernment Team Forming

College Church is creating a Care for Creation Team to address the priority in Our Parish Vision that reads Reconciliation with Creation: Through Christ all of creation has come into being and bears the imprint of the Creator; hence, all is holy. Our innate connection with the created world has been severed, leading to brokenness and illness everywhere - politically, spiritually, environmentally. It is our moral and evolutionary responsibility to reclaim our awareness of the holiness of all, re-establish our connectedness, and be about healing ourselves and our planet. We are called to realign our relationships to reduce isolation from one another. In doing so, we can realize our shared abundance. We are also called to decrease our environmentally damaging consumerism and culture of disposability.

Our vision is counter cultural and will require communal conversion. If this sounds interesting to you please plan to join us on **Sunday, October 31 from 9:15-10:15am in the ballroom**. Open to anyone in high school or older.

### Ministry Month: Our Featured Ministries this Sunday

**Circle of Creation Committee:** Following Pope Francis's call for environmental justice in his encyclical Laudato Si, the Circle of Creation Committee formed to lead our parish's efforts to care for all of creation. The group works to provide educational opportunities for the parish to learn about and act in the interest of environmental justice. Contact Fran Armstrong for more information: [fran@drfransmathstronglab.com](mailto:fran@drfransmathstronglab.com)

**Financial Development Commission:** Through prayer we recognize that all we have is a gift from God: our time, our talents and our treasure. Our generosity is giving a portion of what we have been given. "Dear Lord, teach me to be generous..." (St. Ignatius Loyola)  
Contact Dick Fleming for more information: [richardcdfleming@gmail.com](mailto:richardcdfleming@gmail.com)

You're invited to:

# CONCERN FOR CREATION

## A PLANET IN CRISIS

A discussion of climate change in 2021,  
drawing from diverse perspectives  
including the environmental  
encyclical *Laudato Si'* as well as  
Pentagon planners.



Our host will be  
former KSDK  
Meteorologist  
Mike Roberts

Learn With Us On Zoom

October 6, 2021 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Sponsored by St. Mark's Lutheran Church ELCA  
and St. Francis Xavier College Church

Tickets are limited to 100 people.

Reserve your spot at [bit.ly/churchclimatechange](https://bit.ly/churchclimatechange)



**Circle of Creation  
Green Corner**

Remember to register at [bit.ly/churchclimatechange](http://bit.ly/churchclimatechange) for **CONCERN FOR CREATION: A Planet in Crisis** by Mike Roberts at 7:00 on Wednesday evening, October 6.



The College Church Circle of Creation Committee annually sponsors a Blessing of the Animals close to the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4 as part of our observance of The Season of Creation. With concern regarding the Delta variant and feeling we are all weary of Zoom events, we have decided to provide a suggested Blessing of the Animals for home or family or any small safe pod on the Green Corner of the Parish website:

<https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

**October 2-3, 2021**

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

**October 9-10, 2021**

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

*The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).*

**Bulletin Articles**

email bulletin articles to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

**Online Giving Reminder**

Over the past several years (even before the pandemic!), we've been inviting our parishioners and friends to consider supporting College Church through online giving. If you set up weekly or monthly gifts, it saves the trouble of writing out checks, and it means our ministries can better rely on stable funding.

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). We wanted to make it more convenient to reach this site, so we have made a QR code for it. You can find this code on cards we will leave in the pews every week.

Thank you for your support!

