



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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**October 31st, 2021
Thirty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time**

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, all in main church. (7:15 am Mass only on national holidays.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays through Fridays, 10:45 am through noon.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

PARISH INFORMATION**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** church@sfxstl.org

The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

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

Infant Baptisms: Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1, for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact associatepastor@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. Dan White at 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 or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

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

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

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

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

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Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life."

Join our prayer group on

Zoom, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Monday is the feast of All Saints. This celebration has roots in many local churches, but the date of November first appears to have begun in England around the 8th century. It grew in popularity and spread quickly throughout the Church. It captured both the local and universal characteristics of Christian life.

The centrality of the saints in the life of the faithful is far more ancient than this feast. It began with the martyrs of the early Church. The martyrs were seen as Christians par excellence because their suffering and death was so intimately connected to Jesus. Their heroic witness to the faith drew Christians to their tombs and the churches where the relics of the martyrs were kept. This was enhanced by the writings and lives of the saints that became popular. Soon not just martyrs, but holy men and women of all types who lived lives of great Christian virtue were honored.

The feast of All Saints is a reminder that the popular prayer and liturgical practice of the Church very often precedes theological reflection. In other words, the faithful were "doing" veneration of the saints long before theologians explained what exactly it meant. The impulse to be close to holiness and to seek models/guides for faith is a gift of the Spirit.

Mass of Remembrance

On Sunday, November 7th at the 10:30 Mass we will celebrate a Mass of Remembrance for parishioners and family members of parishioners who have died this past year.

In addition, since November is the month we remember all of those who have gone before us, parishioners are welcome to bring a photo of a deceased loved one which will be displayed at our Remembrance shrine which is located near the front of the Church on the Du Bourg Hall side. There will be a table there; please set your photo on the table. The shrine will be set up after the 10:30 Mass on November 7th. Please make sure that you put your name on the back of the photo. There will also be a Book of Remembrance where you can write the name of your deceased loved one.

Thank you.

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. Raffle tickets are available this Sunday in the back of church. (Anyone who donates above \$10 is also entered.)

Every week, we are highlighting different ministries and activities of our parish as a way of showing the impact of your generosity. Our ID and Birth Certificate (Outreach) Program, Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, Social Justice Camp, and our antiracism work have all been highlighted.

Our Silent Auction will run from November 7 to November 14. Please register to participate on the Ignite Campaign website directly: ignitecampaign.givesmart.com.



THE IGNITE CAMPAIGN

ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (COLLEGE)
CHURCH



Our Leadership Transition: Becoming a more Synodal Church

A Call to Discernment

The transition in our leadership 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

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We've had a number of house meetings already, and they have been an opportunity to engage in rich conversations. We welcome the chance to hear from everyone in the parish, and to also use this process to build relationships in our community. In addition to the in-person meetings, we will be offering some virtual meeting times soon.

From the Preparatory Document for the global Synod on Synodality:

The Church of God is convoked in Synod. The path entitled "For a Synodal Church: Communion, Participation, and Mission" solemnly opened on the 9th – 10th of October 2021 in Rome and on the following 17th of October in each particular Church.

Pope Francis invites the entire Church to reflect on a theme that is decisive for its life and mission: "It is precisely this path of synodality which God expects of the Church of the third millennium." This journey, which follows in the wake of the Church's "renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council, is both a gift and a task: by journeying together and reflecting together on the journey that has been made, the Church will be able to learn through Her experience which processes can help Her to live communion, to achieve participation, to open Herself to mission. Our "journeying together" is, in fact, what most effectively enacts and manifests the nature of the Church as the pilgrim and missionary People of God.

Learn more at <https://www.synod.va/en.html>.



For a synodal Church

communion | participation | mission



Antiracism at College Church

Black Catholic History Month 2021 Celebrating Contemporary Black Catholic Leaders

In 1990, the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States met at Fordham University in New York and voted to designate November as Black Catholic History Month. This celebration enriches the season when the Church prays for all saints and souls in loving remembrance. Two commemorative dates fall within this month: the birthday of Saint Augustine is November 13th and Saint Martin de Porres' Feast Day is November 3rd. Since its inception, Black Catholic History Month has been celebrated throughout the country and is recognized by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops. At College Church, portraits of Black Catholic saints and other holy men and women will be on display in the church during weekend liturgies.

This year, in addition to honoring the black ancestors of our faith through a rotation of posters that will be displayed for Masses each weekend, the College Church will recognize some of the black Catholic leaders of our present day in the following ways:

- Weekly bulletin articles throughout the month will share the stories of Black Catholics of national prominence. Amanda Gorman, Toni Morrison, Wilton Gregory, and m. shawn copeland are well known names in popular media and within their individual vocations. We will reflect on the ways their Catholic faith inspires and nourishes their personal journey and achievements.
- A special series of "Parish and Community" video interviews will highlight the contributions of Black Catholic leaders in the St. Louis area. New interviews will be posted through YouTube and Facebook each Wednesday, beginning November 3rd. We give thanks for their many gifts and talents that bless the community and the church.



Racial Equity Review-Update

In the coming weeks, our parish is preparing to take the next step in realizing our vision of becoming an antiracist church. A team of parishioners and community partners will begin the process of planning and completing an equity review. Beginning with an orientation scheduled for November 3rd and 4th, team members will become familiar with tools and strategies that will allow us to conduct a "loving critique" of parish policies and practices that serve to uphold white supremacy culture and systemic oppression. This work will be guided by Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training, an organization that has experience working with church congregations and religious institutions.

The equity review will be a priority over the coming year and will yield recommendations for actions we can take to become an ever more inclusive and affirming community. There will be multiple opportunities for all who are part of College Church to engage in this process. As in our journey toward synodality, listening will be centered. A desire to call forth and fully recognize the gifts present in each member of the Body of Christ is foundational.

If you have questions, would like to talk further, or would like to become involved with the racial equity review, contact Carl Greiner, carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com.

Upcoming Community Events

Sunday, November 7 12:00 – 1:00 pm
The True History of the 1917 East St. Louis Race War
St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church - Parish Gym
Rev. Dr. Joseph A. Brown, S.J., Ph.D. will discuss the three days of mob violence and massacre in his hometown of East St. Louis and will unpack the causes of this horrific incident. Guests are also welcomed to join the Rock Church community Mass at 10 am, followed by a break and refreshments before the 12 pm lecture.

Sunday, November 7 3:00 – 4:30 pm (Virtual)
Black Catholic History: Honoring the Ancestors
Sponsored by St. Pius V Catholic Church
The history of black Catholics in the archdiocese of St. Louis—a history of resilience and faithfulness despite hardship—is a heritage that we all share. Join us for a journey back to our city's founding to honor the lives and contributions of African American Catholics and others of our ancestors who, early on, sought racial equity in our Church. For more information, contact Winnie Sullivan at penultim@swbell.net.

Hiding in Plain Sight: The Reality of Everyday Racism

As our country and our communities continue to confront racial inequity and social injustice, we often find ourselves asking, “How did we get here?” “What keeps us from making greater progress?” We know that racism is a barrier to fully living the call of the Gospel, and we seek ways to remove all that separates us from the Beloved Community God intends for us. As individuals and as a parish, we search for ways to make that a reality.

The Antiracism Team at College Church is hosting a virtual series of awareness sessions designed to open our eyes, minds, and hearts ever wider; to help us more fully understand how racism persists; and to guide us on the path to creating greater equity and justice. Participants will share prayer, benefit from the expertise of a guest speaker, and exchange perspectives in small groups. Please join us as we seek to provide a space in which to listen, reflect, and learn to increase our individual and collective awareness of how systemic racism continues to permeate our societal structures and influence our daily interactions. There will be time for questions and answers, and participants will receive resources to aid in continuing the journey.

The next session will be held on **Tuesday, November 9 from 7:00 – 8:45.**

Unequal Access to Healthcare and Medical Education

Presenter: Dr. David Lenihan

Co-founder and CEO of Tiber Health

President – Ponce Health Sciences University

Dr. Lenihan is driven by a relentless commitment to making medical education more accessible for students of all backgrounds and income levels. An experienced entrepreneur, educator and medical practitioner, he has witnessed first-hand the limitations of the traditional medical school model and resolved to create a better, more inclusive and effective one in Harlem, in Puerto Rico, and now in North St. Louis.



The event is free. Please click to register: <https://tinyurl.com/healthcareandeducation>

For more information, please contact Carl Greiner at carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com.

All Souls University Memorial Mass: Tuesday, November 2, 2021 @ Noon

On the feast of All Souls, the Saint Louis University community is invited to St. Francis Xavier College Church for a special memorial mass to remember and pray for the faithful departed. Fr. David Suwalsky, SJ, Vice President for Mission and Identity, will preside and deliver the homily as we commemorate our loved ones. This All Souls University Memorial Mass will be live streamed to SLU Campus Ministry's YouTube Channel (tinyurl.com/SLUCMYoutube) and available on the same page for later viewing.

Taize Prayer

Saint Louis University Department of Campus Ministry will host Taizé Prayer on Thursday, November 4, 2021 at 8:00pm in Saint Francis Xavier College Church. This ecumenical gathering will center on praying for peace in our world through simple, meditative song. All are welcome! Contact Campus Minister Becca (becca.muder@slu.edu) or SLU Mass Choir Director Sally (sally.iocca@slu.edu) for more information.

Join Legislative Advocacy Meetings in November

College Church Social Ministry is partnering with Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) to set virtual meetings with state legislators representing our parish's address, as well as other key legislators in early- to mid-November. We plan to bring some key parish issues to the meetings, as well as hear from legislators about their priorities and expectations for the upcoming legislative session in 2022.

Would you be interested in joining one or more of these meetings? Contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org to learn more. No experience required; training will be provided.



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The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1st and 3rd Sunday is the Tuesday before. The next deadline is this Tuesday, November 2nd, for pickup/delivery on November 7th. Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!



Ministry Month: Our Featured Ministries this Sunday

Pastoral Council: The pastoral Council of St. Francis Xavier College Church is a discerning group of parishioners who work with the pastor in setting a direction for the parish community. The council meets to pray and reflect on questions and ideas that will enable the parish to carry out its overall mission and assure the development of the parish community. For more information contact Maurice Muia at sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

Parish Life Commission: Parish Life is the heartbeat of our parish community and strives to assess and respond to the pastoral and social needs of parishioners at College Church. This commission will focus on building and connecting a strong, diverse and unified community that treasures and taps the gifts of all at College Church. We hope along the way to discover and identify creative ways to celebrate together and accompany all parishioners through good times and difficult ones. The Strategic Plan specifically calls us to explore new ways of building a caring community, communicating effectively and engaging young adults more fully. To learn more, contact Carla Bolland at bolland5815@sbcglobal.net.

And remember, email angela@sfxstl.org when you hear the secret word to be entered into a drawing for a prize! The prize drawing will take place at the end of October.

Circle of Creation Green Corner

A Cleanup Service Project sponsored by St. Francis Xavier College Church and St. Mark's Lutheran Church ELCA will be held on Sunday, November 7, 2021. Meet at 2:00 PM at the Mary Meacham Freedom Crossing Site on the on the St. Louis Riverfront Trail. For more information and detailed directions and map, visit sfxstl.org/circleofcreation.



If you have questions or would like to carpool, please contact SFX Social Ministry Director (christine@sfxstl.org) or St. Mark's Pastor Andrew Baumgartner (pastor@stmarkselca.com).

Click on the Circle of Creation link above to print and sign a waiver to bring with you the day of the cleanup.

October 30-31, 2021

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

November 6-7, 2021

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

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to 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. 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.

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