



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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sfxstl.org

November 19, 2023
Thirty-third 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

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.

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.

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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 Butch Henning*
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 Debbie Webers
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 * 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: Finding Time To Give Thanks

By Fr. Tucker Redding, S.J.



Thanksgiving is already here! I feel like I just got here and suddenly it's already Thanksgiving.

Although this holiday is a time to give thanks, it can also feel like a stressful time of year. Thanksgiving signals that the end of the year is coming, which means finals and final papers or projects for students, preparations for Christmas and the entire holiday season, as well as any end-of-year goals and deadlines. What can and should be a joyful time of year can often feel tiring and stressful.

It is important in the midst of all the busyness and stress, to actually take time to give thanks. It sounds simple enough, but it can be easy for life to feel like it's going by so quickly that we can't even take a moment, catch our breath, and notice the blessings all around us.

The Examen is a staple of Ignatian Spirituality and Jesuit prayer. It's meant to help a person take a few moments in their day to notice how God has been at work in their day and how they have or have not responded to God's invitations. One way of beginning the Examen is simply to give thanks to God for the blessings in your life. Sometimes this can be difficult, especially in the midst of a stressful or difficult day.

When I was first learning about the Examen, I remember someone told me to start with all the big and general things. "I'm grateful that I woke up this morning." "I'm grateful for the sunrise." "I'm grateful for coffee." Let those first few statements give rise to more specific things, people, moments, etc. Before long, you might find yourself overwhelmed by all of the things that you are thankful for. Sometimes being thankful is like shifting our field of vision, like looking at something close up when you were focused on something far off on the horizon.

Find a moment, or more, to slow down during this Thanksgiving and allow your focus to shift to a list of all of the things that you can be thankful for. If you're reading this, know that you are on my list.



PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Tom Mulvihill (father of Becky McKenna)

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

Widows and Widowers

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be next Sunday, November 26th, 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 or 314-494-8986 for questions or more information.



Sarah Smith

Living Our Faith: Meet Sarah

(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.)

Sarah Smith

I've been a parishioner for 20 years. My husband, Dick Fleming, and I had initially located in Clayton, from Denver, and were part of another parish. Finding College Church was a spiritual coming home. I was introduced to Ignatian spirituality during my undergraduate years at Boston College and my subsequent experience in the Jesuit Volunteer Corps in Wilmington, Delaware. Being part of a group of young adults committed to social justice and community service instilled in me a desire to be of service to others in both my professional life and my volunteer activities.

Living my faith: As Director of the Mercy Partnership Fund for the Sisters of Mercy, I oversee the global community investment program that provides below market-rate loans to mission-driven organizations serving under-resourced communities around the world.

At SFX, I've participated in Just Faith, a program that helps us prepare to promote justice in our communities through small group programs that draw on prayer, discussion and learning to inspire action that addresses contemporary issues. I've also participated in the White House retreats, Lenten book discussion groups and fellowship speaking programs.

Why I'm involved: Being part of College Church keeps me grounded and brings perspective. Attending weekly Mass and having opportunities to connect with others in a spiritual way brings me back to center. It offers a starting point to the week and a through point for my life in St. Louis.

College Church is a hidden gem. I'm grateful to be part of it, and want everyone to know how terrific and wonderful it is.

Three words that describe SFX: Welcoming, Engaging, Transforming

My neighborhood: We live in the Central West End and love the accessibility to community resources, restaurants, entertainment and Forest Park. And, of course, we're just minutes away from College Church.

Fun Fact: I love the outdoors and especially enjoy playing pickleball and bicycling in Forest Park. Our two girls live on the East Coast, and we try to visit with them, and our new grandson Henry, every chance we get.

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.

Advent Materials

The season of Advent begins on Dec 3. Following the Sunday morning masses, starting next Sunday, there will be Advent reflection booklets, books, and calendars available in the ballroom. The booklets include writings from various authors and the Little Blue Book is also available. There are daily reflections booklets for Advent and for all of 2024. Come down to ballroom and find something to inspire you during the coming weeks of Advent. (We will have College Church socks and Christmas ornaments for sale, too.)



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 11th 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.



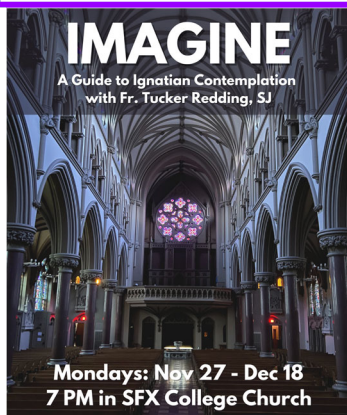
To get signed up or learn more, you can contact White House directly (www.whitehouseretreat.org, 314-416-6400) or just reach out to John Hartung (314-326-6018, jjhartung@aol.com), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599, wkmorrison534@yahoo.com) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

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.

Thanksgiving Day Eucharist

November 23 is our American holiday, Thanksgiving. Our grateful ancestors paused from all the challenges of life to give thanks for all their blessings and opportunities. The Eucharistic liturgy is also our Catholic way of giving thanks. We recall all that God has done for us and ask God to continue to bless us. As you plan your Thanksgiving day, please consider sharing in the Thanksgiving Day Eucharist at College Church. There will be one mass that morning at 9:00 am and no Confessions.

On Friday, November 24, we will have our 7:15 am mass and confessions as per usual, but no noon mass.



Imagine: A Guide to Ignatian Contemplation with Fr. Tucker Mondays Starting November 27th

Ignatian contemplation is a form of prayer in which we use our imagination to see and interact with various scenes from scripture. St. Ignatius guides us through this prayer in his Spiritual Exercises.

This four-part series is a chance to learn about contemplation and experience it through guided exercises. Starting on November 27, we'll pray through the stories of Advent, including the Annunciation, the Visitation, the Journey to Bethlehem, and the Nativity. Feel free to come to any one or all of the evenings. For more information email sfxFaithEnrichment@gmail.com

**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 3-5 pm. January 20-February 24, 2024. 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.

Commemorating the Faithful Departed Through November

Each year, the church remembers all who have died and gone before us during the month of November. Here are parishioners and family members of parishioners we are remembering this November (if we are forgetting anyone, please let us know by emailing angela@sfxstl.org, and we will include them in the coming weeks):

Bill Bollwerk
 Judy Bradley
 Henri DeFoy
 Dorothy Marie DeLorenzo
 Thom Digman
 Laura Erickson
 Joan M. Felling
 Pat Greiner
 Mary Ann Grigone
 Khuadayer Hamdan
 Paul Hanson
 Carol Joselyn
 Rick Kalchik
 James Logan
 James Lewis Lowder
 Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie
 Arthur Mees
 Liz Moloney
 Suzanne Mondello
 Tommy Scott Moss
 Eugene Mueller
 Mary Nicholson

Greg Peterson
 Joan Rice
 Anna Roetheli
 Betty Schnorbus
 Tom Schenk
 Joan Seibel
 Mike Sepe
 Susan Stanec
 Francis Steffen
 Bill Tucker
 Joan Virgil
 Gloria Watson
 Diane Williams

Jesuit Fathers:
 Fr. John Apel, S.J.
 Fr. Robert Bosken, S.J.
 Fr. Ed Flaherty, S.J.
 Fr. Glenn Mueller, S.J.
 Fr. Chris Pinne, S.J.
 Fr. Gene Renard, S.J.
 Fr. James Short, S.J.
 Fr. Robert Sullivan, S.J.

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

Community Within Community

Are you interested:

- in deepening your spiritual life with other parishioners at SFX?
- in building community and connection?
- in engaging in regular fellowship?

If so, the Faith Enrichment Commission wants your feedback! We are considering a community offering for early 2024. We need your help! Please follow this link or the QR code for a very short form to give us your feedback: <https://forms.gle/c7p5NKTYney2RqWK6>





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.

Black Catholic History Month

November is Black Catholic History Month. It was instituted by the National Black Clergy Caucus in 1990 and is a time we celebrate the long history and proud heritage of Black Catholics. It is an opportunity to reveal the stories of faith and fidelity that enrich the entire Catholic Christian community.

The History Committee is excited to share their just published volume of *Our Parish Racial History*. The booklet is an outgrowth of our parish equity review. Its contents extend the stories presented in the brochure and on the banners and add to our understanding of the people and events that have shaped the spiritual community we are today. In addition to an expanded look at the context in which College Church was founded and grew, the booklet contains interviews with longtime members of this community, as well as reflections on the importance of knowing—and being grounded in—our history. All are invited to the Ballroom after Mass to hear more about the development of this project and receive a complimentary copy of the booklet.

The portraits displayed in church this week are part of a parish project called *Open the Eyes of My Heart: New Images of Holy People*. It is a portion of a larger collection of images of saints and holy people that represent diverse races, ethnicities, countries of origin, patronages, historical periods, and artist styles, which will be installed in the Parish Center. This artwork invites us to reflect on how we envision the communion of saints and to broaden our recognition and celebration of who is holy.

Many other events in celebration of Black Catholic History Month are being held throughout the St. Louis community. Please see the Upcoming Events for more information.

The Osage Nation

This article continues the commemoration of November as National Native American/Alaskan Native Heritage Month.

Early in St. Louis history the French, French-Canadians, and the Osage lived in harmony and supported each

other. The Osage were the dominant population in the area. They knew the land — every grove of trees, every cave, hillside, and stream. They knew the weather, the seasons, and animal migrations. Physically, the Osage were very large. Their men were 6- to 7-feet tall and weighed 300 lbs., all muscle. Good nutrition, constant exercise, and clean air built up their strength.



The French and French-Canadians had very little when they came to St. Louis, but they had strong family ties and that appealed to the Osage. Osage women taught the new settlers planting techniques, and Osage men brought them game to eat. The French adapted easily. Many intermarried. Records from the Old Cathedral indicate that both the Osage and the French supported their mutual grandchildren.

Jesuit ties

The Catholic faith of the French had a great impact on the Osage. They already were a religious, monotheistic people, so it was not hard for them to understand Catholic doctrines. Jesuits were sent to start a school for Native American boys in Florissant. The first Jesuit missionary dispatched from St. Stanislaus was assigned to serve the Osage. Whenever the Osage needed an advocate, they asked for the “Blackrobes,” or Jesuits, who came to their aid. When the Osage had to move (first to Kansas, then to Oklahoma) due to the deceitfulness of the U.S. government, the Jesuits went with them. The Osage admired the Jesuits, and many joined the Church. Much Osage history is preserved in the Jesuit Archives.

Their Situation Today

Unfortunately, the Louisiana Purchase ended the relationship between the French and the Osage nation. The American government regarded Native Americans as less than equal and the Osage, who were so hospitable to white foreigners, were forced from their homelands. In 1808, Osage leaders handed over their Missouri lands and hunting grounds to the U.S. government. Within 70 years the Osage lost 90 percent of its population, all the

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land they had farmed and their hunting grounds. Herds that provided their meat were decimated. In some cases, the U.S. committed genocide.

Today the Osage Nation has 20,000 members. Of them, more than 400 live in Missouri; approximately 60 in the St. Louis area. The Osage Nation's headquarters is in Pawhuska, Oklahoma. In 2014, Scott Bighorse served as their interim Chief. BigHorse is a direct descendant of Marie Therese Chouteau – one of our city's founders!

Find more information about the Osage Nation at these websites:

www.nps.gov/articles/osage.htm

missourilife.com/the-tribes-of-missouri-part-1-when-the-osage-missouria-reigned/

Significant Figures in Racial History

Blessed Miguel Pro, S.J. – died November 23, 1927, in Mexico City. Known for his piety, Pro became a Jesuit priest. But the Church was suppressed in Mexico at that time, so he had to perform his ministry in secret. Eventually he was arrested and executed on false charges of attempting to assassinate a former Mexican president. He was beatified in 1988.

Scott Joplin – born November 24, 1868, in Texarkana, TX. Joplin's father had been enslaved in North Carolina; his mother was a free Black woman from Kentucky. Joplin composed over 40 ragtime pieces, including a ballet, and two operas. His "Maple Leaf Rag," became the genre's most influential hit and Joplin was called the "King of Ragtime." He considered rag a form of music for the opera house and hated its use in honkytonk bars. From 1901 to 1907, Joplin lived in St. Louis.

Cyprian Rowe – died November 25, 2011, in Towson, MD. Rowe was a leading figure in the African American Catholic community. He had a doctorate in African studies from Howard University. Rowe directed the first African American studies program at the University of Rhode Island and at Temple University. He also served as executive director of the National Office for Black Catholics and for the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus.

Current and Upcoming Events

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 Racial Equity Review 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.

December 3 and December 9 4:00 pm The Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis will perform a free Christmas concert: *Go Tell It!* The performance on the 3rd will be held at the Northside SDA Church, 9001 Lucas and Hunt Rd. December 10th will be held at the Kirkwood United Methodist Church, 201 W. Adams Ave.

For more information, or to become part of antiracism ministries, contact Winnie Sullivan penultima@swbell.net or **Lisa Burks Imburks** Imburks@gmail.com.



Thank you for being part of our gala!

Thank you to all of those who have made this past Friday night possible: planning this gala, donating auction items, becoming sponsors, hosting tables, and buying tickets. Thank you for taking part in all of our fundraising efforts; your contributions are what help our dreams of the future become reality.

Keep an eye on our website; we'll have photos to share soon!



Living Our Faith

We are winding down on our *Living Our Faith* campaign. A big THANK YOU to everyone who has returned Commitment Cards!

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

Then, visit 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 or (314)

977-74304.



Thank you, and God bless you for your generosity!

AN ADVENT DAY OF PRAYER
The Three Comings of Christ
 presented by Karen Seaborn

Advent Day of Prayer at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

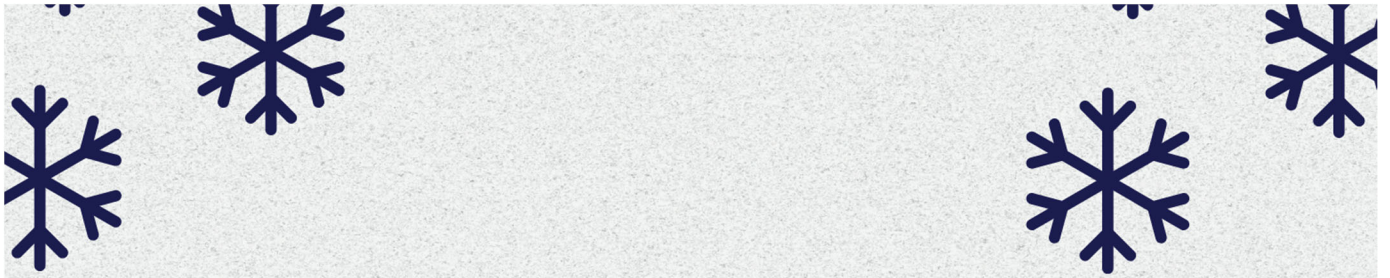
On Saturday, December 9, 8:30 AM—3:00 PM, An Advent Day of Prayer, *The Three Comings of Christ*, will be presented by Karen Seaborn at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center in Frontenac, MO.

Register at www.mercycenterstl.org by December 1. Cost \$80 (lunch and art supplies included). Presentations will include experiential elements, imaginative prayer, lectio and visio divina. For \$150 you can include an overnight stay Friday (no supper) with Saturday pick-up breakfast.



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9 • 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Alzheimer's Association Family Support Group meets today, October 15th at noon in the Ballroom Classroom (go through the Ballroom and turn to the right). For more information, please contact Ann Steffen, 314-313-0158.



Xavier Winter Inn

Volunteer with our emergency shelter at College Church this winter!

**Missed the training?
It's not too late! Sign up to
volunteer here:**

bit.ly/winterinnsignup

**We will follow up with the
information you need**

**Contact Anne Osdieck with any
questions:**

**aosdieck@gmail.com
or (314) 313-0636**



First Quarter Financial Report

For the quarter ended 9/30/2023, the parish reported a net loss of \$98,000. This loss exceeded budgeted loss by \$52,000 but improved by \$6,000 from the previous year. This variance is largely due to revenue which is under budget by approximately \$34,000 but over the prior year by approximately \$34,000. When we analyze the budget to actual difference in revenue, the reasons for this unfavorable variance are:

Unrestricted Revenue: Seasonal fluctuations in contributions were stronger than our budgeted expectations. In the prior year, the parish saw some significant seasonality in contributions with lower giving in the 1st quarter of 2022-23. The parish anticipated some seasonality in budgeting but did not expect it to be as significant as the prior year. Further analysis is underway to gauge future trends.

Profit & Loss Budget Performance FY24 Actual Results	FY24 Q1 Actuals	FY24 Q1 Budget	FY23 Q1 Actuals
Income			
Unrestricted Revenue	156,452	163,043	140,781
Restricted Offerings & Gifts	26,451	50,873	29,320
Program Fees	6,448	1,561	7,448
Investment Income	475	1,875	97
Grant Revenue	20,500	56,303	10,810
Other Revenues	65,713	37,061	54,116
Merchant Account Fees	(3,428)	(4,500)	(3,594)
Total Income	272,611	306,216	238,978
Expense			
Personnel Costs	182,449	195,992	179,286
Supplies	5,606	9,099	10,937
Fees & Services	61,838	46,379	58,153
Occupancy	87,879	68,666	64,876
Tfrs Other Parishes/Diocese	32,463	32,112	29,886
Total Expenses	370,235	352,248	343,137
Net Loss	(97,624)	(46,032)	(104,159)

Restricted Revenue: An anticipated major donation for September 2023 was not received, but the parish expects this contribution to be received in a subsequent quarter.

Grant Revenue: An anticipated grant for the Social Ministry program was not received this quarter. Social Ministry still expects this gift to be received this fiscal year.

Other Revenues: There was a favorable variance of \$28,000. This is mainly attributed to wedding revenues. This is considered a timing variance, with annual revenues projected to align with the budget.

Expenses were over budget by approximately \$18,000. This was predominantly due to timing issues noted below:

Personnel Costs: Favorable variance to budget of approximately \$14,000 is due to the Archdiocese's shift to a bi-weekly payroll. Since the parish is on a cash basis of accounting, this variance is expected to be reduced over the year.

Fees and Services: Unfavorable variance is related to the timing of professional fee payments. The budget distributes these costs evenly over each month, but the costs are recognized upon actual payment. This resulted in higher expenses as compared to the budget.

Occupancy: There were four months of rent paid in this quarter because we prepaid October rent. This resulted in a negative variance that is anticipated to reverse next quarter.



Please join us for a
Catholic Charities Young Adult

Christmas *Party*

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9TH

7-11pm | Semi-Formal Attire

Open Bar, Appetizers, Music & Dancing

Maryland House By Brennan's

44 Maryland Plaza Rear
St. Louis, Missouri 63108

For Ages 21+, Nursing babies welcome

Hosted by Catholic Charities Young Professionals

Early Bird Pricing: \$45 (limited quantity)

Regular Ticket Pricing: \$55

<https://ccypchristmas23.givesmart.com>



Circle of Creation Green Corner

The issue of dumping of tires has become a serious environmental and health concern. Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) is asking Missourians to sign their petition to urge the State of Missouri to create a modern digital system for licensed scrap tire haulers to minimize the dumping of used tires and promote accountability. You can help make a difference by signing and also asking friends and family in Missouri to sign secure.everyaction.com/vead3y8I7UaTKbzqV15ICw2

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 vatican.va/content/francesco/en/apost_exhortations/documents/20231004-laudate-deum.html

Open Space STL lists opportunities for volunteer service through various organizations, providing information and registration volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/
Great Rivers Greenway lists events at various Greenway locations. You can look at greatriversgreenway.org/events/ for volunteer opportunities.

Public Electronics Recycling events
mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events

December 2, 9:00 AM to Noon
Electronics Recycling and Food Drive
13201 Clayton Road
St. Louis, MO 63131
hosted by Principia School

December 9, 8:00 AM to Noon
2505 South Brentwood Boulevard
Brentwood, MO, 63144
hosted by the City of **Brentwood**

December 9, 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard
O'Fallon, MO, 63366
hosted by the City of **O'Fallon**

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner sfxstl.org/circleofcreation on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events.

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Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Daly, SJ
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahan, SJ
10:30 am Fr. McMahan, SJ

November 25-26, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. McMahan, SJ
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Redding, SJ
10:30 am Fr. Redding, SJ

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Proverbs 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 128:1-2, 3, 4-5

Second Reading:
I Thessalonians 5:1-6

Gospel:
Matthew 25:14-30

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