

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis 3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108 314-977-7300

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November 21st, 2021 The Solemnity of our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

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.

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

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1, for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact 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.

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

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

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> 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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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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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



The musical Jesus Christ Superstar celebrates its fiftieth anniversary this fall. Thanks to my older sister, the soundtrack to the movie was a constant in my childhood. Such was life in the 1970's.

I am not sure how well the show has aged, but the character of Pontius Pilate is spectacular. He embodies the utter contempt of a Roman official stuck in a backwater of the Empire and surrounded by a people he despises. His interaction with Jesus, the chief priests and the crowd oozes with disdain. When the crowd shouts for Jesus' execution and proclaims no king but Caesar, he notes sarcastically, "Oh, this is new. Respect for Caesar; until now this has been noticeably lacking."

Pilate mockingly asks Jesus, what is truth? Where is your kingdom? He enjoys his power and seems to revel in the helplessness of Jesus. Pilate personifies violence, cruelty and intimidation. This was the hallmark of Roman governance. Like so many others in John's Gospel, Pilate believes he has all the answers when he actually knows nothing.

The contrast with Jesus requires a different notion of what it means to have and exercise power. Today's feast of Christ the King confronts our own notions of power, strength and God's presence. Why is it we continue to cling to power more in league with Pilate than Jesus?

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

On our website, <u>https://sfxstl.org/</u>, 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 offered a silent auction, and we are selling raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are available in the back of church or in the Parish Center. (Anyone who donates above \$10 also receives one raffle ticket.)



Every week, we are highlighting different ministries and activities of our parish as a way of showing the impact of your generosity. Last week, we took a video tour with "Big Mike" Williams, our Facilities Supervisor, to talk about the upkeep of our church building and our Parish Center. This week, we'll focus on our wedding ministry.

Please share these videos with friends inside and outside the parish to help us spread the good word about these ministries and our community!



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 <u>https://</u> forms.gle/6oKd7gauSC2iweFL8

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.



Learn more about the "Synod on Synodality" happening in the global church at <u>https://www.synod.va/en.html</u>.

Medicaid Expansion Helpline Now Open

The Medicaid Expansion Helpline for St. Louis City and County is now open. Call 888-686-1744 to speak with SLU Law students who are available to answer your questions and help fill out applications for Medicaid Expansion.

Advent Materials

The season of Advent begins on Nov 28. Following the Sunday morning masses for the next few Sundays, there will be Advent reflection booklets, books, and calendars available in the ballroom.

The booklets include writings from Pope Francis, John Kavanaugh, SJ, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Henri Nouwen, Ronald Rolheiser, and others. The Little Blue Book is also available.

Fr. Dan Daly, SJ, one of our regular celebrants, also has a new book, Jesus and the Barbecued Fish Breakfast. It offers insights and starting points for reflection or discussion of Gospel passages.

CDs with recordings of Fr. John Kavanaugh's homilies are also available.

Come down to ballroom and find something to inspire you during the coming weeks of Advent.

College Church Young Adult Faith Group

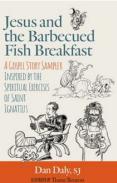
In Pope Francis' "Christus Vivit" he encourages young people to make their voices heard (see quote below).

Are you between the ages of 22 and 30 something? Are you hungry for a faith-based community of young adults? We are in the process of reigniting our Young Adult Faith Group here at College Church. We are inviting you to happy hour where we would like to pick your brain and see what kind of programming you would be interested in getting involved with.

When: December 9th at 6pm Where: The Church Ballroom Beer, Wine, Soft drinks and Munchies will be provided RSVP to Sandy Hauck: sandy@sfxstl.org 314-977-7303

In the words of Pope Francis:

Dear Young People, make the most of these years of your youth. Don't observe life from a balcony. Don't confuse happiness with an armchair or live your life behind a screen. Whatever you do, do not become the sorry sight of an abandoned vehicle! Don't be parked cars, but dream freely and make good decisions. Take risks, even if it means making mistakes. Don't go through life anesthetized, or approach the world like tourists. Make a ruckus! Cast out the fears that paralyze you, so that you don't become young mummies. Live! Give yourselves over tot the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out and fly! Please, don't take an early retirement (No. 143).





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. Since its inception, Black Catholic History Month has been celebrated throughout the country and is recognized by the United States Council of Catholic Bishops.

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, College Church will recognize some of the black Catholic leaders of our present day.

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 in November. Use this link to find the interview with Caleb Camp, community leader and media personality:

youtube.com/c/StFrancisXavierCollegeChurch

Toni Morrison

Despite the current furor surrounding some of her works, Toni Morrison is one of the most well-known, well-loved, and highly acclaimed authors in the world. A less well-known fact about her is that she was Roman Catholic.

Morrison was born Chloe Ardella Wofford on February 18, 1931, in Lorraine, Ohio, the second of four children in

a working class black family. She was an avid reader, whose family also shared with her the oral tradition of African folktales. She excelled on her school's debate team, helped to produce her high school's yearbook and, while still a young person, secured a secretarial position in her town's public library.



Morrison's family, through her mother, had an affiliation with the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E) church. But

there was, according to Morrison, a wing of her family whose members all were Catholic. A cousin with whom Morrison was particularly close was Catholic, and it was she who served as the catalyst for Morrison's conversion at the age of twelve. The name "Toni" is actually taken from Morrison's baptismal name— Anthony—for St. Anthony of Padua.

Following graduation from high school, Morrison attended Howard University, from which she obtained a bachelor's degree In English. While at Howard, she joined and toured with the university's theatrical company. Morrison obtained a master's in English from Cornell University, after which she taught at several universities before going to work as an editor at a major publishing house.

Morrison was thirty-nine when she published her first book, The Bluest Eye. Three years later, her second novel, Sula, was nominated for a National Book Award. By the time her third book, Song of Solomon, published and won the National Book Critics Circle Award, she was a recognized star in the nation's literary firmament. Many accolades followed. In 1988, Morrison won a Pulitzer Prize for fiction for her novel, *Beloved*, about a former slave looking back on her life after the Civil War. In 1993, she became the first African-American woman to win the Nobel Prize for literature. President Obama awarded Morrison, in 2012, the nation's highest civilian honor, the Presidential Medal of Freedom.

> "Love is divine only and difficult always. If you think it is easy you are a fool. If you think it is natural you are blind. It is a learned application without reason or motive except that it is God." — Toni Morrison, from Paradise

Recently, attention has turned to consider the inclusion of her work within the pantheon of Catholic writers such as Graham Greene, Walker Percy, and Flannery O'Connor. Morrison's writing is infused with scriptural references and spirituality, about which Mark Bosco, S.J., a scholar of Catholic writers says, "I think that without a doubt she is mining Christianity and the Christian story in America In some ways, it's the Christian narrative kind of reworked and investigated and interrogated in the black bodies of her characters." Bosco described Morrison's Beloved as "the greatest American novel post-1950." Nick Ripatrazone—a poet, novelist, and cultural critic—considers *Beloved* Morrison's most Catholic book because it offers a kind of theological exploration of the body.

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After years of practicing Catholicism, Morrison said, in a 2015 interview with Terry Gross of NPR, that she was no longer a regular church attendee, but was shaping her own spirituality. She did, however, acknowledge a fascination with Pope Francis. "I might be easily seduced to go back to church because I like the controversy as well as the beauty of this particular Pope Francis," Morrison said. "He's very interesting to me." Morrison died on August 5, 2019, at the age of eighty-eight. A memorial for her was held at the Cathedral Church of St. John the Divine in New York.

Resource: Toni Morrison's Spiritual Vision: Faith, Folktales, and Feminism in Her Life and Literature

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 the last session in our 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, December 7 from 7:00 - 8:45.

Environmental Racism Presenter: Myisha Johnson and Jeanette Mott Oxford (J-MO) Metropolitan Congregations United ("MCU")

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

For more information, please contact Carl Greiner at <u>carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com</u>.

SAVE THE DATES

Ignatian Spirituality and Antiracism: A Call to Conversion

With the support of a grant from the Jesuits' Central and Southern Province, College Church will be hosting a speaker series exploring the gifts of Ignatian Spirituality in the transformational work of antiracism. We have invited some of the most knowledgeable and engaging speakers from around the U.S. to share, from their individual perspectives, their experiences with grounding the work of racial justice in Ignatian Spirituality. Make plans to join us through Zoom for this three-session series of consequential and thought-provoking presentations.

February 9, 16, 23 - 7:00 - 8:30 CST

St. Patrick Center Casserole Program: Volunteer Cooks Needed!

St. Patrick Center (800 N. Tucker) provides free daily nutritious lunches to clients who come to the Center for treatment/services related to substance abuse, transitional living, job training, independent living skills, GED, job placement, childcare, transportation assistance, and more.

College Church contributes casseroles on the first Tuesday of each month to St. Patrick Center. Each agency SPC works with is assigned a particular kind of casserole and our parish is asked to specifically provide chili mac. College Church provides the recipe (or volunteers can use their own) and containers, and asks that you bring the frozen chili mac to the parish center prior to the first Tuesday of each month.

If you are interested in preparing chili mac for the casserole program, please contact Lisa Zoia at <u>zoialm@gmail.com</u>. Thank you!

Wedding Coordinators Needed!

Do you love weddings? Would you be interested in becoming a part of the College Church Wedding Ministry Team? We are currently looking to expand our Wedding Ministry and need a couple Wedding Coordinators.

This is a paid position. This position does require a Friday and Saturday commitment; however, this requirement is not for every weekend.

For more information call Sandy Hauck at 977-7303 or email her at sandy@sfxstl.org.

Xavier Winter Inn-Volunteers Needed!

Every winter, College Church hosts a Winter Inn, offering emergency shelter to unhoused individuals on Wednesday and Thursday nights from Dec.-Feb. The Winter Inn is run entirely by volunteers and provides hospitality on nights when temperatures drop below 20 degrees. We have hosted Winter Inn for nearly a decade and this will be our second year during the pandemic offering shelter in a COVID-safe environment for both volunteers and guests.



Even if you missed our training last Monday, you can still volunteer! Please contact Jasmine Brown at outreach@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7311.

Interested in volunteering, but want to learn more first? Contact Jasmine to register for a half hour information session on Monday, November 8th from 7-7:30pm.

Winter Inn relies on volunteer support each year. Thank you for considering plugging into this initiative!

Happy Holidays from the Sister Parish / Fair Trade Committee!

We are excited about our Christmas Market with ZeeBee Market THIS WEEKEND, November 19th-21st. This event will be in-person at ZeeBee Market at 3211 South Grand or online at both ZeeBee and our own parish website (sfxstl.org/sisterparish) (see flyer below or online). Our committee will be happy to deliver all items purchased online at both ZeeBee and our parish website. We will also be selling in-person after the 10:30 Sunday mass through Christmas.

This year we're offering our fresh roasted coffee, tea, chocolate bars, soup gift boxes, cornbread mix, brownie mix, and so much more. Proceeds go to our sister parish St. Peter Claver in Belize. We are sponsoring several high school students for the next four years of school.

Please visit our parish website from the comfort of your home or visit ZeeBee on South Grand for all items Fair Trade. Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.







ONLINE SHOPPERS **MUST** STATE THAT THEY ARE SUPPORTING THE COLLEGE CHURCH FUNDRAISER WHEN CHECKING OUT AND SELECT "**PICK UP**" FROM EITHER STORE.

VOLUNTEERS WILL PROVIDE LOCAL DELIVERY FOR ONLINE ORDERS. NO SHIPPING AVAILABLE FOR ORDERS THROUGH THIS FUNDRAISER.

Shrine of Remembrance

Thank you all for your prayers for deceased parishioners and family members during the month of November. Thank you, also, to everyone who helped us remember them by letting us place their photos in our Shrine of Remembrance near the front of the church.

Next Sunday, November 28th, if you had a photo of a loved one at the Shrine of Remembrance, please pick up your photo. Thank you.

News from our Circle of Creation Committee (for more, see our Green Corner)

Parishioners from the College Church and many from St. Mark's Lutheran ELCA Church lucked out on a beautiful Sunday, Nov. 7, to bash (gather) trash near the Mary Meacham Freedom Crossing on the St. Louis Riverfront Trail, and to pray after discussing our efforts in the context of our protecting our Common Home.



College Church Accessibility

Accessible parking: on Sundays, we have reserved accessible parking spaces on the south side of Lindell, just west of Grand.

Assistive Listening Devices: please see an usher if you would like to use an assistive listening device during Mass.

Livestream: if you are not able to come in person, we offer our 10:30 am Mass on livestream. You can subscribe to our YouTube channel to always be informed when our videos go live. Subscribe here: <u>tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass</u>

Giving Tree 2021



Please consider supporting our Social Ministry Outreach Program guests through the Giving Tree. Beginning the weekend after Thanksgiving, you will notice a Christmas tree near the front of the south aisle decorated with paper ornaments.

To participate, take an ornament and purchase the listed gift, wrap it, attach the paper ornament to the gift, and drop it off to the bins located in the center vestibule of the church or the parish center office by Sunday, December 12th.

With the cold approaching, program guests will appreciate your gift of warm winter items such as socks, gloves, and scarves. Thank you for your support!

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION



Sixth grade religious education students Justine Thorton, Brady Clark, Dominic Grebel and Andrew Konradi at their Mary Ryder Home Service Day Nov. 13. Students visited with the residents, helped them with craft projects like the leaves on the wall, and then served the ladies lunch. Mary Ryder and the Youth Faith Formation Program have been partners for service projects for many years.

A virtual class titled "Winter Walks on Greenways" in St. Charles County is brought to you by St. Charles City County Library via Great Rivers Greenways. Free (no matter where you live) but registration is required. Dec. 9, 7-8:00 PM



CST. If you miss the class, note that registrants will receive an email with the link to the recording after the class.

https://greatriversgreenway.org/event/st-charles-winterywalks-on-greenways/

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading: Daniel 7:13-14

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 93:1, 1-2, 5

Second Reading: Revelation 1:5-8

Gospel: John 18:33b-37

November 20-21, 2021

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

November 27-28, 2021

Saturday	
5:15 pm	TBD
Sunday	
8:00 am	TBD
10:30 am	TBD

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.

Thank you for your support!



