



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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sfxstl.org

November 22, 2020
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30 pm. Please RSVP at sfxstl.org.

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

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, 5:15 pm Monday through Wednesday, all in main church.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays, Wednesdays and 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 Sister Carolyn McWatters at 314-977-1797 or carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu or Fr. Dan White.

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: Available for Pre-K through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. 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.

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 Fay Efken*
 Diane Flynn
 Mary Frank
 Gene Grabbe*
 Monica Gunn
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Paul Hanson*
 Mary Jane and Butch Henning*
 Christina Bah Ireland
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Carlita Logan
 Jill and Dwain Loupe
 Pat March*
 Mark Marsh
 Karena Menard
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Lyn Pickel
 Ruthann Redmon
 Joan Rice
 Mark Roddy*
 Dennis Saunders*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ*
 Family of Candace Sexton
 Maryann Shay
 Colleen Starkloff
 Art Taylor*
 Judy Taylor*
 Jacob Verghese
 David Williams
 Julia Williams
 Lisa Zimmerer*

* 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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Thank you to everyone who made our Virtual Gala of Gratitude such a tremendous success. It was a terrific weekend to celebrate and give thanks for the ways we have been blessed this year. I want to recognize in a special way parishioners Lucinda Santiago and Susan Werremeyer, and staff members Angela Pancella and Katie Jansen Larson for their incredible work over months to pull this off. God willing this will be the one and only time the Gala is virtual.

Our Gala was a reminder that a time of difficulty and hardship is also a time of practicing gratitude. I have often been struck that the origin of our national celebration of Thanksgiving is rooted in the worst crisis in our nation's history. President Abraham Lincoln announced in October of 1863 a national "day of Thanksgiving and Praise" for the last Thursday of November. Lincoln called for this in the midst of a brutal civil war that had already killed and wounded hundreds of thousands, and had imperiled the very existence of the United States. In his mind, the suffering of so many required the nation to prayerfully acknowledge the presence of God.

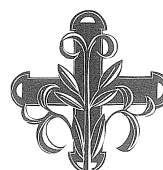
This, too, has been a time of great suffering and loss. I believe Lincoln's words to his country resonate just as powerfully today. "We commend to God's tender care all those who have become widows, orphans, mourners, or sufferers ... and fervently implore the interposition of the Almighty hand to heal the wounds of the nation, and to restore it, as soon as may be consistent with the Divine purposes, to the full enjoyment of peace, harmony, tranquility, and union." May God continue to bless us this Thanksgiving.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, including:

Louis Edward Sherrock (father of our choir director, Ray Sherrock)

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



Authentically Black and Truly Catholic: Black Catholic History Month at College Church

This year marks the thirtieth anniversary of the Church's designation of November as the month during which we celebrate the contributions of black Catholics. In recognition of this milestone, we will feature—in the bulletin, on our website, and in informational displays around the church—five such individuals whose lives embody a pursuit for racial justice, grounded in a strong and resilient faith. Each of the five lived in St. Louis, and some had specific ties to College Church and to the St. Louis University community. Together, their lives reflect the long history and rich heritage of Black Catholicism.

The life of Thomas Franklin exemplifies both the contributions Black Catholics made to the Archdiocese of St. Louis and the racism they experienced despite their influence. Thomas Franklin was born into slavery and, after gaining his freedom, migrated from New Orleans to St. Louis between the late 1860s and 1873. After temporarily working as a waiter, Franklin found employment with Archbishop Peter Kenrick as his personal valet. Archbishops John Joseph Kain and John Joseph Glennon, who succeeded Archbishop Kenrick, both retained Franklin's services.

Although Franklin had not been able to receive a formal education, he had many skills. He spoke Creole French and was an expert cook. In his role as personal valet, waiter, and coachmen to the bishops and their dignitary guests, Franklin served Mass in country churches, was popular among elder leadership of the Church, and was well-versed in Catholic issues of the day. "Constantly in the presence of members of the Catholic hierarchy," one newspaper account noted, "Franklin couldn't help become privy to their many problems and, given a chance, he would take part in the conversations."

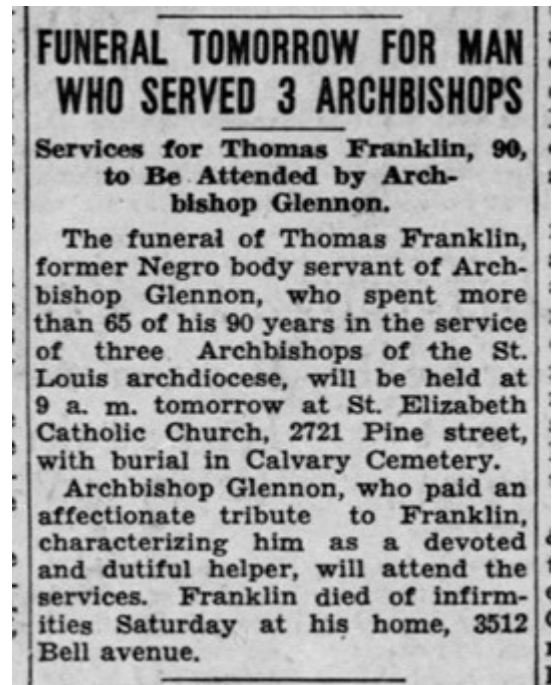
The archbishops praised Franklin for his loyalty to Catholic leadership and to the church, calling him a "devoted and dutiful helper." Archbishop Glennon once claimed, "If I had told him to go out and stop the sun from running so fast he would certainly have gone out to try and do something about it."

Franklin lived with the archbishops at their residence in the shadow of the Cathedral and joined Glennon when he moved into the Walsh home on Lindell Boulevard in 1924. When he retired in 1934, he moved into a home on Bell Avenue with his daughters, Mrs. Joseph Brown and Mrs. Georgia Cosby.

When Thomas Franklin, over 90 years old, died in 1938, he had served the Archdiocese of St. Louis for as many as 72 years. He was survived by his two daughters, and a son, Thomas Franklin, Jr., who lived in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Learn more by visiting: <https://sfxstl.org/black-catholic-history-month>

The Thomas Franklin article is written by Kelly Schmidt and Ayan Ali, researchers for the Jesuits' Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project.



Black Catholic History Month Reflection by Maurice Muia

My experience as a Black Catholic is vastly different from most Black Catholics in the United States. You see, I was raised in the United States Virgin Islands and most of the other Catholics there looked like me. I repeatedly saw illustrations of Jesus that looked like me and many other ethnicities that were representative of the population in the VI. Now fast-forwarding to my time being a member of College Church, I see a parish and community that FIGHTS for CHANGE every day. WE fight for equity, anti-racism, and community building with all parishes and faith groups. Most importantly we push the boundaries to live a life in which we strive to form a better person and community. Being a Black Catholic at College Church is not exactly like my childhood in the VI, but it is an evolution for me in which I am part of a family in which we fight for everyone not just those under our roof.

Maurice Muia has been a member of St. Francis Xavier (College Church) for about 10 years. He lives in Richmond Heights with his wife and three young children. He was drawn to the Jesuits and Ignatian Spirituality for their outspoken nature. In the past before moving to Springfield, Missouri, he served on the Pastoral Council. Most importantly, he loves to delve deeper into his faith with God and community with other parishioners with service at the core. Maurice is honored to serve as your next pastoral council chair and is excited to bring our Parish Vision to life for all.

Prayers for Racial Healing



This month, as we celebrate the faith-filled lives and contributions of Black Catholics, let us recognize the racial injustice that persists. We come together in prayer asking God to give comfort and courage to those who endure the injuries of racism, as well as wisdom and courage for all to stand against the powers that oppress. We join our voices in prayers for racial justice.

You can find a collection of prayers for racial healing on our Black Catholic History Month page: <https://sfxstl.org/black-catholic-history-month>



**Saint Francis Xavier College Church
Virtual Gala of Gratitude**

November 20-22, 2020

Join Us Live!

<https://sfxstl.org/virtual-gala>

Thank you to all of our sponsors, silent auction donors, contributors of photos and videos, attendees, and everyone who has helped to spread the word about this event!

It has been a great joy to put it together and to reflect on the many gifts this year has brought even in the midst of many challenges.

The videos will be available to watch after the event, so please continue to check back on the sfxstl.org/virtual-gala page!

Parish Men’s White House Retreat, February 11-14

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is the manual for discerning how God is calling us to follow Him. The “White House” Jesuit Retreat Center in South St. Louis County applies the Spiritual Exercises to our daily lives to develop our faith, deepen our peace and increase our gratitude.

You are personally invited to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish to make a retreat there, the evening of February 11th to the afternoon of the 14th.

The beauty of the natural setting, the prayer and liturgies and the comfort of the accommodations combine to make this a spiritually renewing and rewarding experience.



More information about the retreat (including COVID precautions) and online registration is available at www.whretreat.org or by calling John Hartung (314-918-1950), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

Fair Trade Online Christmas Market
TWO exciting ways to support our Sister Parish



As the holiday season begins, please consider shopping fair trade to support our sister Jesuit parish St. Peter Claver in Belize. Since we cannot hold an in-person Fair Trade Christmas Market this year, there are TWO ways to support our sister parish from the comfort of your home this year:

1. Shop College Church Fair Trade products + enter our raffle online from 11/27-12/4:

Visit <http://www.sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade> between Friday 11/27-Friday 12/4 to purchase delicious fair trade goods including: coffee, tea, chocolate, baking cocoa, hot cocoa, soups, cornbread mix, and brownie mix. In addition to our selection of fair trade products, you can also purchase 50/50 raffle tickets and fair trade basket raffle tickets. Purchase tickets starting on 11/27 and by midnight on Friday 12/4 in order to have a chance to win!

2. Shop at Zee Bee Market (online or in person at the Maplewood store) from Friday 12/4-Sunday 12/6 in order to earn 10% of proceeds for our sister parish. Zee Bee Market offers beautiful fair trade products, perfect for holiday gifts or to treat yourself! See the flyer below for more details. Online shoppers (zeebeemarket.com) must indicate that they are supporting the College Church fundraiser upon checkout. In person shoppers must bring a physical copy of the flyer to the Maplewood location only. Be sure to wait to shop until 12/4-12/6 so that our sister parish receives a portion of the proceeds!

Catholic Campaign for Human Development

Please be generous in this week's special collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. In the US, one in six children lives in poverty. With this collection you support programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for those struggling across the country. In addition, 25% of the funds collected will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and work on the margins. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found at www.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Green Corner

“Opt to Act” for Earth



REI Co-op is sponsoring Opt to Act, 52 simple weekly challenges to leave the world better than you found it. This well-researched website (Just Google REI Opt to Act Plan), actually helps with information on why and how to take these steps.

This week’s tip:

Week 52 (November 22-28): Celebrate a year of action by joining REI to #OptOutside once again! What a year. Thank you for doing your part to leave the world better than you found it. From all of us at REI, we’re proud of you and happy to have you on our side fighting for life outdoors. Sincerely, thank you. Now, if you’ll do us one more favor, join us once again to #OptOutside of Black Friday. See you out there!

November 21-22, 2020

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| Saturday | |
| 5:30 pm | Fr. White, S.J. |
| Sunday | |
| 8:00 am | Fr. Daly, S.J. |
| 10:30 am | Fr. White, S.J. |
| 4:30 pm | Campus Ministry |

November 28-29, 2020

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

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed, and will have Outdoor Communion. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to church@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Thanksgiving Day Mass and Parish Office Schedule

Even as we are enduring the struggles, isolation and uncertainty of this pandemic, we still have so much for which to be grateful. Our mass on Thanksgiving Day will be held at 9:30 am. If you can, please join us. If you cannot, please try to spend some time with your family, or friends on Zoom, sharing about those blessings which mean the most to you, and together offer thanks to God and one another. Deo gratias!

In commemoration of the holiday, the Parish Office will be closed Thanksgiving Day, November 26th, and Friday, November 27th.

Change in Mass Schedule

The last 4:30 pm Mass (the Campus Ministry Mass) for the year will be this Sunday, November 22nd. It will resume when classes resume at the end of January.