

## **St. Francis Xavier (College) Church**

*The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis*  
**3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108**  
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**November 28th, 2021**  
**First Sunday of Advent**

### **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](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.

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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).

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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**



Thanksgiving and the start of Advent share a weekend nearly every year. That is not, of course, deliberate. Advent has been around a little bit longer. It is worth pondering, however, this happy coincidence.

The national holiday is rooted in a sense of gratitude. It is the one day of the year when Americans together to give thanks. This communal action is focused especially on our family and friends. I consider Thanksgiving weekend a kind of unspoken celebration of the ties that bind. It is a ritualized way of recognizing the connections that provide meaning to our lives.

Gratitude is essential to our Christian faith. The recognition of God’s abundant blessings poured out on all creation is fundamental to us. The Advent season focuses our gratitude on the gift of Emmanuel, God with us. The God who makes all things new has come among us and will come again. We live our lives with a sense of joy and thankfulness because of this truth. Discipleship requires a profound sense of gratitude.

A good way to begin Advent is to allow Thanksgiving to linger in our hearts and minds. The celebration has ended, and the food is probably all gone by now. What remains is the sense of all that we have received out of love. The recognition of how blessed we are is perfect for entering Advent.

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

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 offered a silent auction, and we are selling raffle tickets. Raffle tickets are available in the back of church or in the Parish Center, and can also be purchased online. (Anyone who donates above \$10 also receives one raffle ticket.)



THE IGNITE CAMPAIGN  
 ST. FRANCIS XAVIER (COLLEGE)  
 CHURCH

Every week, we are highlighting different ministries and activities of our parish as a way of showing the impact of your generosity.

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

[https://  
forms.gle/6oKd7qauSC2iweFL8](https://forms.gle/6oKd7qauSC2iweFL8)

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.



For a synodal Church  
communion | participation | mission

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

### Welcoming Divinity Amongst Us: The ‘Son of Man’ Texts in the Gospels

The faith and the tradition of the Church, our Creeds, in the homilies we hear at Mass, all of these have proclaimed Jesus as the Son of God. Yet, when we return to the Gospels, we discover that the manner in which Jesus spoke of himself most frequently was as ‘Son of Man.’ In this Advent season Scripture study, we will look at how the ‘Son of Man’ was understood in apocalyptic literature, and how this apocalyptic ‘Son of Man’ informs how Jesus was received in the Gospel narratives. Was the ‘Son of Man’ a comment on Jesus’s humanity? Or was it a revelation of his divinity?

The first meeting of this Scripture study will be this Sunday, November 28, in the ballroom after the 10:30 am Mass.

## *Advent Materials*

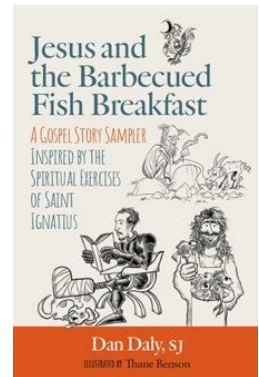
The season of Advent begins today. Following the Sunday morning Masses, Advent reflection booklets, books, and calendars available in the ballroom. The booklets include writings from Pope Francis, John Kavanaugh, SJ, Sr. Dianne Bergant, Henri Nouwen, Ronald Rolheiser, and others. The Little Blue Book 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 on Gospel passages.

Advent wreath bases and candles are still available along with CDs with recordings of Fr. John Kavanaugh's homilies. Items may be reserved for pickup on other days when the parish office is open.

Come down to the 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](mailto: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 to the best of life! Open the door of the cage, go out and fly! Please, don't take an early retirement (No. 143).*



## 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. 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](https://youtube.com/c/StFrancisXavierCollegeChurch)

### M. Shawn Copeland

*Theology must learn to see in the dark.  
Theology emerges from God's gracious act  
of mercy at our wrestling for  
meaning in our human condition.*

M. Shawn Copeland

M. Shawn Copeland is an African American Catholic Theologian and Professor Emerita of Boston College where she taught systematic theology to undergraduate and graduate students. Although recently retired from academic life, she remains active in speaking and writing about Black Catholic Theology, exploring issues of race, gender, poverty, and oppression. In her recent address, "Black Lives Matter as Public Theology," at the 31st annual meeting of the Black Catholic Theological Symposium she spoke about "using critique, organizing, advocacy, protest, and love to fight for the lives and survival, flourishing and beauty of Black human beings."



Dr. Copeland's advocacy for Black Catholic spirituality began well before her university career. She lived much of her early life as a nun with the Adrian Dominican Sisters, serving as the Executive Director of the National Black Sisters' Conference for several years. She holds the honor of having served as the first African American and first African American woman President of the Catholic Theological Society of America (2001-2005). With a national and international reputation for her scholarship, M. Shawn Copeland has been the recipient of many accolades, including the Catholic Theological Society of America's highest honor: the John Courtney Murray Award which she received in 2018.

A prolific writer, she is the author of 13 books and numerous articles. The 2010 publication of "Enfleshing Freedom: Body, Race, and Being" is considered seminal work.

Dr. Copeland continues to share her knowledge as she writes for both popular and professional publications, and she speaks at conferences throughout the world. She enriches our understanding of God and what it means to be human.

### Creole People in Catholic History

by Sara Price

In honor of National Black Catholic History Month, we would like to highlight an ethnic group that is often overshadowed in our culture. And although they are overlooked by some cultures, they have made a significant impact on history, and still do to this very day.

Creoles are a predominantly Catholic ethnic group of mixed lineages, ranging from African/African American, French, Spanish and Indigenous American. In the United States, people of Creole descent live mostly in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Due to their location in the US, Creole people were heavily influenced by the Ursuline Sisters and the Sisters of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. Some Creole descendants were free people of color while others were descendants of enslaved Africans.

Because of the slave trade, Creole people reside in other countries or territories as well, including Belize, home of our sister parish, St. Peter Claver; French Guiana; Grenada; Guadalupe; Guyana; Haiti; Martinique; St. Lucia; St. Martin; and Cape Verde.

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Although both Creoles and Cajuns can be from Louisiana, the ethnic groups aren't interchangeable. While Creoles have an African background, Cajuns have Acadian ancestors. Acadians are an ethnic group that settled in Louisiana, following their expulsion from Canada as a consequence of having resisted British rule and having aligned with Native American tribes during the French and Indian War.

Some notable people of Creole descent include Sidney Poitier; Phylicia Rashad and Debbie Allen; Jon Batiste; Alexandre Dumas; Sheila Escovedo "Sheila E"; Branford and Wynton Marsalis; Kate Chopin, St. Louis native; CC Sabathia; and Bryant and Greg Gumble.

### **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: <https://tinyurl.com/metropolitancongregations>

For more information, please contact Carl Greiner at [carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com](mailto:carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com).

Please see the parish e-newsletter for additional information on the December presentation.

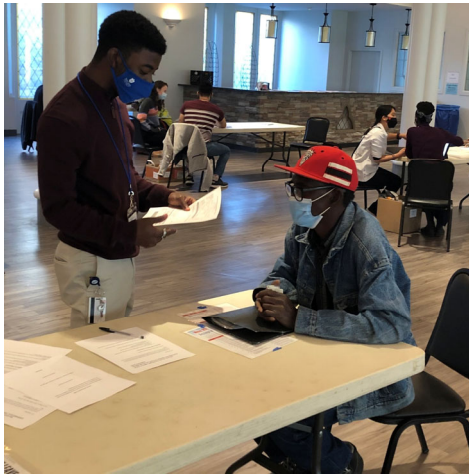
### **Xavier Winter Inn—Volunteers Needed!**

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.

Winter Inn relies on volunteer support each year. Thank you for considering plugging into this initiative! Please contact Jasmine Brown at [outreach@sfxstl.org](mailto:outreach@sfxstl.org) or (314) 977-7311 to learn more about volunteering.

### SOCIAL MINISTRY

#### Social Ministry Christmas Appeal



Every year at Christmas, we reach out to our parish community for specific support that helps to sustain our work over the coming year through the Social Ministry Christmas Appeal. This year is no different. As the cornerstone program of Social Ministry, the Outreach Program for ID and birth certificate assistance particularly relies on your end of year contributions.

We are proud that our program offers a unique service, providing the only large scale, consistent identification assistance in the region. This year, we are also grateful to have hired a Mobile Outreach Coordinator who is exploring ways to make IDs and birth certificates more accessible in the region as a whole. Your donation will ensure the sustainability of our onsite program each Tuesday, as well as build the groundwork for expansion of identification access in St. Louis.

The second collection on the weekends of December 5th and 12th will go to Social Ministry. You can also give online anytime by visiting: <https://bit.ly/socialministryappeal>.

Contact Christine with any questions at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) or (314) 977-7309. Thank you so much for your ongoing support!

#### Happy Holidays from the Sister Parish / Fair Trade Committee!

Our committee will 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.

Thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you a blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas.





## 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.

This 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: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass)

**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**

We are happy to announce the return of a Children's Choir for our Family Christmas Eve Mass this year! This will include vocalists and instrumentalists!

The rehearsals for this group will be held on :

- Saturday, December 4, 9-10:30 in the church**
- Sunday, December 12, 12-1:30 in the ballroom**
- Saturday, December 18, 9-12:30 in the church**

If your child would like to participate, please email Julie at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org)

We do ask that instrumentalists at minimum be in their second year of school instruction, as they will be reading and learning the music outside of rehearsal time. (We will need to hear from potential instrumentalists by **today, Sunday, November 28.**)

Our Christmas Eve tableau will also return this year! This is a simple visual of the Gospel narrative of Jesus' birth and we are seeking angels, shepherds, and even a few animals. Costumes are provided. There will be two brief rehearsals after Mass on December 12 and December 19. Please email Terry at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) if your child is interested in having a part.

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

For The Period July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2021

|                              | Actual             | Budget             | \$ Var           | Prior Year<br>Actual | \$ Var             |
|------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Ordinary Income/Expense      |                    |                    |                  |                      |                    |
| Income                       |                    |                    |                  |                      |                    |
| Unrestricted Revenue         | \$ 155,469         | \$ 181,625         | \$ (26,156)      | \$ 187,299           | \$ (31,829) (1)    |
| Restricted Offerings & Gifts | 26,891             | 29,735             | (2,844)          | 16,732               | 10,159 (2)         |
| Program Fees                 | 18,244             | 8,375              | 9,869            | 9,668                | 8,576 (3)          |
| Investment Income            | 97                 | 80                 | 17               | 119                  | (23)               |
| Grant Revenue                | 22,085             | 10,250             | 11,835           | 17,604               | 4,482 (4)          |
| Other Revenues               | 58,110             | 48,485             | 9,625            | 55,753               | 2,358 (5)          |
| Merchant Account Fees        | (3,721)            | (5,225)            | 1,504            | (4,475)              | 754                |
| <b>Total Income</b>          | <b>277,175</b>     | <b>273,325</b>     | <b>3,850</b>     | <b>282,699</b>       | <b>(5,524)</b>     |
| Expenses                     |                    |                    |                  |                      |                    |
| Personnel Costs              | 163,398            | 177,228            | (13,830)         | 157,813              | 5,585 (6)          |
| Supplies                     | 16,311             | 8,756              | 7,555            | 7,794                | 8,516 (7)          |
| Fees & Services              | 53,023             | 50,129             | 2,894            | 38,707               | 14,316             |
| Occupancy                    | 68,187             | 66,373             | 1,814            | 55,557               | 12,629             |
| Tfrs Other Parishes/Diocese  | 30,980             | 31,008             | (28)             | 35,328               | (4,348)            |
| <b>Total Expenses</b>        | <b>331,898</b>     | <b>333,493</b>     | <b>(1,595)</b>   | <b>295,199</b>       | <b>36,699</b>      |
| Net Ordinary Income          | (54,723)           | (60,168)           | 5,446            | (12,501)             | (42,222)           |
| Other Income/(Expense)       | (1,239)            | (10,000)           | 8,761            | —                    | (1,239) (8)        |
| <b>Net Loss</b>              | <b>\$ (55,962)</b> | <b>\$ (70,168)</b> | <b>\$ 14,206</b> | <b>\$ (12,501)</b>   | <b>\$ (43,462)</b> |

1) Offertory is behind budget 15% and behind the prior year 25%.

2) Restricted revenue slightly under budget due to fewer maintenance fund donations than expected. Restricted revenue was higher than the prior year due to more Social Ministry and Anti-Racism program donations.

3) Program fees were over budget and the prior year due to higher than anticipated Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and youth formation registration fees. This increase will be offset in future periods with increased expenses for the yearlong CGS Catechist Training.

4) Grant revenue was ahead of budget and the prior year due to receipt of more grant funds for Social Ministry outreach.

5) Other revenue is ahead of budget and the prior year due to Ignite Campaign donations (gala donations) being received earlier than budgeted or received in the prior year. This is offset when comparing the current year to the prior year by lower wedding and ballroom rentals in the current year.

6) Personnel costs is under budget due to openings in several budgeted positions.

## Circle of Creation Green Corner

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-wintery-walks-on-greenways/>

Visit [sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation) for more resources.

Our Presider Schedule will return next week.

### This Sunday's Scripture Readings

**First Reading:**  
Jeremiah 33:14-16

**Responsorial Psalm:**  
Psalm 25:4-5, 8-9, 10, 14

**Second Reading:**  
I Thessalonians 3:12—4:2

**Gospel:**  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

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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](https://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!



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