



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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sfxstl.org

February 13th, 2022
Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

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

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

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

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

MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Fr. Dan White at frdan@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

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

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

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

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

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Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

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

Join our prayer group on Zoom,

Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

joy@canainstitute.org for info.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

My friends at Wikipedia inform us that "an arborist, tree surgeon, or arboriculturist, is a professional in the practice of arboriculture, which is the cultivation, management, and study of individual trees, shrubs, vines, and other perennial woody plants."

If not quite a tree surgeon, the prophet Jeremiah seems conversant in the arboricultural arts. He is aware of what makes for the flourishing of a bush or tree. Jeremiah recognized water was life in the dry, barren land of Israel. The scorching heat and oppressive climate are destructive to life. It is only when the tree is planted by water that it can thrive. The tree stays green and bears fruit even in drought because it is rooted beside the waters.

One does not need to be an arborist or tree surgeon to grasp the connection to our faith. The spiritual drought will come. The heat will be intense. The question is, where are we planted? The lava waste and empty earth will not sustain us. We need to be by the living water. Roots that stretch out to the stream give life despite the worst of conditions. So long as we remain rooted and grounded in the Lord our God we will remain green. We will continue to bear fruit no matter the circumstances.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick will be celebrated at the Parish masses on February 26 and 27.

**New Parishioner Welcome:**

Sunday, February 20 from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Come meet fellow parishioners and become involved in our community! We host New Parishioner Welcome gatherings on a regular basis. This one will take place in the Ballroom underneath the church on Sunday, February 20th. Hear about ministry opportunities and get to know fellow parishioners. We are so glad you are part of St. Francis Xavier College Church!

Please note: due to the increase in COVID numbers, we'll offer take-home goodie bags instead of serving snacks at this event. Please plan to wear your masks.

Register [here: sfxparishionerwelcome.eventbrite.com](https://sfxparishionerwelcome.eventbrite.com)



Our Leadership Transition: Becoming a more Synodal Church

A Call to Discernment

Thanks to everyone who has participated in a house meeting over the last four months. Parishioners have hosted nearly 30 gatherings in person or on zoom.

Approximately 150 parishioners have participated. In the coming weeks members of our transition team will review all of the notes that were taken at these meetings to continue our parish discernment.

We hope to continue in some form the process of meeting in small groups and sharing our desires and concerns with one another. We see this a core practice for becoming a more synodal church.

Resources on Synodality

[Sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-transition](https://sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-transition)



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

Every session of the Second Vatican Council began with the prayer *Adsumus Sancte Spiritus*, the first word of the Latin original meaning, “We stand before You, Holy Spirit,” which has been historically used at Councils, Synods and other Church gatherings for hundreds of years, being attributed to Saint Isidore of Seville (c. 560 - 4 April 636). As we are called to embrace this synodal path of the Synod 2021-2023, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to operate within us so that we may be a community and a people of grace. For the Synod 2021-2023, we propose to use this simplified version, so that any group or liturgical assembly can pray more easily.

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Reflections on Synodality

For me, synodality means that the laity are called to be in full partnership with the clergy in moving the church forward. In many ways, College Church already embraces this way of being. We are no longer just “helping out” but in fact are “co-responsible”. A clerical model of church is obviously no longer sustainable. If the church is to have a future then we are the ones who must take it there. There is no “vocation crisis” when we live this model of church for we are all equally called to lead.



Marty Lenihan
Pastoral Council Member



ALL THINGS NEW

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**Strategic Pastoral
Planning Initiative**

allthingsnew.archstl.org



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Please visit the All Things New website, allthingsnew.archstl.org, to learn more about the Archdiocese of St. Louis's strategic planning process. At this link, you'll find Frequently Asked Questions, a timeline, and much more. Here's just a sample of what you will find there:

Why do we need "All Things New"?

We all know that the Church of today is not the same that it was 50, 100 or 150+ years ago, and yet we are still functioning in many ways out of the same mode of evangelization. We have inherited a great treasure of Catholic institutions from previous generations, but as the Catholic population and society have shifted over the past several decades, they are no longer as effective or sustainable as they once were.

We are closer now to 2050 than to 1950. We need to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries and institutions need to look like in order to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children and generations to come.

All Things New will evaluate the effectiveness of the Church in St. Louis in proclaiming the Gospel and will identify opportunities for improvement and renewal within all parishes, schools and curia offices and agencies.

What Comes Next?

Disciple Maker Index

Every parish in the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be participating in the archdiocesan-wide Disciple Maker Index (DMI) Survey between Ash Wednesday, March 2 and April 4, 2022. This nationally-recognized survey has been administered at parishes around the United States and Canada since 2013. The results from the survey will not only be used for information and planning for parishes, but will also be included in the national results which track trends, growth and Church-related opportunities nationwide.

The Disciple Maker Index (DMI) is an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching and other aspects of parish life.



Antiracism at College Church February is Black History Month

Black History Month is an annual observance intended to celebrate the achievements of African Americans. The monthlong celebration derives from an initiative—Negro History Week—launched by the historian Carter G. Woodson. Woodson, whose parents had been enslaved, obtained graduate degrees from the University of Chicago and from Harvard. In 1926 he introduced Negro History Week as a means of not only acknowledging the accomplishments of African Americans, but also of encouraging instruction of that history in public schools. He chose the second week of February for the commemoration because that week contains the birthdays of both Abraham Lincoln and Frederick Douglass. Over the decades, Negro History Week grew in popularity, aided by state departments of education, churches, and the media.

Despite having founded Negro History Week, Woodson was never of the opinion that black history should be confined to a specific and limited period of time; instead, he believed that it should be made known and taught throughout the year. In 1969, black educators and students at Kent State University proposed the celebration of Black History Month, and it was first observed at that university in 1970. Other educational institutions, with growing numbers of black students, began to follow suit and soon observance of Black History Month spread across the country. It was officially recognized by President Gerald Ford in 1976.

More recently, Black History Month has afforded an opportunity to celebrate the achievements of the African diaspora. While the United States and Canada observe it in February, the United Kingdom, the Republic of Ireland, and the Netherlands have designated October as Black History Month.

Saints of Color Novena

On February 20th, we will begin a virtual Saints of Color Novena. The Catholic Church is rich with saints and witnesses that inspire us towards holiness, righteousness, and greater charity. These virtuous lives remind us of God's love and compassion for humanity.

A team of lay people, priests, and religious from the Saint Louis area have been working hard to create this Novena. Our hope is that you'll become inspired through prayer as we come to know these saints and holy people of color more personally.

The novena will introduce us to nine holy figures through nine different videos. As we pray alongside each holy figure, we will ask for the grace to have a deeper conversion of heart. This novena will expand our notions of holiness, allow us to build personal relationships with these saints, and cultivate a spirit of unity and dialogue among the faithful.

Videos for the Saints of Color Novena will be posted daily starting on February 20th at TheJesuitPost.org and on all of our social media platforms. We hope that you will join us. God Bless!

In the Lord,

Emmanuel Arenas, S.J.

Jesuit Scholastic, USA Midwest Province

Historically Black Colleges and Universities

The news in recent days has been filled with reports of threats directed against historically black colleges and universities. Realizing that the threats have occurred at the start of Black History Month stirs an interest in the role and significance of these institutions for members of the black community.

Historically black colleges and universities (HBCUs) are institutions of higher learning founded to serve the black community at a time when most postsecondary schools either did not admit African Americans or imposed very limiting quotas. Most of the HBCUs were established after the Civil War and before the 1964 Civil Rights Act, and they are regarded as being largely responsible for the creation and expansion of the black middle class.

There are currently 101 HBCUs in the United States, comprising both public and private institutions. Private institutions were typically founded with the aid of religious missionary organizations; public institutions were usually established via land grants. HBCUs in our area include Lincoln University in Jefferson City, founded by African American veterans of the Civil War, and Harris-Stowe State University in St. Louis. Xavier University in New Orleans is the only Catholic HBCU, endowed by Mother Katherine Drexel. Enrollment at HBCUs has decreased over the years as a function of desegregation. Consequently, federal programs have been enacted to provide financial support to the institutions, whose graduates include Vice President Kamala Harris (Howard University), Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall (Lincoln University in Pennsylvania; Howard University School of Law), and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. (Morehouse College).

IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AND ANTIRACISM:

A CALL TO CONVERSION

The path we follow on the journey of racial justice is illuminated and strengthened through the gifts of Ignatian Spirituality. Join us as we learn from some of the most knowledgeable and engaging speakers who will share their perspectives and experiences with grounding the work of racial justice in Ignatian Spirituality. This three-session virtual series of consequential and thought-provoking presentations will include opportunity for discussion and reflection.

PLEASE REGISTER TO PARTICIPATE WITH THIS LINK:
bit.ly/ignatian-antiracism

February 9, 2022
7:30-9:00pm CST

Thomas F. Clark S.J.
You Are That Man!
2 Samuel 12:7



Thomas F. Clark is the pastor of Immaculate Conception Church, an historically Black Catholic Church, and the Catholic Chaplain to Southern University in Baton Rouge, LA. His ministries have included secondary education, hospital chaplain, chaplain to an HIV clinic, and pastor.

February 16, 2022
7:30-9:00pm CST

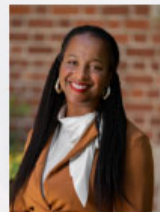
Danielle Harrison
Call of the King...Call of the People: Ignatian Spirituality and the Invitation to Allyship



Danielle Harrison is the President of Mission, Faith, Equity Consulting, helping organizations understand the relationship between faith and equitable justice. Danielle also works with Cor Jesu Academy as the Charism and Mission Integration Director and serves on the preaching team at Kings' House Retreat Center in Belleville, Illinois.

February 23, 2022
7:30-9:00pm CST

Mary J. Wardell-Ghiraduzzi
A Redemptive Call to the Altar: Ignatian Spirituality for Anti-Racism and Racial Justice



Dr. Mary J. Wardell-Ghiraduzzi is an academic and thought leader on race, leadership, and faith-informed social justice. She is the inaugural vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) and Full Professor of Communication at University of the Pacific.

All sessions will be moderated by **Hung Pham, S.J.**

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YOUTH AND FAITH FAMILY FORMATION

Yummies for Youth Faith Coming Soon

Winter doldrums have you down? Turn your thoughts to Mardi Gras, ice cream, vegetables gardens and picnics. These are just some of the auction baskets parishioners can win in the College Church "Yummies for Youth Faith Fundraiser."

Once again the traditional Youth Faith Formation fundraiser Pancake Breakfast has been canceled. But in the tradition of fun and food, parishioners will have the opportunity to bid on numerous food-themed baskets, through an online auction at the end of February.

Party-goers will enjoy the Mardi Gras basket with authentic food, drink and souvenirs, sports fans can welcome opening day (we hope) with Cardinal items and ballpark food. Ice cream lovers can have their fill; tea drinkers will have their choice of beverages. And who doesn't want a pizza party?

Hands-on types can grow their own vegetables with a gardening basket, cookie makers can find their inner baker with a "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie" basket. These are just a few of the baskets that will be available.

This is the only Youth Faith Formation fundraiser. Money raised helps cover program costs, and ensures that no one is ever turned away from religious education for financial concerns. Thank you in advance for your support.

Early Bird Basket Now Available



The College Church Youth Faith Formation program is holding a "Yummies for Youth Faith" online auction, featuring baskets with food-related themes. The entire auction will be live starting February 23, but we have a sneak-peek item, for early bidding.

This item, an authentic Mardi Gras Basket, will make you the hosts of the best Mardi Gras party north of New Orleans.

Contents include:

- Liquors and mixes for authentic Mardi Gras drinks
- Ingredients and seasonings for red beans and rice and jambalaya
- Beads, masks and parade footballs straight from New Orleans!

The basket has a value of \$100. Bids may be placed at yummiesfaith.givesmart.com. The auction will close at 5 pm on Sunday, February 20, in time for a fabulous party.

For more information contact Terry Edelman at 314.712.4216.

Circle of Creation Green Corner



“Where is Away?” from the St. Louis County Library featuring Jean Ponzi, the Green Resources Manager for the Earthways Center of the MO Botanical Garden, is now available for viewing on YouTube at <https://tinyurl.com/yssifjgz>.

Publics Electronics Recycling events sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)

February 19, 2022 8:00 AM to Noon
2505 South Brentwood Boulevard
Brentwood, MO, 63144
Hosted by the City of Brentwood

February 26 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
Wohlend Elementary School
5966 Telegraph Road
Saint Louis, MO, 63129
Hosted by Wohlend Elementary School

March 5 from 9:00 AM to 12:30 PM
St. Margaret of Scotland
3964 Castleman Avenue
South Saint Louis City, MO, 63110
Hosted by St. Margaret of Scotland/Troop 110

Confluence Trash Ban takes place near the end of March, 2022 (*date not yet finalized*). Help Great Rivers Greenway clean up the rivers and creeks within the Confluence area. You can complete the form here: <http://greatriversgreenway.org/event/save-the-date-confluence-trash-bash-2/> to be notified when registration is open.

Visit sfxstl.org/circleofcreation to learn more.

February 12-13, 2022

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

February 19-20, 2022

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading:

Jeremiah 17:5-8

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6

Second Reading:

I Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

Gospel:

Luke 6:17, 20-26

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Lexi Mentzel at bulletin@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.

Thank you for your support!



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