



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 27th, 2022
Eighth 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.

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 Monica Gunn
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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

Lent begins this week. We have had a long time between the Christmas season and Ash Wednesday. That means we are more than ready to jump into this season of penance and preparation.

The season's origins are complicated. There is little agreement, even among liturgical scholars, on how exactly Christians came to celebrate Lent. Most trace the roots to three practices of the early Church. The first and most ancient was a forty day fast begun in Egypt as preparation for the Easter celebration. The fourth and fifth centuries witnessed the emergence of the catechumenate. This is the formation period of people preparing for baptism. The last weeks of the process culminated in receiving the sacraments of initiation at the Easter vigil. Finally, the time before Easter was a special period of reconciliation for those who had been excommunicated due to serious sin. They were allowed rejoin the full community at Easter.

The mixture of these three distinct practices blended into the thick liturgical gumbo we know as Lent. There is a great deal going on in this season. Catechumens and candidates are receiving their final instruction as they prepare for full communion in the Church. We are engaged in the spiritual practices of reconciliation, prayer, penance and fasting. The point of all, however, is Easter. Lent serves to prepare the Christian people to once more share in the Christ's Paschal Mystery. This great celebration of His death and resurrection is the reason for all we do over the next forty days.

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:

Pathrose Michael Planthottathil, (father of parishioner, Rana Mercy Pathrose)

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





**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.



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

O Spirit, blow where you will!

**O Holy Spirit Come, bless this Synod
Come, open the hearts of all participants to
God’s will**

**At this moment in time for the Catholic
Church And for all members of the Body of
Christ.**

**Let us follow You where God wills for us to
travel**

**Let the Catholic Church “Receive ... in the
Lord” the messengers of God’s will for us at
this time**

**As the community in Rome received St.
Phoebe
witnessing to St. Paul’s Letter to the
Roman’s.**

**St. Phoebe, be with us
Let our ears be attentive, let our hearts be
open**

Resources on Synodality

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

Reflections on Synodality

As I reflect on my hopes and desires for our SFX College Church community to become an even more synodal church, my heart and my imagination turn towards the many questions...

What does it really look like to be a more listening church? How might we lean into a practice of even more generous, open-hearted listening...with each other, with all of God’s people, at all times? To whom do we listen? Whose voices are invited and who do we hear? In what ways do each of us feel equally called to bring our unique gifts to this work? What would it look like to embody co-responsibility and participation, both individually and collectively? How does our understanding of leadership evolve and transform through a synodal process? With whom are we building community and seeking collaboration? With whom are we in relationship? How are we welcoming joy and laughter, messes and mistakes, curiosity and feedback as we accompany each other on this road? In what ways are we listening to the murmur of the Holy Spirit in this moment and in this movement?

These are big questions! May I/we continue to pray for the courage and grace to live into the questions and to listen with love as we continue on our shared journey of



*Aimee Wittman
Progress Management Team*

NOTA BENE*

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins on March 2. Reflection materials will be available in the Lower Hall after the Sunday morning masses next week. These include: the Little Black Book with a scripture verse and a reflection on a person, event or practice that invites us to deeper faith; Sacred Space from the Irish Jesuits with a line from one of the readings of the day and a reflection on it; Daybreak is a series that presents passages from the writings of particular authors arranged for reflection during Lent. Each booklet features a different author. These include Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ,, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, and Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA. There are also booklets with reflections by Pope Francis and Henri Nouwen. There are booklets for children including the Little Purple book and teens as well. For more information, please contact Joseph Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu.



ALL THINGS NEW
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

The Disciple Maker Index is a tool to help parishes and diocese to recognize the strengths and active ministries in parishes. It has 75 questions that can be answered online and is available in multiple languages.

The index invites all who attend a parish, whether registered parishioners or not, to describe their faith life. It is designed to help you reflect on your faith, on the role that it has in your life, and on your engagement and participation in parish life. Additionally, it asks that you reflect on the parish, its ministries and how well it is serving in those ministries.

The Index will be available starting on Ash Wednesday, March 2, through April 4. The number of participants and the comments received will have direct influence on the restructuring of parishes during the summer of 2022. Please plan to participate and help shape the life of the Church in the Archdiocese for the coming years.

**This section named in tribute to the "Nota bene" ("Note well") sign on a bulletin board Fr. Dan remembers from being a scholastic...it was the first phrase in Latin he ever learned.*

Lenten Directives

"The Kingdom of God is at hand. Repent and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:15)

The Church invites us to follow this call of Christ by prescribing penitential practices during the Lenten season. Specifically, the American Bishops have prescribed the following observances for Lent:

Fasting is a sign of our complete dependence upon God. God is the source of our life and we show our reliance upon God rather than ourselves or food through fasting. Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 15) are days of fasting for those from the ages of 18-59. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). Our common fasting manifests our collective commitment to place God first in our lives.

Abstinence from meat invites us to join the poor of the world in eating simply. As Jesus emptied himself and shared in the poverty of the human condition, we are asked to embrace the poverty of those who have only subsistence diets. Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence from meat. Abstinence applies to all who are 14 years of age and older, unless there is a serious health problem.

In addition to these shared practices, everyone is encouraged to find ways during Lent to draw closer to God through prayer and spiritual practices.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Welcome to our new Social Ministry team members!

Social Work Practicum Student: Madeline Powers



My name is Madeline Powers and I will be joining the Birth Certificate and Identification program for the spring semester. I am in my first year at Washington University pursuing my Masters degree in Social Work. I am most interested in community development and economic justice particularly through policy reform. You can generally find me, Sean, and our three boys on Sunday morning hiding in the transept. I am very happy to get to spend my time at SFX this semester.

Communications Development Americorps VISTA: Brendan Underwood



Hello! My name is Brendan Underwood, and I am happy to be the new VISTA in the Communication Development Specialist role for the College Church. I am a Saint Louis local, and I have dedicated my time since high school to offer what I can to my community, whether it be in the city or in North County, when it comes to building supportive structures, awareness, and opportunities. Saint Louis and its people are beautiful and important, and I cannot wait to be of further service.

Reminder: Don't forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, soup, chili, corn bread, brownie mix, and gift boxes from your friendly College Church Fair Trade Committee. All proceeds directly benefit our Jesuit sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize. Order online at <https://sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick



The sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick continues the ministry of Jesus through the church in offering strength, healing, and renewal to all who are sick, who are preparing for or recovering from surgery, or who have experienced the diminishment of life through advancing age. It is available individually throughout the year to anyone who is in need. This weekend, at the 5:15 mass on Saturday and at the 8:00 and 10:30 masses on Sunday, the sacrament will be offered after the homily of the mass. By the anointing, Christ's love and compassion is expressed in a tangible way; connection to the Christian community is reaffirmed; assurance that the person is not alone in this experience is extended; and prayer for healing, strength and peace is offered.

Following the homily, the community prays for those to be anointed and those who are near them can hold their hand, place a hand on a shoulder, or extend a hand toward them during the prayer. After the prayer, the priests will come down the aisles to anoint those who wish to receive the sacrament. Please stay at your pew. Those who are able should step out into the aisle next to their pew. Those who are unable to stand may remain in their seat and raise a hand as the priest comes down the aisle. You will be anointed on your forehead and the palms of your hands with the words:

Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Res: Amen

May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up. Res: Amen



Antiracism at College Church Parish History Presentation

Last December, College Church began a racial equity review designed to appraise every aspect of parish life with a view toward identifying, and dismantling, the ways in which systemic racism is preserved. The review process began with the collection and examination of the parish's history within the context of historical developments in the City of St. Louis, the Archdiocese of St. Louis, the Society of Jesus, and St. Louis University.

As compilation of that history progressed, the need to share it with the entire parish became increasingly clear. In response, members of the Parish Equity Review Team have been preparing a video presentation—available for viewing as of today, February 27—which addresses the importance of knowing our history as a parish, elevates some of the highlights of our history, and explores how knowledge of that history helps move us toward the goal of becoming an antiracist church. In addition to the video, an accompanying brochure containing an historical timeline and inviting parishioners to engage with our history is also available, as of 2/27, in the back of church. The video may be viewed by visiting the College Church YouTube channel.

Supporting Black-Owned Businesses

Small businesses have long been wealth builders in our society. When small businesses flourish, so do their communities. Black-owned businesses face obstacles in creating and growing their business due to struggles to attain bank loans and securing capital and investors. Supporting Black-owned businesses today is more important than ever as many continue to recover from the economic loss caused by the coronavirus pandemic. During Covid-19, 41% of Black-owned businesses shut down compared with 17% of white-owned businesses. Here are several reasons why supporting Black-owned businesses is important.

Reduce the Racial Wealth Gap

The median wealth of white families is 12 times that of Black families. The racial wealth gap had its origins in the Jim Crow era and the practice of redlining by the banking industry. Entrepreneurship can be an effective way for people of color to create wealth and reduce economic disparities. Black businesses hire employees from the surrounding neighborhoods which fuels job opportunities in communities of color.

Strengthen Local Economies

There are 2.6 million Black-owned businesses in America. Black businesses create one million jobs compared to 56 million for white-owned businesses. Half of small businesses' purchases, however, are recirculated locally.

Foster Job Creation

The unemployment rate of Black Americans is double that of whites. Black entrepreneurs can fuel the Black community's economic prosperity. Black businesses hire from the neighborhoods in which they're located, creating opportunities for meaningful savings, building credit, owning property, and increasing generational wealth. It is worth noting that Black women-owned businesses make up 21% of all women-owned businesses.

Celebrate Black Culture

A common objective of Black entrepreneurs is to provide products and services that are staples of African American culture. By supporting Black-owned businesses you support Black pride, unity, and determination. Sharing Black-owned business products and services on social media platforms and by word of mouth will help extend the market reach for those businesses.

The challenge is to be conscious that truly supporting Black-owned businesses means more than showing up during certain times of the year like Black History Month and Juneteenth.

<https://www.fortheculturestl.com/>

<https://black-pages.com/>



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RACIAL JUSTICE JOURNEY: A LENTEN CALL TO CONVERSION



The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in the annual Racial Justice Journey with the theme "A Lenten Call to Conversion." Each week we will offer a variety of articles, personal reflections, podcasts, and videos on the theme of racial justice. It is not necessary to view every entry. You may select material that is meaningful to you and best guides your path. It is most beneficial to bring your thoughts and feelings about the material to our prayer. Printed prayer cards including a racial justice examen, and other prayers for racial justice will be available at the back of the church.

Please visit sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation for more information or to sign up for email alerts.

Wednesday March 2 Ash Wednesday	Thursday March 3	Friday March 4	Saturday March 5
Antiracism is a Lifelong Commitment—Are You Ready? Article tinyurl.com/5xku32ab	Bryan Stevenson— Teaching History and the Pursuit of Justice Video (7:56) tinyurl.com/3jwzvma4	Bishop DuBourg Article tinyurl.com/2p8zx64f	Speak Their Names: Dr. Jonathan Smith Podcast (29:16) tinyurl.com/2jr5j47r

**SFX Black History Month
Health and Wellness, Maternal Health**

Black History Month is a time of celebration and opportunities to gain experience from the African American community. This year’s theme is health and wellness, and I would like to focus on trailblazers in midwife services for African American mothers in our country.

Forerunners, like nurse and midwife Maude E. Callen (1898-1990), were instrumental in birthing babies for mothers in poverty-stricken areas of South Carolina. During her sixty-two years of practice, Maude delivered more than eight hundred babies and trained midwives and nurses in rural South Carolina. Her services spanned prenatal to postnatal care. Maude operated and ran her own midwife clinic for almost two decades.

Fast-forward to today and we have Lucinda Canty, PhD, CNM, a nursing professor at the University of Saint Joseph, where she has taught for a decade. Dr. Canty has also practiced as a nurse for 30 years and as a nurse midwife for 26 years. Training the next generation of nurses and nurse midwives to practice with care and compassion—and through the lens of antiracism—will have a positive impact on maternal health for women of color throughout the country.

Locally, the Jamaa Birth Village, located in Ferguson, is Missouri’s first Black-owned midwifery clinic. In addition, we large have institutions, such as Mercy Birthing Center Midwifery Care, providing options for safe and supportive birthing.

Notwithstanding the lengthy history of Black women as midwives, mothers of African-American descent are three times more likely to lose their unborn child than other mothers; this is not acceptable in any way. In the City of St. Louis, this glaring loss of life for Black mothers is a fact.

How can we, as a welcoming Catholic Jesuit parish located in the North City Deanery, interrupt this health disparity? Participate in programming at a local crisis nursery. Uplift and support community-based wellness programs that reach the extremes of health care deserts. Let us share our gifts and live the kingdom.

Maurice K. Muia, Pastoral Council – Chair

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Yummies for Youth Faith Silent Auction



Winter doldrums have you down? Turn your thoughts to wine, 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 Silent Auction.

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. The auction closes today, Sunday, February 27th, at 5 pm.

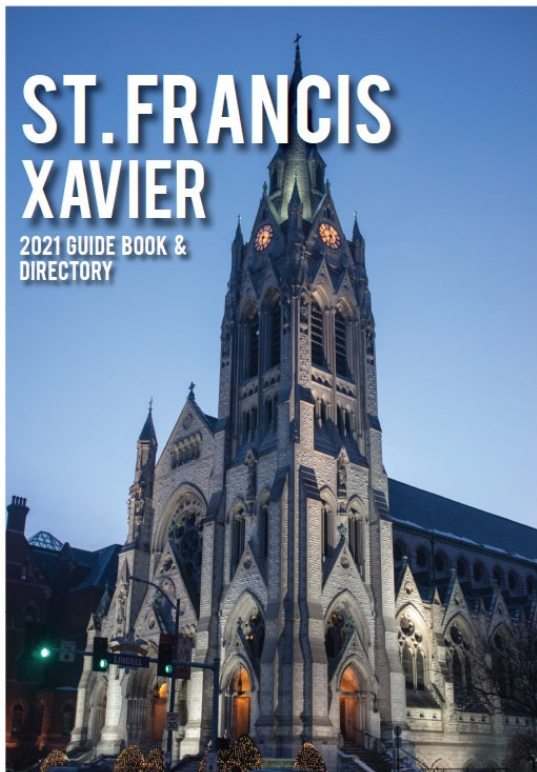
Let yourself succumb to the call of chocolate decadence, Enjoy a girls' day out; give your son or daughter the best sleepover ever. Lighten up breakfast with specialty coffee and fuzzy donut headbands. Forget the Cardinals - have your own Opening Day party. Host the most elegant tea party on this side of the pond.

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 are 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. Bids may be placed at yummiesfaith.givesmart.com. If you have any questions, please contact Terry Edelmann at 314-712-4216.



New Parish Directory Coming Soon



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Help make our new directory the best it can be!

This book is mailed out to all parishioners annually at no cost to you. It contains names and contact information for our active members, as well as descriptions of our commissions and ministries.

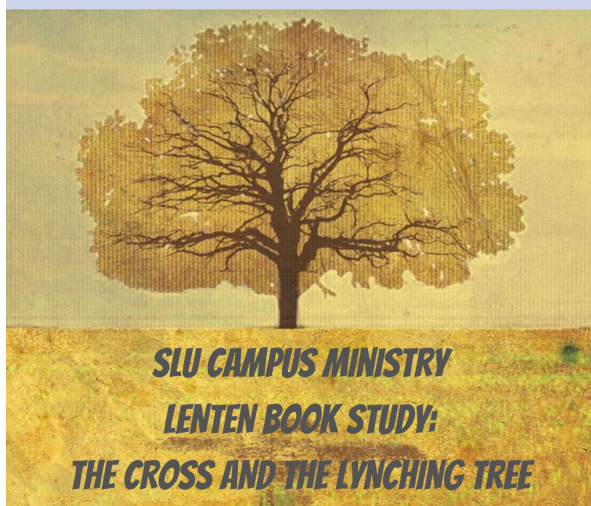
This year, we're also going to be creating a password-protected link on our website with contact information for parishioners, so that you can reach out to your friends at the parish quickly and easily.

How you can help: Have you moved in the last twelve months? Was your name not listed in our previous directory? Has your email address changed? Reach out to Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7304 by **Thursday, March 10** with the updated information you would like us to include. Also please reach out if **you prefer that your information to be unlisted.**

If you are the chair of a commission: Please check the description and member list of your commission in the 2021 directory and let us know if you would like any information to

be updated. You can get a copy of the 2021 directory at the Parish Center.

Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book to cover the costs. Brandie Eaton will be the account manager that will be contacting businesses to see if they want to participate. If you own a business and would like to take part, you can reach her on her cell at 217-231-1565.



Please register for this book study at <https://linktr.ee/sluministry>

THURSDAYS 12:45-1:45PM, MARCH 3-APRIL 14
CONTACT: PATRICK.COUSINS@SLU.EDU



EUCCHARIST FOR THE 400TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE CANONISATION WITH POPE FRANCIS

 LIVE-STREAMED FROM THE GESU CHURCH, ROME



Ignatius of Loyola



Francis Xavier



Teresa of Avila



Isidore the Farmer



Philip Neri

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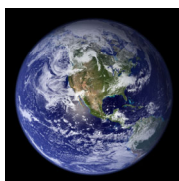
5:00 PM ROME TIME (UTC+1)
12:00 AM MANILA TIME (UTC+8)
9:30 PM NEW DELHI (UTC+5:30)
11 AM NEW YORK (UTC-5)



join at ignatius500.global/live

March 12, 2022 will be the 400th Anniversary of the canonization of St Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier. To celebrate this anniversary, Pope Francis will celebrate mass at the Gesu, the Jesuit church in Rome. You can join the mass at the link above at 10:00am (Central time) on that morning with the whole Jesuit family around the world.

Circle of Creation Green Corner



Mapping a New Geography of Hope: Robin Wall Kimmerer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhOKdJHLDcw>. You may also find worthwhile Robin Wall Kimmerer’s book, *Braiding Sweetgrass, Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, available from Milkweed Editions: <https://milkweed.org/book/braiding-sweetgrass> and from the St. Louis County Library (which holders of St. Louis Public Library cards may also access).

Publics Electronics Recycling events [sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center \(MRC\)](#)

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

March 5 from 8:00 AM to 12:00 PM
7550 Lohmeyer Avenue
Maplewood, MO 63143
Hosted by the City of Maplewood

Confluence Trash Bash takes place April 4 at 8:00am - April 9 at 5:00pm CDT. Help Great Rivers Greenway clean up the rivers and creeks within the Confluence area. You can complete the form here: <http://greatrivergreenway.org/event/save-the-date-confluence-trash-bash-2/> to be notified when registration is open.

Visit sfxstl.org/circleofcreation to learn more.

February 26-27, 2022

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

March 5-6, 2022

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

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Sirach 27:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16

Second Reading:
I Corinthians 15:54-58

Gospel:
Luke 6:39-45

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

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. You can also reach this link through the QR code here.



Thank you for your support!

Ash Wednesday Mass Schedule

Join us as we begin the season of Lent on Wednesday, March 2nd.

Our Masses will be:

7:15 am
Noon
5:15 pm

