

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

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

## February 6th, 2022 Fifth 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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### February 6, 2022

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Mary Lou Ampleman\* Michael Anderson\* Margaret Baughman Bill Bollwerk\* Kathy Bookstaver Maureen Carney\* Linda Castillon\* Marcie Corwin Steve Frank\* Monica Gunn Jessi Haselhorst Paul Hanson\* Mary Jane and Butch Henning\* Jeanne Hermann\* Laura Kaiser and Family Terry Kippenberger\* **Julianne Lister** Tom McDermott Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie \* Karena Menard\* Karen Mitts Mary Mondello Suzanne Mondello Tom Mulvihill, Sr. Nancy Partridge\* & Glider Mark Roddy\* Dennis Saunders\* **Jennifer Saunders\*** Mark Segovia Fr. Gary Seibert, SI\* Alix Serant Louis M. Sherrock Vicki Simon Lucille Sims Greg Stephen Colleen Starkloff Judy Taylor\* Brent Thompson Patricia Wittman 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 ioy@canainstitute.org for info.

## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Pope Francis has a special monthly prayer intention for the entire Church. The February prayer intention is for religious sisters and consecrated women: We pray for religious sisters and consecrated women; thanking them for their mission and their courage; may they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times.

It is impossible to describe the impact religious women have had on the Church around the world, and in this country. Religious life began with men and women living out a radical understanding of what the Gospel demands. It is fair to say that in the United States the Church would be inconceivable without the contribution of religious women. Indeed, a prayer of gratitude for their mission and courage is long over due.

But notice the second part of that prayer. This is not simply a recognition of a fruitful history of service. May they continue to find new responses to the challenges of our times. Religious women are essential to the Church's response to current challenges. The creativity that has been the hallmark of religious women over the centuries is important for our future.

One of the Church's greatest strengths is the diversity of vocations. The Spirit pours out gifts in abundance for the benefit of all. We pray for the generous lives of religious women. We pray as well that all of us use what we have received.

### 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:

Fr. John "Jack" Callahan, SJ

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





### Parish Men's White House Retreat, February 10-13, 2022

Thanks to College Church's leadership, staff and many parishioners, we have ongoing opportunities to study The Spiritual Exercises, created by the Jesuits' founder, St. Ignatius. One excellent opportunity is a retreat based on the Spiritual Exercises, at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center in South County.

The retreat has fabulous presentations by a Jesuit retreat director, daily liturgy, many opportunities to meet

individually with a priest, ample silent time for prayer and reflection in a beautiful natural setting, comfortable accommodations and delicious meals. The retreat can help us apply the Spiritual Exercises to our daily lives to develop our faith, deepen our peace and increase our gratitude. The retreat begins Thursday, February 10th with 7:00 pm dinner and concludes on Sunday the 13th at 2 pm following lunch.

We invite you to prayerfully consider participating. More information (including COVID precautions) and registration is available at www.whretreat.org or by calling John Hartung (314-326-6018), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599) or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).



### February 6, 2022



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



## 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

## 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

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



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.

Dr. Mary J. Wardell-Ghirarduzzi 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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# Discernment 101

Saturday mornings of prayer and reflection on God's will for your life

for women ages 16-33\*

FEB	MAR	APR	MAY
12	26	30	21
Vocation: A Response of Love to Love	The Examen: A Path to Freedom	Making Decisions in Peace	Courageous Discipleship

# 8:30 AM - 12:30 PM

## Mass • Refreshments • Talk • Discussion Eucharistic Adoration

Pauline Books & Media, 9804 Watson Road, St. Louis Can't travel? Ask about joining us on Zoom!

## RSVP to Sr. Amanda Marie stlouisvocations@paulinemedia.com

\*If you are under 18, you will need permission from a parent or guardian to attend. Please conact Sr. Amanda for details.

### Antiracism at College Church Update from the Antiracism Team

With the start of a new calendar year, the members of the Antiracism Team took the opportunity to look back on the path we have traveled for the past three and a half years that we have been meeting. We reflected on the growth we have witnessed in our parish's desire to become an antiracist community, and we began to look ahead to create the support needed to continue and to build on that growth. Many examples of the work of antiracism can be witnessed in ministries and works throughout the parish. For instance, in collaboration with the Antiracism Team's Liturgical and Spirituality Committee, SFX staff and catechists have been exploring the religious imagery presented to children in their classroom space and working to ensure that they encounter diverse representation. Last year, members of the pastoral council and other parish leaders not only incorporated the annual Racial Justice Journey into their Lenten observance, many participated in weekly Spiritual Conversations to share their prayer experience. Our understanding of the impact of systemic racism grew as many parishioners participated in educational programs and dialogs, such as "Hiding In Plain Sight." The Racial Equity Review of our parish has begun and the first step, a thorough examination of our history and the ways it has supported as well as opposed racism, will soon be shared with the parish community. We are grateful for the many ways our pastor, Fr. Dan White, SJ, the parish staff, and SFX parishioners have accompanied one another on this journey.

Our desire to engage all members of the College Church community in the work of antiracism is ongoing. We will continue to invite all into conversation, prayer, and action, seeking and developing the right relationship with all of our sisters and brothers that God intends. If you have ideas, questions, or suggestions about the work of the Antiracism Team, please contact Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.net, (314-282-0577) or Lisa Burks, Imburks60@gmail.com, 314-605-5671, Co-Chairs of the Antiracism Team.

In addition to collaboration with individuals and ministries within our parish, we share this journey of racial justice with others in our civic and religious communities. One such connection is with the Jesuit Anti-Racism Sodality, also known as JARS. In the past, members of this group have partnered with the College Church community by initiating the Tuesday evening vigils and offering the "Know Justice Know Peace" racial justice virtual retreats.

### Introduction to UCS JARS

Over the past couple of years, a small group of Jesuits who are in formation have gathered to pray and reflect on the need for an ongoing response to the sin of racism in the world, and more specifically, within the boundaries of the US Central and Southern (UCS) Province of the Society of Jesus. The boundaries of the UCS Province covers the US portions of the Midwest, Gulf South, Puerto Rico and Belize.



Our prayer and reflection have grounded us in the difficult history and current

reality of racism against People of Color within the geographical region of our Province. We recognize that our Province, as well as institutions and individual Jesuits, have contributed to this sinful history. We humbly acknowledge that today, our Province and our Catholic Church remains in need of looking critically and honestly at our history and current reality in order to more faithfully follow the call of Christ, the Eternal King, who preaches a reign of justice, reconciliation, and peace.

We see the following as the threefold call that UCS JARS (Jesuit Anti-Racism Sodality) seeks to responds to: "To see the corrosive effects of racism, to judge this reality from the perspective of our faith in Christ and his Gospel, and to respond with concerted action" (from UCS JARS Proposal, December 29, 2020).



It is our sincere hope that UCS JARS will serve as a space for Jesuit members of our Province and our lay collaborators to gather in order to respond to this call in a sustained, committed, and Spirit-guided way, through the lens of our Ignatian Spirituality.

We encourage all to join us in this new journey by subscribing to our Newsletter, which are sent bi-monthly. To subscribe, you may scan the QR code to the side, or by typing the link: <a href="https://forms.gle/EQbcVPXCdqKAFDwz5">https://forms.gle/EQbcVPXCdqKAFDwz5</a>.

### **Circle of Creation Green Corner**

**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

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

March 11 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM Sat. March 12 from 7:30 AM to 2:00 PM 231 S. Brentwood Boulevard Saint Louis, MO, 63105 Hosted by the City of Clayton

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: <u>http://greatriversgreenway.org/event/save-</u> the-date-confluence-trash-bash-2/ to be notified when registration is open.

Visit <u>sfxstl.org/circleofcreation</u> to learn more.

### **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.

### February 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.I.

### February 12-13, 2022

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

### This Sunday's Scripture Readings

**First Reading:** Isaiah 6:1-2. 3-8

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8

Second Reading: | Corinthians 15:1-11

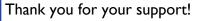
Gospel: Luke 5:1-11

### **Bulletin Articles**

Email bulletin articles to Lexi Mentzel, at bulletin@sfxstl.org, before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.











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