



## **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**

**March 12, 2023**  
**Third Sunday of Lent**

### **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/collegechurchlivestream](https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchlivestream)

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, 10:30 am through 11:45 am.

### **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 frtim@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. Tim McMahon at frtim@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.

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

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 Dave Greiner  
 Jessi Haselhorst  
 Joanie Hasser\*  
 Butch Henning\*  
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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.

**Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator**



By Katie Jansen

Here is more from the Vatican document for the Continental Stage of the Synod on Synodality. This connects to the priority of Evangelization within All Things New. It is essential to understand the role that listening plays in evangelization.

**Listening that becomes welcoming**

*In this journey, the Churches have realized that the path to greater inclusion – the enlarged tent – is a gradual one. **It begins with listening and requires a broader and deeper conversion of attitudes and structures, as well as new approaches to pastoral accompaniment;** it begins in a readiness to recognize that the peripheries can be the place where a call to conversion resounds along with the call to put the Gospel more decisively into practice. Listening requires that we recognize others as subjects of their own journey. When we do this, others feel welcomed, not judged, free to share their own spiritual journey. This has been experienced in many contexts, and for some this has been the most transformative aspect of the whole process. The synodal experience can be read as a path of recognition for those who do not feel sufficiently recognized in the Church. This is especially true for those lay men and women, deacons, consecrated men and women who previously had the feeling that the institutional Church was not interested in their faith experience or their opinions.*

**The reports also reflect on the difficulty of listening deeply and accepting being transformed by it.** They highlight the lack of communal processes of listening and discernment, and call for more training in this area. Furthermore, they point to the persistence of structural obstacles, including: hierarchical structures that foster autocratic tendencies; a clerical and individualistic culture that isolates individuals and fragments relationships between priests and laity; sociocultural and economic disparities that benefit the wealthy and educated; and the absence of "in-between" spaces that foster encounters between members of mutually separated groups.

You can find the full document here: <https://bit.ly/continental-stage>

During this Lent, may we listen more deeply to one another, and let us pray for the grace to be transformed by what we hear.

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers:

Gloria Watson

James Logan

Mauricio Gaborit, SJ (Jesuit of the Central Southern Province)



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



**Today is Donut Sunday!**

**Please join us for coffee, tea, donuts and fellowship after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses.**

## Jesuits Credibly Accused of Sexual Abuse

Recently the Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province added two men to the Province's list of Jesuits and former Jesuits who have been credibly accused of sexual abuse of a minor or vulnerable adult: Daniel V. Campbell and David V. Meconi. Both were members of the faculty at Saint Louis University, one in the 1950s and one who worked on SLU's campus as recently as July 2021. For more information you can visit <https://bit.ly/ucscrediblyaccused>.

College Church condemns sexual abuse. Perpetrators of clerical sexual misconduct abuse their power, violate the trust inherent in their positions, and cause enormous pain. College Church is in full compliance with Prevent and Protect STL, the Archdiocesan Program that mandates training, background checks, and a commitment to the Code of Conduct for all priests, employees, and volunteers who work with or around children.

To report allegations of sexual misconduct against an employee or volunteer at the College Church, please contact local law enforcement or the Child Abuse Hotline 1.800.392.3738.

You are also encouraged to advise Katie Jansen, Parish Life Coordinator at the College Church, at 314.977.1954, or Sandra Price, Executive Director of the Office of Child and Youth Protection for the Archdiocese at 314.792.7704.

Our hearts are with those who have suffered from abuse, and we are committed to supporting efforts to prevent abuse from happening to anyone else. If you or someone you know is aware of an incident of abuse, we urge you to report it. Please pray for all involved and support one another in this time of pain.

**Lenten Liturgical Celebrations**

The St. Francis Xavier (College) Church parish family invites you to celebrate with us these important liturgical celebrations, and the Sacred Triduum of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ.

March 26 (Sunday) Communal Penance Service, 9:00 a.m.  
 Confessions are available Monday through Friday from 10:45 until Noon

**Holy Week**

- April 1 Passion (Palm) Sunday (Vigil) 5:15 p.m.
- April 2 Passion (Palm) Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
  
- April 6 Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
- April 7 Good Friday 3:00 p.m.
- April 8 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. (No 5:15 p.m. Mass)
- April 9 Easter Sunday 8:00 and 10:30 a.m.

(The College Church Choir will sing at both Easter Liturgies)  
 For more information, please call the Parish Center at 977-7300  
 Complimentary parking is available in the Laclede garage.

**Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith?**

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, its beliefs and practices, you are invited to contact Joseph Milner, 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.

Conversations offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important. All questions are welcome.



**Pray for Pope Francis on his Tenth Anniversary**

We all probably recall that among Pope Francis' first words to the world after his election in 2013 were, "Do not forget to pray for me," and the whole crowd in St. Peter's Plaza went silent for a few moments. The pope also concludes every weekly Angelus address the same way. Msgr. Lucio Ruiz, secretary for the Vatican's Dicastery for Communication, reminds us that "The Petrine ministry is a grace that God grants to his church, and the 10th anniversary of the pontificate of Pope Francis is an occasion to thank God for the gift of giving us a pastor."

Msgr. Ruiz has begun a campaign asking everyone worldwide to pray 10 Hail Mary's for Pope Francis on March 13th this year in thanksgiving for his 10 years as our Holy Father. The SFX Elder Prayer Companions encourage all parishioners to join in this global prayer.

**Ramadan Iftar Dinner 2023**

College Church and Turkish American Society of Missouri would like to invite you to our Ramadan Iftar (Fast-Breaking) Dinner, graciously hosted by St. Francis Xavier (College) Church.

Ramadan Iftar Dinners bring individuals from different religious and cultural communities together to learn about the significance of the month of Ramadan within Islamic Tradition, engage in friendly table conversation, and break fast with an Iftar dinner. This is an opportunity to engage in friendly, informal, and open dialogue in hopes of assisting in the creation of a more inclusive St Louis community of different cultures and all faith traditions.



Date: 7:00pm on Saturday, April 1st, 2023  
 RSVP by March 24th, 2023

Venue: St. Francis Xavier (College) Church Ballroom  
 3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

If you'd like to join us please visit this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ramadansfx>.



## Antiracism at College Church

*At College Church, antiracism is an expression of our recognition that all are created in the image of God. As such, we respond—personally and collectively—to the call to identify, and to actively challenge, structures and systems that devalue people on the basis of race, and to practice restoration in the pursuit of justice.*

### March is Women's History Month

*Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to American history and culture and has been observed annually in the month of March since 1987. It is a time to reflect on the often-overlooked roles and achievements of women in every area of our society.*

#### Frances Sweeney

Frances Sweeney was an Irish Catholic journalist and activist in the 1930s and 40s who campaigned against fascism, antisemitism, and political corruption. Born and raised in Boston, she began her career working for an advertising agency, later becoming a journalist and public figure who, at the time of her death, was heralded as "Boston's one-woman crusade against antisemitism." While many in her city were promoting the fascism of Hitler and Mussolini as the best way to fight communism, Sweeney was engaged in multiple efforts to counter these claims. She worked to refute the anti-Jewish propaganda and misinformation being spread throughout the Boston area and beyond by working with the Boston Herald and its Rumor Clinic. Sweeney and other volunteers identified specific rumors that would be investigated and the false claims disproved. In 1943, she helped to raise public awareness of widespread antisemitism in the Boston police force, eventually leading to the firing of the police commissioner followed by a sharp drop in antisemitic violence in Boston.



Sweeney was particularly dismayed by the antisemitism among other Irish American Catholics. She worked to counter the influence of Fr. Charles Coughlin, a priest, whose antisemitic radio shows were popular with Boston's Irish Catholics. His message had a national audience and inspired the formation of

antisemitic organizations and street violence in Boston and New York. Outraged by the lack of public condemnation from the Church hierarchy and at the prevalence of antisemitism within the Irish American Catholic community, Sweeney launched her own newspaper, the Boston City Reporter, to expose Coughlin and other openly antisemitic priests and to combat the silence of the bishops on the subject. She continued to give speeches

and protest at rallies—her message often met with hostility. Though critical of its hierarchy and threatened with excommunication, Sweeney saw herself as a defender of the church. She called on the social conscious of her fellow Catholics and held them accountable to fight the racial and religious prejudice of their time.

Frances Sweeney died at the age of 36 from congenital health issues. Although her career was brief, her contributions to her community and to the Church were immense. Her voice and her example provide guidance to us today.

### International Women's Day

International Women's Day, which was celebrated on March 8, is a global holiday that honors the historical, cultural and political achievements of women.



That date was chosen because it marks several milestones, particularly in the United States and Europe, along the path of employment equity for women. On March 8, 1857, 15,000 female textile workers marched in New York City to protest unfair working conditions and to demand better pay. On that same date in 1908, women garment workers in New York demonstrated against child labor and sweatshops. By 1910, International Women's Day became an annual observance.

The United Nations adopted International Women's Day in 1975 and, by 1978, Women's History Week was initiated to extend the celebration. Finally, in 1987, the National Women's History Project petitioned Congress to designate the entire month of March as a time to honor women and to advocate for gender equity.

This year, the theme for International Women's Day was Cracking the Code: Innovation for a Gender Equal Future. Based on the United Nations 67th Commission on the Status of Women, the theme highlights the gender gap in digital access and the underrepresentation of women in STEM education and related professions. Selection of the theme aims to focus attention on the need to make the digital world safer and more inclusive.

### March Figures in Black History

Born March 16, 1877 – Catholic civil rights activist, Thomas Wyatt Turner, in Hughesville, MD. Cofounder of the NAACP, and founder of the Federated Colored Catholics to promote greater participation among Black Catholics in the wider Church. He was the first African American to earn a Ph.D. (in Botany) from Cornell University.

Died March 7, 1991 – Baseball legend, James “Cool Papa” Bell, in St. Louis. He was a left-handed pitcher for the St. Louis Stars from 1922 to 1931, as well as other teams in the Negro Leagues. Considered the fastest man ever to play professional baseball, in 1974 he was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown, NY.

### Upcoming Events

March 23, 2023 5:30 – 8:00 pm. The Missouri History Museum is featuring Tracie Berry-McGhee, creator of the SistaKeeper Empowerment Center’s I Define ME Movement, who will speak on women’s and girls’ entrepreneurship and empowerment. Go to [mohistory.org/womens-history-month](http://mohistory.org/womens-history-month) for more information about this program and other Women’s History Month events.

March 30, 2023 6:00 – 7:30 pm College Church is hosting a webinar, *Undoing Our Knots: Personalizing and Praying With Our Parish Racial History*. Presenter Maureen O’Connell pulls at the thread of her Irish Catholic family’s history, revisiting the choices her relatives made that reinforce racial segregation and injustice, often with the encouragement of complicit church hierarchy. Her acknowledgment of that history and her efforts to heal from it help us to undo the

### Spotlight on Seniors Ballroom Lecture Series End of Life Conversations

Dear Friends,

This Sunday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, We will be hosting our third Spotlight on Seniors Ballroom Lecture after the 10:30 Mass and Donut Sunday.

Joan Young Bretthaur will present on **End of Life Conversations**.

What are End of Life Conversations? If you are unable to make end of life decisions for yourself, who do you want making them for you? What is palliative care? What is hospice, and how do you know when you or a loved one need hospice? These are just a few questions that our presenter, Joan Young Bretthaur will discuss.

Joan is a certified End of Life Consultant; she is active in the Gateway End of Life Conference and has worked closely with families who need to make major decisions for a loved one.

Please join the Pastoral Care Commission for this important event.

  
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**MAKE A DIFFERENCE**  
JOIN US FOR A VIRTUAL INFORMATION  
SESSION HOSTED BY JAMES MARTIN,  
S.J. MARCH 21ST  
**REGISTER TODAY >>>**

### Virtual Information Session with IVC Supporter and Spiritual Reflector, Rev. James Martin, SJ.

When: Tuesday March 21, 2023 at 3pm Central Time

Please visit [ivcusa.org](http://ivcusa.org) to register.

The Info Session

- John Green, IVC Vice President of Partnership Engagement, will MC the conversation with Fr. Martin.
- Each registrant immediately receives an email confirmation under John Green’s name that includes the Zoom link upon submission.
- The Info Session will be held on Zoom Webinar (as opposed to Zoom Meeting).

# UNDOING OUR KNOTS:

PERSONALIZING AND PRAYING WITH OUR PARISH RACIAL HISTORY

THURSDAY, MARCH 30TH, 2023 FROM 6:00-7:30 PM CT

Examining the fabric of America's racial history, manifested in our own faith communities, reveals the coarse, uneven, and knotted weave that has entangled us in patterns of injustice and continues to tear us apart as a people. Maureen O'Connell pulls at the thread of her Irish Catholic family's history, revisiting the choices her relatives made that reinforced racial segregation and inequity, often with the encouragement of a complicit church hierarchy. Her acknowledgment of that history and her efforts to heal from it help us to undo our own knots and free us to create more inclusive Catholic communities.

## MAUREEN O'CONNELL



MAUREEN H. O'CONNELL IS A PROFESSOR OF CHRISTIAN ETHICS AT LA SALLE UNIVERSITY AND AUTHOR OF THREE BOOKS IN THAT AREA OF THEOLOGY. AS AN EMERGING FAITH-BASED COMMUNITY ORGANIZER, SHE IS ALSO DIRECTOR OF SYNOD AND HIGHER EDUCATION ENGAGEMENT WITH DISCERNING DEACONS.

TWO OPTIONS TO ATTEND THE WEBINAR:  
ONLINE VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE  
COLLEGE CHURCH BALLROOM.

**Please register by March 23rd at the following link:**

<http://bit.ly/undoing-our-knots>

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# Evangelization 101

## WORKSHOP

**REGISTER NOW!**



**Planning Area 2**

**1 APRIL 2023**

**9:00A.M. - 12:00P.M.**

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

This workshop will cover beginning fundamentals of evangelization. This is a free workshop offered to anyone who wants to increase their comfort of sharing their faith.

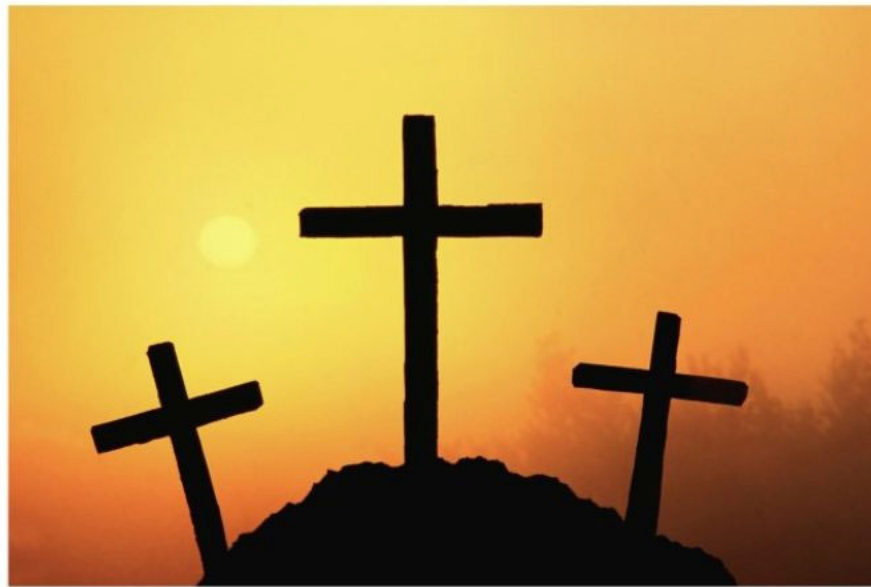
Can't make it to the workshop in your area? Feel free to attend the workshop most convenient for you. Registration is required.

[archstl.org/evangelization](https://archstl.org/evangelization)

# THE WAY OF THE CROSS

## Choral Prayer of the Stations of the Cross

Saint Francis Borgia Choir  
Narrated by Fr. Kevin Schmittgens



**SUNDAY + MARCH 26 + 3:00 PM**  
**HOLY REDEEMER CATHOLIC CHURCH**  
17 JOY AVENUE, WEBSTER GROVES

FULLY ACCESSIBLE / SIGNED FOR THE DEAF / NO CHARGE FOR ADMISSION

### **Buy Fair Trade to Support our Sister Parish!**

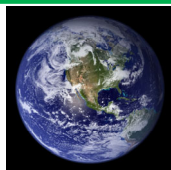
Don't forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, soup, chili, corn bread, brownie mix, and more from your friendly College Church Fair Trade Committee!



All proceeds directly benefit our Jesuit sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize. Order online at [sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade](https://sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade). Fair Trade products will also be available for purchase after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses next week.

## Circle of Creation Green Corner

Spring Volunteer Opportunities are sponsored by [The Open Space Council \(http://openspacestl.org\)](http://openspacestl.org) and [Great Rivers Greenway \(https://tinyurl.com/35jfyyzd\)](https://tinyurl.com/35jfyyzd) in collaboration with other groups.



The first cleanup event for Revamp the Riverfront will be on Wednesday morning, March 22nd from 10:00 AM to Noon. To register, visit <https://tinyurl.com/yc5y7y5h>.

Ruth Porter Mall Spring Tree Planting takes place on Saturday, March 25 9:00 AM to Noon. For more information, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/bdfcu8n9>.

**Just what you have been waiting for:** the opportunity to meet with the members of the College Church Circle of Creation Committee (CCC) and consider joining. The next in-person meeting (feel free to wear mask, if you like, Fran will) is scheduled for noon on Sunday, March 26, in the SFX Ballroom (below the Church). In general, CCC will meet at noon on the fourth Sunday of the month. Our purpose is to provide educational opportunities for the parish to learn about and act in the interest of environmental justice. Please see the Green Corner on the parish website.

In the effort to avoid single-use disposable items, please make it a habit to have with you your RBC (**Reusable Beverage Container**) wherever you go, but in particular, at Parish meetings and events. Thank you.

**Public Electronics Recycling events sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC):** <https://mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events>

March 18, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
359 Old Meramec Station Road  
Manchester, MO 63021  
hosted by **City of Manchester**

March 25, 9:00 AM to Noon  
Also Paper Recycling at this same time & place  
824 Ferguson Avenue  
Ferguson, MO 63135  
hosted by **Ferguson City Library**

Visit the **College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner** on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events. <https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

## March 11-12, 2023

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. Reale, SJ Researcher in Jesuit Archives and retreat director

Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ  
10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

## March 18-19, 2023

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, SJ

Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. Dan Daly, SJ  
Province Treasurer, UCS Province  
10:30 am Fr. Dan Daly, SJ  
Province Treasurer, UCS Province

## This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

### First Reading:

Exodus 17:3-7

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

### Second Reading:

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

### Gospel:

John 4:5-42

## Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

## Online Giving Reminder

Click the blue bar at the top of our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org). Or use this QR code.



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