

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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March 20th, 2022
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/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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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



We are in a brief time of year I call Spring Break Season. Colleges and schools take a break from classes in the middle of the semester for rest and relaxation. Happily, this spring families, students, and other spring breakers can finally go somewhere for the break. It is a great gift to be able to get away once again.

Americans need to be better at vacations. Data indicates that before the pandemic only about half of us took all the vacation time we were allowed. The United States consistently scores poorly for paid vacation time, flexible time-off, and our willingness to take the days we are given.

There are any number of reasons to explain why our culture places so little value on vacations. I would argue our lives our out of balance. There are so many people who have no choice but to work long hours for low pay and few benefits. The pandemic has revealed an economic system that is built on inequality. Lots of people are unable to even take a vacation. Others have the freedom but fail to take advantage. Clearly, something is amiss.

Lent helps us re-orient. It enables us to confront what really matters and what does not. Spring break always happens during Lent. What a perfect time to consider this unhealthy system that seems to devour more and more. We are not just our job. True human flourishing requires care for body, mind, and soul.

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Have Your Voice Heard!



Share your thoughts, reflect on your spiritual growth and provide our parish leadership with invaluable insight on College Church's strengths and opportunities by filling out the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). You can find the link on our website: sfxstl.org.

Visit allthingsnew.archstl.org to learn all about the Strategic Pastoral Planning Initiative of the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Resources for the Loss of a Spouse

Are you interested in connecting with other College Church members who have lost a spouse? Please join us. We meet on the 4th Sunday of the month between Masses. We have met a few times. We are getting to know each other, talk about our loved ones, share resources and experiences. An email list has been set up so we can connect between meetings. We will next meet on Sunday, March 27th, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Level Adult Faith Room. For more information contact Val Rutterer at vrutterer@gmail.com or call 314-494-8986.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

Interested in learning more about spiritual formation for our youngest members?

The Archdiocese of St. Louis is sponsoring a Level I catechist training for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. College Church will be hosting Part I of this training, this summer. The deadline for registration is April 4.

For more information, please contact Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org or 314.698.9268.



**Our Leadership Transition:
Becoming a more Synodal
Church**

Listening at the Margins

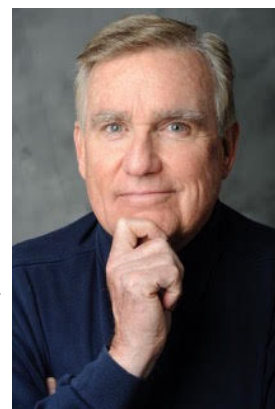
Do you know someone who grew up Catholic but no longer attends church? We are planning to host a listening session via Zoom to listen to the experiences and perspectives of people who struggle with aspects of the Catholic Church. If you know someone who might be willing to share their thoughts, please contact Katie (katie@sfxstl.org). The feedback we receive from participants will be included in the report we submit as part of the Synod on Synodality.



Reflections on Synodality

As I reflect on our discussions at College Church and in the Pastoral Council over the past year of the concept of Synodality — as a city planner, I find parallels to the evolution of city and regional planning back in the 1980’s — from the traditional “top down” formal city planning to a distinctive shift to what we described as “collaborative problem solving” — specifically engaging stakeholders in the process of planning their cities and regions.

Applying this to the Church — writing in the publication, *Decoders World*, this past June, former Reuters religion reporter Tom Heneghan, commented on synodality: “Pope Francis is pushing a tricky reform drive, called “synodality,” that puts ordinary people at the core of the hierarchical Catholic Church. “He concluded, “Synodality means ending the Church’s age-old tradition of top-down leadership and holding open discussions at all levels to decide the future. Autocratic clerics would have to be more cooperative, and lay people — many of whom are used to Father knowing best — would assume more responsibility.”



Dick Fleming
Development Commission

Lenten and Easter Liturgical Celebrations

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

Confessions are available Monday through Friday from 10:45 until noon

Holy Week

- April 9 Passion (Palm) Sunday (Vigil) 5:15 p.m.
- April 10 Passion (Palm) Sunday 8:00 a.m. and 10:30 a.m.
- April 14 Holy Thursday 7:30 p.m.
- April 15 Good Friday 3:00 p.m.
- April 16 Easter Vigil 8:00 p.m. (No 5:15 p.m. Mass)
- April 17 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.



Antiracism at College Church

What is Antiracism?

Responding to that question with a clear, comprehensive, yet concise answer is challenging. But arriving at an answer in order to explain and anchor our efforts here at College Church is important. Toward that end, members of the Antiracism Team and the Parish Racial Equity Review Team contributed their thoughts about the meaning of antiracism, and a review of those written comments yielded three elements essential to the definition.

First, antiracism involves elevating our awareness, identifying racism, recognizing and acknowledging it. Second, antiracism requires resistance, opposing racism, challenging it, dismantling it. And third, antiracism includes the idea of rebuilding, recreating just structures, restoring, reimagining. With these elements named, three additional components emerged.

The work of antiracism must be active. As antiracists we move from the passivity and/or neutrality of being nonracist, to being active and intentional. Perhaps most important for us at College Church, antiracism is an expression of our faith; it is that grounding in faith that gives our antiracism work its impetus. And, given that our efforts are part of our life as a parish, antiracism engages us both personally and collectively, individually and communally.

With these many elements in mind, the statement below—which we expect will evolve as we continue to grow in our understanding—is offered in answer to the question: What is antiracism?

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 our society 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 made by women in all areas of our society, including social justice. We can look to the life of Dorothy Day and find inspiration in her commitment and service to people who are marginalized.

Dorothy Day was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 8, 1897. She spent her formative years in Chicago where she was the third of five children to a homemaker and newspaper sportswriter. She noticed during her childhood that her family was much less affectionate than other families and for the most part kept to themselves. Day spent many hours alone and was a voracious reader devouring the classics (Dickens and Poe) but with a special interest in Russian authors (Dostoyevsky, Tolstoy, and Gorky). She excelled in Latin and Greek and secured a scholarship to the University of Illinois – Champaign when she was only 16 years. She left the university after just two years and moved to the Lower East Side of New York City where she wrote for socialist newspapers covering the newly settled Italian, Irish, and Jewish immigrants.

The 1920's were Dorothy Day's Bohemian years. As America entered World War I, Day found herself immersed in a life filled with political radicals, spending time in tearooms and saloons frequented by writers, painters, actors, and political activists. The birth of her daughter in March 1926 rekindled in Day a spiritual journey leading to the Catholic Church. Her daughter began Day's transformation from a scattered person to a centered one. While she knew nothing of Catholic theology or Church history, it was the urban poor whom she had always written about – their poverty, their dignity, their generosity to one another – that attracted her to Catholicism.

In 1932, Day met Peter Maurin, a French immigrant who sought out Day after reading several of her articles. Maurin became her mentor and encouraged her to start her own newspaper. May Day 1933 found many unemployed workers impacted by the Great Depression demonstrating in New York's Union Square. Day, Maurin, and a few friends sold the first edition of *The Catholic Worker*. The four-page paper cost one penny and did not accept advertising nor did they pay their staff. Within three years, *The Catholic Worker* had a circulation of 150,000 with a distribution of over 500 parishes across the country. The newspaper started the Catholic Worker Movement which included soup kitchens and hospitality houses for indigent people across the United States and England. For the next 50 years, Day wrote a monthly column in *The Catholic Worker* until her death in New York in November 1980.

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Pope Francis in his address to Congress on September 24, 2015, said: “In these times when social concerns are so important, I cannot fail to mention the Servant of God, Dorothy Day, who founded the Catholic Worker Movement. Her social activism, her passion for justice and for the cause of the oppressed, were inspired by the Gospel, her faith, and the example of the saints.”

On December 8, 2021, Dorothy Day’s cause for canonization went before the Vatican’s Congregation for the Causes of Saints.



Upcoming Learning Opportunities

April 9th 11:30 am – 2:30 pm CST White Supremacy and American Christianity – A Conversation with Robert P. Jones and Farther Bryan Massingale will be presented online by NETWORK Lobby for Catholic Social Justice. There is no cost to attend, but registration is required. See their website for more information. networklobby.org/uschristianityconvo/

SAVE THE DATE : The Ignatian Solidarity Network will be hosting its Ignatian Parish Justice Summit on the campus of St. Louis University June 14 – 16. It is designed to share best practices among those involved with parish-based justice work. More details will be posted as they become available.

RACIAL JUSTICE JOURNEY: A LENTEN CALL TO CONVERSION

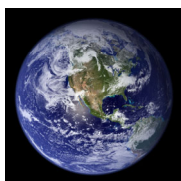


The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in the annual Racial Justice Journey with the theme "A Lenten Call to Conversion." Each week we will offer a variety of articles, personal reflections, podcasts, and videos on the theme of racial justice. It is not necessary 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.

| Sunday March 20 | Monday March 21 | Tuesday March 22 | Wednesday March 23 | Thursday March 24 | Friday March 25 | Saturday March 26 |
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| Five Hispanic American Saints Perhaps You Didn't Know Article tinyurl.com/2p93hb7u | How we Repair it-White Americans' Attitudes Toward Reparations Article tinyurl.com/2p84v2sc | Fr. Augustus Tolton Article tinyurl.com/2p8dyf4y | How Race Influences our Catholicism - Whether we Know it or Not Podcast tinyurl.com/2d9dhjk7 | The Origin of Race in the USA Video tinyurl.com/3evyx5md | Reliving Our History: The Federation of Colored Catholics Article tinyurl.com/yck3jr85 | My Racism Reflection tinyurl.com/ykdvdz8w |

Circle of Creation Green Corner



St. Louis Earth Day Festival,

April 23-24, 2022: <https://earthday-365.org/festival/>

Publics Electronics Recycling events

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March 26 from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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Frontenac, MO 63131

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Florissant, MO 63031

Hosted by the City of Florissant

April 9 from 9:00 AM to Noon

Redkey Realty Chesterfield
16123 Chesterfield Parkway West
Chesterfield, MO 63017

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Confluence Trash Bash takes place Monday, April 4 at 8:00am - Saturday, 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: <https://tinyurl.com/bdf7endf> to be notified when registration is open.

Visit sfxstl.org/circleofcreation to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation, including more electronics recycling events.

March 19-20, 2022

Saturday

5:15 pm

Fr. White, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am

Fr. Daly, S.J.

10:30 am

Fr. White, S.J.

March 26-27, 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:

Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11

Second Reading:

1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Gospel:

Luke 13:1-9

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

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