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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

March 26, 2023
Fifth 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

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 Jennifer Quick at jennifer@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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Prayer requests to:

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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.

Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator

By Katie Jansen

A very big part of All Things New is evangelization. In fact, we are hosting an Evangelization 101 training here on April 1. So, what is meant by evangelization? Many of us have a negative reaction to the word. I think of a religious salesperson; someone who is trying to convince me to buy something that I don't really want.

Joe Milner led our staff in a spiritual conversation on evangelization. He began by reminding us that *evangelion* means *good news, a life impacting message*. And that is what Jesus shared. He did not come to announce a religion or new styles of worship. Then Joe asked us to reflect on these quotes from Pope Francis:

"Evangelization leads us to recognize the gratuitousness of the gift of the fullness of life to which we are called, a gift for which we praise and thank God. This gift is not only for us, but rather it is to be given to others. And it also leads us to live ever more fully what we have received."

"There are three important things: closeness, mercy, and tenderness. Don't forget that. Who is God? The One Who is Close, the One Who is Tender, the One Who is Merciful. This is the reality of God. ... the main message is that He is near: closeness, mercy, and tenderness. Accepting God's love is more difficult because we always want to be in the centre, we want to be protagonists, we are more inclined to do than to let ourselves be moulded, to speak than to listen."

"Witnessing does not just involve the mind and saying something, the concepts. No. It involves everything, mind, heart, hands, everything, the three languages of the person: the language of thought, the language of affection, and the language of work."

"Evangelizing is always an ecclesial service, never solitary, never isolated, never individualistic. Evangelization is always in a community, and without proselytism, because that is not evangelization. Indeed, the evangelizer always transmits what he or she has received. The love of the Father is destined for *every human being*. God's love is not only for a little group, no ... for everyone. Keep that word firmly in mind and in the heart: everyone, everyone, no one excluded."


So, I've been reflecting on two questions: What is the Good News I feel called to share? And what is the Good News I'm being molded to hear?

Small Groups Schedule**Widows and Widowers**


The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be held today at 9:15 a.m. in the break room on the first floor of the Parish Center.

Alzheimer's Support Group

Caregivers of Those with Alzheimer's and Other Forms of Dementia will meet after the 10:30 am Mass in the Adult Faith Room of the Parish Center this Sunday, March 26th.



Ramadan Experience
Iftar (fast-breaking) Dinner



Ramadan Iftar Dinner 2023

College Church and Turkish American Society of Missouri would like to invite you to our Ramadan Iftar (Fast-Breaking) Dinner in the College Church Ballroom.

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 extended: March 27th, 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>.

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 10:30 until 11:45 a.m.

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.



COLLEGE CHURCH - SISTER PARISH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

ST. PETER CLAVER, PUNTA GORDA, BELIZE

For the last two years, we have extended the opportunity for College Church parishioners to sponsor students at our sister parish St. Peter Claver in Belize. Thanks to your generous response, our parish community currently sponsors the high school education of 34 students in Belize. We hope to sponsor ten additional students this year.

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & GUIDELINES

The Scholarship Program is coordinated through our Sister Parish of St. Peter Claver in Belize and through the supervision of Ms. Olive Woodye. It is well organized and has specific requirements and guidelines for scholarship application and for retention. It is designed for boys and girls in all four high school years, Forms 1-4. The parents are interviewed and have an application process and a contract that they must sign for their child to participate. They also require 20 hours of service from each student each year. Their report cards are reviewed regularly and Ms. Olive monitors and advises them on grades and other needs they may have.

To sponsor a student for all 4 years of high school costs \$900 USD (or \$225 per year), which can be paid as one lump sum or annually. The cost covers school fees, books, uniforms, supplies, and lunches. This would be used for the same child all four years as long as they meet all the program requirements annually. If a student does not complete all four years, the sponsor would be informed and a new student in need would be selected and benefit from their sponsorship.

There are 30 schools in the Toledo district where St. Peter Claver is located, the poorest district in Belize. There are many students awaiting sponsorship for high school! Scholarship interviews and selection takes place over the summer, and school begins in August 2023.

QUESTIONS OR INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A STUDENT?

Please contact committee chair Mary Linhares at marylinhares@gmail.com. The deadline for sponsorships is Monday, April 24th, 2023.



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.

Meet Amelia Boynton Robinson



Called the matriarch of the voting rights movement, Amelia Boynton Robinson was a civil rights pioneer in Selma, Alabama, whose leadership helped bring about the passage of the Voting Rights Act. Born in Savannah, Georgia, in 1911, Boynton Robinson earned a degree in home economics from Tuskegee Institute in 1927 and briefly taught in Georgia before moving to Selma in 1929. In Selma, she began working with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) as a home demonstration agent who taught African Americans, most of whom were sharecroppers, about food production, nutrition, and homemaking.

In 1936, she married Samuel Boynton, also a Tuskegee graduate and the USDA Extension Agent for Dallas County, which contains the city of Selma. Together Samuel and Amelia promoted education, land ownership, and political empowerment. They later opened an insurance agency, an employment agency, and a real estate office that served African Americans. The couple was active in the Dallas County Voters League (DCVL), an organization that had fought since the 1920s to register black voters. Amelia registered to vote during the 30s, at a time when discriminatory practices under the Alabama constitution meant that very few black people were able to exercise that right.

In 1963, following Samuel's death, Amelia became increasingly involved in local activities seeking to enfranchise Selma's black residents. Although protests and demonstrations coordinated by members of the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee became more frequent, efforts to register black voters saw little progress.

Boynton Robinson ran for Congress from Alabama in 1964, with a view toward encouraging black Selma residents to register and vote. Though her Congressional run was not successful, she became the first black woman

to run for office in Alabama. By 1965, Boynton and other members of the DCLV invited Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., head the Southern Christian Leadership Conference whom she had met in 1954, to come to Selma to help energize the voting rights campaign.

In March of 1965, Boynton Robinson was one of the civil rights leaders who led the famous first march, which came to be known as Bloody Sunday, across the Edmund Pettus Bridge. The marchers' destination was Montgomery where they planned to protest continuing segregation and the death of civil rights activist Jimmy Lee Jackson. Despite having been brutally beaten on Bloody Sunday, Boynton Robinson helped to organize two more marches, the last of which, with federal protection, was able to reach the state capital. Bloody Sunday was one of the pivotal events of the Civil Rights Movement that resulted in the Voting Rights Act of 1965.

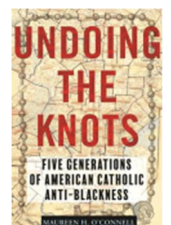
In 1990, Boynton received the Martin Luther King Jr. Freedom Medal. In 2014, the Selma City Council named five city blocks in honor of Amelia and Samuel Boynton. In 2015, on the occasion of the 50th anniversary of the Selma voting rights movement, she crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in a wheelchair as a guest, and at the side, of President Barack Obama. Boynton Robinson passed in August of 2015, just days after turning 104.

Parish and Community: A Conversation with Maureen O'Connell

Theologian, Christian ethicist, and author Maureen O'Connell discusses some of her thoughts on our entanglements with racism—individually and as a church community. In this preview of her upcoming webinar, we can begin to imagine a racial healing that can come from an honest examination of our history and an openness to personal and communal transformation. You will find more details about this event and registration information in a flyer in this bulletin.

You can access a video of this discussion through this link: tinyurl.com/sfxmaureen

Copies of her book, *Undoing the Knots: Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness* may be purchased online and picked up after the 8am or 10:30am Mass this week or at the March



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30th event. Contact Christine Dragonette for additional information: christine@sfxstl.org

March Figures in Civil Rights History

Died March 25, 1965 – A white civil rights leader from Michigan who helped plan and participated in the civil rights marches from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama. After shuttling fellow marchers back to the Montgomery airport, her car was ambushed with gunfire by members of the Ku Klux Klan. She was 39 years old at the time of her death.

Died March 14, 1977 – Civil Rights Leader Fannie Lou Hamer, in Mound Bayou, Mississippi. Born into a life of sharecropping, when she tried registering to vote her family was evicted from their home. She led a “freedom delegation” to the 1964 Democratic National Convention in Atlanta, exclaiming “I am sick and tired of being sick and tired.”

Died March 17, 1977 – Blessed Rutilio Grande Garcia, SJ, a Jesuit priest and dear friend of Archbishop Romero. He and two other Salvadoreans, lay missionary Manuel Solórzano and sixteen-year-old Nelson Rutilio Lemus Chávez, were killed in a barrage of gunfire aimed at their vehicle while on a San Salvador roadway.

Died March 4, 1980 – Saint Oscar Romero, appointed Archbishop of San Salvador in 1977. He was outspoken against social injustice and violence between the military government and left-wing insurgents during the country’s civil war. While celebrating Mass, he was shot by an assassin. He was declared a martyr by Pope Francis, and then canonized in 2018.

Died March 30, 1990 – Servant of God Sr. Thea Bowman, in Canton, Mississippi. As a Franciscan Sister she made major contributions to the ministry of Black Catholics, including the production of an African American Hymnal. Her cause for canonization has been opened.

Middle School Social Justice Camp

Parents of rising 6th, 7th, & 8th graders: Please register at this link for middle school social justice camp: <https://sfxstl.org/youth-group-registration>. We anticipate spots will fill up fast, so please register soon.

This year, Camp is based on the Beatitudes, specifically focusing on "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness..." leading us to experiential learning at food service agencies and food insecurity change-makers in STL. We are grateful for our coordinating team, College Church staff, along with college and high school students who will help us facilitate small groups of middle school campers and accompany us to our local sites.

Please contact jennifer@sfxstl.org with questions.

Evangelization 101 Workshop

All Things New Planning Area 2
April 1, 2023
9 am to 12:00 pm
Ballroom, 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 in 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. [Visit archstl.org/evangelization](http://archstl.org/evangelization).

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.

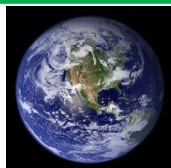
TWO OPTIONS TO ATTEND THE WEBINAR:
ONLINE VIA ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT THE
COLLEGE CHURCH BALLROOM.

Please register by March 23rd at the following link:

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

Sponsored by the US Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits and
St. Francis Xavier College Church

Circle of Creation Green Corner



The College Church Circle of Creation Committee (CCC) is meeting this Sunday, March 26, from noon to 1:00 PM in the SFX Ballroom.

All are welcome to attend and even consider joining in our effort to provide educational opportunities for the parish to learn about and act in the interest of environmental justice.

EcoWatch provides a very informative article, *Ocean Plastic: What You Need to Know*, which includes a variety of legislative efforts that need to be made as well as personal efforts that can be made. Visit this link to see the entire article: <https://www.ecowatch.com/ocean-plastic-guide-2653277768.html>

Spring Volunteer Opportunities are sponsored by [The Open Space Council](http://openspacestl.org/volunteer/) (<http://openspacestl.org/volunteer/>) and [Great Rivers Greenway](https://greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/) (<https://greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/>) in collaboration with other groups. Earthday365 cosponsors Environmental Justice Days of Action in cooperation with various organizations.

Marine Villa Clean-up is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, from 9:00 AM - noon.

O’Fallon Park Clean-up will be on Saturday, May 6, from 9:00 AM - noon along with a nature-based Family Fun Day from 10:00 AM - noon.

The 2023 St. Louis Earth Day Festival will take place on April 22-23 at Forest Park from 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM both days. You can also participate in the Earth Day Challenge to qualify for a raffle. 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. Another reusable item to consider using habitually is a Name Tag. At Parish events when appropriate, there will be available single-use disposable adhesive name tags as usual, but the fewer people who need to use disposable name tags, the better.

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

April 8, 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard
O’Fallon, MO, 63366
hosted by the **City of O’Fallon**

April 22, 9:00 AM to Noon
10333 Clayton Court Drive
Frontenac, MO, 63131
hosted by Redkey Realty **Frontenac**

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

March 25-26, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. May, SJ
Professor of Mathematics, SLU

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

April 1-2, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Armstrong, SJ
Provincial Secretary Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province

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

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Ezekiel 37:12-14

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalms 130:1-2,3 3-4, 5-6, 7-8

Second Reading:
Romans 8:8-11

Gospel:
John 11:1-45

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at 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. Or use this QR code.



College Church Accessibility

As a reminder, **assistive listening devices** are available for our liturgies. Please let the ushers