



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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sfxstl.org

March 5, 2023
Second 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 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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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.

Reflection from Parishioner Bridget Brennan



Bridget chairs our Pastoral Care Commission.

The Restorative Power of Kindness in the Gospels

As we prepare to begin our Lenten Journey, 2023, much weighs on our hearts: the uptick in mass shootings, the discord in our legislatures and Church, the racism that is climbing its way back into our everyday lives. Perhaps its post-COVID, but there seems to be a "meanness of spirit" a disregard for others; seeping in. An over-all malaise hangs over our communal lives as a city, as a county, as a country.

Lent is not a time for being downcast. The word, Lent, means "lengthening". Our days are lengthening with sunshine, each day a few seconds longer. The longer days can break through the fog of malaise.

A few months ago I listened to a woman homilist speak of the **Restorative Power of Kindness**. I keep sitting with that phrase. So much Spirit energy there. So much Spirit power.

The Spirit is among us as the Spirit is with Jesus in the desert and as Jesus journeys to Jerusalem. In Jesus Lenten Journey, we see him restoring Love, Light and Life rooted in Kindness. It is the kindness of Jesus who chats with the Woman at the Well and **restores** within her a sense of worth and dignity. **Jesus' kindness heals her.**

The next week, despite the Pharisees trying to rankle Jesus with their own assumed power, we see Jesus **restoring** sight to the man born blind. **A restorative act of Kindness.** On the 5th Sunday of Lent, we see Jesus **restoring** life to his beloved friend, Lazarus.

To restore is the work of the Spirit, pulsing through us, sharing our kindness to heal the wounds of loneliness, of anxiety, of hurt, of anger, of being marginalized.

As we begin our Communal Lenten Journey at SFX, I would like to invite each of you to join in what I am naming, The SFX 40 Days of the Restorative Power of Kindness. We can do this, each of us, young, old or in between,. Graced by the Spirit, we can be instruments of the **restorative power of Kindness** throughout our 70 zip codes. How 'bout it? Let's make it a synodal Lent of Kindness at SFX and beyond.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Gloria Watson



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

Holy Father's Prayer Intention - March

For victims of abuse

We pray for those who have suffered harm from members of the Church; may they find within the Church herself a concrete response to their pain and suffering.

Lenten Opportunities: Spiritual Readings, Reflections, and Conversations

Lent is a season of repentance and renewal during which we are drawn to spiritual practices that can deepen our relationship with Jesus and one another. Faith Enrichment Commission, the Racism and Reconciliation Committee, and the Antiracism Team are collaborating to offer these opportunities for this Lenten season.

OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN SMALL GROUPS

- 1) **Read and reflect** on *The Spiritual Work of Racial Justice: A Month of Meditations with Ignatius of Loyola* by Patrick Saint-Jean, SJ
- 2) **Read and reflect** on the Sunday Lenten readings and Gospels to develop a deeper encounter with Scripture and a more intentional preparation for Sunday Mass.
- 3) **Guided quiet spiritual prayer reflection** (with optional moments of sharing)

If you need additional information about the small group offerings please contact: Christina Ryan at christinaryan1955@gmail.com.

Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP)

The **Ignatian Spirituality Project (ISP)** partners with social service agencies to care for the spiritual needs of people recovering from homelessness and substance use addiction. In 20+ cities across the U.S., Canada, and Ireland, volunteers provide spiritual reflections and overnight retreat experiences for thousands of people on the journey of recovery.

ISP programs invite people to share their own sacred stories, to deepen their spiritual journey, and ultimately to find renewed hope, meaning and purpose for their journey ahead.

Join ISP alumni leaders, special guests including Lisa Sharon Harper, Fr. James Martin, SJ, and Mary Karr, for a memorable evening on March 9th. Together, we'll celebrate the power of sharing sacred stories on the journey to wholeness and healing! The event is free to attend. To register or learn more about sponsorship opportunities, visit ispretreats.org/cog.

Lenten Books and Materials

One last chance to purchase Lenten reflection materials today. There are Daybreak and other booklets available along with the Lent and Easter Wisdom series that offer reflections from Pope Francis, St Ignatius, Thomas Merton and Henri Nouwen. Take the opportunity of Lent to deepen your relationship with God, with loved ones, or yourself.

Young Adult Faith Group

We are calling all young adults, aged 22-38 to join the St. Francis Xavier College Church Young Adult Faith group. The group meets 2 times per month for a bible study, book club, or reflection, in addition to social activities. Please join us in the adult religious faith room, in the parish center, for a new series of meetings on March 9th at 6:30pm. The meeting will include a happy hour, speaker, and small group reflection. Please contact Claire Daaleman at cdaaleman8@gmail.com if you are interested in joining. We hope to see you there!

Sunday Afternoon Poetry Sessions

Sunday afternoon poetry sessions with Noeli Lytton, March 5, 19, and April 2 from 1-3 PM at Mercy Center, Frontenac. \$20 per session. Register at www.mercycenterstl.org. Poems provided; insight invited; illumination expected. Noeli will lead us in comparing two poets per session who complement each other.

March 5: Mary Oliver and James Wright

March 19: William Stafford and Jalaludddin Rumi

April 2: Robert Frost and Ted Kooser.

Sunday Reading Discussion

Today after the 8:00 Mass, please join Sister Sally and Sister Donna for the small group gathering. We will meet in the Parish Center to share and discuss Sunday's Readings. Everyone is welcome.



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 Margaret Bush Wilson

Margaret Bush Wilson was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on January 30, 1919. She graduated in 1935 from Sumner High School and went on to attend

Talladega College, where she was awarded a Juliette Derricote Fellowship that afforded a period of study in India. While in India she met Jawaharlal Nehru—India's first prime minister—and Mohandas Gandhi, whom she described as particularly influential in her life. Wilson graduated from college with a degree in economics and, in 1939, became one of two women in the second class at Lincoln University Law School, which had been established by the University of Missouri to avoid allowing an African American student, Lloyd Gains, to enroll at the university's law school in Columbia.

Following her graduation from Lincoln in 1943, Wilson became the second woman of color admitted to legal practice in Missouri. She served as United States Attorney for the Rural Electrification Administration of the U.S. Dept. of Agriculture and Assistant Attorney General of Missouri before starting, with her husband, a legal practice in St. Louis, specializing in real estate law.

Wilson's father, a real estate broker, was responsible for helping a black man, J.D. Shelley, purchase a home in a St. Louis neighborhood where residence was controlled by restrictive racial covenants. The Missouri Supreme Court ruled that the covenant was enforceable but Wilson, as counsel for the black Real Estate Brokers Association, took the case to the U.S. Supreme Court and won, striking down the legality of racial housing covenants.

Both of her parents were active in the NAACP, and Wilson became president of the St. Louis chapter in 1958, during which time the NAACP won many civil rights cases, including the Rankin Trade School Case—requiring the school to admit African Americans—and the Jefferson

Bank case. She also helped to open up retail positions in St. Louis department stores to black people and to press local restaurants to serve African American customers.

In 1962, Wilson became president of the Missouri NAACP. During the administration of President Lyndon Johnson, she became deputy director of the St. Louis Model Cities Agency. In 1975, Wilson rose to become chair of the national NAACP board, the first woman chosen for that post, which she held for nine terms. Wilson served on numerous boards for national companies and nonprofit organizations, and she received many honorary degrees, including from Washington University, Boston University, and Smith College. Margaret Bush Wilson passed in August 2009, at the age of 90.

Undoing the Knots:

Five Generations of American Catholic Anti-Blackness
by Maureen H. O'Connell

While studying theology years ago, I was assigned to prepare a homily on the Scripture passage “. . . nor shall you stand by idly when your neighbor's life is at stake” (Leviticus 19:16). This appears in our Lectionary on Monday, the First Week of Lent. It has stuck with me all these years.

Undoing the Knots begins with the author's father waking her family late one night in 1985 to watch the orange glow in the sky from downtown Philadelphia where a large neighborhood inhabited by the city's Black citizens was burned down to clear it for redevelopment. Police fired thousands of rounds of ammunition to rout the locals; five people were killed. Living safely in the suburbs, the author's family watched as it happened. Notably, too, the Catholic archbishop remained mute as this harm was inflicted on the Black community. So begins this story, pointing out how white American Catholics throughout history have stood by idly while the lives of their Black sisters and brothers were at stake.

The author is of Irish American descent. Her ancestors settled in Pennsylvania, only miles from the Mason-Dixon Line that separated the young country into a

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a slaveholding south and a free north. She traces how her great-grandparents, despite escaping discrimination against Catholics in Protestant Ireland, strove to be accepted as true Americans by embracing prevailing political movements here, including the insidious discrimination of slavery. After all, it seemed natural for a struggling population (which both Irish and Catholics were in the early U.S.) to promote themselves as better than others, i.e., better than Black people, and thus worthy of the American dream by ignoring what was happening to those unfortunate “others.”

She continues tracing how anti-Black sentiment was reinforced as the Catholic church tried to prove its patriotism and become acceptable among a Protestant U.S. majority. This included clergy collaborating with realtors to prevent Black families from moving into their parish boundaries by convincing white families not to move out. These tactics played into white people’s fears of losing their economic security and fragile status in society.

The author proposes what she calls racial mercy as the antidote, described as “the ability to enter into the chaos of another.” She challenges the white Catholic establishment to open space for Black parishioners, allowing them to create the dissonance needed in the white community which will open hearts that don’t recognize their own blindness.

EVERY white Catholic should read this book. It will make them think seriously before they stand by idly the next time any neighbor’s life is at stake. *Review by David Werthmann*

March Figures in Black History

Born March 11, 1813 – Venerable Sister Henriette Delille in New Orleans, LA. She founded the Sisters of the Holy Family in 1842. It was the second religious congregation for African-American women in the U.S. Her process toward canonization has been opened.

Died March 10, 1913 – Abolitionist Harriet Tubman, age 90 or 91 in Auburn, NY. Born into slavery in Maryland, she escaped in 1849 and subsequently led 13 missions bringing approximately 70 other enslaved people to freedom via the Underground Railroad system of safe houses.

Upcoming Events

March 11, 2023 9:00 am – 12:30 pm. Social Justice Symposium at Eden Theological Seminary, 475 East Lockwood. Citizenship: Belonging and Participating. This event will explore how citizenship confers rights and privileges, whether those rights and privileges exclude people, and how they might be expanded to be more inclusive. For more information and to register, go to eden.edu/events/social-justice-symposium

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 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 a complicit church hierarchy. Her acknowledgment of that history and her efforts to heal from it help us to undo the knots of our own racial history and open opportunities for racial mercy and healing. Admission is free. Registration information will be provided soon.

Ramadan Iftar Dinner 2023

Our Interfaith Committee and the Turkish American Society of Missouri (TASOM) are coming together to break the fast for a Ramadan Iftar Dinner! Click here for more information on Ramadan: www.britannica.com/topic/Ramadan

The event will be held in The College Church Ballroom on April 1st at 7 p.m. If you’d like to join us please visit the link here: <https://tinyurl.com/ramadansfx>

To learn more about the Interfaith Committee contact Sara Price at saraprice321@gmail.com. If you’re interested in volunteering, email Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org.

SFX College Church Young Adult Faith Group

Refreshments & Reflections

March 9th
6:30 PM

Happy Hour

Speaker Fr Matthew Baugh SJ

Group Reflections

Adult Faith Room - SFX Parish Center

For more details contact

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Claire Daaleman (cdaaleman8@gmail.com)

Circle of Creation Green Corner



The Director of Integral Ecology at the Ignatian Solidarity Network invites you to a **No-Buy Lent**. “During this holy season in which we pray, fast, and practice almsgiving,” consider giving up **“buying non-essential items in order to make space for the sacred and to give the planet a rest.”** Learn more: <https://tinyurl.com/48bhfrw>.

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.

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.

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

March 11, 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM
3353 Roger Place
St. Louis, MO 63116
hosted by **Circa Properties**

March 11, 9:00 AM to Noon
2497 Creve Coeur Mill Road
Maryland Heights, MO 63043
hosted by **Pattonville High School**

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 4-5, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Boudreaux, Provincial Assistant for Pastoral and Spiritual Ministries. UCS Province.

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Rozier, SJ Assistant Prof. and Department Chair of health management and policy, SLU
10:30 am Fr. Rozier, SJ (see above)

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Genesis 12:1-4a

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading:
2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Gospel:
Matthew 17:1-9

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

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