



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 6th, 2022
First 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.

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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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



All Things New is the strategic planning process launched by the Archdiocese of St. Louis. What does this mean? The Archdiocese states, "We all know the Church of today is not the same as it was 50, 75 or 150+ years ago, and yet in many ways we are still functioning in the same mode of evangelization. We need to ask ourselves what our parishes, ministries, and institutions need to look like in order to effectively share the faith in a way that is suitable and sustainable for our children and generations to come." This is a call to a creative and radical re-imagining of how we proclaim the Good News and live our faith.

The Archdiocese needs our help to do this. The first step is to gather data and information from every Catholic institution. This will provide important content to guide the discernment over the next few years. There is not a set plan or strategy that will simply be rolled out by Archbishop Rozanski. Our input is crucial to help guide the reflection, prayer and conversation that will inform his decisions.

Today is the first step of All Things New. Every Catholic in the Archdiocese is asked to complete an extensive survey called the Disciple Maker Index (DMI). The DMI is "an anonymous survey of parishioners that provides insights into the level of missionary discipleship in the parish in addition to the effectiveness of the Mass experience, preaching, and other aspects of parish life." The data gathered will not simply be sent to the Archbishop, but will be available to every parish to provide a crucial snapshot of how we see ourselves.

I invite you to please complete the DMI during the Lenten season. Not a Lenten penance but a Lenten opportunity! This as a great way to share the important work of the Church in St. Louis, and to have a better sense of who we are at College Church. You can find it on our parish website:

sfxstl.org.

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:

Gigi Gonderinger (sister-in-law of Sue Schoenfelder)
 Justin Tognozzi (nephew of Dan and Andrea O'Neill)

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





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

Next Sunday

Fr. Tom Greene, SJ, the Provincial of the Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits, will be at College Church on **Sunday, March 13th**. After presiding at the 10:30am Mass he will share his thoughts and perspective on our leadership transition. All are welcome to this event in the ballroom. Snacks will be provided.

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. 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.



**Prayer for the Synod on
Synodality**

In silence, we listen

We come to you, Oh God,
in silence to listen with the ear of the
heart to the indwelling voice of your Holy
Spirit.

We pray for unity of all the poor, the
voiceless, the marginalized and all of those
who are excluded.

Gift our bishops with open hearts and ears
to hear the Church, the people of God, with
wisdom, knowledge, patience and courage.
Amen.

St. Scholastica Monastery - USA

Resources on Synodality

[Sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-transition](https://sfxstl.org/parish-leadership-transition)

Reflections on Synodality

When I reflect on the word synodality, I am drawn to two images. First, the invitation of Jesus to the Apostles – “Come”. They followed Jesus, day after day, each bringing their own gifts and curiosities. All the while, not being aware of what following may lead to in the future. The second image is after Jesus’ death as the Apostles were spreading the Good News. People brought forth their gifts and laid them at the feet of the Apostles.

My understanding of synodality is an invitation to come as I am, not as I hope to be. I am invited to share my talents with our parish, our church, and our community. I imagine synodality as each of us coming forth freely offering our time, talents and treasures to spread the Good News. A space where individual gifts are freely offered rather than waiting to be “formally” asked. Simply come...and share our gifts with our community.



*Carl Greiner
Antiracism Team*

NOTA BENE*

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. All services are in the church.

March 13 (Sunday) Confessions available after the 8:00 mass before the Religious Education’s confessions

March 19 (Saturday) Communal Penance Service, 4:00 p.m.

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.

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.



Next Year’s Parish Men’s White House Retreat

College Church's participation next year in a men's retreat at the White House Jesuit Retreat Center in South County is scheduled for Thursday evening, February 9th to 1:00 pm on Sunday, February 12th. Please consider penciling in those dates on your calendar if that would be helpful. Registration details will be available closer to the event. For any additional information in the meantime, check out www.whitehouseretreat.org or contact John Hartung (314-326-6018), Bill Morrison (314-991-8599), or David Schnelt (314-791-0227).

Resources for the Loss of a Child

The Pastoral Care Committee of the parish provides support and resources for mothers, fathers, grandparents, and families who have experienced the loss of a child due to miscarriage or the death of a child at birth. If you would like more information or would like to speak to someone about your experience, please call Joan at 314-962-2833 for further information, connection or conversation. All contacts are held in strictest confidence.

**This section named in tribute to the “Nota bene” (“Note well”) sign on a bulletin board Fr. Dan remembers from being a scholastic...it was the first phrase in Latin he ever learned.*

NOTA BENE

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins on March 2. Reflection materials will be available in the Lower Hall after the Sunday morning masses on March 6. These include: the Little Black Book with a scripture verse and a reflection on a person, event or practice that invites us to deeper faith; Sacred Space from the Irish Jesuits with a line from one of the readings of the day and a reflection on it; Daybreak is a series that presents passages from the writings of particular authors arranged for reflection during Lent. Each booklet features a different author. These include Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, and Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA. There are also booklets with reflections by Pope Francis and Henri Nouwen. There are booklets for children including the Little Purple book and teens as well. For more information, please contact Joseph Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu.



ALL THINGS NEW
STEADFAST IN FAITH • FORWARD IN HOPE

The next step in the Archdiocesan planning process invites all Catholics, whether registered parishioners or not, to participate in completing an index entitled “Disciple Maker Index.” It invites all Catholics to express their beliefs, their participation in Catholic life, and their involvement in parish ministries and activities. The results will be used in several ways. First, it will present a picture of the faith-life of individuals in a parish. Secondly, it will highlight the ministries that are active and dynamic in each parish. These two factors will be key considerations as the process of closing or combining of parishes begins. Please plan to complete the index during the month of March. You can find the link on the parish website (sfxstl.org) and it can be filled out either on a computer or a mobile device. A strong showing will manifest the strength of the College Church community and the gifts that we have to offer the Church of St. Louis.

Online Lenten Retreat

Please consider joining us and spreading word about a unique online Lenten retreat experience. This fascinating way to encounter the Lord and fellow pilgrims in faith will be offered in three languages. Faculty members and spouses are partaking of it from the comfort of their own homes. Parishes around the world are hosting small groups for their various communities. Busy, dispersed families find it a way to “connect” while being geographically separate. Mark your calendars:

March 2 – 6, 2022 (in Spanish) 7 – 8:30 pm
(Mountain Time/USA)

March 20 - 26, 2022 (in Vietnamese) 7 – 9 pm
(Mountain Time/USA)

March 27 - April 2, 2022 (in English) 7 – 9 pm
(Mountain Time/USA) (flyer attached)

To view these and other event flyers, please visit Office of Ignatian Spirituality - Central & Southern Province (jesuitscentralsouthern.org).

March 12, 2022 will be the 400th Anniversary of the canonization of St Ignatius of Loyola and St. Francis Xavier. To celebrate this anniversary, Pope Francis will celebrate mass at the Gesu, the Jesuit church in Rome. You can join the mass here: ignatius500.global/live at 10:00am (Central time) on that morning with the whole Jesuit family around the world.

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION**Family Atrium Testimonial**

Last August, my husband and I participated in the brainstorming session with our Youth Faith leaders and other parents to address the problem of more children enrolling in CGS than the program could absorb. While I understood and had compassion for the reasoning behind the final decision - alternating weeks for Level 2 and 3 CGS classes - I was feeling quite sad about it. I had begun the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Level 1 teacher training, and the more I learned about how the children learn about God in the program, the more grateful I was for my children's participation in it. (How I wish I had learned more about God's love and light and a little less about the 10 commandments in my formative years!) Our daughter would be able to attend more regularly in the Level 1 classes, but the Family Atrium felt like a consolation prize for my son's off-weeks in Level 2, and our expectations were low. Our son is creative, inventive, and funny...he's wonderful! He is also...boisterous, kinetic, and distractible. It had been a year and seven months since he had been in the Atrium; he'd just turned 5 then and now was almost 7. My husband and I thought he wouldn't remember much, and we anticipated sacrificing our usual pre-Mass quiet time to do activities with him for an hour.

But when we walked into the ballroom on a Sunday morning in October to see what the Family Atrium was all about, our son's voice dropped several volume levels, and his body language became noticeably more careful and intentional. He became...prayerful. In a whisper, he said, "Mama and Daddy, come this way...let's go to the Prayer Table. I'll show you what to do..." He took us by the hands, led us to the Prayer Table, and asked us to light a candle and read from the Bible. We followed his lead. And we got goosebumps.



After we prayed together, he found the tracing paper and colored pencils and spent the next half hour tracing and coloring and writing. It took self-control for me to resist a chuckle when he brought over his picture with the inscription "God shall love the Lord." I really wanted to tell him they were one and the same! His other picture features a quote from a magnet we have on our refrigerator at home, "Do more of what makes you happy." I had no idea he'd ever even read it! Having begun the CGS training, I knew and valued that he was practicing using prayer language and that he was honoring special words with beautiful, careful coloring and illuminated illustrations. I swallowed my giggle and nodded and smiled instead.

We have attended Family Atrium over half a dozen times now, and each time he is engaged and mostly self-led. He does love to share with us; one of his favorite materials is the liturgical calendar, and he enjoys taking all the pieces out and reasoning out loud how he knows where to place back all the pieces. Of course, some children will benefit from more guidance than others, and an hour can be a long time to fill on some Sundays. I don't know whether the Family Atrium was a temporary fix for this school year or is here to stay, but my perspective on it has shifted radically. It is not the same experience as being in the actual Atrium for sure, yet it's not a consolation prize either. It is its own special gift, a sacred opportunity to be present and enter into our child's prayer life.



Antiracism at College Church Saint Mary's Infirmary

In 1872, Mother Odilia Berger, founder of the Sisters of St. Mary, and her tiny community of five religious women arrived in St. Louis, having fled their native Germany as the Bismarck regime sought to bring the Catholic Church under state control. The sisters settled in the neighborhood near St. Mary of Victories Catholic Church, just south of downtown, an area in which the tide of immigrants from their homeland had concentrated. The women immediately set about the work at which they had become skilled—ministering to the sick in their homes.

By 1877, in the interest of obtaining a more central and sanitary location, the sisters were able to secure a large mansion, capable of housing approximately 60 patients—their first infirmary. Soon that space proved inadequate, and construction of a new hospital was begun on the same lot, immediately in front of the old mansion, with expansions in 1896 and 1906. By the 1920s, a demographic shift of white St. Louisans westward was underway and, given the segregation that characterized healthcare in St. Louis, the Sisters of St. Mary built a new hospital in the St. Louis suburb of Richmond Heights in response to that shift.

By 1933, another development on the local healthcare scene occurred—the opening of Firmin Desloge Hospital, jointly operated by the Jesuits and the Sisters of St. Mary and built to serve St. Louis University and to replace the old St. Mary's. Patients were transferred from the infirmary to the new hospital, requiring a decision about how the old facility would be used. Led by Mother Mary Concordia Puppenthal, S.S.M., and supported by Father Alphonse Schwitalla, S.J., the sisters dedicated what would become known as St. Mary's Infirmary for the Colored to the treatment and care of African American patients.



St. Mary's Infirmary, pictured above

The decision was hailed by civic and religious leaders and by prominent members of the St. Louis black community, as it occurred at a time when the few facilities that admitted African Americans as inpatients were woefully inadequate and Homer G. Phillips Hospital would not open for another four years.

By 1966, with declining patient enrollment, the writing was on the wall for closure of the infirmary as a hospital, though it would briefly serve as a detoxification center and a senior residence. The structure that housed the infirmary was recently razed, but a plaque on the site commemorates its years of service to the St. Louis African American community.

Our Parish Racial History Presentation

Look for the newly released video of our parish racial history presentation—available for viewing as of February 27 on the College Church YouTube channel. The video emphasizes the importance of knowing our history as a parish, elevates some of the highlights of our history, and explores how knowledge of that history helps move us toward the goal of becoming an antiracist parish. To accompany the video, a brochure containing a historical timeline and inviting parishioners to engage with our history is available in the back of church.

Saints of Color Novena

The Saints of Color Novena, featuring nine holy figures and prepared by a team of lay people, priests and religious from the St. Louis area, began on February 20. Visit The Jesuit Post to view the video series. <https://thejesuitpost.org/>



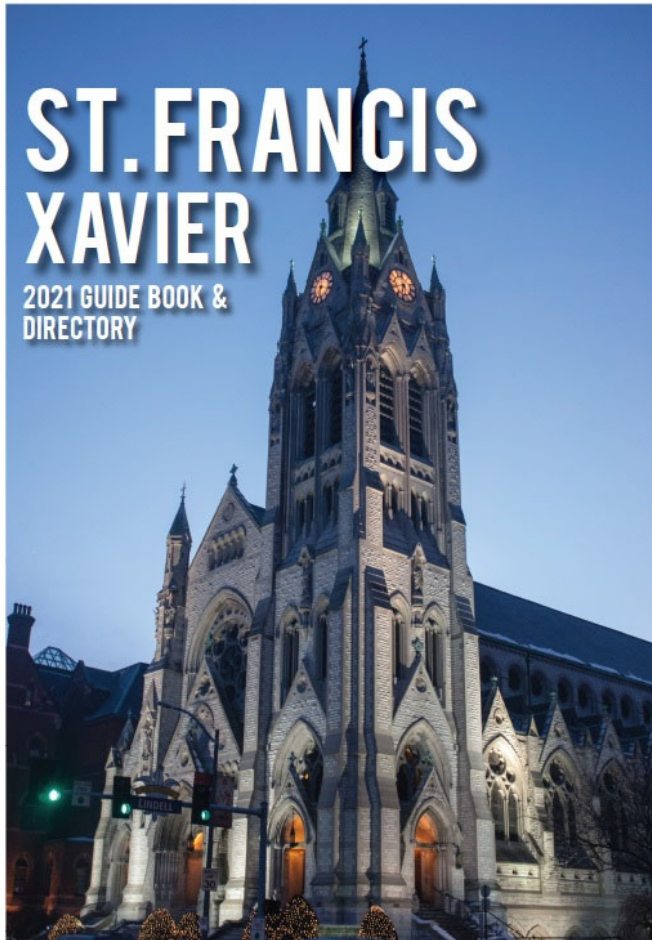
RACIAL JUSTICE JOURNEY: A LENTEN CALL TO CONVERSION



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 6	Monday March 7	Tuesday March 8	Wednesday March 9	Thursday March 10	Friday March 11	Saturday March 12
There Are No African American Saints - A Lay Catholic Group Seeks to Change That Article tinyurl.com/2p8hj458	How An Iconic Painting of Jesus as a White Man Was Distributed Around the World Article tinyurl.com/2p8h5sd7	Matilda and Charles H. Tyler Article tinyurl.com/2d9cersd	Conversion and Antiracism Reflection tinyurl.com/2p8aekjp	Want To Have Better Conversations About Racism With Your Parents? Here's How Podcast (with transcript) tinyurl.com/247k4zfh	Our Parish History – 1800's Article tinyurl.com/5n7yfmdh	Old North Alleyway Reflection tinyurl.com/2p9z7994



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New Parish Directory Coming Soon

Help make our new directory the best it can be!

This book is mailed out to all parishioners annually at no cost to you. It contains names and contact information for our active members, as well as descriptions of our commissions and ministries.

This year, we're also going to be creating a password-protected link on our website with contact information for parishioners, so that you can reach out to your friends at the parish quickly and easily.

How you can help: Have you moved in the last twelve months? Was your name not listed in our previous directory? Has your email address changed? Reach out to Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7304 by **Thursday, March 10** with the updated information you would like us to include. Also please reach out if **you prefer that your information to be unlisted.**

If you are the chair of a commission: Please check the description and member list of your commission in the 2021 directory and let us know if you would like any information to be updated. You can get a copy of the 2021 directory at the Parish Center.

Local businesses are being solicited to advertise in the book to cover the costs. Brandie Eaton will be the account manager that will be contacting businesses to see if they want to participate. If you own a business and would like to take part, you can reach her on her cell at 217-231-1565.

Buy Fair Trade to Support our Sister Parish!

Don't forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, soup, chili, corn bread, brownie mix, and gift boxes from your friendly College Church Fair Trade Committee. All proceeds directly benefit our Jesuit sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize. Order online at <https://sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>.

**Circle of Creation
Green Corner**



Mapping a New Geography of Hope: Robin Wall Kimmerer: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QhQKdJHLDcw>. You may also find worthwhile Robin Wall Kimmerer’s book, *Braiding Sweetgrass, Indigenous Wisdom, Scientific Knowledge, and the Teachings of Plants*, available from Milkweed Editions: <https://milkweed.org/book/braiding-sweetgrass> and from the St. Louis County Library (which holders of St. Louis Public Library cards may also access).

Publics Electronics Recycling events
sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)

Friday, March 11 from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM
Saturday, 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 Bash takes place April 4 at 8:00am - 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.

Another volunteer opportunity with the Great Rivers Greenway is **MULCH MALINE** Greenway at Bella Fontaine County Park on March 19, 2022 10:00 – 11:30 am CDT. Registration and waiver form are available here: <https://tinyurl.com/yrmchcyw>.

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee’s Green Page sfxstl.org/circleofcreation to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation, including more electronics recycling events.

March 5-6, 2022

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

March 12-13, 2022

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

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15

Second Reading:
Romans 10:8-13

Gospel:
Luke 4:1-13

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

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, stl.org. You can also reach this link through the QR code here.

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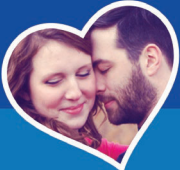
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