



10:30 am Easter Sunday Procession (photo by Angela Pancella)

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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sfxstl.org

April 16, 2023
Second Sunday of Easter
Sunday of Divine Mercy

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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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

"Peace be with you...Receive the Holy Spirit"

During this Easter season, let's remember that we are still in the midst of the Synod on Synodality in which the Pope is calling all of us to "look others in the eye and listen to what they have to say." He wants us to "become experts in the art of encounter." I feel that College Church is called to this in a particular way. We are in a part of the region that is seeing significant development. A lot of people, especially young people, will be moving into this area. They will be looking for community. What will we do? We will soon hear how our Archdiocese will be reconfigured through All Things New. How will we respond?

Encounter is a muscle we strengthen through practice. We are all being called to practice encountering others, to strengthen our listening and accompanying muscles within our parish community, our Archdiocesan community and our broader St. Louis community.

We are a parish that has a history of acting synodally even if we didn't use that word. There are many folks in this parish who truly are experts in the art of encounter. But all of us have experience with it - as parents or caregivers, as close friends, as partners, as spiritual companions, as community members, etc. I would guess that we also all have experience with encounter leading to conversion - a new way of seeing, a new understanding, a deeper sense of love and connection, a new sense of community.

So, my invitation to all of us is to seek out encounter - look for opportunities to listen, and pray for the grace recognize when our encounters are calling us to conversion, individually and as a church. The Holy Spirit is in and among us. And so, I have hope that our church will be formed and transformed through our encounters.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Judy Bradley (mother of parishioner Sue [Chris] Felling)

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



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 marytlinhares@gmail.com. The deadline for sponsorships is Monday, April 24th, 2023.

The Pentecost Potluck Returns

Please Save the Date: On **Sunday, May 28th** after the 10:30am Mass, we will once again come together for a Pentecost Potluck. As Pentecost celebrates the birthday of the Church, when people of many different languages all heard the Good News, we will celebrate the many cultures present in our community with all different varieties of food! Watch this space for more information on how to sign up to bring food or volunteer at the event.





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.

April is Arab-American Heritage Month

We seldom reflect upon the fact that Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, and all twelve Apostles were olive-skinned Middle Eastern Jews. Our Christian faith began in the Middle East. It has its deepest roots in cities like Jerusalem, Galilee, Nazareth, and Bethlehem. The Gospel spread throughout the world from those places. This month we will explore the impact world events and individuals of Arab descent have had on our American society and our church.

Meet St. Louisan, Dr. Ghazala Hayat, M.D.



Dr. Ghazala Hayat, a Pakistani immigrant, is a physician specializing in neurology at Saint Louis University Hospital. She is also professor of neuromuscular diseases at the SLU School of Medicine. Her particular interest in medical research is with patients who have ALS, also known as Lou Gehrig’s disease. Dr. Hayat also holds an affiliation with the John Cochran Veterans Hospital.

The following is a summary of an interview with Dr. Hayat by Carla Mae Streeter, OP

Ghazala Shaheen was born in Quetta, Pakistan. Her father, now in his 90’s and currently back in Pakistan, was an architect with the military. This meant that Ghazala would not grow up in Quetta but would spend her youth traveling with her military family. Ghazala’s mother dreamed of becoming a doctor, but her grandmother would not hear of it. She was to marry and raise a family.

The dream of being a doctor was instead passed on to Ghazala, the first of her children. Despite their frequent travels, Ghazala’s mother saw to the education of all her children. At age 4, Ghazala was already primed on a fast-track to study medicine.

In September of 1980, Ghazala came to the United States to do her physician’s residency in Virginia. Near the end of that assignment her professor/mentor became the chair of a department at Saint Louis University. Since Ghazala was completing her residency, the professor invited her to join the faculty at SLU. She has been in St. Louis ever since. She specializes in caring for muscular and nerve disorders.

Dr. Hayat is an active member of the St. Louis Muslim Community and a strong advocate for interfaith relationships. She is known for doing a ‘Barbara Walters’ type Dialogue with S. Carla Mae Streeter, OP, to help

audiences of various faith traditions view the religion of Islam from a woman’s perspective. But most of all, Dr. Hayat is known for her service activity with Muslim and Jewish families at Christmas time even though they don’t celebrate that feast. Since Christmas is a national holiday in the U.S. and everyone is off work, she organizes Jewish and Muslim families to fill in for Christian workers, bringing food and gifts to fire and police stations and to nursing homes. Children as well as adults are involved in this service activity, with the Jewish and Muslim communities working together.

Arab Americans Who Have Made History

Today Show Host Hoda Kotb was born in Oklahoma to Egyptian immigrants who had come to the U.S. for college. Her name Hoda is Arabic for “guidance,” and the name Kotb means “pole” as in a ski pole to help keep you steady or anchored. Both are common names among Egyptian women. She has won numerous awards for her broadcast journalism, and as a breast cancer survivor she advocates for Women’s Health issues.

Actress and Film Producer Salma Hayek was born in Mexico and is the granddaughter of a Lebanese immigrant grandfather. She was raised Catholic and attended the Academy of the Sacred Heart in Grand Couteau, Louisiana. In addition to her film career, she advocates for victims of domestic violence abuse, immigrant rights, and refugees.

Book Groups Forming!!

*Becoming an
Anti-Racist Church*
Journeying toward Wholeness

Joseph Barndt



A few years ago, when we at College Church decided to include becoming an antiracist parish as part of our parish vision, members of the Antiracism Team sought to fully explore the significance of that choice. Toward that end, the team turned to a resource—a book entitled *Becoming an Antiracist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness*—to aid its members’ understanding via a process of group study and discussion. Joseph Barndt, a Lutheran minister and founder of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training with whom we are

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partnering for our parish racial equity review, is the book's author and, in it, he lays a foundation for personal and institutional change. Barndt explores the history of racism in the Christian church, describes how racial injustice became institutionalized in the church in America, and sets out methods for appraising and addressing systemic racism within congregations.

To extend the spirit of antiracism throughout the parish, we are inviting all who are interested to participate in group study and facilitated discussion of the Barndt book. Groups will be organized according to preferred days, times, frequency, and format (virtual vs. in person). If you would like to take part in this motivating and engaging activity, please contact either Winnie Sullivan at penultim@swbell.net or Lisa Burks at Imburks60@gmail.com.

Our Parish Racial History

Since beginning our Racial Equity Review at College Church, the History Committee has been researching and sharing the stories of our parish, the archdiocese, the university, and the St. Louis region. By examining the development and growth of these interconnected institutions, we discover many ways that racism has been and continues to be woven into the fabric of our communities. Some of these stories have been displayed on banners placed in church during Black History Month, printed in a brochure, and presented at a series of gatherings last fall. Video recordings of those presentations may be accessed through the College Church YouTube channel and are now linked to the home page of the website: sfxstl.org/

Exploration of our history is ongoing as we continue to identify the presence of racism that endures in us personally and collectively. For more information about the work of the History Committee and antiracism at College Church, please contact Winnie Sullivan penultim@swbell.net or Lisa Burks Imburks60@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

April 26 6:00 – 7:30 pm Fr. Bryan Massingale, professor of theology and social ethics at Fordham University and author of numerous publications, will speak on the topic of Racial Justice and the Catholic Church at the Center for Global Citizenship located on the West Pine Mall of the SLU campus. Admission is free and open to the public.

Spotlight On Seniors Ballroom Lecture Series: Healing Touch

Join us on Sunday, **April 23 after the 10:30 Mass** for our 4th and final Ballroom lecture for the year. Parishioner Mary O'Neill will offer us an enlightening and informative program about Healing Touch. You won't want to miss this!

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.

Widows and Widowers

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be on Sunday, April 23rd, at 9:15 a.m. in the break room on the first floor of the Parish Center. Interested in attending? Contact Val Rutterer at vrutterer@gmail.com or 314-393-8986 for questions or more information.

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 next Sunday, April 23rd.



**We are One
Body in Christ**

North City Deanery

Eucharistic Procession

Saturday, April 29 at 10:30am

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**Beginning at Sts. Teresa and Bridget**

**Ending at St. Alphonsus Ligouri "Rock"**

*1118 N Grand Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63106*

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Attendees are encouraged to park at the Rock and walk or ride the shuttle to Sts. Teresa and Bridget

Refreshments will be served at the Rock following the Procession

Mission of the USCCB Eucharistic Revival
 To renew the Church by enkindling a living relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ in the Holy Eucharist.

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Fair Trade Items for Sale This Sunday

Don't forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, 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. Fair Trade products will also be available for purchase after the 8:00 and 10:30 Masses this Sunday, April 16th.



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 come to our inquiry sessions. These offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joe Milner, 977-7305 or joe@sfxstl.org

Annual Catholic Appeal

"Your every act should be done with love." --1 Corinthians 16:14

Just as Saint Paul wrote to the Corinthians in his first letter to the Church, God's love must be at the center of our faith. As Catholics, we are determined to see out those who need His grace most and lift them up with both compassion and joy. Let us unite as one Church to follow His will. *Reach out in Love* and let them know Jesus through us.

The *Annual Catholic Appeal* is the single most important annual charitable undertaking in the Archdiocese of St. Louis because it helps the Church respond to the genuine needs of all people. The ministries funded by the *Appeal* directly or indirectly affect everyone throughout all counties of our archdiocese.

The following are just a few examples of how schools, parish schools of religion, and agencies of the archdiocese are helped by those who give to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*:

Catholic Charities receives \$1.6 million to help those in need.

27% of all *Appeal* funds support Catholic **Religious Education**.

The **Parish Emergency Fund** assists parishes struggling to meet their financial obligation in an emergency and receives direct assistance of \$100,000.

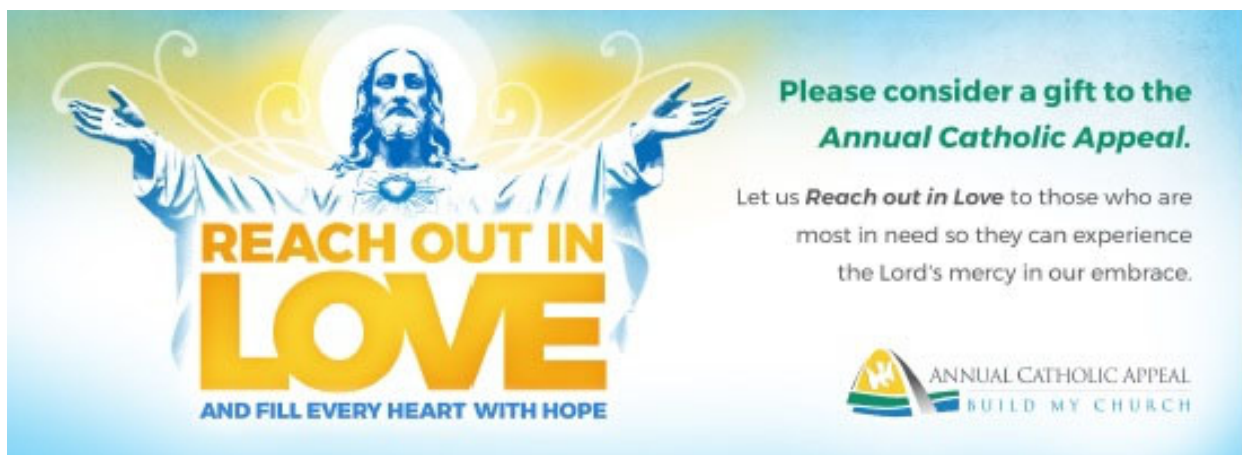
You will be receiving a mailing soon inviting you to donate to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We will also have pledge cards at our Masses in late April May. To find out more about the *Appeal*, please visit aca.archstl.org.

A Message from the Archbishop Most Reverend Mitchell T. Rozanski

Every year, the Annual Catholic Appeal provides us an opportunity to realize the difference we can make when we act together in God's love. I am grateful for each of you who support the mission of the Appeal. By serving the Lord with gladness, we can see the impact it has on so many lives, including our own.

The ministries that rely on the Appeal are numerous and wide-ranging. They have a direct impact on the Church and our communities throughout the archdiocese, including our brothers and sisters whose hearts yearn for the Bread of Life.

Through our prayers and sacrificial giving, we live out our Catholic faith. We must trust God to show us His will and give of ourselves wherever He guides us. Please join me in supporting the Annual Catholic Appeal. When we Reach out in Love, there is no limit to how many lives we can touch.



Circle of Creation Green Corner



The 2023 [St. Louis Earth Day Festival](http://earthday-365.org/festival/) (earthday-365.org/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](http://earthday-365.org/festival/earth-day-challenge/) (earthday-365.org/festival/earth-day-challenge/) to qualify for a raffle.

Spring Volunteer Opportunities are sponsored by [The Open Space Council](http://volunteer.openspacestl.org/) (volunteer.openspacestl.org/) and [Great Rivers Greenway](http://greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/) (greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/) in collaboration with other groups. Earthday365 cosponsors [Environmental Justice Days of Action](http://earthday-365.org/environmental-justice-days-of-action/) (earthday-365.org/environmental-justice-days-of-action) in cooperation with various organizations.

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.

Brightside St. Louis has helpful suggestions on their website under [Spring Cleaning and Recycling Go Hand in Hand](http://www.brightsidestl.org/5611/spring-cleaning-and-recycling-go-hand-in-hand/): www.brightsidestl.org/5611/spring-cleaning-and-recycling-go-hand-in-hand/. Also, before you throw an item into the trash, check St. Louis City Recycles' [Recycle Beyond Your Blue Bin](http://stlcityrecycles.com/resources/database/) (stlcityrecycles.com/resources/database/) to learn if there is a place to recycle, donate, or reuse the item you no longer need.

EcoWatch provides a very informative article, [Ocean Plastic: What You Need to Know](http://www.ecowatch.com/ocean-plastic-guide-2653277768.html): www.ecowatch.com/ocean-plastic-guide-2653277768.html which includes a variety of legislative efforts that need to be made as well as personal efforts that can be made.

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.

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: <https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

April 15-16, 2023

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Armstrong, SJ
Provincial Secretary Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province

10:30 am Fr. Armstrong, SJ

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Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. O'Dwyer, SJ
President, DeSmet Jesuit High School

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Acts 2:42-47

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24

Second Reading:

1 Peter 1:3-9

Gospel:

John 20:19-31

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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