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St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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April 21st, 2024
Fourth Sunday of Easter

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 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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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.

Renewing Our Easter Joy

By Fr. Tucker Redding, S.J.

We are now a few weeks into the Easter season and I can't help but wonder: Are we maintaining our Easter joy?



A few weeks into the Lenten season, I found myself examining my Lenten promises. Like many of us, I was doing well with some of them, but I had already fallen behind on others. After four weeks, I felt like I still had plenty of time to go in Lent and I could renew or amend my promises for the rest of the season. While we don't typically take on penances, extra prayers or activities for Easter, like we do for Lent, I think we should do a similar examination with our Easter joy.

We are an Easter people, living in the joy of the Resurrection. Joy, however, can be difficult to maintain over time. It is abundant during the Triduum and Easter Sunday, when we are gathered together as a community and especially when the balloons are still in the air. But after that joyful weekend, we go back to our normal lives and that joy can wane. Lenten promises are not automatic, they are usually things that we have to work at in order to maintain. The same is true for joy.

We have to choose joy. That's right, we have to choose it. Joy is something that we feel, often in response to something, but it is also something that we can find and develop. Many people in Ignatian and Jesuit circles know the phrase, "Finding God in All Things." This means finding God at work and present all around us, including in some of the seemingly ordinary moments, people, and things all around us. This means actively looking for God around us, and within us, so that we might meet the risen Lord on a daily basis.

When we sharpen our eyes to see God in our midst, we can experience the Resurrection constantly. That is how we can find and constantly renew our Easter joy.

Pentecost Approaches—Time for a Potluck!

On Sunday, May 19th 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! Please use this link to sign up to volunteer and/or bring food:

<https://tinyurl.com/sfxpentecostpotluck>

Fair Trade Sale: Don't forget fresh coffee, chocolate, tea, soup, chili, corn bread, beans, brownie mix, gift boxes, and more from your friendly College Church Fair Trade Committee. All proceeds directly benefit our Jesuit sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize. To view Fair Trade products, or to order online, go to <https://sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade>. Orders must be picked up at the Church.

Widows' and Widowers' Group meeting on April 28th, 9:15 a.m.

The Widows' and Widowers' Group meets on the 4th Sunday of the month in the lunchroom of the parish office. Our next meeting will be on Sunday, April 28 at 9:15 after the 8:00 Mass. Please contact Valerie Rutterer at vrutterer@gmail.com (314-494-8986) or Phyllis Nolan at pgnolan@swbell.net (314-772-5595) for more information. We are a small group that centers itself around discussions about books on grief.



Sandra Spencer

Living Our Faith: Meet Sandra Spencer

An SFX parishioner since: 2003. I moved to St. Louis from Minnesota that year to begin work at Saint Louis University Hospital. I was already well acquainted with St. Louis and College Church. I had spent two years here in the late '90s when I attended graduate school at SLU, pursuing a master's degree in pastoral counseling.

Living my faith: My faith has been the driving force of my long life. To begin, I was born in St. Paul, Minn. to a Presbyterian father and Catholic mother. My brother, sister and I say that we learned about the sacraments, the rosary and feast days from Mom, and about Jesus and the Ten Commandments from Dad. As a member of a religious community, my teaching ministry began in 1954 in Catholic Schools in St. Paul and rural Minnesota as a teacher of "upper grades" and an occasional principalship.

My next experience – as a missionary in Guatemala for 20 years, from 1964-1984 – was transformative. The country was in civil war. Vatican II reforms had begun. Documents from Latin America pertaining to justice, poverty and "liberation theology" had life-changing influences on priests, sisters and catechists working with the poor. Innocent citizens were branded as communists, routinely terrorized and randomly murdered. While we were sent to teach religion and train teachers, eventually the need grew for an orphanage and a clinic. From the people of Guatemala we learned a new faith in the waves of brutality, poverty and earthquakes. The people of San Lucas taught us how to pray, how to stand strong in fear, and how to speak the truth. We learned that God was in these mountains, among this people, long before we arrived.

After returning to the States and resuming my education, I ultimately relocated to St. Louis and joined the pastoral care staff of the old Saint Louis University Hospital, providing spiritual support for trauma and cancer patients and staff. I was a chaplain there for nearly 15 years, and served as a director of the department in my last five years.

Why I'm involved: Today, I continue to be an active parishioner at SFX and serve regularly as a lector at 5:15 Mass on some Saturdays, weekdays and Holy Days. I love the study and preparation for the reading of Scripture. And, as a woman, "Proclaiming the Word" is as close as I can come, right now, to sharing the Word.

For about 18 years, guided and taught by Joe Milner and accompanied by another catechist and dear friend, Carol Joselyn, I participated in the parish's RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) Program. We still gratefully watch these new Catholics grow in their faith and contribute to our parish community.

Now, it's a privilege to be part of two dedicated Parish prayer groups. The Intercessors pray each week for parishioners who are sick. The Elder Prayer Companions gather every six weeks to pray for the needs of our parish leadership. (Both groups welcome new members!)

Three phrases that describe SFX: Committed, Vially Present in the Heart of St. Louis, Consistently Welcoming.

My neighborhood: For the past four years I've lived at St. Agnes Senior Living Apartments in a renovated school building on Wisconsin Ave. in South St. Louis City that is supported by the Archdiocese. It is home to a supportive community of 80 amazing men and women who are black, brown, yellow and white. My neighbors come from China, Puerto Rico, Cuba, Croatia, Eritrea, and, of course, St. Louis and several areas in the U.S. There are many chances to converse in Spanish. We enjoy and learn from each other. And we can take in remarkable views of the sunrise – when smoke is not drifting by the Anheuser Busch complex, that is.

Fun facts: My baptismal and legal name is Alexandra. This was shortened to Sandra, for 1st grade printing purposes, and now serves as my "professional name." It slid to Sandy, a name that has stuck ever since. I respond to all three.

St. Francis Xavier's parish family represents diverse backgrounds, with many warm and welcoming parishioners. Learn more by calling (314) 977-7300 or visiting sfxstl.org. You can find past parishioner profiles at sfxstl.org/living-our-faith.



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.

A Few Thoughts and An Invitation

Later this month, all members of the College Church community will be invited to respond to a survey that is a component of our Parish Racial Equity Review. Several parishioners have devoted countless hours to this evaluation process—including development of the items that form the survey. We would like to share some of their thoughts and reflections on this experience.

Joan McGinnis

I am embarrassed to say that I was an older adult before realizing, with the death of Michael Brown, the degree of systemic racism prevalent in St. Louis and throughout the country. I then felt I was part of the problem if I was not part of the solution. That led me to join the Racism and Reconciliation Committee and the Equity Review Team here at College Church. Over the last 6 years I have learned so much about racism and how complicit we are—uncovering the many unmerited privileges I have as a white person. If everyone takes the survey, the results will guide us to identify and design a way to be a more just, loving, and inclusive community for all persons.

Mary Kellogg

Only in recent years have I become aware of the extent of racism surrounding us. I have learned of my own implicit bias and I have discovered that the stories and history I held to be true have hidden stories and facts that I was not taught. This led me to join the Racism and Reconciliation Committee and the Review Team to dig deeper into the problem of racism by examining my heart and actions as well as looking at the world around me including our home at SFX College Church.

We want College Church to be a church that welcomes all people and allows them to be their authentic self and feel welcomed. I would encourage everyone to answer the survey. All voices are important as we examine the culture of our parish so we can be more open and loving.

April is Arab American History Month

According to the Arab American Institute, approximately 3.7 million Americans have Arab ancestry.

It is a diverse community of immigrants and descendants of immigrants whose countries of origin include twenty-two Middle Eastern and North African countries, such as Lebanon, Syria, Egypt, Palestine, Morocco, Iraq, Jordan, Yemen, Bahrain, Tunisia, Algeria, Sudan, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, among others. In 2017, a national recognition of Arab American Heritage was initiated in the month of April and has continued to grow. In the 2024 Proclamation on Arab American Heritage Month, President Biden acknowledges the numerous contributions made by Arab Americans through professional accomplishments, community service, and civic leadership. We are encouraged to learn more about the history, culture, and achievements of Arab Americans.

Etel Adnan—Speaking in Words and Color

Etel Adnan was a Lebanese American writer and visual artist. Through her novels, news articles, essays, and poetry, she gave voice to many of the important political issues of the day. Her writing often focused on the violence and turmoil of war. Her award-winning novel about a kidnapping in Lebanon during the civil war, *Sitt Marie Rose*, has become a classic of war literature and translated into 10 languages.

Adnan was born in Beirut and grew up in a city and family of diverse cultures. She received a Catholic education from a French school run by nuns. After earning a degree in philosophy from the University of Paris, Adnan pursued graduate studies at the University of California—Berkley and at Harvard. She taught and lectured at colleges throughout the United States and continued to write and publish throughout her life. Her final book, *Shifting the Silence*, was published shortly before her death at age 96.

A self-taught artist, Adnan's drawings, paintings, tapestries, and sculptures gained international attention in the latter part of her career. She recalls visits to the markets of Beirut with her father to see the Persian carpets as her introduction to the color and patterns of visual art. Her work is characterized by geometric patterns and vibrant colors. The mountains of California were a frequent inspiration.

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Etel Adnan won numerous awards for her writing. Exhibits of her artwork can be found on display throughout the world. Through her varied means of expression, Etel Adnan's work helps us to explore the conflict and complexity of our human experience, critique oppressive systems, and to recognize the beauty and love in our world.

Significant Figures in Racial History

Bl. Pedro de San Jose Betancur – died April 25, 1667, in Antigua, Guatemala. Known as "St. Francis of the Americas," at age 23 Betancur sailed to the New World as a missionary working among the sick and poor. He founded the Order of Our Lady of Bethlehem to continue his work. He is the first saint of Guatemala.

Bl. Laura Evangelista Alvarado Cardoza - born April 25, 1875, in Choroni, Venezuela. As a teenager Cardoza volunteered in hospitals assisting patients with smallpox. After an earthquake, she served those left homeless from that disaster. In 1901 she received permission to found a religious congregation devoted to caring for the ill. Cardoza was beatified in 1995.

Albert King - born April 25, 1923, on a cotton plantation in Indianola, MS. Regarded as one of the most influential blues guitarists of all time. He performed at Ike Turner's Manhattan Club in East St. Louis, and with the St. Louis Symphony. King was inducted into the Blues Hall of Fame, and posthumously into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. Rolling Stone named him among the 100 Greatest Guitarists of All Time.

Harry Belafonte, Jr. – died April 25, 2023, in New York City. Born to Jamaican immigrant parents and raised Catholic, Belafonte popularized calypso music. He was a close confidant of Martin Luther King, Jr. during the civil rights era and financed many of King's activities. Belafonte won countless awards for his singing, acting, and activism including the Kennedy Center Honors, National Medal of Arts, and a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. However, at trial all officers were acquitted, or charges were dropped.

Upcoming Events

April 27 3:00 pm The Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis is giving a special performance at the Sun Theater, 3625 Grandel Square. Entitled *Restoring Unity to Community Through Song*, the program features Gospel artist Erica Reed. Admission is free.

May 1-3 9:00 am–5:00 pm Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training is offering a three-day workshop, *Toward Liberation*, in the College Church ballroom. This dynamic workshop explores a power analysis of white supremacy and systemic racism in the United States. Cohorts of participants are introduced to key frameworks for describing and understanding how white supremacy and systemic racism operate within institutions and deepen their learning through large group discussions, experiential activities, small group sharing, and individual reflection. This workshop will be open to the public. Crossroads asks that participants have previous experience engaging with their analysis of systemic racism by having participated in one or more of their workshops; the list of options can be found on their website: crossroadsantiracism.org/register/. If you are interested, please contact Lisa Burks, Imburks60@gmail.com or Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.com

May 11 10:00 am to 1:00 pm Fr. Gerry Kleba will be hosting a bus tour of Black History in St. Louis. The tour will leave from and return to St. Cronin Catholic Church at 1202 S. Boyle Ave. You are invited to bring a lunch and stay after the tour to discuss the experience. The cost is \$10 per person payable the day of the event. To reserve a spot, please email Paul Loida at Paul.loida@bayer.com and provide the tour date, your name, email, and phone number. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today!

For more information, or to become part of anti-racism ministries, contact Winnie Sullivan penultim@swbell.net or Lisa Burks Imburks60@gmail.com.

Camp Creative

Camp Creative was founded by St. Louisan, Julie Kuhnert, while she and her family were missionaries at St. Peter Claver parish in Belize. Now, in its 12th year, the summer camp serves 200+ children, and has expanded to include a 2nd camp in the Maya village of Big Falls. Camp Creative is looking for volunteers to spend time in Punta Gorda Belize, working with the local community, to assist at a week-long summer day camp. There are two date options, with flexibility in the travel dates. **Camp 1** (in Punta Gorda): Travel **6/28-7/9 OR~ Camp 2** (Maya village): Travel **7/12-7/21**. For any additional questions, contact Julie Kuhnert, 314-614-3354 or kuhnertj@hotmail.com.

2024 Offertory Items

First Communion Offerings- What is it that we bring to the Altar?

What is it that we bring to the altar? In preparation for First Communion this year, we have spent time with the children reflecting on this question. The “simple” answer is bread and wine. And yet, when we begin to ponder the bread and wine, the richness of these gifts unfolds.

One of the insights that we have come to this year in our preparation is that all of creation is a gift from God to us, but that creation is not finished yet. It is a part of God’s plan that human beings have a special role in the on-going work of creation, in the transformation of creation. By the work of our hands, we take the gift of wheat and make bread; we take grapes and make wine. Our work brings the creation of the earth to a new place. The bread and wine represent all the gifts that we’ve received from God that we transform “by the work of our hands”-our cooking, our cleaning, our drawing, our playing sports, our befriending, our reading, our studying, our loving. We present our whole lives to God at the altar and ask God to transform them, to fill them-that God’s presence may shine through them.

As part of our celebration of First Communion, the children who are celebrating have each brought a symbol of “the work of their hands;” these will be placed near the altar as a visible image of what the offering of bread and wine represent to them: the offering of their daily lives on behalf of God’s gifts.

The work of our hands:

A pin that I made: “ It reminds me that God loves all and doesn’t discriminate. All are welcome.” ~Charlotte S.

A toy elephant: “ I picked an elephant because I like learning about animals and taking care of them.” ~Elliot

A friendship bracelet: “ My gift is I am a generous and kind friend. I’m good at including others.” ~Francis

A piece of art: “I chose this because I enjoy creating and gifting art to those I love.” ~Charlotte W.

A picture he created: “ I drew a picture of my dog, Sadie, and decorated her nose with a gem, to represent my love for animals.” ~Will

A basketball: “I brought this because I love sports, being outside, and being active in nature.” ~Teddy

A picture she drew with the quote: so often the hands of the almighty are found at the ends of our own arms: “ I am offering the work of my hands to God, to work for peace and love.” ~Lucy

A stuffed bear:” I love stuffed animals, especially bears. They make me happy beyond words and this is a gift I love to share.” ~Alex

A hand-sewn bag: “God made me and the earth and I can make things for others.” ~Clark

A Rubik’s cube:” It represents my gift of curiosity and passion to solve challenges.” ~Archer





**COLLEGE CHURCH - SISTER PARISH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM
DEADLINE: APRIL 29, 2024**

For the last three 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 **50 students** in Belize. We hope to sponsor **fifteen additional students this year.**

PROGRAM DESCRIPTION & GUIDELINES

The Scholarship Program is coordinated through our Sister Parish 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.

QUESTIONS OR INTERESTED IN SPONSORING A STUDENT?

Please contact committee chair Mary Linhares at marytlinhares@gmail.com. The deadline for sponsorships is **Monday, April 29th, 2024.**

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Openings on the SFX Pastoral Council

The St. Francis Xavier (College) Church Pastoral Council is a group composed of the Parish Life Coordinator (Director of the Work) and twelve active parishioners who meet regularly to deliberate, reflect, and make decisions on a variety of issues related to the operations, programming, and spiritual life of the parish. The Pastoral Council provides support and direction to the various parish Commissions and Committees, and is generally charged with making sure that all activities support the parish’s Mission. There are **four openings** on the Pastoral Council for the term starting in August 2024. Council members serve for a three-year term with the option to serve a second term. The group meets one Saturday morning per month, and also participates actively in various special events throughout the year.

Process

Interested parishioners can submit a short statement explaining their interest in serving on the Council answering the following three questions: (1) What has drawn you to SFX College Church, and what are your hopes for the future of the parish? (2) What background and experience, either professional, personal, or as a parishioner, would you bring to the Council and how would you apply it? (3) Do you foresee any obstacles that would prevent you from regularly attending Council meetings and, from time to time, assisting with special projects or events? Are there scheduling or other accommodations that would make participation easier for you? Katie Jansen or another council member will meet with each applicant to discern with the nominee whether or not they would be a good fit for the council.

To Apply

If you are interested in serving, please fill out this form

<https://bit.ly/SFX-Council>



or reach out to one of our Council Co-Chairs

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Aimee Wittman

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Or Katie Jansen

314-977-1954, *katie@sfxstl.org*.

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Winnie Sullivan

Grace Teofilo



Youth Faith Formation Registration: Registration for our 2024-25 Youth Faith Formation programs is now open! We offer Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for children ages 3-12 years-old and a traditional classroom model for children in Kindergarten through 8th Grade. You can register on our website. Please reach out to Jennifer at jennifer@sfxstl.org or Julie at julie@sfxstl.org with any questions! Our registration deadline is June 1.



SFX Community Parties

Sign up to host or attend one of our SFX Community parties. Community parties are a way to raise money for our parish and also foster community. Parties can be geared towards kids, adults, and/or families. With the help of some amazing hosts, we will be able to connect, learn, and have fun! Use the QR code to volunteer to host a party or go to <https://bit.ly/SFXHosts>. You can also visit our website for more information.



Social Justice Camp this Summer

Registration is now open! The Social Justice Camp sponsored by the College Church Youth Faith Formation program will be held June 24 – 28 9:00 am - 4:00 pm. Young people who will be entering grades 6, 7, and 8 in the fall are invited to attend. The week's schedule will include engaging group activities and participation in a variety of community service events. We will explore ways God calls us to build a just society and use our gifts to help others. Camp fees are \$350 per camper and include all program materials and daily snacks. Campers bring their own lunches. Scholarships are available.

Reserve your spot by registering through this link: sfxstl.org/youth-group-registration. Please contact Jennifer Quick jennifer@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

Social Connections Commission Announcement

The Social Connections Commission (aka The Parish Party People) is trying to do our part in caring for our creation and being environmentally responsible by doing what we can to decrease the landfill resulting from our events. If you have reusable, lightweight 8" or 5" plates or small bowls or stainless utensils that you are no longer using, we would love to add to our collection. Please email (butmomwhy@gmail.com) or text Maureen (314-420-1650) for more information. Please do not just drop off at the Parish Center. Thanks!



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Jack Jezreel, the founder of JustFaith Ministries in 1989

"In the Footsteps of Jesus: A Vibrant Church of Missionary Disciples"

You are invited to join Jack Jezreel for a lively presentation on the critical link between faith and social mission. Borrowing from the scriptures, Catholic social teaching and Pope Francis, Jack will highlight how the Gospel invites us to a life of compassion, a life that changes us and the world around us. In addition, he will describe a strategy for parishes to nurture and empower their members to become vessels of God's healing and love in the world. The result? Transformed people, transformed churches, and a transformed world. The way is simple; it's just not easy.



Jack Jezreel received his B.A. degree in Religion and Philosophy from Furman University in 1979 and his Master of Divinity degree from the University of Notre Dame in 1982. He is the author of numerous published articles and the book, "A New Way to Be Church."

From 1983-88, Jack was a member of a Catholic Worker community, during which time he helped supervise a soup kitchen and three hospitality houses for men and women who were homeless. Jack also became interested in sustainability issues and has been involved in organic agriculture since 1985.

7:00PM Central Time | Thursday, May 2, 2024

This event will take place at the **St. Pius V Church Hall**, 3310 S. Grand, St. Louis, 63118.

Doors open at **6:30 p.m.** and the program will start at **7:00 p.m.** Parking is available, and the facility is handicapped-accessible.

Please register at: <https://bit.ly/JackJezreel2024>

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Circle of Creation Green Corner

Earthday365 is cosponsoring the **St. Louis Earth Day Festival** this weekend of **April 20-21** at Forest Park. earthday-365.org/festival/

One way you can recycle the solar glasses you used for eclipse watching is through Astronomers Without Borders [Solar Glasses Recycling and Distribution](https://astronomerswithoutborders.org/programs/solar-glasses-distribution#collection_node). [https://astronomerswithoutborders.org/programs/solar-glasses-distribution#collection_node]

Consider having a meatless meal, not just once a week during Lent, but throughout the year to help decrease greenhouse gases in the environment. [The diet that helps fight climate change](https://facebook.com/watch/?v=1737570466430548) [facebook.com/watch/?v=1737570466430548]

OPEN SPACE STL offers [community stewardship volunteer opportunities](https://volunteer.openspacestl.org/) through the metro area. [https://volunteer.openspacestl.org/]

[Revamp the Riverfront](https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E347224&id=108) clean-up events are to prevent plastic pollution from entering the Mighty Mississippi and eventually our oceans! [https://interland3.donorperfect.net/weblink/weblink.aspx?name=E347224&id=108]

The next volunteer event is Wednesday, May 29, from 5:30 PM to 7:30 PM at Mural Mile at 601 S Leonor K. Sullivan Blvd 63102.

Public Electronics Recycling events. See the schedule of events at

mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events

April 27, 8:00 to 11:00 AM

1640 S. Kingshighway Boulevard

Saint Louis, MO, 63110

hosted by **Brightside STL**

April 27, 9:00 to 11:30 AM

2129 Charbonier Road

Florissant, MO 63

hosted by Gateway Federal CU Florissant

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner sfxstl.org/circleofcreation on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation, including public electronics recycling events.

April 20th-21st

April 20
5:15 pm Fr. Redding, S.J.

April 21
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

April 27th-28th

April 20
5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, S.J.

April 21
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This Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading:

Acts 4:8-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Ps 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

Second Reading:

1 John 3:1-2

Gospel:

1 John 10:11-18

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Camille Smith, at bulletin@sfxstl.org, before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

College Church Accessibility

As a reminder, **assistive listening devices** are available for our liturgies. Please let the ushers know if you would like to use one.