



Easter Sunday 2024

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

April 7th, 2024
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/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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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 our Director of the Work

By Katie Jansen



Below is an excerpt of a reflection by Valerie Schultz published in America on the Gospel reading from Easter Sunday. It's so important for the future of our church that we reflect on and lift up the roles that women have played throughout our history. Can you imagine what it would be like if we allowed women into the center of the church? I know we are surrounded by preachers and deacons who imagine their place is around the edges of the church, behind the scenes, making sure it all comes together, and not fully recognizing or being recognized for their role in building the kingdom of God. I believe centering these women would unleash the Holy Spirit!

Catholic women today are the descendants of the women whose stories are told in the Gospels. From the moment of the Incarnation, a holy and willing woman says yes to birthing Jesus. Women listen to him, join him, challenge him, walk with him, care for him, feed him. Women follow Jesus to the foot of the cross: All four gospels record their presence with Jesus as he dies. Women find the stone rolled away from the entrance to Jesus' tomb on the first Easter Sunday. In today's Gospel reading, we learn that Mary Magdalene and another Mary (the mother of James and Joseph) are the first to proclaim the empty tomb and to encounter the risen Jesus. They are instructed by Jesus to go and preach the first homily of the Resurrection.

Throughout the Gospel accounts Jesus consistently welcomes women into his circle of believers. He respects them as people, rather than as the second-class citizens of his time. In return, the women who love Jesus are there for him physically and spiritually, sometimes even when Jesus and his disciples have hidden themselves away.

"Do not be afraid," Jesus tells the women in our Gospel today. "Go tell my brothers to go to Galilee, and there they will see me." The women have already seen him... They are ready to go about doing the work of the risen Christ. They are the dependable ones. Today's reading seems to witness in support of equal opportunity for women under Catholic custom and doctrine, doesn't it? It's food for thought. Prepared by women. Alleluia.

Valerie Schultz is a freelance writer, a columnist for The Bakersfield Californian and the author of A Hill of Beans: The Grace of Everyday Troubles.

Young Professionals Meeting: April 11th

The next meeting of the St. Francis Xavier Young Professionals group will be **Thursday April 11th at 7pm in the Adult Faith Room**. Regular meetings occur on the 2nd Thursday and again on the 4th Tuesday of each month for fellowship and faith sharing. For those outside the group's targeted age demographic (~22 to ~40), please feel free to get in touch if you have any questions or want to share any ideas for fun, faith-filled activities or projects. For more information or to get connected with the larger group, check out the group's Instagram account @sfxstlyp or contact Jacob Kloepfingier at jtkloepfingier@gmail.com. Come join!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering: Easter Alleluia

Gather 537

Sprinkling Rite: You Will Draw Water Joyfully

Alonso

For each line: First time cantor, all repeat.

You will draw wa - ter joy - ful - ly
 from the springs of sal - va - tion.

Gloria: The Glendalough Mass

Gather 261

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 118: Give thanks to the Lord

Gather 1066

Gospel Acclamation: Celtic Alleluia

Gather 334

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts (10:30): Alleluia, Alleluia, Praise the Risen Son!

Warner

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -
 ia, praise the Ris - en Son!
 Praise the Liv - ing One!
 Praise the Liv - ing Son!

COMMUNION RITE

Communion Hymn: In the Breaking of the Bread

Lawton

In the break - ing of the bread, we will
 find our hope, al - le - lu - ia. In the
 words, just as you said, we be -
 lieve, O Lord, al - le - lu - ia.

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Meditation (10:30): We Walk by Faith

Gather 680

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional: Now the Green Blade Rises

Gather 534

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Living Our Faith: Meet Chris

An SFX parishioner since: 2017. I turned away from Catholicism and religion for several years as I believed the Church was turning its back on those who most needed help. Years later I felt a draw to revisit my faith and began reading books by Joan Chittister, Richard Rohr, Thomas Merton and others. They introduced me to a new perspective on Catholicism and Christianity that I felt gave voice to a broader world. I began attending services at Catholic and non-Catholic churches. I remembered the profound experience I had as a SLU grad student when I attended College Church after 9/11. There was such a strong bond of community support, so I began attending services at SFX in 2016, joined in 2017, and haven't looked back!

Chris Deason

Living my faith: I made a career change in 2017 after working as a social worker for 10 years. I missed the personal relationships I had developed with people whose lives were different than mine, so I joined the St. Vincent de Paul Conference at College Church. I've always believed our actions have a ripple effect on others, and we should not shelter ourselves from those whose lives have been less fortunate. We like to say that our Conference is small but mighty, and I am continually amazed by the dedication our members show to their faith, one another, and our community in need.

After joining SFX I completed Just Faith and the Bridges Retreat because I needed to "catch up" after being a lapsed Catholic for so many years. It was so inspiring to hear others relay their faith journeys. I'm also a member of the Faith Development Committee, which is a great way to enhance my faith while collaborating with others to meet the needs of our faith community.

Why I'm involved: I love that College Church and our parishioners strive to make the Church, parish and community safe places to exhibit our faith while working for social justice. SFX continues to offer ways to strengthen my faith and challenge my perceptions.

Words that describe SFX: Inspiring, Active, Thought-Provoking.

My neighborhood: My husband, Don, and I have always been St. Louisans, and we currently live in Chesterfield. We have talked about moving closer to the City because we love the smaller neighborhoods. But, after 36 years in our home, we don't want to go through 36 years of accumulation! We are content to head to the City when we're searching for things to do and places to see.

Fun facts: Don and I are recently retired and love to travel. Our mission is to hit all U.S. National Parks (we've been to 14, so we have a way to go) and Presidential Libraries (we're just beginning, and have visited only one so far). When not fantasizing about travel, I'm trying to train our Akita to be nice others, but it's been a stretch.

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.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF MUSIC AND FUN!
SHOW OFF YOUR MUSICAL KNOWLEDGE
FROM THE BEE GEES TO BILLIE EILISH.

SATURDAY, APRIL 27
5:30 PM DOORS OPEN
6:30 PM MUSIC BEGINS
\$25 PER PERSON. TABLES OF 8.
AGES 10+
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REGISTER AND MORE INFO AT SFXSTL.ORG

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COLLEGE CHURCH

Lower Ballroom of
St. Francis Xavier
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A new spin on a
classic game.
Costumes
welcome!

To volunteer email:
katie@sfxstl.org



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.

Support the Missouri CROWN Act

At the end of February, members of College Church and the Rock Church gathered for one of the “Dinner and a Movie” events we host together. This time, instead of screening a feature length film, we viewed a documentary entitled CROWN. It described efforts in Oklahoma to join other states to pass a CROWN ACT – Creating A Respectable and Open World for Natural Hair—to prevent discrimination based on hair style in the workplace and schools. The African American women featured in the film describe the barriers they face when their hair is worn in natural styles. They also explain the costs involved in conforming to a white standard of acceptable style. The cost of achieving those styles is not only financial, but the processes required can be damaging to women’s hair and health.

According to the Crown 2023 Research Study, 54% of black women believe they need to straighten their hair to be successful in a job interview. CaSandra Glover, formerly of Arkansas Advocates for Children and Families, shared her personal experience: *“I remember on numerous occasions scrambling before interviews to ensure I had my weave or wig styled in a way that would fit into a white-dominated setting. I was afraid to be seen as less than or be stereotyped for the hair texture I was born with. I never felt I could truly be myself.”*

In 2021, a CROWN act was passed in both St. Louis city and county prohibiting race-based hair discrimination in employment and educational settings. A similar bill is currently being considered in the Missouri legislature. HB 1900 was recently passed in the House of Representatives and has moved on to the Senate. As explained by St. Louis Alderwoman, Shameem Clark Hubbard who sponsored the St. Louis CROWN Act and led our discussion of the documentary, the Missouri law is particularly important because of the state’s authority in public education. Children have been denied the right to wear natural and protective hair styles, such as braids, locs, twists, or bantu knots, in schools—forced to choose between abandoning their natural hair and removal from school or exclusion from events.

A CROWN Act has been passed in 24 states. You can help support the passage of this important legislation in Missouri by contacting your state senator and sharing your support for [SB 969](#). For more information about

the importance of the Crown Act, go to thecrownact.com.

A Voice for Change

Marian Anderson was born in 1897, in Philadelphia. Her father was a loader at the railroad station; her mother a former teacher. Anderson became one of the most celebrated singers of the 20th Century, performing a wide range of music from opera to spirituals. She discovered her love of singing early on with the church choir. It was her church community that provided scholarships for her to study music. Initially, her application to study voice at the Philadelphia Music Academy was denied due to her skin color. Yet she persevered, continuing her studies in Europe where she became known internationally.



But Anderson was equally important in the struggle for African American artists to overcome racial prejudice in the U.S. In 1939, the Daughters of the American Revolution refused to allow her to sing before an integrated audience. Yet that only made the spotlight brighter on Anderson. Later that year, with the help of First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt, she performed an open-air concert at the Lincoln Memorial before an integrated crowd of over 75,000 and a radio audience in the millions. Her opening song, “My country, ‘Tis of Thee,” aroused the country’s collective conscience and her performance became a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement, inspiring others to seek an end to segregation in America.

Anderson went on to leverage her talent against other racial barriers. In 1955, she became the first African American soloist to perform at the Metropolitan Opera. Eventually, she sang at two presidential inaugurations and was the first Black singer invited to perform in the White House. In addition, Anderson worked as a delegate to the UN Human Rights Committee and as a Goodwill Ambassador for the U.S. Department of State, giving concerts around the world. She participated in the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s, singing at the March on Washington in 1963.

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Authenticity was her form of activism. She proved that simply owning one's space can profoundly influence others. "What I had was singing, and if my career has been of some consequence, then that's my contribution."

Anderson received numerous awards and honors: the first Presidential Medal of Freedom; the Congressional Gold Medal; the Kennedy Center Honors; the National Medal of Arts; and a Grammy Lifetime Achievement Award. Marian Anderson died on April 8, 1993.

Significant Figures in Racial History

Patricia McKissack – died April 7, 2017, in St. Louis, MO. McKissack obtained an MA in children's education from Webster University. After teaching for a while, she realized writing was her calling and she authored more than 100 children's books. McKissack also co-authored books with her husband. They received the Coretta Scott King Award in 1990 and 1993.

Johnnie Tillmon – born April 10, 1926, in Scott, AR. Tillmon worked as a union shop steward, organizing workers, and improving living conditions in housing projects. She published an article "Welfare Is a Women's Issue," describing how the welfare system controls welfare recipients, especially women, and constantly scrutinizes them.

Nella Larsen – born April 13, 1891, in Chicago, IL. Working as a nurse and a librarian, she published several short stories and two novels about the lives of biracial or light-skinned Black women. Larsen was the first black woman to be awarded a Guggenheim fellowship.

Julius Nyerere - born April 13, 1922, in Batiana, Tanganyika (now Tanzania). Nyerere served as president of Tanzania from 1961-1985. A Catholic convert, he created a model of development for African nations based on the value of familyhood. He was known as "the conscience of Africa," even challenging the Church to greater justice. His canonization cause was opened in 2005.

Upcoming Events

April 13, 2024 2 p.m. You're invited to join the Centennial Celebration of the Life and Legacy of Sister Mary Antona, Ebo, FSM. This courageous, holy woman—a Civil Rights icon—will be feted with story and song by those who knew and loved her. The program will take place at St. Alphonsus Liguori (Rock) Church, 1118 N. Grand. St. Louis, MO, and will be live streamed at www.youtube.com/@st.alphonsusliguorirockcat9707

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



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 includes day of sharing with Immigrant Children

A highlight in this year's Social Justice Camp is a day of food, culture-sharing, and fun for campers and newly arrived immigrant children. Agencies that work with immigrant families say the children often face loneliness and isolation. Prior to the play day, campers will hear a presentation from HumanKIND, the agency which helps immigrant families adapt to their new country.

Social Justice Camp takes place June 24-28 and is based in the College Church. It runs from 9 am - 4 pm and is for students entering 6, 7 and 8 grade. Students will have daily opportunities for hands-on service, and will discuss opportunities to go beyond service and become advocates for social change. Tuition is \$350 with scholarship money available. For more information contact Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org, Jennifer Quick at jennifer@sfxstl.org or Terry Edelmenn at marieedelmenn35@gmail.com.

Fair Trade Sales Volunteers Needed

Looking for a way to make a BIG difference with a small commitment of time? Wishing you could do something at SFX but can't figure out what it might be? We have an answer for you! Looking for a way to make a BIG difference with a small commitment of time? Wishing you could do something at SFX but can't figure out what it might be? We have an answer for you!



SFX sells fair trade coffee, tea, and chocolate products twice a month, on the first and third Sunday after both Masses in the vestibule. Proceeds benefit our sister parish with St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize.

Sales have been picking up this year and we are in great need of more volunteers, especially for set-up before and sales after the 8:00 am Sunday Mass. We will provide all the information and training you need to be a knowledgeable SFX Fair Trade sales person! We cover sales on a volunteer basis with lots of flexibility; this will only add 20-30 minutes once a month to your Sunday morning at SFX.

Thank you for supporting our sister parish needs and promoting fair trade practices in this way. If you can help, please contact Lisa Zoia at zoialm@gmail.com.



Film Screening after Donut Sunday next Sunday

The Circle of Creation Committee (CCC) invites all to view and discuss an excerpt from the documentary film, "Seeding Change: The Power of Conscious Commerce." Join us as we gather to discuss and pray how we, as a parish community and as individuals, can respond to the critical call of caring for God's creation through voting with our dollars. Sr. Cheryl Kemner OSF, Coordinator of Franciscans For the Earth, will lead the discussion. Please plan to attend on Sunday, April 14, after the 10:30 Mass in the SFX Ballroom after the Donut Sunday gathering. We hope to finish by 1:15 PM. All are welcome!

As at all our parish events, we encourage people to wear their reusable name tags. [If you haven't been given one yet, we probably will have some to give out that day.] As usual, we also encourage all to bring their reusable beverage containers, but we will also have cups, if needed. Ice water will be available. We will provide some light snacks of nuts, fruits, and veggies.

If you would like to view the entire 50-minute video before or after April 14, go to www.seedingchange.com/ purchase to see how you can watch for free or on your favorite streaming platform.

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.



SQUARE DANCE for Solidarity

Saturday, April 13, 2024

6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**St. Francis Xavier
College Church Ballroom**

Suggested donation \$5

**All donations support L'Arche
communities in under-resourced
countries**

We will be selling handmade items from L'Arche in
Bethlehem, Ukraine, and Bangladesh!

**Cowboy hats and
boots encouraged!
All are welcome,
no experience
needed!**

**SCAN FOR
DETAILS!**



Circle of Creation Green Corner

The **2024 Confluence Trash Bash**, sponsored by the Open Space Council in cooperation with Great Rivers Greenway and other groups, is scheduled for Saturday, April 13, at many sites throughout the St. Louis area. To see what you may expect and to check the **Cleanup Site – Grading Scale**, go to openspacestl.org/confluence-trash-bash/. Then go to volunteer.openspacestl.org/need/?agency_id=132647 for a list of sites and their Grade of Accessibility.

The [National Park Week Riverfront Clean-Up](https://archpark.org/events/national-park-week-riverfront-clean-up) [archpark.org/events/national-park-week-riverfront-clean-up] is scheduled for Saturday, **April 20**, from 9:00 AM to Noon at the Arch. Additional information and registration is at the link above.

Earthday365 is cosponsoring the **St. Louis Earth Day Festival** on the weekend of **April 20-21**, 2024 at Forest Park. earthday-365.org/festival/

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://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=1737570466430548) [facebook.com/watch/?v=1737570466430548]

Public Electronics Recycling events. See the schedule of events at mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events

April 13, 9:00 AM to Noon
 Chaminade College Prep
 425 S. Lindbergh Boulevard
 St. Louis, MO, 63131
 hosted by the **Chaminade College Prep**

April 18, Noon to 5:00 PM
 2 Millstone Campus Drive
 Saint Louis, MO, 63146
 hosted by **St. Louis Jewish Community Center**

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 6th-7th

April 6
 5:15 pm Fr. Redding, S.J.

April 7
 8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.

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

April 13th-14th

April 13
 5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, S.J.

April 14
 8:00 am Fr. Redding, S.J.

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings

First Reading:
 Acts 10:34a, 37-43

Responsorial Psalm:
 Psalms 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23

Second Reading:
 Colossians 3:1-4

Gospel:
 John 20:1-9

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.