



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 9, 2023

The Resurrection of the Lord

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.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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 Joanie Hasser*
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 Jeanne Hermann*
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Prayer requests to:
church@sfxstl.org
 Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life."

Join our prayer group on Zoom, Friday mornings at 9:
 Contact Bridget Brennan at joy@canainstitute.org for info.

Reflection from Parishioner Cameron Bellm



"An Easter Prayer" by Cameron Bellm

When Lazarus stepped out of the tomb,
 He was still wrapped in burial cloths—
 "Unbind him," Jesus said, "and let him go."
 What bewilderment Peter and John must have felt, then,
 When they saw the linen shroud of the Lord left behind.
 This was no resurrection, not as they knew it.
 In that year and in this one, Jesus must have known
 That we need our sorrow affirmed and embraced
 Before we can enter into the possibility of hope.
 He left that cloth there for us, I imagine,
 To assure us that the Good Friday grief is real,
 And the Easter joy therefore all the greater—
 Christ unbound, so that we may also be free.
 Amen.

Rejoice!

Welcome and congratulations to Kenton Johnson who was received into full communion with Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil. May God continue to strengthen his faith and help him to share more fully in the life of the Catholic community.

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

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers:
 Khudayer Hamdan (nephew of Jassim and Margery Al-Abodi)
 May he and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



Fair Trade Items for Sale Next 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 next Sunday, April 16th.



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.

Easter Reflection

Excerpt from *Removing the Stones: A Reflection on Easter Sunday*

By Sr. Kathy Brazda, CSJ

On this day of resurrection, we are offered the hope and promise of Christ, that stones of oppression can be removed and that cloths which hide ugly truths can be taken away. In following the Risen One, may we be moved out of our complacency and towards a more just and peaceful world.

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.

Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together

In 2019 Pope Francis journeyed to the United Arab Emirates and met with Islamic leader Ahmed el-Tayeb, the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar. They discussed how people of differing faith traditions can live in peace and mutual respect. At the conclusion of their talks on February 4 of that year, they jointly signed a document on Human Fraternity. The UN later designated February 4 as an annual Day of Human Fraternity.

The Pope and the Imam called for dialogue, cooperation, and mutual understanding of others. They pointed out that while terrorists try to justify their activities using religion, terrorism really results from an incorrect interpretation of religious texts, and usually from ignorance of the “other.” Thus, getting to know members of other faiths is the best way to stop relating to them as enemies. The two men encouraged all people to recover the values of peace, justice, goodness, beauty, and coexistence, and to promote these values everywhere.

In his encyclical *Fratelli tutti*, Pope Francis stated that the document on Human Fraternity is not merely a diplomatic gesture, but a true commitment. In fact, an international committee on Human Fraternity has been created to carry out the hopes put forth in the document. To that end, a multi-faith worship center has been built on an island off the coast of Abu Dhabi – the capital of the UAE. It

comprises three buildings surrounding a large plaza, each similar in size but distinctly designed: a mosque, a church, and a synagogue. Together they are called the “Abrahamic Family House,” named after the Old Testament patriarch, Abraham, whom all three religions revere. The church is under Catholic sponsorship but open to all Christians.



Abrahamic Family House: Mosque (left), Synagogue (center), Church (right). Photo by Adjaye Associates.

This past February, four years after the pope and the Imam met, the Center was inaugurated as one of the first accomplishments from their initial discussion. It stands as a symbol of hope for a better future of tolerance and collaboration among believers of these religions. The goal is not unity among Muslims, Christians, and Jews, but to demonstrate that we can and must find ways to respect and live in harmony with each other.

How appropriate it is to celebrate Easter Sunday by recognizing that the Risen Lord works among us to bring people together in ways like this. Let us give praise and thanks for the Spirit’s inspiration that led to the document on Human Fraternity and continue to pray for signs of its success throughout the world.

Arab Americans Who Have Made History

Teacher and Astronaut Christa McAuliffe was the granddaughter of a Lebanese immigrant. She taught religious education at her Catholic parish on weekends. In 1985 she was chosen for NASA’s “Teacher in Space” program. Unfortunately, she died as part of the crew on the Challenger space-shuttle mission that exploded just after take-off in January 1986. Several schools have been named in her honor. She continues to inspire youth to reach for great heights.

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Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha is the daughter of Iraqi immigrants. She is a pediatrician, professor of Public Health, and advocate for children, immigrants, and women. She was the whistle-blower on the water contamination crisis in Flint, Michigan. For that work Time magazine named her one of the 100 Most Influential People in the World, and USA Today placed her on its list of Women of the Century. She has testified before Congress numerous times.

Upcoming Events

April 29 10:30 am - Join our brothers and sisters in the North Deanery in a Eucharistic Procession from Sts. Theresa and Bridget to St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church (see flyer next page). Refreshments will be served at the conclusion.

May 12 7:30 pm at Third Baptist Church 620 N Grand - The Opera Theater of St. Louis presents The Road to Freedom—a concert celebrating the 61st anniversary of the Freedom Riders. For more information and to reserve free tickets, go to opera-stl.org/whats-on/road-to-freedom.

Easter Prayer Service - Sunday, April 16

Join the Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet at 2 p.m. on **Sunday, April 16** at the Carondelet Motherhouse for their Easter prayer service *Radiating Joy*. Celebrate the resurrection of our Lord with our community. All are welcome! The prayer service is free, but registration is required by April 9. Register at <https://www.csjsl.org/events/easter-prayer-service>.

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.

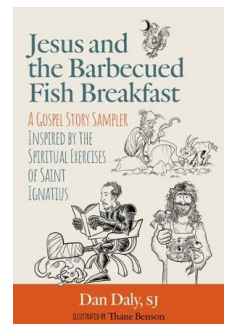
Bringing Scripture to Life Through Imagination With Fr. Dan Daly, SJ

Thursday, May 4, 2023 from 9:00am-11:00 am
At the Cardinal Rigali Center, 20 Archbishop May Dr, St. Louis, MO 63119

Join us for presentations by Fr. Dan, quiet prayers & reflection, small group sharing, questions and insights, and of course—refreshments and fellowship.

Brought to you by the Ignatian Volunteer Corps-St. Louis. This is a free event, however, freewill offerings will be accepted to support the mission and ministry of IVC-St. Louis.

Please RSVP to Sr. Amy Diesen at ivcstl@jesuits.org



**We are One
Body in Christ**



**EUCCHARISTIC
REVIVAL**
ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS

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.**

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.

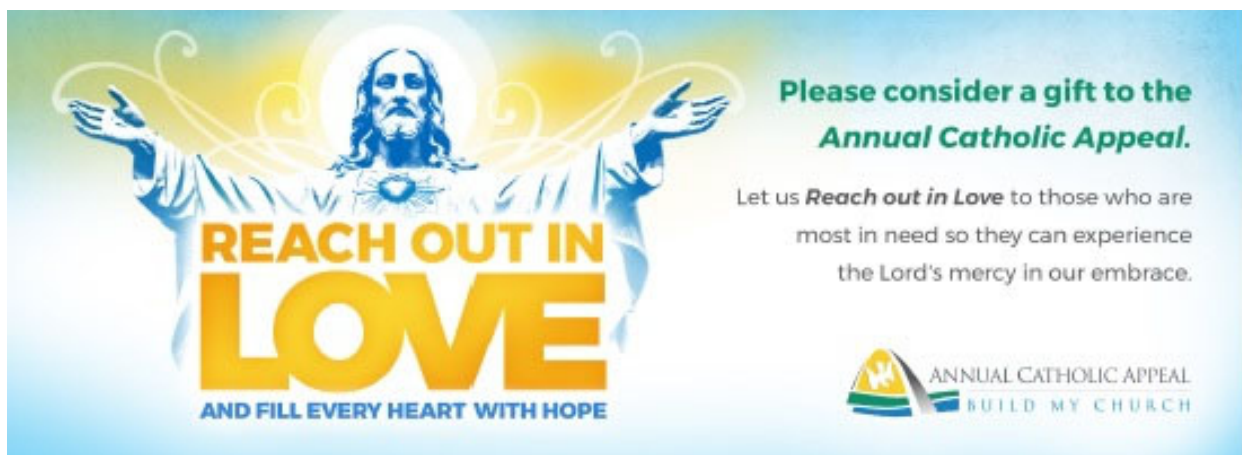
You will be receiving a mailing soon inviting you to donate to the *Annual Catholic Appeal*. We will also have pledge cards at our Masses in late April May. To find out more about the *Appeal*, please visit aca.archstl.org.

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



EcoWatch provides a very informative article, *Ocean Plastic: What You Need to Know*, which includes a variety of legislative efforts that need to be made as well as personal efforts that can be made. Visit this link to see the entire article: <https://www.ecowatch.com/ocean-plastic-guide-2653277768.html>

Spring Volunteer Opportunities are sponsored by [The Open Space Council](http://openspacestl.org/volunteer/) (<http://openspacestl.org/volunteer/>) and [Great Rivers Greenway](https://greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/) (<https://greatriversgreenway.org/stewardship-opportunities/>) in collaboration with other groups. Earthday365 cosponsors 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.

The 2023 St. Louis Earth Day 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 to qualify for a raffle. 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.

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

April 22, 9:00 AM to Noon
10333 Clayton Court Drive
Frontenac, MO, 63131
hosted by Redkey Realty **Frontenac**

April 29, 9:00 AM to Noon
16123 Chesterfield Parkway West
Chesterfield, MO 63017
hosted by Redkey Realty

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

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Saturday
8:00 pm Fr. McMahon, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Dave Suwalsky

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

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
(see above)

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 Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Online Giving Reminder

Click the blue bar at the top of our website, sfxstl.org. Or use this QR code.

