



*2022 Confirmandi with Bishop Mark Rivituso and Deacon Jim Griffard*

## **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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**May 8th, 2022**  
**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](https://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](mailto: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](http://www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1), for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact [associatepastor@sfxstl.org](mailto:associatepastor@sfxstl.org) with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto:joseph.milner@slu.edu)

Marriages: contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Funerals: contact Fr. Dan White at [frdan@sfxstl.org](mailto:frdan@sfxstl.org) or 314-977-7300.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

Parish Registration: Available online at [sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration](http://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration) or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email [church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org).

Youth Faith Formation: Catechesis of Good Shepherd classes are available for preschool through 6th grade level students. Traditional religious education classes are available for grades 1 through 8. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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[church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org)

Or visit [sfxstl.org](http://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](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.

**Reflections from our  
Parish Life Coordinator**

I'm learning quickly that writing weekly reflections is going to be a bit of a struggle for me at first. A lot of my work is administrative, and sometimes it's difficult to stop thinking about my tasks for the week. So this week I'm just going to reflect on the big one I'm working on: the budget. It is due at the end of May and it is what I've been thinking about every day for the last month and a half. For me, putting the budget together is stressful for two main reasons. 1) Spreadsheets are hard! Just one wrong formula and the whole thing is messed up. 2) Our income and expenses are supposed to balance. I know that's obvious, but making it happen can be very stressful. Can we bring in enough revenue to pay for all the important work we want to do? If not, how do we make a decision about what to cut? We have many vibrant ministries that are led by incredibly talented staff and parishioners.

I also find the budgeting process invigorating and inspiring for one main reason: I get to work with the College Church Finance Committee. I am generally in awe not just of their accounting expertise but also of their sense of the budget as an expression of our vision as a parish. They are clear that the purpose of the budget is to support our mission, not the other way around. They certainly pay close attention to our revenues and expenses, but they always look at them in the context of Our Parish Vision and how we are called to be of service. And somehow, even when a pandemic hits and we have to close the church for months, they remain calm. There have been times when I left a Finance Committee Meeting feeling like I got as much spiritual as financial guidance. So, if you see any of these people, feel free to ask them a question about our finances and rest assured that our budget and our vision are in good hands.

Chair: Chris Tkach

Members: Victoria Barenz, Carl Greiner, Scott Jarboe, Mike Lueke, Frank Matula, Debbie Neupert

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

With the hope of the Resurrection, we ask that you remember in your prayers all those who have recently died, including:

Valerie Davies Payne (mother of Lucinda Santiago)

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



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



## What the Heck is Synodality?

### A Theological Survey

Synodality is a new description of an ancient Church practice. The roots are found in the New Testament. The event that most informs our present understanding is the so-called Council of Jerusalem from The Acts of the Apostles chapter 15. It is preferable to call it a meeting or conference, however, as “council” has a very particular meaning in Church History. The first Christian leaders met in Jerusalem about the year 50 over a contentious issue. That was, how much should Gentile believers in Jesus follow the Jewish Law? The decision is important, but what matters most for the topic of synodality is the process used to arrive at the decision.

Prayer, listening, experiences, discernment, arguments, and the input of Church leadership all contribute to consensus. This conference is the template for how not just how the Church should make decisions, but for the general way of being and living as the Christian community.

The second essential text for an understanding of synodality is chapter 12 of St. Paul’s 1<sup>st</sup> Letter to the Corinthians. This is not a description of how synodality should be done, but rather the theology of the process. The “why” of a synodal Church as it were. Chapter 12 is the fullest expression of Paul’s understanding of the Holy Spirit’s gifts given to the Church. The Spirit provides a diverse range of gifts to a diversity of people all for the Church’s mission. In the community all have gifts, all are necessary, and all come from God for the good of all. The Jerusalem conference is the perfect example of appreciating and valuing the multitude of gifts to forward the work of the Church.



### Theology of Synodality

"What the heck is synodality?" Fr. Dan will be offering an introduction to the theology of synodality this spring. Sessions will be via Zoom and will take place the five Tuesdays of May. The primary source will be the International Theological Commission's document on synodality. We will also look at the relevant biblical texts and the Vatican II document Lumen Gentium. Sessions will go from 7:15 to 8:15 May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31.

The registration link is on our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).

### Happy Mother’s Day!

On Mother’s Day we want to also remember all Moms who have lost a child through miscarriage, at birth or in their young years. May you find comfort in knowing your child rests in the gentle and loving arms of God. For resources and support in suffering a miscarriage or child at birth, please contact Joan at 314-962-2833. All calls are confidential.

### Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) “Dancing in the Streets” Gala and Fundraiser

Thursday, May 19, 2022 @ 6:00 PM

Polish Heritage Center, 1413 N 20th St, Saint Louis, MO 63106

Purchase a ticket or table here: [tinyurl.com/MCUgala](http://tinyurl.com/MCUgala). Join for a fun evening in support of the community organizing and justice work of MCU, of which College Church is a member congregation.





## 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.*

### Our Parish Racial Equity Review

Two years ago, with the following statement, we at College Church identified antiracism as a priority of our parish vision: “We are committed to becoming an antiracist parish. We must continue to grow in our understanding of the systems that uphold racism as well as the actions and avenues that help to dismantle it. With the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to transforming ourselves, our church, and the community so that we can fully live the gospel. We will work to become a transforming institution committed to the process of intentional institutional restructuring, based upon antiracist analysis and identity.”

To help realize that transformation, members of the SFX Antiracism Team and parish leaders partnered with the Crossroads Antiracism and Training Organization and, by means of that partnership, have worked to develop, through a variety of activities, a common understanding of systemic racism and a shared language to give expression to that understanding.

To continue to effect change, a more thorough process of scrutiny was called for, not unlike the critical examination of one's life undertaken by catechumens preparing for Baptism. Through this process, now known as our parish racial equity review, a group of parishioners—members of our Review Team—have begun an in-depth exploration of our history, as that knowledge of our past grounds our current work. In the coming months, the Review Team will, after additional training, examine our parish culture and identity, and appraise our structures by listening to those who form our community.

By way of preparation for the Review Team's upcoming training, the Antiracism Team's co-chairs, Lisa Burks and Winnie Sullivan, are participating in a pilot of the training program. The training pilot, *Toward Liberation*, offers a reframing of U.S. History to enable a better understanding of the roots, and consequent pervasiveness, of systemic racism. Additionally, it provides tools for the analysis of power, which will prove critical as we undertake the data collection phase of our parish equity review. Finally, the delineation, in the pilot program, of our many individual identities (e.g., race, ethnicity, class, etc.) and the ways in which they intersect to either afford or impede access to power and resources is an invitation to personal transformation.

Carl Greiner, who heads the Antiracism Team's Parish Review Committee, and is leading our racial equity review efforts, has provided the following update:

#### *Racial Equity Review: May 2022 Update*

The work of the review is to develop and work through a collaborative and interactive process to assess the organizational structure, policies, culture, and offerings of the parish to determine whether and how those components may support the continuation of systemic racism. The review team will gather and analyze data and information to generate recommendations to offer to the parish with a view towards dismantling the ways in which systemic racism is preserved. Our parish racial equity review has been delayed by about 5 – 6 months as we await training with our partner, Crossroads. As the COVID pandemic impacted each of us in different ways, Crossroads has been adjusting how to deliver their services remotely while retaining the effectiveness and quality of the training. Our team will go through training with Crossroads in June and July (which was originally scheduled in January). We anticipate engaging with our parish in August, September, and October through small groups, large groups, Zoom gatherings, and surveys to get input about our parish. This input will be reviewed and analyzed with an expectation that recommendations will be brought to our parish in December/January. We will provide further updates as they become available in the coming months. If you have any questions, comments or thoughts, please feel free to email Carl Greiner at [carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com](mailto:carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com).

#### Tuesday Vigil Reminder

Weekly Tuesday night vigils for racial justice will continue each week from 6–7 p.m. You are invited to join on the steps of College Church to stand in prayer and hold signs calling for racial justice locally and nationally.

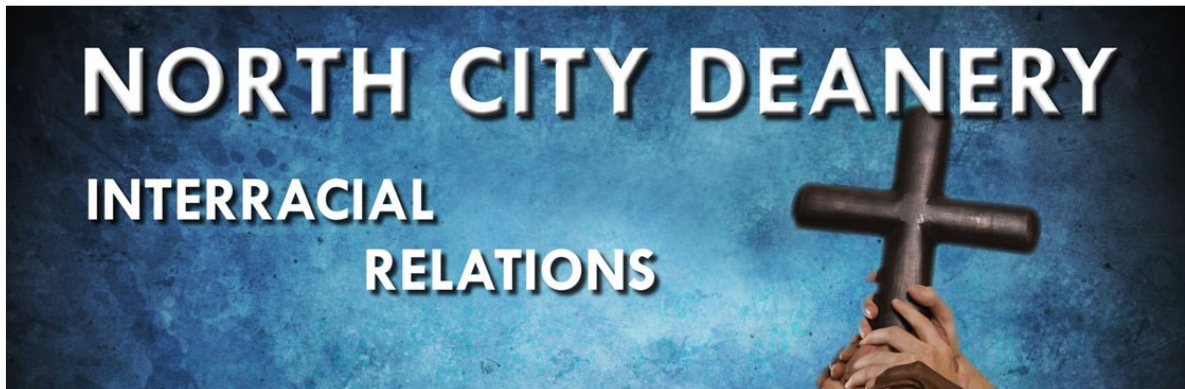
#### Upcoming Events

##### *Ignatian Parish Justice Summit – June 15*

The Ignatian Solidarity Network is hosting a virtual conference where participants will share best practices and connect with other parishes that are working for social justice. This Ignatian Parish Justice Summit will be held virtually June 15th. If you are interested in attending, please contact Christine Dragonette for more information: [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) 314-977-7309.

(continued...) *Maafa Procession – June 18 9:00 am – 12:00 pm*

As part of its Forgive Us Our Trespases initiative, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will hold a procession memorializing the lives lost during the Middle Passage and the Atlantic slave trade. The event will begin with a prayer service at the Old Cathedral and journey to sites significant to the history of the enslavement of African Americans in St. Louis. The event will be livestreamed for those unable to attend in person.



SAVE THE DATE!

North City Deanery REVIVAL

*For a Synodal Church: That All May Be One!*

June 6th and 7th at 6:30 pm

Praise and Worship at 6:15 pm

St. Matthew the Apostle

2715 N. Sarah St. 63113

Revivalist Rev. Canon, A. Gerard Jordan



**The Reverend Canon A. Gerard Jordan**, is a consecrated religious, a canon, and a priest of the Church with the Order of Canons Regular Prémontré. He is also a Titular Canon of the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and is entitled to the privileges of that office as he does the work of that ministry here in the Americas in all Catholic social settings and social justice circles. He is one of only four African American men in this country who are ordained canons and the only African American priest in the USA to be both a religious canon and a secular canon.

## YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### BE A PART OF THE COLLEGE CHURCH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM

The College Church Religious Education, RE, program is looking for faith-filled individuals to lead RE classes next year.

No experience is needed. Individuals need to be strong in their faith and eager to share it with children. The textbook series is Finding God, a publication of Loyola Press which takes an Ignatian Approach to religious instruction. In addition to class work and discussions the school year includes Sandwich Sundays, and Class Masses and service days as possible. Those are coordinated by the Youth Faith Formation staff.

Catechists work in teams, and a parent or parishioner is often paired with a SLU student. The students bring their leadership experience and love for God, which is outstanding modelling for our children.

Classes meet on most Sunday mornings, 9:15 – 10:20 in the Parish Center and in Davis-Shaughnessy Hall, from September through early May. On nice mornings classes often meet outside. On Sundays when a catechist is not available, the co-leader will manage the class. If you are unable to commit to a full schedule right now, you can volunteer to be a substitute.

Catechists receive free tuition for their children and are paid a modest stipend. They need to be in compliance with the Archdiocese Prevent and Protect STL program.

Please contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie.kilian4@gmail.com](mailto:julie.kilian4@gmail.com) if you want to volunteer or if you have any questions. You can also contact Terry or Julie if you have questions about the RE program itself.

### REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

Families with children preschool through eighth grade can register for the 2022-2023 College Church Youth Faith Formation Programs. The College Church offers both a traditional religious education (RE) program and a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program. The RE program is available for children second through eighth grade. The CGS program is offered for children from preschool through sixth grade. You may be put on a waiting list for the CGS program.

Classes meet at 9:15 on Sunday morning in the College Church and in Davis-Shaughnessy Hall, just west of the Pius XII Library. RE classes conclude at 10:40, GCS classes go until 11:15 with children brought to their parents during the 10:30 Mass.

Both programs are based on Ignatian Spirituality, with an emphasis on God's unconditional love, and on the importance of service. The programs use the Examen to reflect on each day's opportunity to be Christ-like in daily activities.

RE classes are organized by grade level and operate in a more traditional classroom setting. CGS classes are Montessori-based, with multi-aged groupings, and they encourage children to grow in their faith life through individual experience. Children in both programs receive sacraments in second and eighth grade.

For more information about these programs contact Julie Kilian at [julie.kilian4@gmail.com](mailto:julie.kilian4@gmail.com) or Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

To register, visit [sfxstl.org/youth-faith](http://sfxstl.org/youth-faith) and click the "Youth Faith Formation Registration" button.

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### First Communion Next Sunday

Next Sunday May 15, at the 10:30 Mass, 21 students from the College Church Youth Faith Formation Program will make their First Eucharist. Students receiving Communion for the first time are: Bianca Elizabeth Angelette, Andrea Sofia Castagna, Mary Helen Claassen, Lilly Jane Daugherty, Catherine Haven Dickmann, Grace Violet Kraemer, Rowan Eagan Ross Lang, Margaret Shapleigh Ledbetter, Sally Amanda Liebermann, Sophia Preye Ifeoma Mamah, Alexander Michael Montgomery, Aiden Michael O'Neill, John Carlo Pierce, Henry Joseph Quillin, Abigail Kathleen Schamel, Isabelle Marguerite Schamel, Benjamin Gerald Schmidt, Simon Martin Sidorski, Gabriella Grace Stuhlsatz, Catherine Amelia Wiegers and Patrick Dineen Wurm-Cutter.

The catechists who lovingly prepared the students for this important milestone are Amanda Taylor, Alicia Timko, Tracie Simpson and Julia Kreiser.

Please keep these students, their families and their dedicated catechists in your prayers.



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### College Church is Hiring!

Our bulletin editor, Lexi Mentzel, will be leaving at the end of May to move back home to South Dakota with her fiancé. We are looking for a new individual to fill her shoes. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact at Angela at (314) 977-7304 or (if you are a SLU student) you can apply here: <https://app.joinhandshake.com/stu/jobs/6394410>.

"I have loved my time here at College Church so, SO much, and I am grateful for what this parish has taught me, both professionally and spiritually." - Lexi



## Circle of Creation Green Corner



### “The Earth is Our Mother”

This version by Ms. Amanda showing how to use a drum and sing this chant: <https://tinyurl.com/bdefmy6k>

### Environmental Justice Day of Action

Saturday, May 14th, 9:00 AM - Noon: Earthday 365 is partnering again with [North Newstead Association](#) and the [Young Friends of earthday365](#) to return to O’Fallon Park for another litter cleanup. Register here: <https://tinyurl.com/yck69es9>. You may indicate College Church Circle of Creation as your group name, if you like.

**Revamp the Riverfront** with The St. Louis Aquarium Foundation in partnership with Great Rivers Greenway on June 8, and/or September 17, 2022. Clean up the Riverfront and prevent plastic pollution from entering the Mississippi River and eventually the oceans. More information and registration is here: <https://tinyurl.com/mpvmfmdm>.

A citizen scientist opportunity: you may want to download the Marine Debris Tracker app <https://debristracker.org/> prior to this event.

Channel 5 reported “**Recycling was scheduled to resume in the City of St. Louis in May**, the mayor announced Tuesday” April 20, 2022. <https://tinyurl.com/4te4t7pv>. In preparation for an announcement of when Blue Bin Recycling in the alley will actually resume, St. Louis City residents may want to brush up on what should go into the Blue Recycling Bin and what should NOT go into single-stream recycling in the City. Saint Louis City Recycles provides Recycling 101: <https://tinyurl.com/53cwvtu5>.

Visit the **College Church Circle of Creation Committee’s Green Page** [sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation) to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation.

### Silent Prayer for Peace in Ukraine on Wednesdays at Sisters of St. Joseph

A silent prayer for peace in Ukraine will be offered on Wednesdays, 10-11 a.m. in Holy Family Chapel at the Sisters of St. Joseph motherhouse 6400 Minnesota Ave, St. Louis, MO 63111. COVID vaccination required for entry. For more information, contact [mflick@csjsl.org](mailto:mflick@csjsl.org) or [legettism@yahoo.com](mailto:legettism@yahoo.com).

### May 7-8, 2022

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

### May 14-15, 2022

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

### This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

#### First Reading:

Acts 13:14, 43-52

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

#### Second Reading:

Revelation 7:9, 14-17

#### Gospel:

John 10:27-30

### Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Lexi Mentzel at [bulletin@sfxstl.org](mailto:bulletin@sfxstl.org) before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

### Online Giving Reminder

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