



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



June 11, 2023
The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchlivestream

Weekday Masses: 7:15 am and noon Monday through Friday, all in main church. (7:15 am Mass only on national holidays.)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Mondays through Fridays, 10:30 am through 11:45 am.

MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of St. Francis Xavier College Church, form a welcoming Jesuit parish community. As followers of Jesus Christ, we praise God, love our neighbors as ourselves, celebrate liturgy and the sacraments, engage in lifelong formation and proclaim God's reign of justice, mercy and peace.

PARISH INFORMATION**E-MAIL ADDRESS:** church@sfxstl.org

The Parish Center is closed if St. Louis City Schools are closed due to bad weather. Activities and events are also cancelled.

Hours: Monday - Friday 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Saturday we are closed & Sunday: 8:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Bulletin Notices: must be submitted to church@sfxstl.org by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

Infant Baptisms: Visit the Baptism page on the SFX website, www.sfxstl.org/baptism-1, for information on infant baptisms and required preparation class. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12 pm. Contact frtim@sfxstl.org with questions.

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

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

Funerals: contact Fr. Tim McMahon at frtim@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

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

Parish Registration: Available online at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

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

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Reminder**

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



PRAY FOR THE SICK

Anonymous Faculty member
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 Samuel Belk
 Bill Bollwerk*
 Leigh Burkhart
 Maureen Carney*
 Steve Frank*
 Dave Greiner
 Deacon Jim Griffard
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Joanie Hasser*
 Butch Henning*
 Jeanne Hermann*
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Peggy Krebs
 Julianne Lister
 Tom McDermott
 Eddie McDevitt
 Angie Menard*
 Karena Menard*
 Liz Moloney*
 Suzanne Mondello
 Rea O'Neill
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Fr. Dick Perl, SJ*
 Mark Roddy*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Mark Segovia
 Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ*
 Jean Steely
 Greg Stephen
 Colleen Starkloff
 Terry Werner
 Robert Wilmott
 Marjorie Woodeye
 Lisa Zimmerer*
 * Long-term

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 on the Synod on Synodality



This is an excerpt of a reflection written by **Jane Leyden Cavanaugh** who supports Discerning Deacons. Her passion is the reform and renewal of the Catholic Church. After a 12-year career in comedy in Minneapolis, Chicago and Los Angeles, Jane got a Masters degree in Theology and a Certificate in Spiritual Direction.

As we experience this new synodal way of being in the Catholic Church under Pope Francis' leadership, I'm interested in shifting our story about what's going on in the church now. We need a Big Shift in the way we talk about the Catholic Church and our relationship to the church so that we can have a "visionary conversation for people that uplift them and connect them to their courage." Here is a chart I created that distills some of the ways **I believe we need to make The Big Shift from an old, tired narrative to a new, energizing narrative:**

A scripture verse that encapsulates the old, tired narrative is Psalm 1, verse 1: "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked or take the path that sinners tread or sit in the seat of scoffers..."

Old, Tired Narrative	New, Energizing Narrative
"Sit in the Seat of Scoffers" Psalm 1:1	"Here I am Lord, Send me." Isaiah 6:8
Complain	Lament & Pray
Observer	Protagonist
Ego driven	Holy Spirit driven
Church is Dying	Church is Birthing
Us vs Them	We

Like the psalmist said, it's time to fundamentally stop scoffing about our broken Church and start doing something, which is summed up nicely in Isaiah 6:8 "Here I am Lord, send me."

We need to do less complaining and more praying, including the powerful prayer of lament: **"I'm sad. This is not an easy time, God. Help us create a church closer to your vision of community."**

We need to leave the observer's seat, where it is so very easy to critique "those people who are doing it wrong" and step into being a protagonist, part of the solution where we put some skin in the game.

We need to shift from being about "What I want or think needs to be done" – that's the ego – to "What does the Holy Spirit want? Where is the Spirit taking us?"

We need to shift from interpreting the pain of the church we are experiencing as a sign of its death to wondering: **"What if this pain is a sign of the church birthing something new?"** Many women know the pain of the birthing process. And we also know that the new life is worth the pain.

The full reflection can be found here <https://bit.ly/DDBigShift>.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

William Bollwerk
 Thom Digman (husband of Jo-Ann Digman)

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





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.

Being Fully Inclusive

As our parish engages in the work of becoming an antiracist church, we are recognizing that not only do we need to communicate and confirm a sense of belonging to people of all races, we must be more inclusive of people who experience discrimination based on other aspects of identity. That includes people who identify as LGBTQ+. We can begin by remembering the words of Pope Francis who said, “If a person is [LGBTQ+] and seeks out the Lord, . . . who am I to judge that person?” He was paraphrasing the Catechism of the Catholic Church which states that LGBTQ+ people should be treated with “respect, compassion, and sensitivity” just like everyone else. [Catechism, paragraph 2358] We will also be more intentional about sharing the stories, perspectives, and issues of people who are LGBTQ+; exploring, in particular, the intersectionality with racism; and including the ways in which these stories impact the Catholic faith we share.

A Brief History of Pride Month

The month of June has come to be known as Pride Month. It honors and commemorates the movement for LGBT rights. Following a series of gay liberation protests in 1969, known as the Stonewall Uprising, people organized in support of gay rights, and within two years after the uprising, gay rights groups had been started in nearly every major city in the United States. Many communities sponsor parades and other events celebrating LGBT culture. The first St. Louis Pride celebration was held in 1980 with a week of activities followed by the Lesbian and Gay Walk for Charity. Since that time it has become an annual, month-long event, committed to celebrating diversity and affirming all identities within the community.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness

One of the sources of information and inspiration that continues to guide the work of the Antiracism Team is the book *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness* by Joseph Barndt. The author is a Lutheran minister and founder of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training with whom we are partnering for our parish racial equity review. In this book, Barndt lays a foundation for both personal and institutional change. He explores the history of racism in the

Christian church, describes how racial injustice became institutionalized in the church in America, and sets out methods for appraising and addressing systemic racism within congregations.

*Becoming an
Anti-Racist Church*
Journeying toward Wholeness

Joseph Barndt



You are invited to participate in a group study and discussion of this book.

It will be facilitated by parish leaders Lisa D’Souza and Amy Sanders and will meet on three consecutive Sundays—July 9, 16, and 23 from 9:15–10:15 am. Copies of the book will be available for \$21.60. You may register through this link: tinyurl.com/438euaxk. You may also contact Lisa Burks at lburks60@gmail.com or Winnie Sullivan at penultim@swbell.net to register or to obtain further information.

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Died June 16, 1944 – Teenager George Stinney at the South Carolina Penitentiary in Columbia, SC. At age 14, he was the youngest person ever executed in the U.S. during the 20th century for the rape and murder of two white girls that he did not commit. Stinney was exonerated in 2014, the judge saying that he was deprived of due process throughout his trial.

Upcoming Events

June 15 6:30 – 8:00 pm The Missouri History Museum is hosting a Juneteenth Celebration that includes a presentation of a multigenerational family migration story: *From New Orleans to Galveston to St. Louis and Beyond*. The program will conclude with a performance of the Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis—a group that includes College Church Choir members Jane Godfrey, Becky McKenna, Ken McKenna, and Carlita Logan. Come early to explore exhibits and additional activities. See the website for the Missouri History Museum for more information: mohistory.org/events/juneteenth-keynote. Learn more about the Community Gospel Choir and upcoming performances at communitygospelchoir.org/upcoming-concerts/

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June 17 9:00 am The second annual MAAFA Procession and Prayer Service, hosted by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, will be held to commemorate the millions of lives lost during the Middle Passage of the Atlantic Slave Trade. The event will begin with a prayer service at the Old Cathedral followed by a remembering ceremony at the south pond on the Arch grounds and a one-mile procession to St. John the Evangelist Church where participants will share a meal.

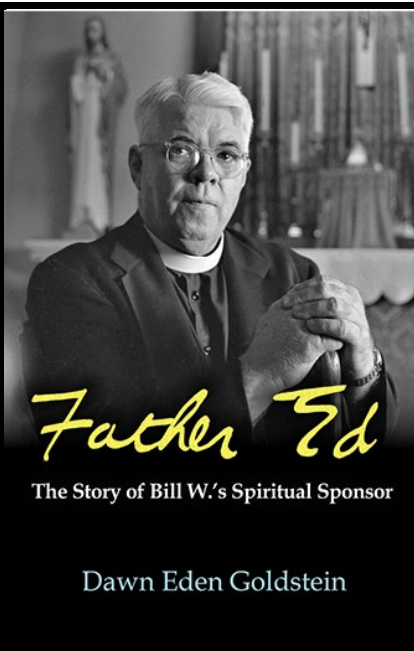
SFX Racial Justice Vigils

This year, the Racism and Reconciliation Committee will be organizing monthly racial justice vigils from 6-7pm on the front steps of College Church. The vigils will feature signs as testaments to our racial justice awareness, prayers, and silence. The next will be **Monday, June 19, 2023** - in coordination with the federal holiday of Juneteenth, established in 2021 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in Texas.

After that, the vigil will be **Sunday, July 3, 2023** - to mark Independence Day on July 4th.

Dates for August, September, and October are to be decided.

Hope you can join us! For more information, contact: jfmc676@gmail.com



Book Group on the St. Louis-based Spiritual Sponsor of A.A., “Father Ed,” Sundays at 9:15am in the Adult Faith Room

Interested in learning more about the connections between the spirituality of Alcoholics Anonymous (A.A.) and Saint Ignatius? Join us this Sunday in the Adult Faith Room as we discuss the biography of Fr. Edward Dowling, a St. Louis-based Jesuit priest who was the spiritual sponsor to the founder of A.A., Bill Wilson.

A.A. has not only helped millions of alcoholics transform their lives, but has also developed a distinctive form of pragmatic spirituality for people who are imperfect, don't have their lives together, and don't “fit in” well within organized religion (i.e., most people). Father Ed, who celebrated Mass at College Church numerous times, and whose funeral Mass was held at College Church in front of a packed house on April 2nd, 1960, not only helped develop the spiritual foundations of A.A., but was also an early champion of civil rights and social justice in the Archdiocese of St. Louis.

Come join us and learn more about Fr. Ed, his life, and the spirituality of A.A. and St. Ignatius. Copies of the book are available for \$23. For a copy or for more information, contact Joe Milner, joe@sfxstl.org.



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Looking for connection and meaningful work? Apply as a Full-Time Assistant (Direct Support Professional) or Overnight Assistant with L'Arche St. Louis.

We are a community of people with and without developmental disabilities, where we celebrate the unique value of every person and recognize our need for one another.

Earn \$18/hour (\$20/hr for Overnights) plus benefits (health/vision/dental, PTO, 401k).

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**WOMEN'S RETREAT AT
WHITE HOUSE
September 18-21**

Mark your calendars for an opportunity to get away for a few days to rest, relax, pray, reflect, and not have to cook!

September 18-21 is the week of a women's retreat at White House Retreat.

Women from College Church and a number of other parishes will be attending this retreat, which is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola.

Space is limited and the retreat fills up quickly.

Register by calling: 314-416-6400, or online www.whretreat.org.

Be sure to mention you are a parishioner of SFX College Church when signing up. For any questions about format or general information, please call Tina Saunders, 314-443-4509 (c).



SECOND ANNUAL FORGIVE US OUR TRESPASSES

MAAFA PROCESSION

AND PRAYER SERVICE

JUNE 17, 2023

9:00A.M. - 1:00P.M

WHAT TO EXPECT

- We will begin with a prayer service at the Old Cathedral, featuring keynote speaker, Bishop Joseph Perry, Auxiliary Bishop of Chicago.
- We will have remembering ceremony at the south pond of the Arch grounds, followed by a one-mile procession to St. John Apostle and Evangelist Church where we will share a meal.
- White attire is preferred for attendees.

WHY MAAFA?

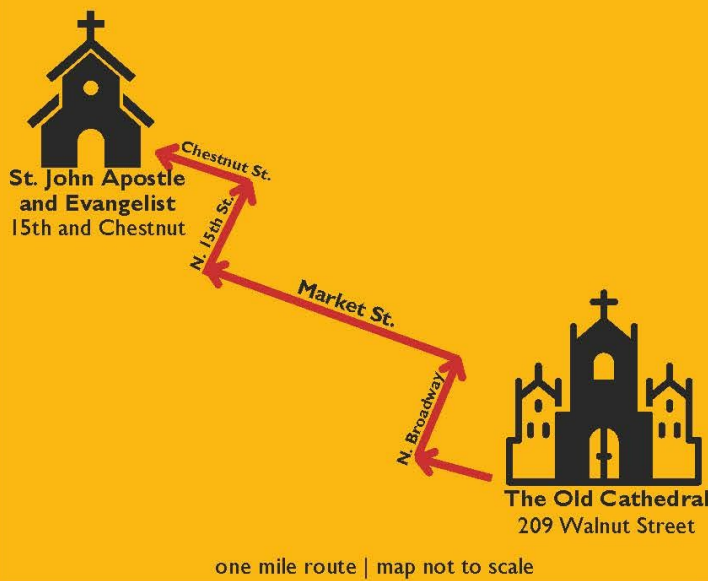
We commemorate the approximately two million lives lost during the Middle Passage of the Atlantic slave trade, attest to our broken past, and ask God to lead us on a path of acknowledgement, penance, forgiveness, and healing.

PARKING INFO

- Parking will be available at the Old Cathedral & St. John's.
- Shuttle schedule:

8:30A.M.	First shuttle leaves St. John's to Old Cathedral
11:00A.M. - 1:15P.M.	Continuous loop as needed
1:30P.M.	Final shuttle leaves St. John's

PROCESSION ROUTE



SCAN FOR MORE INFO & TO REGISTER FOR LUNCH



Archbishop Rozanski's message to the faithful



ALL THINGS NEW

The Church recently celebrated the Solemnity of Pentecost, commemorating the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the Apostles, the foundation of the Church and the beginning of her mission to all nations and peoples.

The mystery of Pentecost urges us to pray and commit to the mission. The Holy Spirit inspires faith, hope and charity in the hearts of the faithful and ennobles the numerous and varied ways of transmitting the Christian message according to the culture and customs of all times and places. While giving us access to communion with God in prayer, the Holy Spirit also prompts us toward service of our neighbor by encountering him, reconciliation, witness, desire for justice and peace, renewal of outlook, social progress and missionary commitment.

We launched the All Things New strategic pastoral planning process almost two years ago. We prayed to the Holy Spirit for guidance and committed ourselves to this archdiocese's faithful. An extensive listening process was undertaken in all parishes. I then consulted the archdiocesan Council of Priests regarding every parish under consideration. I then spent time in further prayer, study and discernment. I have reached the following decisions about the archdiocese.

Moving forward, the Archdiocese of St. Louis will be reshaped from 178 individual parishes into 135 parishes. These parishes will be overseen about 90 diocesan pastors and 17 religious order pastors; many will serve more than one parish.

These modifications include 35 parishes being subsumed into neighboring parishes and 15 parishes being merged to create five new parishes. There will be a new personal parish for the Spanish-speaking community in St. Charles County.

Our communities should reevaluate their current pastoral care, social outreach and evangelization efforts to see how they can be refined or reinvented, even those parishes where there is no change to the pastor or parish structure.

Our new vicariate model, with parishes grouped by geographic region, will reinforce this by helping streamline parish support and administration. I am also establishing a new Office of Parish Mission and Vitality to help me oversee these efforts.

Over the next several months, our priests will discern with their people what the best use of our facilities should be. Priority will be given to providing the sacraments and necessary pastoral care to all who live within their boundaries and reimagining what a vibrant, evangelizing parish should look like.

As we pray through these changes, we are all called to work together toward one common mission: to make all things new for the glory of our Risen Lord.

Many parishioners are taking on more responsibility for their faith and service to others. In the past several months, 2,000 parishioners across the archdiocese have participated in our Evangelization 101 series, empowering them to ignite a new spark of evangelization in their parishes.

In St. Louis, we are called today to start a new chapter in our 200-year history. May a new Pentecost set us each ablaze for the Gospel of Christ. I pray that we will work together to forge new pathways and ensure that the treasure of our faith continues to bring healing and hope to a broken world.

May the Holy Spirit guide us.

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 contact Joseph Milner, 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.

Circle of Creation Green Corner



In case you missed it, an article in the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* concerning recycling in the city of St. Louis: <https://tinyurl.com/stlnotrecycling>
Contamination in recycling is relevant to other areas besides the City.

A major type of contamination in the recycling bins is plastic bags and plastic film that should instead be put into the brown bins at your local grocery or retail store. NexTrex is the company that recycles some kinds of plastic bags and plastic film into composite decks. You can view the specific information at <https://tinyurl.com/CCnextrex>

Cornell Lab of Ornithology provides a short video: Bring Birds Back—Use Less Plastic: <https://youtu.be/F9AVRT2YQLk>

St. Louis Aquarium Foundation in collaboration with Great Rivers Greenway sponsors Revamping the Riverfront to prevent plastic pollution from entering the Mighty Mississippi and eventually, our oceans. Events coming up are on July 1, August 23, and September 25. For more information and to register, visit: <https://www.stlaquariumfoundation.org/events/revamp-the-riverfront/>.

Save the Date: **Operation Clean Stream, August 26, 2023**

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

Electronics and Paper Recycling event
June 17, 9:00 AM to Noon
8920 Bristol Avenue
St. John, MO, 63114
hosted by the City of **St. John**

June 24, 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM
Spanish Lake Community Association
11725 Bellefontaine Road
St. Louis, MO, 63138
hosted by Spanish Lake Community Association

July 15, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
359 Old Meramec Station Road
Manchester, MO 63021
hosted by City of **Manchester**

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

June 10-11, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. May, SJ
Professor of Mathematics, SLU

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Vowells, SJ
Minister at Bellarmine House of Studies

10:30 am Fr. Vowells, SJ

June 24-25, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. May, SJ
Professor of Mathematics, SLU

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Rozier, SJ
Assistant Professor and Department Chair of health management and policy, SLU

10:30 am Fr. Rozier, SJ

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 (12)

Second Reading:
I Corinthians 10:16-17

Gospel:
John 6:51-58

Bulletin Articles

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