



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108

314-977-7300

sfxstl.org



June 18, 2023
Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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**

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 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 from Fr. Tim McMahon, SJ



This past Friday, June 16 the Church celebrated the Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. In our gospel selection this weekend, Jesus says, "At the sight of the crowds, Jesus' heart was moved with pity for them because they were troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Jesuits (and Franciscans, if truth be told) have a long history of promoting the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. So important was the devotion that it was added to the Constitutions of the Society of Jesus: "All should have a high regard for, and be keenly mindful of, the mystery of the Heart of Christ...promoting it in their every apostolic activity." It is a feast very important to Jesuits and Jesuit apostolates.

At the heart of the devotion is Christ, whose personality is love symbolized in this Heart, is the very same lovable Jesus Christ who walked this earth two thousand years ago, powerful and at the same time humble, who died on the cross for us; he is the same one present here in the eucharist; the one abiding in the innermost recesses of our souls, inspiring us what we ought to do. It is devotion to the Christ who abides in the heart of our neighbors, especially in the least among us. We live increasingly in a world which seems at times to have lost heart, lost empathy and compassion. Not only does Jesus' Sacred Heart remind us of how he has been moved to pity for us, and opened his own heart to us, but also how like him, we are called to open our hearts in love and compassion to the least among us.

In the words of Servant of God, Pedro Arrupe, *It is this mystery of divinely human love, symbolized in the Heart of Christ, that the traditional Sacred Heart devotion has endeavored to express, and which it has sought to emphasize, in a world ever more eager for love, ever more in need of comprehension and justice.*

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

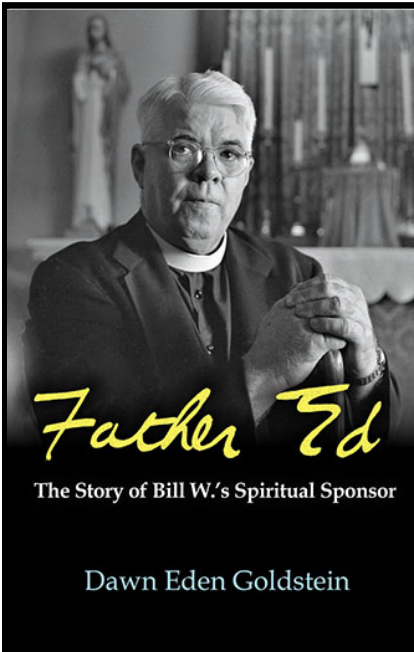
Mrs. Joan Virgil, wife of Atrice Virgil, Jr., and mother of Scott Virgil and mother-in-law of Ramona Chebli-Virgil, parishioners.

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



State of the Parish Meeting

Please join us next **Sunday, June 25th**, at 9 am in the Ballroom for a presentation and discussion on our parish goals for 2023-2024. All are invited!



**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.



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.

Observing Juneteenth

On June 19th, 1865, General Gordon Granger, commander of the U.S. Troops in Texas, marched into Galveston, and announced the following order:

The people of Texas are informed that in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free. This involves absolute equality of personal rights, and rights of property between former masters and slaves; and the connection heretofore existing between them becomes that between employer and hired laborer.

With that announcement 250,000 enslaved Black people in Texas learned that they had been freed. Celebrations broke out as Black people heard the news. Felix Haywood, a Black man who was present for the announcement, offered this insight: “Everybody went wild. We all felt like heroes ... just like that we were free.”

Now, one hundred fifty-eight years later, we remember that day in 1865. Juneteenth—short for June 19th—is a day marked by festivals, prayer services, and family gatherings. On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, and Juneteenth was made an official federal holiday.

A Juneteenth Prayer

Liberating God, we offer a prayer of thanksgiving and praise for your hearing the cries of the oppressed. Bless your name for giving us the victory and freedom over slavery. We, in gratitude, unite all of our hearts to reflect on where you have bought us from. As we enter this Juneteenth holiday celebration, let us remember all of our ancestors who longed to see this day come. Let us sing songs of joy and celebration. God, thank you for the freedoms we experience; let us not take for granted the cost of those freedoms. May we fill the land with songs of joy and thanksgiving in celebration...

And Lord, after a time of celebrating, give us the strength, motivation, fortitude, and courage to continue to fight for social justice and equity, and to dismantle all systems of oppression and supremacy. In hope that, one day, we shall all overcome. Amen.

Adapted from a prayer offered by Rev. Babette Chatman, University Campus Pastor, Augsburg University.

Some Ways to Celebrate the Juneteenth Holiday Learn the history:

Watch a documentary, a theatrical production, or listen to a podcast: *13th* (on Netflix); *Freedom After Juneteenth*, a production of Karamu House, the oldest Black theater company in the United States; “Why Do We Celebrate Juneteenth?” a discussion by Columbia University scholars and STL History Live, *Unfinished Liberation: Juneteenth, Then and Now* (both programs can be found on [youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com)); *PBS Kids Talk About Race and Racism* (with discussion guide); podcasts NPR’s *Code Switch* and *The New York Times, 1619*.

Visit a museum: virtually, websites of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of African American History and Culture and the Legacy Museum and National Memorial for Peace and Justice in Montgomery, AL; locally, visit the Missouri History Museum or the Griot Museum of Black History; sign up for a bus tour of racially significant sites in St. Louis.

Read a book: *On Juneteenth* by Annette Gordon; *On Reconstruction* by W.E.B. DuBois; *Four Hundred Souls* by Ibram X. Kendi and Keisha N. Blain.; *Juneteenth for Mazie* by Floyd Cooper (for children 5+).

Gather with family and friends and enjoy a holiday-themed meal:

Juneteenth is typically celebrated with meals of red food and drink, such as hibiscus tea, watermelon, strawberry shortcake, red beans and rice, red velvet cake, and strawberry soda, to symbolize strength, courage, and the sacrifice of the ancestors. These specialties often appear alongside dishes like collard greens, barbecue, and tea cakes—items inspired by popular staples across the African diaspora. For holiday recipes, see *Watermelon and Redbirds: A Cookbook for Juneteenth* by Nicole Taylor. “For African Americans especially, Juneteenth is a day of education, reflection, cultural appreciation and hope for true liberation,” says St. Louis-based culinary researcher Robin Caldwell.

Take action:

Support black-owned businesses; contribute to a black-led nonprofit and to organizations fighting for equity through education and empowerment; talk to your family members about race; participate in antiracism and advocacy activities at College Church.

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Recommended Reading

While the concept of ministry to LGBTQ Catholics is not new, in recent years we have seen growing conversation and dialog about this once taboo topic. An increasing number of voices are joining the discussion of how the Church can better serve and meet the needs of LGBTQ Catholics and their families. The book, *LGBTQ Catholics: A Guide to Inclusive Ministry*, offers an entry into the conversation. Author Yunuen Trujillo shares her experience with ministry to lesbian and gay Catholics in the Archdiocese of Los Angeles and demonstrates how this work is grounded in core tenets of our faith. To be truly Catholic, our Church needs to embrace and welcome all God's people. This book supports our efforts to live into that call.

For more information about Yunuen Trujillo and her involvement in this ministry, go to: newwaysministry.org/author/yunuen-trujillo/

LGBTQ Catholics—A Guide to Inclusive Ministry, Yunuen Trujillo, Paulist Press, \$19.95

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Born June 18, 1939 – Baseball legend Lou Brock in El Dorado, Arkansas. Brock spent most of his professional career with the St Louis Cardinals. He was known for stealing the most bases in the National League. Brock was inducted into the National Baseball Hall of Fame in 1985, and the St Louis Cardinals Hall of Fame in 2014. After retiring from baseball, he became an ordained minister in the Christian church. He died while living in St. Charles, MO, in 2020.

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 **Monday, 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

Invitation to Join the Society of St. Vincent de Paul

Do you feel called to help your neighbors in need while sharing in the fellowship of other College Church parishioners? The St. Francis Xavier conference of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul invites you to prayerfully discern how your gifts and talents can enrich our conference and meet the basic needs of our parish neighbors. Through the first three months of this year, College Church parishioners have generously helped the St. Francis Xavier conference bring much needed care and attention to 31 College Church neighbors through home and phone visits providing \$8,000 for rent and utility assistance, and \$2,400 in food and furniture vouchers. Yet, our 5 conference members struggle to meet the increasing calls from those requesting help. Please contact Chris Deason at 636-236-9122 or mcdeason58@gmail.com to learn how you can make a difference in the lives of men and women who are too often overlooked in our community. Thank you!



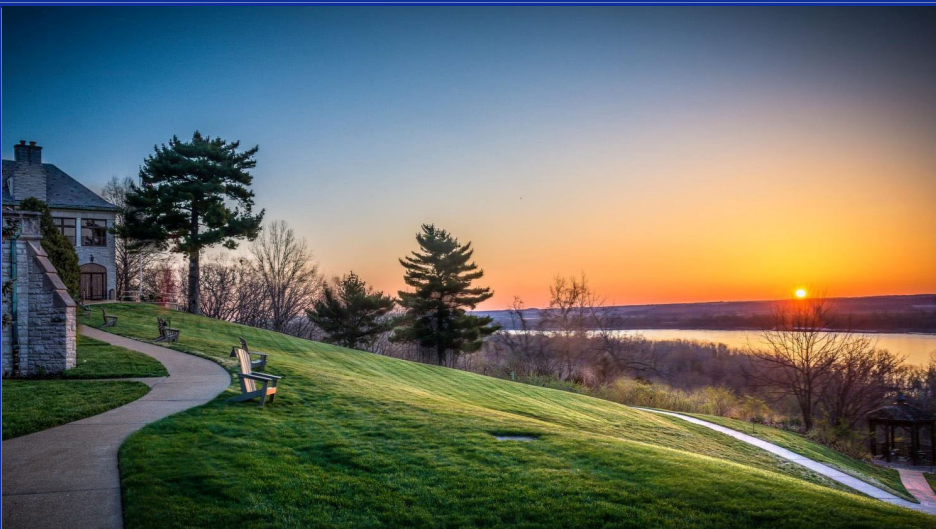
Community. Service. Faith.

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).

Apply at <http://www.larchestlouis.org/were-hiring> or call (314) 395-5851.



**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).

THE BRIDGES RETREAT

A Retreat in Everyday Life.

Bridging
Prayer, Spirituality
and Community

*The Spiritual Exercises
of Ignatius of Loyola
The 19th Annotation*

What Are The Spiritual Exercises?

At Bridges, we invite retreatants to experience the ancient wisdom of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola in a way that will transform their contemporary lives of faith. We're here to be the connection—the bridge—that helps them see and respond to the movements of God. The Bridges retreat takes place over the course of 8 months each year from September through May.

Here's what is involved:

The opportunity to have a full experience of the Spiritual Exercises over an 8-month period, as envisioned and created by St. Ignatius, the founder of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits).

- A commitment to about an hour of prayer each day, following a modern translation of the original text.
- Personalized, one-on-one guidance from an experienced, trained prayer companion.
- Weekly or monthly small community meetings at several locations throughout the St. Louis metropolitan area;
- An online option for those outside the area or those who need a virtual experience;

Using the wisdom of St. Ignatius and a daily commitment to prayer and scripture, each retreatant is given the opportunity to learn different forms of prayer and discover their own prayer style, while being supported and gently challenged by their prayer companion. Above all, they are drawn into a more intimate relationship with God through scripture and the life, ministry, passion and resurrection of Christ.

MORE THAN A PROGRAM OR A COURSE

The genius of the Spiritual Exercises is that, although there is a common tradition and text, no two people experience it in exactly the same way. Rather, through the guidance of the prayer companion and the work of the Holy Spirit, each person's experience will be uniquely theirs. They receive the graces they need depending upon their personal spiritual needs, their openness to the ongoing wisdom inherent in the Exercises, and their awareness of the work of God within them.

Because of this flexibility, Christians of many different denominations and traditions have found the Bridges experience of the Spiritual Exercises to be life-changing and faith-enriching.

To find out more about the Bridges Retreat, please visit www.bridgesfoundation.org. The site includes the dates and times of free summer information sessions. You may also contact Bridges Executive Director Steve Givens at: executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org or **(314) 401-2072**.

2023-24 BRIDGES LOCATIONS

Webster Groves Christian Church

1320 W Lockwood Ave, St. Louis, MO 63122
Wednesday morning weekly group meetings, 10 a.m.

Sacred Heart Catholic Church Valley Park

17 Ann Ave., Valley Park, MO 63088
Tuesday evening weekly group meetings, 7 p.m.

St. Louis University High School

4970 Oakland Avenue, St. Louis, MO, 63110
Saturday morning monthly group meetings on first Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon

St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church

2715 N Sarah St, St. Louis, MO 63113
Saturday morning monthly group meetings on second Saturdays.

Online Site meets weekly on Wednesday evenings at 7 p.m. (CT).

Due to a limit of the number of prayer companions available, participation is limited.



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

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 events

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>

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Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Daly, SJ
Province Treasurer, UCS Province

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, 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:

Exodus 19:2-6a

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Second Reading:

Romans 5:6-11

Gospel:

Matthew 9:36—10:8

Bulletin Articles

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

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