

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 19th, 2022 The Solemnity of 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/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.

### **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.

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

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> 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 associatepastor@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. Dan White at frdan@sfxstl.org or 314-977-7300.

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

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

<u>Youth Faith Formation:</u> 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 or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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

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

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### **Corpus Christi**

#### June 19, 2022

### **PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Margaret Baughman Bill Bollwerk\* Kathy Bookstaver Maureen Carney\* Steve Frank\* Monica Gunn lessi Haselhorst Paul Hanson\* Butch Henning\* Jeanne Hermann\* Laura Kaiser and Family Terry Kippenberger\* L. Kuler Julianne Lister Tom McDermott Sr. Mary Kay McKenzie \* Karena Menard\* Liz Moloney\* Suzanne Mondello Mary Nicholson Nancy Partridge\* & Glider Joan Rice Mark Roddy\* Dennis Saunders\* **Jennifer Saunders\* Betty Schnorbus** Mark Segovia Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ\* Terry Sheehan Vicki Simon Jean Steely Greg Stephen Colleen Starkloff Brent Thompson Dave Werthmann 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.

# Reflections from our Parish Life Coordinator

#### By Katie Jansen



I love the reading of the loaves and fishes. I love the way it demonstrates abundance. As I see it, it comes from the relationship between Jesus, His followers and the community. They were in a moment where people were hungry - many people were hungry. And the apostles didn't feel up to the task of feeding them.

I can imagine what the conversation may have looked like, "Jesus, we hear you, we love you, but we can't do this. The need is too big. And we have so little to offer. Even if I give what I have, it won't make a difference."

I certainly feel like that at times. Especially in a church as big and old as the Catholic Church with so many problems where change comes so slowly and incrementally.

A former colleague of mine who sometimes struggles, like I do, with being a lay person and a woman in the Catholic Church, once said to a group of women, "You just bring your loaf of bread to the community; let God work the miracle." And for each of us, our loaf of bread was different. Our loaves are made up of our experiences, our desires, our hurts and how God is working in us.

It was also significant that Jesus told the apostles to have people sit in groups. Just gathering people together "feeds" us. It sets the stage for the miracle of abundance. Then, if we each bring our loaf of bread to share with one another, God is there and we are all fed. And my experience is that I take home more than I came with.

Gather the people. Offer your loaf of bread. Have faith in God's abundance.

### Fair Trade This Sunday

This Sunday (Father's Day!) after the 10:30 Mass, Fair Trade items will be sold, along with miniature replicas of College Church.

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# **NOTA BENE**

### Widows and Widowers Group Meets Next Sunday

Are you interested in connecting with other College Church members who have lost a spouse? Please join us. We meet on the 4th Sunday of the month between masses. We meet to talk about our loved ones, share resources and experiences. We will next meet on Sunday, June 26th, at 9:15 a.m. in the Lower Level Adult Faith Room. For more information contact Val Rutterer at vrutterer@gmail.com or call 314-494-8986.

# Spotlight on Seniors: Building Engagement

The Pastoral Care Commission has been considering ways to advance connections with the largest group of parishioners, those age 70 and over. They are launching an outreach effort called SFX Spotlight on Seniors: Building Engagement.

College Church is moving to become a community animated by the spirit of synodality meaning that every voice matters and needs to be heard. College Church has amazing ministries focused on our youth, racial justice, the environment, sacramental prep, music and liturgy, to name a few. We want to do more to serve our seniors.

Letters are being sent out to all our registered parishioners 70 and over seeking your input. We are also glad to welcome anyone who wants to be part of the process of making followup calls. You can contact Jane Conrad at conradpjjf@gmail.com to learn more or volunteer.

### Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers now being offered at College Church

The Pastoral Care Commission at SFX in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association is offering a new support group for Caregivers of those with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Dr. Ann Steffen will facilitate this group and is a long-time parishioner at College Church. She is also a volunteer at the Association, is a clinical geropsychologist and is on the faculty at UM-St. Louis The group will meet monthly, on every fourth Sunday from noon to 1:30 in the Adult Fath room at the church beginning June 26th.

For more information, and to join the group, please call or email Martha Daly, also a College Church member and Faith Outreach ambassador for the Alzheimer's Association. Her contact information is: marthadaly@hotmail.com, and phone: 314-265-5653. Both Ann and Martha have had personal experience with this disease and look forward to offering this opportunity to those facing the challenges of caregiving. All information is held in strict confidence and with great care.

#### Sister Parish Scholarship Update



This spring, parish families and friends funded 22 high school scholarships for students in our Jesuit Sister Parish, St. Peter Claver, Belize. The previous year, 13 scholarships were established by parishioners and parish friends. The country of Belize only provides funding and some resources for education through what is the equivalent of 8th grade in the United States. Consequently, few children in Belize have the opportunity to attend high school. The lack of an educated workforce contributes to economic depression in the country.

St. Peter Claver pastor Fr. Matt Ruhl, S.J. and parish staff member Ms. Olive Woodye encourage us to help them

to fund high school scholarships for children in their parish not only as a way to give hope to parish families and the larger community, but as a way to build relationships and community between our parishes.

Parishioners participating in the scholarship program are asked to fund four years of high school at a cost of \$225 per year. St. Peter Claver implements a rigorous process by which scholars are selected. College Church participants are then paired with a scholarship student, and given information about that student, their family, their selected high school, and their progress in school. Students and scholarship donors are invited to write each other, sharing updates and words of encouragement. As a consequence of Covid and the lack of access to technology in Belize, communication and transportation issues have worsened, creating barriers to relationship building. However, there are positive signs that such barriers are beginning to break down as Belize slowly rebounds from the Covid crisis.

The Fair Trade / Sister Parish College Church committee recognizes the generosity of our second group of scholarship donors as we grow our scholarship program and look forward to the lasting relationships it builds between St. Peter Claver and St. Francis Xavier (College) Church.

Thank you to the wonderful funders of our 2022-2023 St. Peter Claver High School Scholarship cohort:

Suzanne Basuino Richard Baugh Carol Berger Jerry Shen & Bridget Brennan Matt & Gina Christopher Catherine Dulle Chris & Sue Felling Dennis Fox Tim & Jolene Grosch Maureen Hughes Rosemary Jermann Carol Kirschman Ike and Jackie Kwon Mary Ann Moore Rick Neupert & Sue Meyer-Neupert Jane Nix Bob & Virginia Pasken Valerie Rutterer Sue & Craig Schoenfelder Mary & Greg Stephen Jean Taylor



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### 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.

#### **Celebrating Freedom**



On June 19, 1865, Union Major-General Gordon Granger issued this military order in Galveston, Texas, freeing slaves.

#### GENERAL ORDERS, NO. 3

"The people of Texas are informed that, in accordance with a proclamation from the Executive of the United States, all slaves are free."

Juneteenth—short for June 19th—is an annual celebration commemorating the day, in 1865, when 250,0000 enslaved Black people in Texas learned that they had been freed. Although President Lincoln had issued the Emancipation Proclamation two years earlier, that order applied only to the eleven Confederate states still at war with the Union. It did not apply to border slave states, like Missouri, that hadn't seceded, nor did it apply to portions of the Confederate states already under Union control.

Texas, which had been a state for only fifteen years when it chose secession, was a remote outpost of the war, with no large-scale battles and no significant presence of Union troops. Many slaveholders from other places in the South moved to Texas expecting to be able to continue the practice of the "peculiar institution" unfettered.

On April 9, 1865, Lee surrendered to Grant at Appomattox, but it wasn't until May 13th that the last land battle was fought in Texas. Finally, on June 19th, General Gordon Granger, commander of the U.S. Troops in Texas, marched into Galveston, ordering the enforcement of the Emancipation Proclamation. Celebrations broke out as Black people heard the news. With ratification of the Thirteenth Amendment, on December 6, 1865, slavery was officially abolished in the United States, but the struggle for equality continued.

Juneteenth—a day marked by festivals, prayer services, and family gatherings—is said to be the longest running African American celebration. But recently the holiday, and a recognition of its significance, has extended beyond the African American community to the nation at large. On June 17, 2021, President Joe Biden signed the Juneteenth National Independence Day Act into law, afterward issuing the following proclamation to celebrate the observance of the new national holiday:

"On June 19, 1865—nearly nine decades after our Nation's founding, and more than 2 years after President Lincoln signed the Emancipation Proclamation—enslaved Americans in Galveston, Texas, finally received word that they were free from bondage. As those who were formerly enslaved were recognized for the first time as citizens, Black Americans came to commemorate Juneteenth with celebrations across the country, building new lives and a new tradition that we honor today. In its celebration of freedom, Juneteenth is a day that should be recognized by all Americans. And that is why I am proud to have consecrated Juneteenth as our newest national holiday."

We celebrate Juneteenth as a critical moment in the African-American struggle for freedom from slavery, as we acknowledge the enduring structures of racism in a country that at times seems intent on forgetting its sins. We encourage all Catholics to learn about Juneteenth and to make it a moment of action against the persisting realities of racism.

#### "Steal Away to Jesus!" By Ray Sherrock

The refrain from today's meditation song can mean many things: a call to rest in the love of Jesus, an expression of the shared grief of a community, or, even better, a signifier that it's time to attempt escape – *tonight's the night we steal away to freedom*.

In his reflection on the first night of North City Deanery's revival – "The Synodal Church: *That All May Be One*!" – the Rev. Canon A. Gerard Jordan drew attention to the fact that Elijah and the widow who fed him with the last of her flour and oil entered into communion through their shared vulnerability. Rev. Jordan also commented on the lesson of the widow's mite, aligning Jesus and the widow by nature of their willingness to give themselves completely over to God without drawing attention to themselves. These examples of vulnerability, communion, sacrifice, and anonymity can help us enter into the deep and rich history available to us in the American Spiritual.

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Often referred to as "sorrow songs," the canon of traditional or African-American Spirituals embodies the hope, resiliency, and beauty of our American ancestors who managed to stay not only alive but also buoyant in the most brutal of realities. What could they possibly have seen in the religion of those who held them in bondage, inspiring the enslaved to reframe and reclaim Christianity through lenses uniquely their own?

Joe Carter, one of the Spiritual's greatest archivists in his day, spoke of the possibility that those enslaved saw Jesus as the "Son of the Most High Father," who, like them, was vulnerable and a model of sacrificial love. Ultimately, His story sounded like their story. They also saw role models in the prophets, like Moses demanding freedom for their own people. While we'll never know the names of those who created these wonderful songs, their voices still speak to us today, embodying only the noblest of sentiments and aspirations.

If you're interested in learning more, Joe Carter was interviewed in 2003 by Krista Tippett on her show, On Being, and the podcast can still be accessed at <u>https://onbeing.org/programs/joe-carter-the-spirituals-aug2018/</u>.

#### **Prayer for Uvalde, Texas**

Posted on May 28, 2022 by Kelly Rankin Georgetown University, Campus Ministry

God of mercy and compassion, we come to you yet again with heavy hearts, for we have heard the cries of the slain calling to us. We come remembering all the lives lost and injured in Uvalde, Texas. And we ask for your mercy.

Although we find ourselves in a broken world, it is no mystery that you are a God capable of healing our world through justice and fairness. We hope and trust that you stand firmly with all who cry out in suffering and loss. May we be empowered by your Spirit to stand in solidarity with those who suffer at this time, and to remain instruments of light in a world that, at times, is clouded by the darkness of violence.

We cry out to you, heal our souls from this curse of violence. Lord, we ask that you grant us the grace to speak in the voice of authentic justice and peace and demonstrate sacrificial compassion and mercy to the hurting.

Teach us your ways, O God. Bless us with the wisdom and strength to put down our swords and be peacemakers. Use us, work through us and, if necessary, work in spite of us to mend our nation's brokenness. Amen.

# **YOUTH FAITH FORMATION**



#### **REGISTRATION OPEN FOR YOUTH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS**

Families with children preschool through eighth grade can register for the 2022-2023 St. Francis Xavier 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 10:20, GCS classes go until 11:15 with children brought to their parents during the 10:30 Mass.

For more information contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org of Julie Killian at julie.kilian4@gmail.com.



### **Corpus Christi**

### Circle of Creation Green Corner

Thank you to all who brought their own reusable beverage container (RBC) to the Pentecost

Potluck. Remember to continue to bring your RBC to Parish events and everywhere. And thanks to all those who served as Green Guides and all who cooperated with the proper disposal of recyclables and waste items.

Our Parish and St. Louis University are participating in an **Air Quality Monitoring program** in collaboration with Washington University,

Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU), and other congregations and institutions. On May 6, one of our Circle of Creation Committee members, Bill Morrison, was present when a Washington University doctoral student installed an air quality monitor on the roof of the SFX Parish Center which will be collecting data through the end of this year along with 13 other locations. More information about this important environmental and social justice project will be forthcoming. Stay tuned.

"**Care for Creation, It's Very Ignatian**" with Br. Mark Mackey, SJ, a free 46-minute video by Jesuit Connections on ecospirituality. <u>https://ignatianyoungadults.org/news-feeds/jesuit-</u> <u>connections-care-for-creation</u>

**"Canticle of Creation"** by Dan Schutte, song and beautiful photography on YouTube. We all need a reminder of the beauty of our Earth in these times of war and carnage internationally, nationally, and locally. <u>https://youtu.be/g8Xz4u5jpXE</u>

### **Public Electronics Recycling events**

Check this site for information: https://mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recyclingevents

June 25 from 8:00 AM to Noon 2505 South Brentwood Boulevard Brentwood, MO, 63144 hosted by City of **Brentwood** 

June 25 from 8:00 AM to Noon 900 TR Hughes Boulevard O'Fallon, MO, 63366 hosted by City of **O'Fallon** 

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee's Green Corner on the Parish website: https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation

to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation.

### June 18-19, 2022

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# <u>June 25-26, 2022</u>

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### This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading: Genesis 14:18-20

**Responsorial Psalm:** Psalm 110:1, 2, 3, 4

Second Reading: | Corinthians | 1:23-26

Gospel: Luke 9:11b-17

### **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

Many of our parishioners have begun to contribute to College Church through our online link, which can be found at the top of



our website, sfxstl.org. You can also reach this link through the QR code here.

Thank you for your support!



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