



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

July 10th, 2022
Fifteenth 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/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 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 frdan@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.

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 Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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

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Prayer requests to:

church@sfxstl.org

Or visit sfxstl.org, and find the form under "Parish Life."

Join our prayer group on Zoom,

Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at

joy@canainstitute.org for info.

Reflections from our Parish Life

Coordinator



By Katie Jansen

I'm always reminded of Dr. King when I hear the parable of the Good Samaritan. He referenced this parable in at least two of his well known sermons. I'm including excerpts from these two. In the first, Dr. King reminds us that Jesus' parables are designed to make us uncomfortable - to help us confront the limits we place on our love, our compassion, our understanding - to challenge us to go beyond our own limits.

Let us develop a kind of dangerous unselfishness. One day a man came to Jesus, and he wanted to raise some questions about some vital matters of life....

Now that question could have easily ended up in a philosophical and theological debate. But Jesus immediately pulled that question from mid-air and placed it on a dangerous curve between Jerusalem and Jericho... That's a dangerous road. In the days of Jesus it came to be known as the "Bloody Pass."

And so the first question [was], "If I stop to help this man, what will happen to me?" But then the Good Samaritan came by. And he reversed the question: "If I do not stop to help this man, what will happen to him?"

In the second sermon, Dr. King takes us beyond an interpersonal understanding of 'dangerous unselfishness'. He challenges us to take a critical look at what is most important to us as a society.

I am convinced that if we are to get on to the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values... ..A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand we are called to play the Good Samaritan on life's roadside, but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho Road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring.

I've been thinking about this in terms of our church, especially as we get closer to an Archdiocesan restructuring of parishes. Dr. King talks about a revolution of values. I keep thinking about a revolution of identity—our parish identity—our Catholic identity. Can we let go of our attachment to who we were so that we can embrace who we are and who we will become? Can we summon the true compassion to which King refers to be open to a restructuring of our identity?

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Garth Hallet, SJ

May he and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence. Amen.

NOTA BENE**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 conradpjf@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 Faith 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.

Seeking New Hosts for Parish And Community

For the last couple of years, St. Francis Xavier has had an interview series on our YouTube channel called "Parish and Community," featuring both parishioners and people connected to College Church in our neighborhood (and beyond!). Would you like to be part of making this possible? We're looking for parishioners who can help conduct these interviews. All it takes is a computer where you can Zoom. We have a list of potential interviewees at the ready, and can help provide sample questions too. Please contact Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7304 to learn more or to volunteer.

Fr. Dan's Sabbatical Plans

Hi everyone. I trust that you are enjoying this hot and sticky St. Louis summer. What a shocker. I want to share my plans for the rest of the summer and beyond. I will remain at College Church through August. There is more than enough sacramental work to keep me busy during the summer. Fr. Tim McMahon, SJ will become the canonical pastor on August 1st. I will remain to assist Katie Jansen and Fr. Tim in this transition period. My last weekend at the parish will be August 27-28.

The provincial has approved my sabbatical request. Hooray! I will have the academic year to rest, read, and relax. I look forward to visiting family and friends without time constraints. A highlight will be visiting the St. Ignatius Loyola sites in Europe during the spring semester. This will be my first time being on pilgrimage to the significant places in his life. The plan is by next summer to be tanned, rested and ready for whatever comes next.

—Fr. Dan

We're making plans as a parish to celebrate Fr. Dan's ten years with us on Sunday, November 13th with a brunch fundraiser. More details to follow!

Introducing Fr. Tim McMahon, SJ



As Fr. Dan mentioned above, Fr. Tim will be joining us starting on August 1st. Here is a bit about his background so you can start keeping him in your prayers:

Father Timothy McMahon, SJ currently serves as Associate Pastor at St. Matthew the Apostle Parish in St. Louis. Prior to arriving in St. Louis he served as Superior of the Jesuits in Houston and as Pastor of Sacred Heart Parish in El Paso, Texas from 2019-2020. Fr. McMahon was President of Arrupe Jesuit High School in Denver, Colorado from 2010-2018. He served as the Provincial of the Jesuits of the Missouri Province from 2003 – 2009 and as Provincial Assistant for Formation and Secondary Education from 2001 - 2003. Fr. McMahon spent seven years as pastor of St. Frances Xavier Church and elementary school in Kansas City, Missouri and adjunct professor of Biology at Rockhurst University (1994 -2002). He also served in the Province Offices as Vocation Director and Provincial Assistant for Planning (1991-1994). He did pastoral ministry in Santa Tecla, El Salvador (1987-1989) and taught Biology at St. John's College in Belize (1982-1984) .and at De Smet Jesuit High School in St. Louis, Missouri. (1989-1991)

Fr. McMahon is a native of St. Louis, Missouri, attended St. Louis University High School and Saint Louis University before entering the Jesuit Novitiate in Denver, Colorado in 1976. During his course of formation, he earned Bachelors degrees in Philosophy and Slavic Studies from Saint Louis University; a Masters of Divinity from the Weston School of Theology in Cambridge, Massachusetts; an MS in Biology from the University of Illinois at Chicago, and an MA in Theology from the University of Central America José Simeón Cañas in San Salvador, El Salvador.

Bridges Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Everyday Life



Are you seeking a deepened prayer life and a more personal relationship with God?

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The Bridges “Retreat in Everyday Life,” based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola, is a nine-month retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. As you go about your daily life, you are asked to pray daily and meet weekly with a trained spiritual director/companion who will listen with you with you and help guide you in the Exercises. A monthly small group meeting with fellow retreatants is offered. The retreat runs September into May, following the life of Jesus in the liturgical year.

The retreat begins in September 2022. Information sessions will be offered at four Greater St. Louis-area sites on various days and times this summer, as well as a virtual “Zoom” session. For more details about the retreat and information session schedule, visit: www.bridgesfoundation.org. For questions, contact Steve Givens, executive director, at: executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org or 314-401-2072.

2022 Information Sessions for Bridges Retreat

Free information sessions about the Bridges Retreat are offered in the summer throughout the St. Louis area. At an Information Session, you will hear presentations from leaders and former retreatants and have the opportunity to ask any questions you might have about the Bridges Retreat and the application process. The sessions last about 90 minutes.

Thursday, July 14 @ 7 pm – St. Louis University High
 Wednesday, July 20 @ 7 pm – St. Matthew the Apostle Church
 Tuesday, July 26 @ 7 pm – Sacred Heart – Valley Park
 Wednesday, July 27 @ 10 am – Webster Groves Christian Church
 Tuesday, August 9 @ 7 pm – Sacred Heart – Valley Park
 Tuesday, August 9 @ 7 pm – Online
 Saturday, August 13 @ 10 am – St. Louis University High
 Wednesday, August 17 @ 7 pm – Webster Groves Christian Church

Return of the Sandwiches!

The Second Sunday Sandwich program, under the aegis of St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem, will resume assembling sandwiches for the food insecure in the City of St. Louis. We prepare sandwiches on the second Sunday each month in the rectory kitchen after the 10:30 Mass. Sandwiches are shared with clients who come to SFX and to St. Nicholas Catholic Church. The sandwiches are simple. When you volunteer 20-30 minutes of your time after Mass, you nurture both body and spirit.

For more info, to donate or to volunteer, contact:

Lea Koesterer, 314-249-1096, lea.koesterer@gmail.com



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.

Maafa Celebration in the Archdiocese of St. Louis



Maafa in the Kiswahili language means “great disaster,” referring to the countless lives lost and stolen in the Transatlantic slave trade. It has become a ritual commemoration held in New York, New Orleans, and other cities

that seeks to acknowledge the trauma endured by those who were enslaved and to celebrate the resilience of those who survive.

This year, on June 18th, the Office of Racial Harmony in the Archdiocese of St. Louis hosted the first Maafa celebration in this area. Participants gathered in the Basilica of St. Louis for prayer, song, and remembrance. The service opened with traditional African drumming that connected the ancestors with those gathered to honor their memory.

Part of that remembrance included acknowledging the involvement of the archdiocese with the institution of slavery. Archbishop Rozanski spoke of the need for truth in order to realize freedom. He expressed gratitude for the ongoing research that is revealing the details of at least 85 people enslaved by the Church. That research also seeks to know each person more fully—beyond an entry in a financial ledger—and to recognize the uncompensated contributions each made to the success of multiple Catholic institutions.

Among several distinguished speakers was Judge David Mason. He described his discovery of the cases of hundreds of enslaved people in St. Louis who sued for their freedom and the effort he led in erecting a memorial in their honor.

Processing from the basilica, the assembly gathered near a reflecting pool on the grounds of the Gateway Arch. There, within blocks of the site where African American people were bought and sold, the names of saints, ancestors, people who were enslaved, and those who continue to suffer from racism and hate were read in litany.

Among the final remarks was a reflection on *sankofa*. This proverb, represented by a bird whose head is turned behind and feet pointing forward, reminds us that “it is not wrong to go back for that which you have forgotten.”

This recollection of our past will help us to create a more just community for those who are to come.

The Freedom’s Home Memorial Dedication

On June 20, 2022, the 14-foot bronze statue known as “Freedom’s Home” was dedicated in front of the St. Louis Circuit Courts Building downtown. The unveiling of Freedom’s Home coincided with this year’s celebration of the Juneteenth national holiday, which commemorates the announcement of the end of slavery in Texas. The memorial, created by sculptor Preston Jackson, includes the names of 330 enslaved black Missourians who petitioned for their freedom prior to the outbreak of the Civil War. These petitions were grounded in the “once free, always free” doctrine established in 1824 with the verdict returned in *Winny v. Whitesides*. Under this decision, Missouri slaves, who were taken to a free state (Illinois, Iowa) and resided in the free state long enough to meet the new residency requirements, remained free men and women when their owners returned them to Missouri. More than 330 enslaved people sued their white owners, and 130 won their petitions. The risks were enormous, for to lose one’s petition likely meant being sold down the river to a plantation in Louisiana or Mississippi where harsher conditions prevailed. Dred and Harriet Scott were considered free under the Missouri statute, only to have the Supreme Court overturn the verdict in 1857, thus denying citizenship to all people of African descent whether they were enslaved or free.

The memorial honors the courage exhibited by all parties: the enslaved people who filed suit against their owners; the judges who many times had to intervene to protect the slaves from their owners; and the more than 100 white, free men who served on juries and decided in favor of freedom over enslavement.

St. Louis Circuit Court Judge David C. Mason initiated the efforts to establish the memorial when the 19th Century court records were discovered accidentally. Judge Mason was one of several celebrated St. Louis black Catholics featured in a SFX video during Black Catholic History Month. In the interview, which can be viewed via the following link, Judge Mason talks at length about the memorial: <https://youtu.be/nj0THJic3W4>

Summer Reading/Viewing Suggestions: *Loving* (Written and Directed by Jeff Nichols. Rated PG. Running Time: 2 hours 3 minutes. Available to stream on Netflix.

The film *Loving* portrays the story of Mildred and Richard Loving whose legal challenge to the ban against interracial marriages such as theirs was heard by the United States Supreme Court, and ultimately won. This dramatization of their relationship, family life, and court battles closely mirrors the historic events that finally ended the legal prohibition of interracial marriage in 1967. Photographs and brief film scenes of actual events and interviews are incorporated into the movie and help to convey the historic significance of the decisions being made.

Originally released in 2016, this film still resonates today. *Loving* offers the opportunity to share the experience of two people who, in spite of the consequences, are committed to care for one another, their children, and extended family, and to maintain connection to their community. In remaining steadfast to those values in their own lives, the actions of Mildred and Richard Loving open new possibilities for others. They trust that their cause is just, reach out to others in positions to help, and persist when faced with initial failures. I am grateful for the example and inspiration they provide.

In addition, this story serves as a reminder to me that we do not have to look very far back in history to recognize legally sanctioned segregation and racialized barriers. It invites me to consider ways such barriers persist today—in laws, in policies, and in practices—so that we can create more just communities.

-Lisa Burks

Remember to send your recommendations of books and movies with a theme of racial justice to Tim Plunkett at tplunkett@loyolaacademy.org.

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 Edelman at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Killian at julie.kilian4@gmail.com.



**Circle of Creation
Green Corner**



Learn more about the Air-Quality Monitoring Effort of which SFX is a participant:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/newsroom/st-louis-air-quality-monitoring-website-launch/>

Also, consider joining the Saturday, July 23 March for Air Quality starting at 9:00 AM. Information and registration here:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/lffB35OfmESMLYVo9tZGxg2>

Public Electronics Recycling events

sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)

<https://mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events>

Thursday, July 28 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM

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August 20 from 8:00 AM to Noon

900 TR Hughes Boulevard
O'Fallon, MO, 63366
hosted by City of O'Fallon

August 27 from 9:00 AM to Noon

13201 Clayton Road
St. Louis, MO, 63131
hosted by Principia School

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.

July 9-10, 2022

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. Dooley, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Huete, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. Daly, S.J.

July 16-17, 2022

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. White, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 69:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36, 37

Second Reading:

Colossians 1:15-20

Gospel:

Luke 10:25-37

Bulletin Articles

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

New(ish) Parishioner Party July 15

We're having a gathering for all of those who have joined College Church since 2018! Are you in this category? Have you gotten your emailed invitation? If you haven't, please reach out to Angela at angela@sfxstl.org.

If you have been meaning to register as a parishioner and just haven't yet, you can find our parishioner registration form here: <https://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration>.

**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.



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