



## 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

July 11, 2021

**Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. RSVPs are no longer needed.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass](https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass)

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

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesdays through Fridays, 10:45 am through noon.

### MISSION STATEMENT

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmenn at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

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**Prayer requests to:**

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

Or visit [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org), and find the form under "Parish Life."

**Join our prayer group on**

**Zoom**, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at [joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

The month of July is always a time of flux at College Church. Staff and parishioners are often away on trips, vacations, retreats and so on. This year especially people are excited to once more travel, see family, and take some time to relax. That is a very good desire. I hope everyone can do so this summer.

Americans are not known for our willingness to take it easy. We are still tied to our Puritan founders. That ethos was described brilliantly as "the sneaking suspicion that somehow, somewhere, someone was having a good time." Much of that early attitude was a direct reaction to the seeming laxity of Catholics. What with all our holy days, saint's feasts, good food, and great drink we were considered decadent in the eyes of the sober, abstemious Puritans. I for one respond, "Guilty as charged."

I think that is fine. Work is made for humans, not humans for work. The pandemic forced many of us to reconsider what we value, what is important and how we want to spend our time. If that means working less and spending more time with people we love, then so be it. A healthy person needs room for mental, physical, and spiritual rejuvenation. Make time to be with the Lord and loved ones. Enjoy some guilt-free time off.

**ID & Birth Certificate Program Summer Hours**

We offer assistance to those who need replacement IDs and birth Certificates on Tuesdays between 9 am and 1 pm in our ballroom. We ask that appointments are made in advance; call (314) 266-9557 or email [outreach@sfxstl.org](mailto:outreach@sfxstl.org). (You can also use this email to ask about volunteer opportunities.)

The ID & Birth Certificate Program will re-open from its summer break on Tuesday, July 13th.

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

**St. Francis Xavier College Church parishioners and friends sponsor 13 St. Peter Claver students for high school in the 2021-2022 school year.** We are grateful to the following generous donors who provided funding for 13 four-year scholarships for children in our sister Jesuit parish, St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize to attend high school. Belize only provides public money for education through elementary school. In the words of Nelson Mandela, "Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

The Fair Trade / Sister Parish Committee would like to graciously recognize the following people for their support:

Bob and Virginia Pasken  
 Simon and Vickie Pursifull  
 Dennis Corrigan  
 Greg and Mary Stephen  
 Jack and Rose Sturm  
 Denny and Tina Saunders  
 Madeline and Sean Powers  
 Susan and Martin Lenihan  
 Mary and Richard Kirschman  
 Molly Walsh & Kevin Farrell  
 Benjamin and Karen de Foy  
 Emory and Jane Webre  
 Julie King



### Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support Our Sister Parish!

All the proceeds from our Fair Trade sales go directly to St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. Because of the pandemic, as well as a series of fires which destroyed farms in the community, unemployment in the area has increased dramatically.

Available items include soups, cornbread, hot cocoa and baking cocoa, as well as our ongoing sales of chocolate, tea, and coffee! To purchase, please visit: [sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade](https://sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade)



The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1st and 3rd Sunday is the Tuesday before. **The next deadline is this Tuesday, July 13th, for pickup/delivery on July 18.** Please contact Christine at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!



## Antiracism at College Church

### Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation

The Jesuits of the United States and the Descendants of ancestors enslaved by Jesuits have established the Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation. It is the first partnership of its kind between the Descendants of the enslaved and the successors of enslavers.

The Foundation has a three-fold mission:

- to support the educational aspirations of Descendants;
- to engage, promote and support programs that address racial healing and reconciliation;
- to provide health care assistance to senior and infirm Descendants.

The Foundation is the fruit of several years of dialogue between representatives of the Descendants, the Jesuits and Georgetown University. The Kellogg Foundation, renowned for its commitment to truth, racial healing and transformation, guided the process.

Jesuits in America used the labor of enslaved people on their farms and plantations and to help build and serve in their ministries, including Saint Louis University. This practice preceded the founding of the nation and continued until the end of legal slavery in 1865.

The Descendants in this partnership are primarily the Descendants of the 272 men, women and children sold in 1838 by the Jesuits of Maryland to plantation owners in the south. The sale broke up families, tore people from the only homes they'd known and subjected them to grueling and inhumane conditions on plantations, primarily in Louisiana.

This history became widely known by Descendants in 2016. As Descendants began to connect with each other, they formed the GU272 Descendants Association. When they reached out to the Jesuits,

they sought a path to reconciliation and a way to benefit Descendants for generations to come.

“The enduring legacy of Jesuit slaveholding calls us Jesuits to a responsibility to help create a new future together with Descendants and descendant communities,” said Fr. Provincial Thomas P. Greene, SJ. “Our history binds us to the people whose forced labor helped build our early apostolates. It is our prayer that the Descendants Truth & Reconciliation Foundation will create a pathway to reconciliation and healing, not only for the descendants of the people enslaved by Jesuits, but for our country.”

In addition to its primary mission, the Foundation aims to establish a more complete understanding of other American institutions that profited from slavery and invite them to participate in its work for racial justice and reconciliation.

The Jesuits of the United States have made a significant investment to establish the Foundation and is committed to helping with fundraising to enable the Foundation to begin making grants. Over the next few years, the Foundation will continue to cement partnerships with key organizations that share their vision of racial healing in America as they continue the fundraising campaign, spearheaded by the Jesuits.

The Foundation board is made up of Jesuits and Descendants.

To read more on this ongoing effort, visit [www.descendants.org/](http://www.descendants.org/).

## Summer Reading List

At this time of the year, many of us are preparing to get away on vacation – an ideal time to catch up on our reading. Below, some members of the Anti-Racism Committee share books they've enjoyed that deal with issues of social justice. We thought it would be great to extend an invitation to the parish-at-large to expand our summer reading list. Please forward your title(s) to [plunkett.tim@gmail.com](mailto:plunkett.tim@gmail.com).

Please include a sentence or two why you found the book compelling.

### ***The Yellow House***

recommended by Christina Ryan

Reading books specifically about social justice is not the only way to learn about the need for social justice. In this memoir, Sarah Broom educates the reader about how communities of color, and specifically those of East New Orleans, have been brushed aside for generations and how the atrocities of Hurricane Katrina brought into focus the effects on individuals, families, and neighborhoods. She describes her personal experience of the tension between growing up in her decaying childhood home with the outward appearances her close-knit family of 11 children kept up to the outside world, and she reflects and writes with curiosity, love, and reverence as she tells the stories of 5 generations of her family.

Two recommendations from Dave Wertham:

### ***Racial Justice and the Catholic Church*** by Fr. Bryan Massingale

As a Catholic priest who is himself Black, Fr. Massingale calls the church and its hierarchy to accountability and conversion regarding its history and current work toward a more equitable church for all people. The book is both challenging and inspiring for those seeking social justice within our own church.

### ***Ferguson & Faith: Sparking Leadership & Awakening Community*** by Leah Gunning Francis

The author is a local pastor and a professor at Webster University, so the issues examined in this book clearly hit home for all of us living in the St. Louis area. She interviews police officers, clergy, and participants involved in protests after the death of Michael Brown. This book helps readers recognize the realities facing our region and at the same time gives hope that the faith community can make a difference.

## Tuesday Vigils for Racial Justice

Weekly prayer vigils for racial justice are held on the steps of College Church each Tuesday night from 6 to 7 pm. Please join us as we stand in witness and prayer for equality and peace. You are encouraged to bring a sign expressing commitment to justice. If your group or organization is interested in leading a Tuesday vigil, please contact Joan McGinnis: [jfmc676@gmail.com](mailto:jfmc676@gmail.com).

## YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

### Registration Open For Religious Education This Fall



College Church offers a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and a more traditional Religious Education program as well. The RE Program at the College Church provides children in grades 1 - 8 with an Ignatian approach to their faith lives. Classes meet from 9:15- 10:15 on Sunday mornings, September through May. Children learn to experience God's love for them, and to share that love with those in their midst.

The program offers exceptional sacramental preparation, in-class service opportunities starting in the second grade and outside service days beginning in fifth grade. Classes include instruction based on a Loyola University Press Curriculum, and other hands-on learning activities helping children find God in all things.

Catechists include parents and St. Louis University students who volunteer because of their eagerness to share their love of God with others. For more information contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org), or visit the Youth and Family Faith Formation website to register: [sfxstl.org/youth-faith](http://sfxstl.org/youth-faith).

### Bridges Retreat Information Sessions Coming Soon



On the next page, you will find a flyer for the Bridges Retreat, a "Retreat In Daily Life" experience of the Ignatian Spiritual Exercises.

There will be two information sessions about the Bridges Retreat in July here at College Church, which will both take place in our ballroom. The first is **Sunday, July 18**, after the 10:30 am Mass, and the second is **Sunday, July 25**, after the 8 am Mass. Please consider attending one of these sessions to learn more about the Bridges Retreat.

### Seminary Auction in November

Kenrick-Glennon Seminary is happy to announce that the 29th Annual Convivium Dinner Auction will take place in-person on Saturday, November 6th. Convivium is not just the sole annual fundraiser for Kenrick-Glennon Seminary. It is a celebration of the mission of priestly formation and all who support it. Visit [www.kenrick.edu/convivium](http://www.kenrick.edu/convivium) or email [convivium@kenrick.edu](mailto:convivium@kenrick.edu) to learn about ways you can be involved, including sponsorship and advertising opportunities, item donations, and attendance.

# 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?

The *Spiritual Exercises* are prayers, meditations and reflections developed by St. Ignatius of Loyola. Participation in the Ignatian *Spiritual Exercises* offers the retreatant the tools to deepen their prayer life and, thus, their relationship with God. Accompanied by a companion schooled in the movements of the *Spiritual Exercises*, retreatants are guided according to their own personal journey. For many centuries, the *Spiritual Exercises* were often experienced in seclusion over the course of 30 days. People still engage in the *Spiritual Exercises* through this format.

In actuality, St. Ignatius realized that not everyone could leave the responsibilities of their daily lives to devote themselves to the 30-day retreat, so he provided for an alternative known as the 19th Annotation Retreat. The Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life stretches the four weeks of the 30-day retreat over eight months. It uses the same prayers, meditations and reflections as the 30-day retreat. Each retreatant commits to one period of prayer each day and then meets weekly with a trained, experienced prayer companion who serves, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, to accompany the retreatant on an individual basis. The retreat is prayed in parallel with the seasonal liturgy of the church.

### THE BRIDGES RETREAT

The Bridges Retreat begins in September and ends in May. The Bridges Foundation offers the *Spiritual Exercises* at various sites throughout the St. Louis area. An online site is also available to persons outside the Greater St. Louis area and for local persons comfortable with virtual meeting technology.

The group meetings are offered on various days of the week and at different times of the day. As you progress through the Ignatian *Spiritual Exercises*, your responses and needs will be assessed by the prayer companion, who will make your retreat an individualized experience. The Bridges Retreat is enhanced by a community aspect with regular group meetings, including presenters and the opportunity for group sharing.

To find out more about the Bridges Retreat, please visit [www.bridgesfoundation.org](http://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](mailto:executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org) or (314) 401-2072.

### 2021-22 BRIDGES LOCATIONS

#### Webster Groves Christian Church

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

#### Sacred Heart Catholic Church Valley Park

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

#### St. Francis Xavier Catholic Church

3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108  
Saturday morning monthly group meetings

#### St. Matthew the Apostle Catholic Church

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

#### St. Nicholas Spirituality Center, O'Fallon, IL

623 Saint Nicholas Dr, O'Fallon, IL 62269  
Thursday evening weekly group meetings

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





## Circle of Creation Green Corner

The 30-minute film, *Other Side of the Hill*, is a hopeful, inspiring look at local leaders on the ground in rural America who are leading climate action in their communities. But it is also about coming together, finding common ground and new climate frameworks, and shining a light on rural voices as we envision a path forward. The film will be available for free online viewing July 10 – 25. Registration at Missouri Interfaith Power and Light opens July 1.



View the trailer and sign up to receive a registration reminder at this link. [Feel free to ignore the information about a screening kit for this film. Individuals, families, or pods may view the film for free.]

[www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/movie-series/](http://www.interfaithpowerandlight.org/movie-series/)

### July 10-11, 2021

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

### July 17-18, 2021

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

*The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org).*

### Bulletin Articles

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

## HR/MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE NEEDED

Fr. Dan White and Katie Jansen are forming a Human Resources Committee to provide guidance and support on issues related to management of the staff.

We want to identify a small group of parishioners who have experience in one or more of the following areas: Human Resources, Management, Labor Organizing or Negotiating, Employee Benefits. This group would meet with Fr. Dan and Katie on a regular basis to consult on relevant HR opportunities and concerns.

If you are interested in learning more about this opportunity, or if you have questions, please email [katie@sfxstl.org](mailto:katie@sfxstl.org).