



photo by Fr. Mueller, SJ

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 16, 2023
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/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.

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

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

PASTORAL STAFFParish Life Coordinator

Katie Jansen
314-977-1954
katie@sfxstl.org

Canonical Pastor

Tim McMahon, SJ
314-977-7300
frtim@sfxstl.org

Stewardship

Angela Pancella
314-977-7304
angela@sfxstl.org

Christian Initiation, Adult Formation, & Marriage Ministry

Joe Milner
314-977-7305
joe@sfxstl.org

Liturgy

Mary Seise
mary@sfxstl.org

Office Manager

Joyce Miller
314-977-7300
joyce@sfxstl.org

Youth Faith Formation

Julie Kilian
314-977-7302
julie@sfxstl.org

Jennifer Quick
jennifer@sfxstl.org

Social Ministry

Christine Dragonette
314-977-7309
christine@sfxstl.org

Regional Access Coordinator

Madeline Powers
314-282-7205
madeline@sfxstl.org

Director of Wedding Ministry, Young Adult Faith, and Marriage Preparation

Sandy Hauck
314-977-7303
sandy@sfxstl.org

Choir Director, Music Ministry

Ray Sherrock
rsherrock@desmet.org

Director of Wedding Music & Accompanist, Music Ministry

Sue Martin
314-977-7313
susan.martin@slu.edu

Pastoral Council Co-Chairs

Jen Hahn-Petruso and Aimee Wittman
sfxpc@sfxstl.org

Pastoral Ministry

Bridget Brennan
314-313-0613
joy@canainstitute.org

**Online Giving
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
 Margaret Baughman
 Samuel Belk
 Leigh Burkhart
 Maureen Carney*
 Tara Chandler
 Bob Edler
 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
 Bill Tucker
 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 Our Parish Life Coordinator



By Katie Jansen

July 3rd was the anniversary of the death of German Redemptorist priest Bernard Haring. Haring was a key theological expert at Vatican II. He spent the later part of his life promoting and defending the spirit of the Council. Here is a quote of his that was published in *Give Us This Day*: "All of us dislike a fellow who always speaks to us and never listens. If the Church doesn't listen to the world, then the world will never listen to the Church."

As part of becoming a more synodal church, the Pastoral Council is looking for ways to integrate structured listening into parish gatherings. We did this at our State of the Parish meeting on Sunday, June 25th. The presentation was an expanded version of the State of the Parish video that is posted on YouTube.

I was a little nervous about how many people would attend since it's the middle of summer. However, around 50 parishioners were able to be there. That's a lot more than I expected! I was also nervous because we invited parishioners to give feedback during the meeting. Opening oneself up to possible criticism is always a little scary. I have to remind myself regularly that criticism offered respectfully is a gift.

As usual, I was moved and inspired by parishioners' insightful feedback. A few themes that emerged: People are generally encouraged about the journey we are on to become a more synodal church. There is a shared desire for parishioners to know one another better and to be more intentional in welcoming visitors and newcomers. Many would also like to find ways to invite more people to share their gifts with the parish.

If you were not able to attend, you can still offer your feedback! The prompts we gave people to reflect on and then share were:

- ...# I like...
- ...# I wish...
- ...# I wonder...

The feedback that we receive will be shared with the pastoral council and other ministry leaders so that it may be considered as part of our ongoing discernment toward becoming more synodal.

If you would like offer feedback, please watch our State of the Parish video: <https://bit.ly/SFXSOP> and consider the prompts above. You can email your responses to me at katie@sfxstl.org.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Dorothy Marie DeLorenzo (mother of Lisa DeLorenzo)
 Liz Moloney

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



Dining out for Seniors (and anyone else who wants to join!)

Gathering after the 5:15 Mass will be **Saturday, July 22nd** at Vito's 3515 Lindell. Contact Rosemary Jermann jermann.rosemary@gmail.com or 314 320 7677 to reserve a space.



**Addressing
GUN VIOLENCE**

Promoting a culture of life

A one-day summit exploring the Catholic perspective on the crisis of gun violence in communities throughout the Archdiocese.

Welcome by Archbishop Mitchell T. Rozanski

SATURDAY, JULY 29
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Cardinal Rigali Center
20 Archbishop May Dr.
St. Louis, MO 63119

More information & to register:
archsfl.org/addressing-gun-violence



MEETING A GROWING DEMAND

Because of such tremendous demand for our Birth Certificate and ID Program, College Church pioneered a Regional ID Access Program in 2021. Since then, our efforts have helped other organizations establish similar programs in our region and across the state. In two years, the Regional Access Program has grown to now work with 68 organizations in seven regions across Missouri! We're always looking for support — your help can come in many ways. Join Christ's call to social justice by volunteering, donating, spreading the word or advocating for issues that impact our program guests. For more information, visit sfxstl.org/outreach.

Pictured: Guests of ID program and Volunteers - Madeline Powers & Bejan Mahmud





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.

Hunger for Justice: College Church Social Justice Camp, 2023



Youth from College Church spent the week of June 26th learning about and laboring in acts of service and justice in the St. Louis area. Middle school teens and high school leaders met and worked alongside people in our

community whose efforts address food insecurity. The week began with a foundation of the principles of Catholic Social Teaching and discussion of commitment to justice as a part of our Christian faith. Each day provided different examples of “change makers”—including some of our church ancestors—people who work to meet needs of others in varied ways. Through SLU’s Campus Kitchen, campers prepared and delivered meals to senior citizens. They harvested vegetables and removed weeds at a community garden sponsored by A Red Circle. Alongside volunteers at Isaiah 58 Ministry’s Fresh Food Fridays, SFX youth greeted guests and helped to distribute groceries. A tour of the Ville neighborhood and activities led by guest speakers Thomasina Clarke and Tabari Coleman increased young peoples’ understanding of redlining and other practices that create and sustain racial inequities. They also helped campers explore ways they each may use their unique gifts to work toward justice.

When asked, campers expressed appreciation for the opportunity to gain new perspectives, think about issues more deeply, and learn about the need for systemic change. They enjoyed seeing the community formed among the guests and volunteers of Fresh Food Fridays and hearing the stories and advice from the seniors who received the meals they prepared. All agreed the week was fun, as well as meaningful.

Many thanks to Jennifer Quick, Julie Kilian, Terry Edelmann, and Lisa Burks, whose collaboration created and facilitated this experience.

Islamic New Year

July 18 begins the Islamic New Year. This event marks the anniversary of the emigration of the Prophet Muhammed and his followers from the city of Mecca to Medina in the year 662. In many Muslim countries, it is a national holiday. It begins the Islamic month of Muharram, which is the second holiest month for Muslims, superseded only by the month of Ramadan.

The Islamic calendar follows the lunar cycle rather than the solar cycle as our commonly used Gregorian calendar does. Thus, the Islamic year is only 354 days long, and so Islamic New Year falls on a different date each year in the common universal calendar. Also, the Islamic day begins at sundown rather than at midnight. So, while Islamic New Year’s Day begins at sundown on July 18, it will conclude at sundown on July 19. This year marks the beginning of the Islamic year 1445.

Unlike the world-wide New Year’s celebration on January 1, Islamic New Year is a quiet event when Muslims reflect on time, the future, and their own mortality. It is celebrated with recitation of verses from the Koran, and with special prayers and sermons at mosques throughout the world. Families also celebrate in their homes with meals and with gifts of food baskets, assorted teas, and boxes of cheese or dried fruit.

Happy New Year to our Muslim sisters and brothers!

Book Recommendations

From Lea Koesterer

A Hundred Years' War on Palestine: A History of Settler Colonialism and Resistance by Rashid Khalidi (2020) The foremost US historian of the Middle East, the author explores this history through pivotal events and family history. Original, authoritative, and important, *The Hundred Years' War on Palestine* is not a chronicle of victimization, nor does it whitewash the mistakes of Palestinian leaders or deny the emergence of national movements on both sides. It offers new perspectives of a conflict that continues to this day.

Haifa Republic: A Democratic Future for Israel by Omri Boehm (2021). Boehm offers a brief historical overview (acknowledgment of the truth is necessary), assessment of the present, and follows it with possible outcomes and necessary action.

Continued from previous page

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Ida B. Wells – Born into slavery on July 16, 1862, in Holly Springs, Mississippi. After emancipation she became an investigative journalist. She was also a contributing founder of the NAACP. Wells dedicated her life to fighting prejudice and promoting equality for African Americans, especially women.

Nelson Mandela – Born July 18, 1918, in Mvezo, South Africa. He was an anti-apartheid revolutionary for which he spent 20 years in prison. After apartheid ended, he became the first black, and the first democratically elected president of his country in 1994.

Eric Garner – Died July 17, 2014, in Staten Island, NY. He was a retired from the NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation. He was killed when a New York police officer held him in a prohibited chokehold while arresting him. Mr. Garner is remembered for crying out “I can’t breathe” 11 times before losing consciousness.

John Lewis – Died July 17, 2020, in Atlanta, GA. He participated in civil rights marches throughout the 1960’s during which he was repeatedly beaten by law enforcement officials. All his life he sought what he called “good trouble.” He served in the U.S. Congress as a representative from Georgia from 1987 until his death at age 80.

Upcoming Events

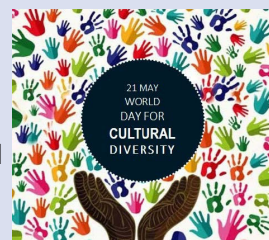
Voices from the Holy Land Online Film Salon presents a panel discussion about the documentary, My Tree, on Sunday, July 16, 2023 at 2:00pm CT. This documentary film follows Jason Sherman's journey to find the tree that was planted in his name in Israel many years earlier. When he discovers that it stands on the remains of a Palestinian village that was destroyed in 1967, he embarks on another journey -- to determine his responsibility in helping to cover up the destruction. When you register at Tinyurl.com/VFHL-July2023, you will receive a link to join the Zoom discussion and access to the film. Please view before joining the salon on Zoom. The film may also be viewed at your convenience on YouTube (with ads) at: youtube.com/watch?v=P8aOk_zONRg

Fr. Gerry Kleba will be hosting a bus tour of Black History in St. Louis on July 29th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. The tour will leave from and return to St. Cronin’s Catholic Church at 1202 S. Boyle Ave. You are invited to bring a lunch and stay after the tour to discuss the experience. The cost is \$7 per person payable the day of the event. Please email Paul Loida at Paul.loida@bayer.com if you would like to attend. Space is limited, so reserve your seat today!

For more information, or to become part of antiracism ministries at College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan penultim@swbell.net or Lisa Burks Imburks60@gmail.com.

SFX Racial Justice Vigils

The Racism and Reconciliation committee continues their monthly vigils on the front steps of the Church 6-7 pm. This provides our witness against racial injustice, prayers, and silence. Bring your own sign or use one of ours. Future dates include WEDNESDAY August 9 commemorating International Day of the World's Indigenous People and the September vigil will be on a THURSDAY, September 21st, International Day of Peace. Hope you can join us! For more information, contact: jfmc676@gmail.com.

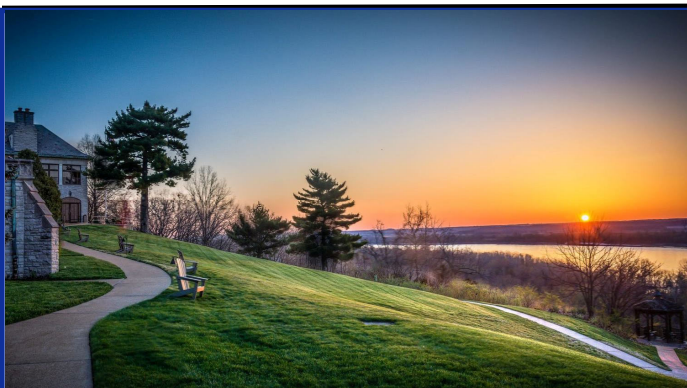


Widows and Widowers

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be on Sunday, July 23rd, at 9:15 a.m. in the break room on the first floor of the Parish Center. Interested in attending? Contact Val Rutterer at vrutterer@gmail.com or 314-393-8986 for questions or more information.

Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group

The next meeting of our Alzheimer’s Caregiver Support Group will be Sunday, July 23rd at Noon in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Ann Steffen, 314-313-0158.



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).

ATTENTION BUSINESS OWNERS, SELF-EMPLOYED AND FAMILIES!

Build your business and help us grow a vibrant faith community!

Available
ADVERTISING SPACE



Bob Swagman from LPi, our new bulletin printer, will be securing new ads for our bulletin. Please consider purchasing an ad, sponsoring a charity, or in Memory of a Loved One. Your participation makes our bulletin successful, and you attract customers!

BENEFITS OF ADVERTISING

- Local, targeted community advertising for **one full year, at one low price.**
- A FREE ad listing on parishesonline.com.
- FREE, professional ad design, and 4 free ad changes per year.

Bob Swagman 636-346-2058



Archangel Players present

The Wizard of Oz

By L. Frank Baum
Music & Lyrics by Harold Arlen & E.Y. Harburg
Background Music by Herbert Stothart



July 14 & 15
at 7:30
July 16
at 2:00

Call 314-656-6303
for tickets!

\$15 reserved seats
\$10 general admission
\$5 for children

St. Gabriel the Archangel Gymnasium
4711 Tamm Ave., St. Louis, MO 63109

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.



Circle of Creation Green Corner#

The Pachamama Alliance provides a 3:45-minute video “Climate Solutions Abound 2023” which provides hope for us to make progress in minimizing the deleterious effects of climate change IF we ACT and act TOGETHER. <https://vimeo.com/829203377>

Earthday365 has upcoming Environmental Justice Days of Action cleanup efforts on July 22, July 29, August 5, and August 12. More information and registration for any of these is available at this link: earthday-365.org/environmental-justice-days-of-action/ Earthday365 through its Green Dining Alliance has “A Guide to Greenwashing,” an article by GDA Intern, Charlie Brennan: greendiningalliance.org/2023/05/a-guide-to-greenwashing/ On their Facebook page, Earthday365 has Plastic Free July calendar of suggestions on participating in this global effort to minimize our use of plastic. Learn more at www.plasticfreejuly.org/

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 August 23 and September 25. For more information and to register for a single date or more, visit: <https://www.stlaquariumfoundation.org/events/revamp-the-riverfront/>.

The 56th Annual Operation Clean Stream is scheduled for August 26, 2023. There are both land-based and water-based clean-up sites in the metropolitan area. Click on this link for more information and registration: https://volunteer.openspacestl.org/agency/detail/?agency_id=13264

To learn what types of plastic bags and plastic film do and do not go into the Brown Bins at retail stores, see the specific information on NextTrex. <https://tinyurl.com/CCnextrex>

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

August 5, 8:00 AM to Noon
630 South Elm Avenue Webster Groves, MO, 63119
hosted by City of **Webster Groves**

August 12, 8:00 AM to Noon
900 TR Hughes Boulevard, O'Fallon, MO, 63366
hosted by the City of **O'Fallon**

August 12, 8:00 AM to Noon
2505 South Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, MO, 63144
hosted by the City of **Brentwood**

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>

July 15-16, 2023

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

July 22-23, 2023

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:**First Reading:**

Isaiah 55:10-11

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 65:10, 11, 12-13, 14

Second Reading:

Romans 8:18-23

Gospel:

Matthew 13:1-23

Bulletin Articles

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

College Church Accessibility

As a reminder, **assistive listening devices** are available for our liturgies. Please let the ushers know if you would like to use one.