



St. Ignatius sends St. Francis Xavier to India (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

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sfxstl.org



July 2, 2023
Thirteenth 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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To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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Reminder**

Click the blue bar at the top of our website, sfxstl.org. Or use this QR code.



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 Maureen Carney*
 Steve Frank*
 Dave Greiner
 Deacon Jim Griffard
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Joanie Hasser*
 Butch Henning*
 Jeanne Hermann*
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
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 Julianne Lister
 Tom McDermott
 Eddie McDevitt
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 Suzanne Mondello
 Rea O'Neill
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* 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



2021 Synod 2024
 For a synodal Church

**Synod on Synodality**

The Global Synod released a working document, *Instrumentum Laboris*, ahead of the Sixteenth Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops scheduled for October. I encourage everyone to take a look at it. You can find the full document here: <https://bit.ly/SFXIIL>

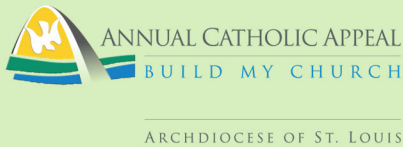
It speaks in great depth about the characteristics of a synodal church. It can inform and ground our journey as College Church to become more synodal.

"[T]he protagonist of the Synod is the Holy Spirit". In this way, the more intensely the invitation to journey together has been accepted, the more the Synod has become a path on which the People of God proceed with enthusiasm, but without naivety. In fact, problems, resistances, difficulties and tensions are not concealed or hidden but identified and named thanks to a context of authentic dialogue that makes it possible to speak and listen with freedom and sincerity.

This is what emerges with great force from all the continents: an awareness that a synodal Church is founded on the recognition of a common dignity deriving from Baptism, which makes all who receive it sons and daughters of God, members of the family of God, and therefore brothers and sisters in Christ, inhabited by the one Spirit and sent to fulfill a common mission. In Paul's language, "we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit" (1 Cor 12:13). Baptism thus creates a true co-responsibility among all the members of the Church, which is manifested in the participation of all, with the charisms of each, in the mission of the Church and the building up of the ecclesial community.

Trying to walk together also brings us into contact with the healthy restlessness of incompleteness, with the awareness that there are still many things whose weight we are not able to carry or bear (cf. Jn 16:12). This is not a problem to be solved, but rather a gift to be cultivated. We are faced with the inexhaustible and holy mystery of God and must remain open to its surprises as we walk through history towards the Kingdom.

We are called to continue this synodal journey with one another from a posture of spirit-filled curiosity and vulnerability. Each of us has an invaluable contribution to make. I invite all of us to consider how we as College Church will continue to invite gifts, listen well and allow the Holy Spirit to transform us.



Annual Catholic Appeal

Thank you to all parishioners who have contributed to this year's *Annual Catholic Appeal*, which helps fund archdiocesan-wide efforts such as Catholic Charities and Catholic educational organizations.

So far, our parishioners have contributed \$18,817 towards the *Appeal*. This includes twenty-three new donors!

There's still time to join in our efforts as St. Francis Xavier College Church. You may be receiving a mailing from the Archdiocese this week asking for your pledge if you have not yet turned in a pledge card.

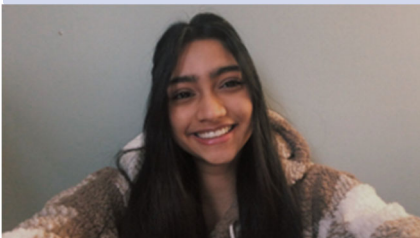
You can also contribute online at aca.archstl.org.

College Church Young Professionals

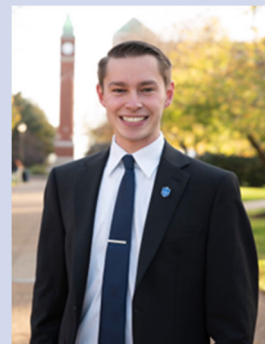
Join the College Church Young Professionals to help cultivate your faith with a community of 22 to 38-year-olds at the Parish. Our next meeting is on July 13th. Contact Claire Daaleman at cdaaleman8@gmail.com for more details.

2023 Outreach Program Summer VISTA Volunteers

The ID and Birth Certificate Program is grateful to host two eight-week Summer Associate Americorps VISTA volunteers this year. This is a shared role with SLU Campus Kitchen for their eight weeks of service. Welcome, Inchara and Darren!



“My name is Inchara Shetty and I am a rising sophomore majoring in Public Health and minoring in Biology and Nutrition here at SLU. I'm super excited to make an impact in my city's community and work with y'all this summer!”



“Hi there! My name is Darren and I am a recent graduate of Saint Louis University. I am excited to be volunteering with the St. Francis Xavier parish this summer as an Ameri-Corps VISTA and I am eager to meet you and serve you during my time here!”

OUR OUTREACH PROGRAM BY THE NUMBERS

Last year, our Birth Certificate and ID Program served more than 3,700 guests from an astonishing 100 ZIP Codes. Through your support, we were able to help our program guests obtain 3,111 birth certificates and 2,636 Missouri State IDs. 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.



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

Join us for Dining Out July 16th after the 10:30 Mass, 2 options: Tina Saunders will host 10 people at Sanctuaria Wild Tapas , 4198 Manchester. Mediterranean & Spanish small plates available. Mary Pat Gilliam will host 5 people at The Fountain, 3037 Locust. To reserve your space for either, contact Bridget Brennan joy@canainstitute.org or 314 313 0613 by July 11th. **Space is limited.**

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.



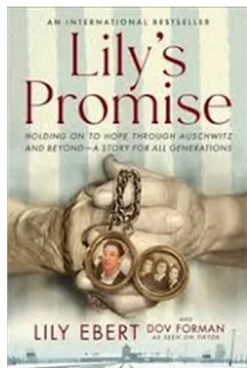
Antiracism at College Church

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.

Book Recommendation

Lily's Promise: Holding on to Hope Through Auschwitz and Beyond – A Story for All Generations
Lily Evert and Dov Forman,
HarperOne © 2022

It is normal to erase unpleasant events from our memories. For years after World War II, the older generation of Jewish Holocaust survivors seldom spoke of the horror they experienced because the memory was too painful. Yet, their offspring saw the numbers tattooed on their grandparents' arms but wouldn't ask about it for fear of upsetting them. This new narration of the Holocaust is told by one of the last survivors (she is nearing 100 years old), prompted by her curious teenage great-grandson. In it she shares firsthand what millions of Jewish people were forced to endure.



The story starts in a small town in Hungary and leads to the camps at Birkenau-Auschwitz. Intense reading, the graphic description of ill-treatment and abuse, and the overall inhumanity of Nazi soldiers toward other human beings would be unbelievable if not told by someone who suffered it personally. Truly remarkable was the miraculous ability of so many to hold family members together while being sent from place to place; to hide family keepsakes from the guards; to save scraps of bread for celebrating a Shabbat meal discreetly each Friday. Their faith and family are what gave them stamina to keep going.

After the War we travel with Lily to the newly founded country of Israel where she marries and her family starts to grow again, and then to England. The deep love between a grandmother and her great-grandson exploring together this trauma so many years after the event causes you to care for each of them. Throughout the book the authors ask, "Why did the world do nothing? Why didn't anyone help us?" While we can do nothing to protect them from the past, we want to keep reading just to learn what happens next.

Lily's "promise" is to keep this memory alive so the world will learn from it. Yet, we cannot ignore that such systematic extermination of whole ethnic groups

is still taking place – the Uyghurs in China; Rohingya in Myanmar; Kurds in Iran, Iraq, and Turkey; Yazidi women and girls in Syria; homosexuals in Uganda; the people of Yemen at the hands of the Houthis.

Whether you have studied a lot about the Jewish Holocaust or very little, this is a worthwhile book to read.

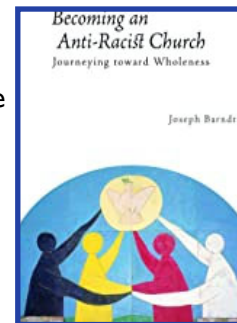
David Werthmann

It's Time for Your Summer Recommendations!

For the past two years, this column has solicited from the parish community book recommendations that have a social justice theme. Each referral included the title of the book, the author, the parishioner recommending the book, and a brief description of why the book was noteworthy. Last year, that request was expanded to include both books and movies. We'll publish the recommendations as they are received, although there is, typically, a ten-day interval between receipt and publication. Given space restrictions in the bulletin, please ensure that your endorsement of the book/movie is concise (two or three sentences). Recommendations can be emailed to davidwerthmann@sbcglobal.net.

Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness

One of the sources of information and inspiration that continues to guide the work of the Antiracism Team is the book *Becoming an Anti-Racist Church: Journeying Toward Wholeness* by Joseph Barndt. The author is a Lutheran minister and founder of Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training with whom we are partnering for our parish racial equity review. In this book, Barndt lays a foundation for both personal and institutional change. He explores the history of racism in the Christian church, describes how racial injustice became institutionalized in the church in America, and sets out methods for appraising and addressing systemic racism within congregations.



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You are invited to participate in a group study and discussion of this book. It will be facilitated by parish leaders Lisa D'Souza and Amy Sanders and will meet on three consecutive Sundays— July 9, 16, and 23 from 9:15–10:15 am. Copies of the book will be available for \$21.60. You may register through this link: tinyurl.com/438euaxk. You may also contact Lisa Burks at Imburks60@gmail.com or Winnie Sullivan at penultim@swbell.net to register or to obtain further information.

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Supreme Court Justice Thurgood Marshall – born July 2, 1908, in Baltimore, MD. As an attorney, he won 29 of the 32 civil rights cases that he argued before the Supreme Court, most notably the landmark 1954 decision *Brown v. Board of Education*, which held that segregated public schools were unconstitutional. In 1967 he became first African American appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Rhythm & blues singer/songwriter, Fontella Bass – born July 3, 1940, in St. Louis, MO. She was a child prodigy on the piano starting at age 5. She graduated from Soldan High School and performed with several touring groups. Best known for her song, “Rescue Me,” she was twice nominated for a Grammy Award. She has a star on the St. Louis Walk of Fame.

Upcoming Events

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 month the vigil will be Monday, July 3, to mark Independence Day for the 4th of July. 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 September will be a THURSDAY, Sept 21st, International day of Peace.



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!



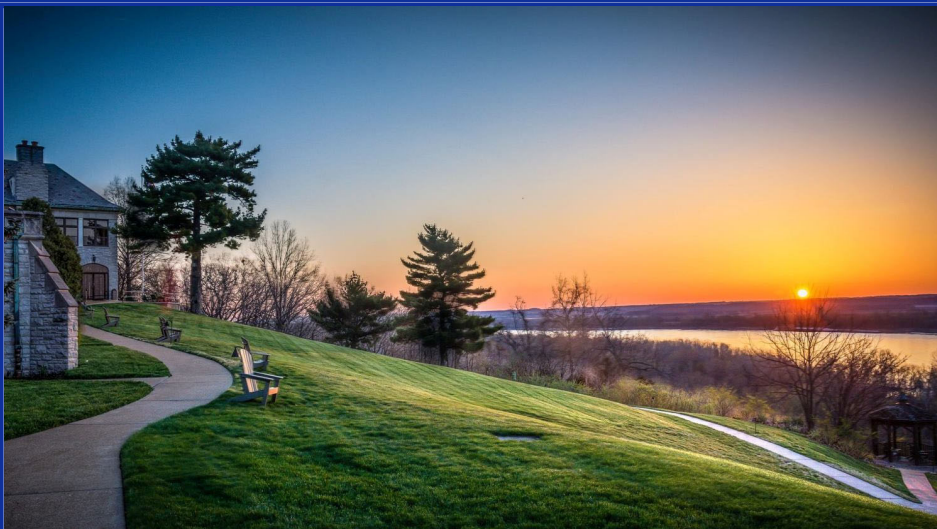
Community. Service. Faith.

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.



Circle of Creation Green Corner



You may be familiar with the brown collection containers at many of our local grocery stores. NexTrex is the company that recycles some kinds of plastic bags and plastic film into composite decks. You can view the specific information on NexTrex <https://tinyurl.com/CCnextrex> concerning what types of plastic bags and plastic film can and cannot be recycled. Their Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) are also quite helpful. It is critical that such plastic bags and plastic film do NOT contaminate the contents of the blue recycling bins in the City of St. Louis and recycling collection containers in the various suburbs but rather go into the NexTrex brown bins at local retail stores.

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>

July 15, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
359 Old Meramec Station Road
Manchester, MO 63021, hosted by City of **Manchester**

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

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>

Fair Trade This Sunday

This Sunday, July 2nd, after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses, Fair Trade products will be sold to benefit our sister parish, St. Peter Claver, in Belize. Our Fair Trade team will be in the vestibule.

June 1-2, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Fr. Armstrong, SJ
Provincial Secretary Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province
Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Daly, SJ
Province Treasurer, UCS Province
10:30 am Fr. Daly, SJ

July 8-9, 2023

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

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
2 Kings 4:8-11, 14-16a

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19

Second Reading:
Romans 6:3-4, 8-11

Gospel:
Matthew 10:37-42

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.