

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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 Deacon Jim Griffard
 Jessi Haselhorst
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 Eddie McDevitt
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 Karena Menard*
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 Rea O'Neill
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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.

Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator



By Katie Jansen

On retreat, we spent a day reflecting on the gift of consolation. This is a gift that we open ourselves to by turning toward God; when we sense God's nudge or feel God's loving presence or share our burdens with God; It can be an experience of peace even in the midst of difficulty that "All shall be well, all shall be well, all manner of things shall be well."

And the Spiritual Exercises suggest to us, "When one enjoys consolation, let her consider how she will conduct herself during the time of ensuing desolation, and store up a supply of strength as defense against that day."

I read a reflection by Dorothy Day that I think is a simple, beautiful and totally relatable example of consolation as well as "storing up strength" for a time of desolation.

"Despite my feeling of almost hopelessness and desperation, humanly speaking, I came through the day feeling singularly calm, peaceful, happy.

Three conclusions were the result of my praying. First: My getting into a temper helped nobody. But remaining loving toward all helped to calm them all. Hence a great responsibility rests on me. Second: It was cruel to be harsh to anyone so absolutely dependent, as they are, humanly, on my kindness. Third: It is a healthy sign that they are not crushed and humbled toward other human beings by their own miseries. I mean, going around meekly for fear of me, or being humble out of human respect. . . .

The aftereffects of last night's and this morning's heavy praying have been peace and joy and strength and thanksgiving, and a great deal of humility, too, at being so weak that God had to send me consolation to prepare me for the next trial.

I should know by this time that just because I feel that everything is useless and going to pieces and badly done and futile, it is not really that way at all. Everything is all right. It is in the hands of God. Let us abandon everything to Divine Providence.

And I must remember, too, that often beautiful scenery or a perfect symphony leaves me cold and dreary. There is nothing the matter with either the scenery or the music—it is myself. I have endured other miseries cheerfully at times. So I must be calm, patient, enduring, and meditate on the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

I am writing this for my consolation and courage some future day when God sees fit and thinks me strong enough to bear longer-continued crosses.

It is to remind myself so that maybe I will be stronger." -Dorothy Day in Give Us This Day

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Bill Tucker

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



Welcome, Fr. Tucker Redding, SJ!

Starting this weekend, Fr. Tucker Redding, SJ is joining us at College Church! He will serve as associate pastor and work part-time in the communications department for the Central and Southern Province of the Jesuits, helping with various multimedia projects.

Father Tucker Redding was born and raised in Central Texas, near San Antonio. He attended Texas A&M University, where he grew in his faith through the Catholic student center. It was there that he was introduced to the Jesuits and started to discern religious life. He worked for four years at a parish in Houston as a youth minister before entering the Jesuit novitiate in Grand Coteau, Louisiana. As a Jesuit, Tucker has lived in Dallas, New York, Boston, Jamaica, and St. Louis. He attended Saint Louis University as part of his philosophy studies and volunteered in College Church's Social Outreach Program and Winter Inn. He has also worked at America Magazine in video production and continues to work on video projects to promote faith and the work of the Jesuits. He recently graduated from Boston College with a Master of Divinity and was ordained a priest in New Orleans on June 10, 2023. He is excited to come back to St. Louis and College Church!

IMPACT WELL BEYOND OUR DOORS

St Francis Xavier College Church Birth Certificate and ID Program has the potential to unlock a “next chance” for every guest. Nothing reinforces that more than a note we received recently from a clinical supervisor at regional Behavioral Health center:

“I want to share with you the impact your program has had on our homeless clients. As you know, clients cannot get into homeless shelters in the city or the county without identification. We recently served a client who came to our office after getting into an altercation. Without ID, he had no other option but to sleep on the streets. It was a cold, rainy day, his face was bruised and his injuries were visible. This is the reality for so many individuals experiencing homelessness and the trauma that comes with living in doorways and street corners.

“He wanted us to know he had gone to the College Church ID Program and was waiting on his birth certificate. We made a plan for him to come back to our office at 5 p.m. to attend a recovery group that could at least provide him shelter and snacks for a short period of time. While with us, he found out his birth certificate had arrived at your church, so we provided him with a bus ticket to pick it up. His community support worker then arranged housing placement for him through Peter and Paul Community Services. He continues to reside there, working on recovery and housing.

“You are making a difference. You are helping individuals move past their struggles to find a better place to be in life. Your efforts to change the lives of the homeless in our region is deeply appreciated!”

The St. Francis Xavier College Church Birth Certificate and ID Program is always looking for support — your help can come in many ways. Join Christ’s call for social justice by donating, volunteering, spreading the word or advocating for issues that impact our ID/Birth Certificate program guests. For more information, visit sfxstl.org/outreach.



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.

St. Louis City Reparations Commission

In December of 2022, Mayor Tishaura Jones signed the executive order creating the Reparations Commission for the City of St. Louis. The mandate of this community driven body is to explore the history of race-based harms in the city, reveal the present-day manifestations of that history, and propose a method and potential funding sources for repairing the harms that have been inflicted by segregation and systemic racism. Nine commissioners were appointed in March 2023 and the first public meeting was held on April 24th at Harris-Stowe State University. A final report with recommendations is to be completed in March 2024.

The commission is gathering the input of community members through monthly meetings. St. Louis residents are invited to attend the meetings to hear from the commission members, to share their experiences of racial injustice, and to offer recommendations for ways that harm may be repaired. The meeting held in June included a brief presentation from commission member Dr. Gwen Moore, curator of Urban Landscape and Community Identity at the Missouri History Museum. She highlighted some of the policies and practices that have denied African Americans access to a key source of generational wealth—land. Dr. Moore noted that such policies are manifested today in the racial disparity in home ownership and the dismantling of African American neighborhoods through “urban renewal.” The public comments contained a similar theme when some residents shared a desire to see successive generations within families retain home ownership. Access to education and employment were among the other points made by community participants.

The commission will explore not just the socioeconomic and political evidence, but also the moral, legal, and historical evidence for reparations and redistributive justice.

This data gathering will continue through monthly meetings of the Reparations Commission. All meetings are video recorded and are made public on the YouTube channel for the city of St. Louis. They may be accessed through this link: [youtube.com/@CityofStLouisMissouri/videos](https://www.youtube.com/@CityofStLouisMissouri/videos)

Moses Dickson

In a recent article in this section of the bulletin, there was mention of the initiative to restore the Father Dickson Cemetery in Crestwood, MO. Dickson, who was born as a free person in Ohio in 1824, figures prominently in the history of our city and state.



Having witnessed the horrors of slavery while traveling through the South as a young man, Dickson became an abolitionist and helped many enslaved people escape to freedom via the Underground Railroad. In 1849, he settled in St. Louis and gathered with a group of peers here to organize a national insurrection against slavery. Just as that effort, which grew to include about forty thousand men, was about to launch, Dickson called it off as it became apparent that the northern and southern states were on the verge of conflict. He fought on the side of the Union Army during the Civil War.

Following the war, Dickson became an ordained minister in the African Methodist Episcopal (A.M.E.) church. He sought to open schools for black children, and he became a founder and proponent of black self-help organizations. He was a cofounder, along with other black Union soldiers, of Lincoln University in Jefferson City, Missouri. He was among the black leaders who formed the Missouri Equal Rights League, considered Missouri's first black political activist organization. Dickson was president of a St. Louis relief agency that provided support to approximately 16,000 African Americans who passed through the city in the aftermath of the Civil War as part of the Exoduster Movement—the first migration of black people from the deep South to Kansas and points west. Dickson died in 1901, and thousands from around the United States attended his funeral at the St. Paul A.M.E. Church in St. Louis. He is buried at the cemetery bearing his name.

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Jane Aileen Gordon Kaiser – Died on August 2, 2002. Gordon Kaiser – a descendant of Thomas Jefferson and an enslaved woman – was born in St. Louis. When her own children were ready for school, she challenged the St. Louis archdiocesan school system to admit her son. Though unsuccessful, her efforts led to the assignment

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of Archbishop Joseph Ritter in 1944, who integrated the Catholic schools in the archdiocese.

James Cone – Born on August 5, 1938, in Fordyce, Arkansas. Cone obtained his Ph.D. in theology at Northwestern University. The death of Martin Luther King, Jr. in 1968 changed his life, and he began to challenge America's sin of racism. It also opened his eyes to God's identification with the poor. Eventually, Cone taught at Union Theological Seminary in New York and he is considered by many to be the Father of Black Theology.

Toni Morrison – Died August 5, 2019, in New York City. A Roman Catholic and an American writer, Morrison was noted for her exploration of the Black experience (particularly Black female experience) within the African American community. She received the Nobel Prize for Literature in 1993.

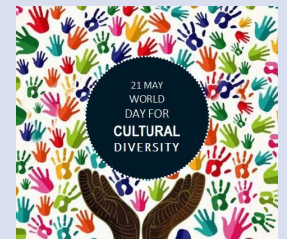
Upcoming Events

August 13, 2023 12:15 pm St. Alphonsus Liguori (Rock) Church is hosting a screening of the movie, *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks*. This film is based on the true story of an African American woman who becomes an unwitting pioneer for medical breakthroughs when her cells are used to create the first immortal human cell line. A light lunch will be served at noon. After viewing the film, a discussion will be led by Dr. Helen Lach, Associate Dean of Research in the School of Nursing at St. Louis University. All are welcome to attend the lunch, screening, and discussion. Admission is free. Donations for lunch are appreciated. RSVP no later than Thursday, August 10th by text/voice mail to Wilma Locke at 314-229-3376 or email at wa08locke@yahoo.com. Please include your name and number attending.

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.



Upcoming Information Sessions about the Bridges Retreat

Bridges invites retreatants to experience the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola over the course of 8 months each year from September through May.

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.

Upcoming information sessions will be held at the following locations:

Saturday, August 5 @ 10 am – St. Matthew the Apostle

Sunday, August 6, following 8 am and 10:30 am masses – St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

Tuesday, August 8 @ 7 pm – Sacred Heart-Valley Park

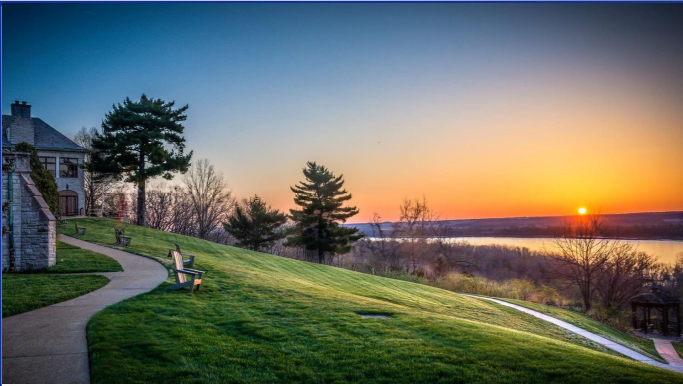
Wednesday, August 9 @ 7 pm – Online

Saturday, August 12 @ 10 am – St. Louis University High

Wednesday, August 16 @ 7 pm – Webster Groves Christian Church

For more information, please visit www.bridgesfoundation.org.





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).

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Can you help us heal St. Louis?

St Louis suffers from a bad branding, and we'd like to change that...

The Compassionate St. Louis Movement has as its final goal to alter the public face of the St. Louis Region from one of violence and racism to that of compassion: a place where you will want to live because people care about people. To achieve this goal, CSTL raises awareness, seeks grassroots and corporate written endorsement, and 'Shouts Out' organizations and individuals who embody compassion -in-action.

Can you stand with us? Go to Compassionate-STL.org and endorse us...!

Carla Mae Streeter, OP, Convener, will be in the back of Church on August 27 at all Masses to take endorsements...please stand with us...see Compassionate-STL.org...

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 a 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 29-30, 2023

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

August 5-6, 2023

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

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

I Kings 3:5, 7-12

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130

Second Reading:

Romans 8:28-30

Gospel:

Matthew 13:44-52

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.