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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 9, 2023
Fourteenth 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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Click the blue bar at the top of our website, sfxstl.org. Or use this QR code.



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 Maureen Carney*
 Tara Chandler
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 Dave Greiner
 Deacon Jim Griffard
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 Butch Henning*
 Jeanne Hermann*
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
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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



2021 Synod 2024
 For a synodal Church

Synod on Synodality (continued from last week)

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/SFXIL>

The Instrumentum Laboris is designed as a practical aid for the conduct of the Synodal Assembly in October 2023 and thus for its preparation. "[It] is not a document of the Church's Magisterium, nor is it the report of a sociological survey; it does not offer the formulation of operational indications, goals and objectives, nor a full elaboration of a theological vision." This is inevitable given that the IL is part of an unfinished process. Nonetheless, the IL takes a step beyond the DCS, drawing from the insights of the first phase and now the work of the Continental Assemblies, articulating some of the priorities that emerged from listening to the People of God, but avoids presenting them as assertions or stances. Instead, it expresses them as questions addressed to the Synodal Assembly.

Here are the overarching questions that the Synod Assembly will ask in particular ways based on the priorities that were raised during the listening phase of the synod.

1. A communion that radiates: How can we be more fully a sign and instrument of union with God and of the unity of all humanity?
2. Co-responsibility in Mission: How can we better share gifts and tasks in the service of the Gospel?
3. Participation, governance and authority: What processes, structures and institutions are needed in a missionary synodal Church?

Once the People of God are freed from the anxiety of inadequacy, the inevitable incompleteness of a synodal Church and the readiness of its members to accept their own vulnerabilities become the space for the action of the Spirit, who invites us to recognise the signs of his presence.

I am grateful for the model that the Synod offers us as we continue down a synodal path as a parish community.

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.

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.

ACCESS IS POWER

The results of a recent survey of 250 guests in our Birth Certificate and ID Program may surprise you. The top two reasons our guests come to the Outreach Program are the hopes of obtaining what they need to access housing and seek employment. Let it sink in: hope for a home and a job. 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.



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:

archstl.org/addressing-gun-violence



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.

Celebrating and Advocating for Equality

As we have just concluded the annual July 4th celebration of our country's independence from Great Britain, let us reflect on the words of poet Amanda Gorman as she lifts up the vision of liberty and equality contained in our Declaration of Independence, as well as our opportunity and responsibility to make that vision a reality.

Believer's Hymn for the Republic

By Amanda Gorman

12 score and 3 years ago, to be exact,
Our founders dared to declare
The world's most revolutionary act:
A pact sworn for liberty and equality.
Out of many, was born one people;
A teeming nation made of nations,
At its very foundation a dream
For life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Today, we gather so that our Founders' words do not go diminished.

But also so that the work does not go unfinished.
For it's not just in a declaration of independence
But the everyday declaration of its descendants
That make a people equal.

It is our right and our role
To remember these words scratched on a scroll,
So we may live them and heal our nation whole.
We roll up our sleeves, we believe in the dream,
And these American stories, in the glory of the struggle,
For it is from our struggle that comes our nation's strength,
For the lengths that we fight for what is right
Is the fullest measure of our country's might.

And while we cannot shake or cast aside our past,
Every day we write the future. Together we sign it,
Together we declare it, we share it,
For this truth marches on inside each of us:

Americans know one another by our love of liberty.
When in fact, we are liberated by our love for one another.
We understand that a house divided cannot stand.
So let us make a pact to be the country that acts
As compassionate as we are courageous.

In the declaration's pages, we write a new order for the ages,

Where out of many, we are one,
Bright as a sun, and bold as an eagle,
A nation of all people, by all people,
For all people.

Let this fourth of July
Move forth our cry to redeem the dream.
As we remember those words forever ignited
That we the people have so long heard and recited.
That we are right to stand
But are revolutionary when we stand united.

Book Review:

Begin Again: James Baldwin's America and Its Urgent Lessons for Our Own

Eddie S. Glaude, Jr., Crown, a registered trademark of Penguin Random House, \$17.00

In this New York Times bestseller, Eddie S. Glaude, Jr.—chair of the Department of African American Studies and the James S. McDonnell Distinguished University Professor at Princeton University—brings forward the life and work of the acclaimed writer, James Baldwin (1924-1987), to help us grasp and find the grace to live in twenty-first century America. Glaude acknowledges that it was not until he was a graduate student that he began to read Baldwin seriously, at which point he was struck by Baldwin's prescience. In *Begin Again*, Glaude offers us Baldwin's insights and reckonings as he struggled with the memories of his difficult childhood; with the entrenchment of racism, evident despite the legal gains of the Civil Rights Movement; and with his own sexuality as an out, gay African American man. Glaude reminds us of the peaks and valleys that Baldwin experienced in his dance with fame, the depression he suffered when life became too much to bear, and his sources of solace each time he decided to reenter the fray. The author shares with us the means by which Baldwin was able to hold on to hope in the midst of societal turmoil, and he suggests that we model Baldwin in order to do the same. Glaude is a frequent guest on cable television, particularly MSNBC, and is a profound and passionate observer of the life of our nation.

—Winnie Sullivan

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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.

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Fr. Augustus Tolton – Died July 9, 1897, in Chicago. Born to enslaved parents in Brush Creek, MO, during the Civil War, his mother escaped with her children across the river to Quincy, IL – a free state. Tolton studied theology in Rome because no American seminary would accept Black applicants. He became the first U.S. priest known to be Black. In 2019, he was declared “Venerable” placing him on the road to sainthood.

Professional golfer Lee Elder - Born July 14, 1934, in Dallas, TX. His father died in World War II and his mother soon after. For years he roamed the streets until he went to live with an aunt in California. Golf was his dream and during high school and he frequently cut classes to work as a caddy. In 1974, he won the Monsanto Open, then was invited to compete in the Master's Tournament, ending decades of a “whites only” policy by the Master's organization.

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 lmburks60@gmail.com.

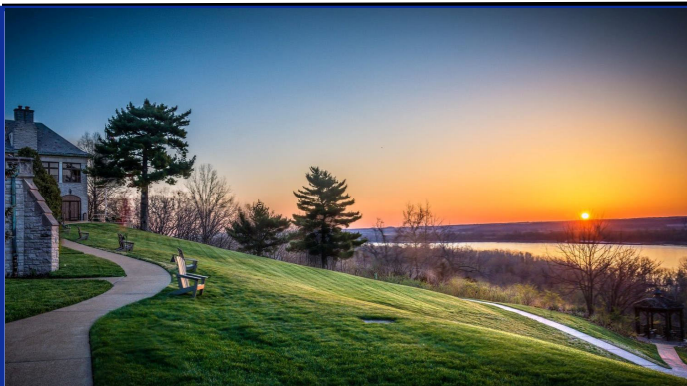
SFX Racial Justice Vigils

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.



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!



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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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



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>

July 8-9, 2023

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

July 15-16, 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:
Zechariah 9:9-10

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 145:1-2, 8-9, 10-11, 13-14

Second Reading:
Romans 8:9, 11-13

Gospel:
Matthew 11:25-30

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.