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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

August 20, 2023
Twentieth 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.

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**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
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 Leigh Burkhardt
 Maureen Carney*
 Tara Chandler
 Steve Frank*
 Dave Greiner
 Deacon Jim Griffard
 Jessi Haselhorst
 Joanie Hasser*
 Butch Henning*
 Jeanne Hermann*
 Laura Kaiser and Family
 Terry Kippenberger*
 Julianne Lister
 Tom McDermott
 Eddie McDevitt
 Angie Menard*
 Karena Menard*
 Barb Michael
 Rea O'Neill
 Nancy Partridge* & Glider
 Fr. Dick Perl, SJ*
 Mark Roddy*
 Jennifer Saunders*
 Mark Segovia
 Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ*
 Greg Stephen
 Terry Werner
 Robert Wilmott
 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 Associate Pastor



By Fr. Tucker Redding, SJ

Going Home, Finding Home

I've been thinking a lot lately about what it means to be home.

After my ordination in June, I had the opportunity to travel to see family and friends, and celebrate my first Masses. Many new priests tend to go back to their "home" parish to celebrate Mass, but I had a hard time distinguishing a single home parish for myself. I ended up going on a tour of the places that I have called home over the years.

I went back to the parish where I grew up as a kid, the one where so many of my family members were involved and my grandparents practically had a permanently reserved pew. I went back to the parish that my parents and I went to after we moved, which is where I went through middle and high school. I went back to the parish where I served as a youth minister after college, where I learned to work in ministry and discerned my call as a Jesuit. I went back to the parish that I visited for only a few months as a Jesuit novice. It was a black Catholic parish and one of the most welcoming Catholic churches that I have ever seen. I went back to the parish and school that I served in as a Jesuit scholastic, where I grew in my sense of vocation and what it meant to be a Jesuit priest.

Now I'm back here at St. Francis Xavier College Church, the parish that became a home to me during my studies at SLU. So far, returning has been a wonderful mix of reconnecting with old friends and meeting new people who have welcomed me into their parish home.

So what does it mean to have a "home" parish? For me, it's a place where you know familiar faces and have the opportunity to encounter new ones as well. It's a place that is welcoming and accepting of all who walk through the doors. It's a place where we learn and are constantly reminded that we are loved by God. It's a place where we learn how we can show the love of God to others and have the opportunity to put it into practice.

Thanks for making this my home. Let's make sure that it is a home for all who come through our doors.

Widows and Widowers

The next meeting of Widows and Widowers will be next Sunday, August 27th, 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 next Sunday, August 27th at Noon in the Parish Center. For more information, please contact Ann Steffen, 314-313-0158.

**College Church Gala
 Save the Date!**

We are returning to the Coronado for a gala fundraiser for College Church on **Friday evening, November 17th**. More details coming soon!

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Calling All Babysitters!

During the '23-24 school year, babysitting will be offered during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Babysitters will be provided a stipend for provided loving care to our youngest parishioners during Mass. For more information and to apply, please contact Jennifer Quick at jennifer@sfxstl.org or 913.485.8739.

Volunteers needed for Alzheimer's Support Group

We are looking for a few volunteers to stay with those with dementia while their caregivers attend the meeting at College Church. Meetings are every 4th Sunday from 11:45 to 1:15. With one or two volunteers needed each month and a few offering to stay, you would be rotating about every three or four months. For more information and to volunteer for this needed ministry, please email or call Martha Daly at: marthadaly@hotmail.com, 314-265-5653

Fair Trade Sales this Sunday!

Fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate and more will be available in the vestibule for purchase after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. All sales support our sister parish, St. Peter Claver in Belize.



LIGHTWORKS - AN EXPERIENCE OF IGNATIAN PRAYER

LIGHTWORKS is a "light form of work," a series of limbering up exercises for the spirit. Physical exercises build muscle, increase stamina, and develop flexibility. So **LIGHTWORKS** does for the spirit. These exercises of prayer and reflection, build our relationship with God and help us become more aware of God's presence in our lives. It consists of weekly group sessions. Participants are given scripture passages or reflections from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to pray over each week. These invite us into conversation with God about our lives. Then during the weekly session, there is sharing about these passages and a presentation. There are 16 weekly sessions with 8 before Thanksgiving and 8 in the new year. LightWorks will be offered via Zoom on Monday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30, beginning on October 2. Flyers will be available soon at the doorways of the church. For more information, please contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305 or Joe@sfxstl.org



Interested in Learning about the Catholic Faith?

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Church, its beliefs and practices, you are invited to come to our inquiry sessions. These offer an opportunity to ask questions about Catholic beliefs and practices. They are informal and focus on the issues which the participants deem important. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Joseph Milner, 977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.

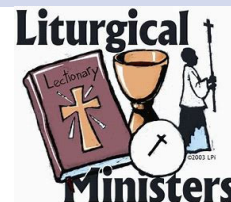


JustFaith 2: Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response

Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response explores questions such as: “what keeps people in poverty from getting jobs?”, “what are some common hurdles that people in poverty face?” and “what are some practical tools for alleviating poverty in my community?”. Wednesday evenings virtually, September 6 – October 25. Register at: JustFaith.org. For questions, contact Mary Ann Moore, mamgoforit@aol.com

LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The prayerfulness and beauty of our Sunday liturgical celebrations is due in a large part to the various liturgical ministers who share their time and talent with the parish. Usher/Greeters welcome everyone with friendly faces, answer questions, and assist them with special needs. Acolytes prepare the vessels and hosts, organize the books, and assist all involved so that the liturgy runs smoothly. Lectors prepare and proclaim the readings and Universal Prayers (General Intercessions) each Sunday. The choir raises their voices for God’s glory and leads the assembly in the hymns. Eucharistic ministers distribute communion to the assembly and when needed can take communion to the homebound. The liturgical laundry team washes and prepares the linens used at the altar each week. The Art and Environment team prepares and decorates the church for the special seasons each year. More dedicated hands are needed in each of these ministries. Training will be provided so that your gifts can be help everyone pray and worship better. Representatives will be in the vestibule after the masses on August 20 and 27 to answer questions and provide more information. Please take time to consider how your gifts can be a blessing for others. For more information, contact Joe Milner, joe@sfxstl.org or Mary Seise, mary@sfxstl.org

**Pampered Chef Fundraiser for St. Vincent De Paul**

Parishioner Maureen Hoock is hosting a Pampered Chef Party both virtually and in person to benefit College Church’s St. Vincent de Paul conference. Pampered Chef will donate 30% of total product sales and she will donate her full 15% commission. That’s \$45 for every \$100 of Pampered Chef products sold. There will also be an in person event at her home in Shrewsbury on Sunday, 8/20 from 12-3 and on Tuesday 8/22 from 6-8pm. Learn more or start shopping at tinyurl.com/sfxpamperedchef.

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!

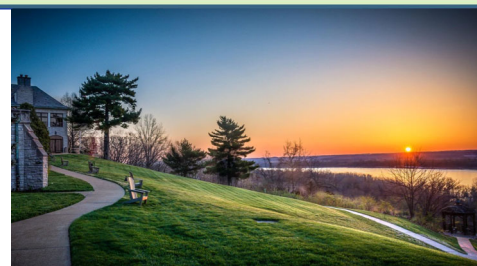
September 18-21 is the week of a women’s retreat at White House Retreat.

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).





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.

At the heart of antiracism at College Church is our shared belief that all people are created in the image of God. This belief compels us to challenge the systems and structures that devalue and harm people because of race or other aspects of identity and seeks to build an inclusive community. Compassionate St. Louis is an organization that is also working to honor the inherent dignity of every person and to increase justice and equity in St. Louis. We invite you to learn more about their work from Sr. Carla Mae Streeter, Chair of the Coordinating Circle.

Compassionate Saint Louis: Inviting YOU to Help Re-brand Our City

In 2007, British author Karen Armstrong sent an email asking: "Why are all the world religions so violent?" She got so many responses that she invited six interfaith leaders to discuss the question. They agreed that the basis of all their traditions is "compassion." They wrote four simple paragraphs and called them the Charter for Compassion.

Armstrong took the Charter to TED Talks where speakers present ideas that might change the world. The Charter for Compassion won the \$100,000 prize as the top idea that year for changing the world. She then presented the Charter to 8,000 participants at the Parliament of World Religions. She announced that she would travel from city to city, inviting mayors and city councils to sign-on to the Charter and post it so all will practice its principles. So far, over 490 cities around the world are on board.

Several of us brought the Charter back to St. Louis to begin building a Compassionate City here. First, we developed a strategic plan. Even during COVID we continued meeting via Zoom and worked out three immediate goals:

- Raise awareness of the Movement;
- Seek 500 organizational and individual endorsers/partners;
- Celebrate by calling attention to compassionate activity already happening throughout the region.

Our ten-year goal is to re-brand the St. Louis Region so it shows up on the Realtors' List of the 10 Most Compassionate Cities in the USA, i.e., a place where "You Would Want to Live."

The national website (charterforcompassion.org) describes what is happening internationally. Our local website (Compassionate-STL.org) is where you will find a copy of the Charter, a video, and a webinar produced in 2021.

If you share the Charter's values and you can stand with us by endorsing it, go to 'Endorse Us' on the local website. Ask others to do so, also. The Mayor's Office knows we are coming once we reach our goal of 500 endorsements. Help us reach that goal!

I will be in the church vestibule August 27 after all Masses to help you sign-on if you haven't already done so on the website.

Gratefully,
Carla Mae Streeter, OP, Convener, Charter for Compassion, 314-249-4499

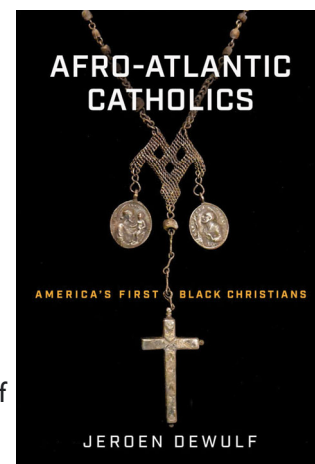
Book Review

Afro-Atlantic Catholics:
America's First Black Christians

Jeroen Dewulf, Notre Dame Press, copyright©2022, \$59.26

By Winnie Sullivan

The back cover copy of Dewulf's book correctly asserts that Black Christianity has long been regarded as the product of Black Protestantism and the practices and beliefs of indigenous Africans. A case in point is the recent documentary by Henry Louis Gates entitled *The Black Church* (<https://www.blackcatholicmessenger.com/henry-louis-gates-black-church-doc/>). In his extensively researched work, Dewulf tackles the prevailing notion about the origins of Black Christianity, and he makes a compelling case that a significant number of Africans who were forcibly brought to the Americas during the transatlantic slave trade were already Catholic by virtue of the colonization of vast swaths of Africa by the Portuguese. Dewulf is director of the center for Portuguese Studies and a professor in the Department of German and Dutch studies at the University of California at Berkeley.



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Building on existing scholarship, Dewulf traces the religious practices and rituals of medieval Portugal—especially the formation of religious confraternities—and examines how Africans who were brought to Portugal were influenced, as well as how Portuguese colonizers and missionaries carried these aspects of the faith into Africa. He considers how these expressions of faith were given a unique cultural stamp in Africa and follows how African Catholicism is brought to the New World—to South America, to the islands of the Caribbean, and to the United States. Remnants of African Catholicism can be seen in the celebrations of Mardi Gras and Carnival in the Caribbean, in the mutual-aid and burial societies that have existed in the Black community, and in the joyful expressions of faith in African American worship services. *Afro-Atlantic Catholics* is not a beach read, but it is an illuminating exploration of the early arrival and influential presence of African Catholicism in this hemisphere.

Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

St. Rose of Lima – died August 24, 1617, in Lima Peru. Rose was born to a noble family. She entered the Third Order of Dominicans and became known for her care of the poor using her own private resources. She was the first person born in the Americas to be canonized a saint.

Bayard Rustin – died August 24, 1987, in New York, NY. He was a leader in civil rights, nonviolence, and gay rights. Rustin helped organize a March on Washington to end racial discrimination in employment. He organized Freedom Rides and helped create the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. During the 1970s and 1980s, Rustin aided refugees from Vietnam and Cambodia. He was preparing a humanitarian mission to Haiti when he died.

St. Oscar Romero – born August 25, 1917, in Ciudad Barrios, El Salvador. The fourth Archbishop of San Salvador, Romero spoke out against social injustice and violence during the conflict between the military government and left-wing insurgents which led to that country's Civil War. In 1980, Romero was shot by an assassin while celebrating Mass.

Wayne Shorter – born August 25, 1933, in Newark, New Jersey. He was an acclaimed jazz saxophonist and composer. He wrote music for and played with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers as well as the Miles Davis Octet. During his career Shorter produced 20 jazz albums and won 12 Grammy Awards.

Current and Upcoming Events

Open now through September 17th, the St. Louis Science Center is hosting *Mandela: The Official Exhibition*. Through film, photographs, personal artifacts, and experiential galleries, viewers will explore the life of Nelson Mandela and deepen awareness of his commitment to freedom and equality. For more information about reservations and ticket prices, call 314-289-4424 or look online at slsc.org/exhibits-attractions/mandela-the-official-exhibition/ **Save the Date: We are planning a College Church outing to this exhibition Sunday, September 17th after the 10:30 am Mass.**

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 THURSDAY, September 21st, International Day of Peace.

Hope you can join us! For more information, contact: jfmc676@gmail.com.



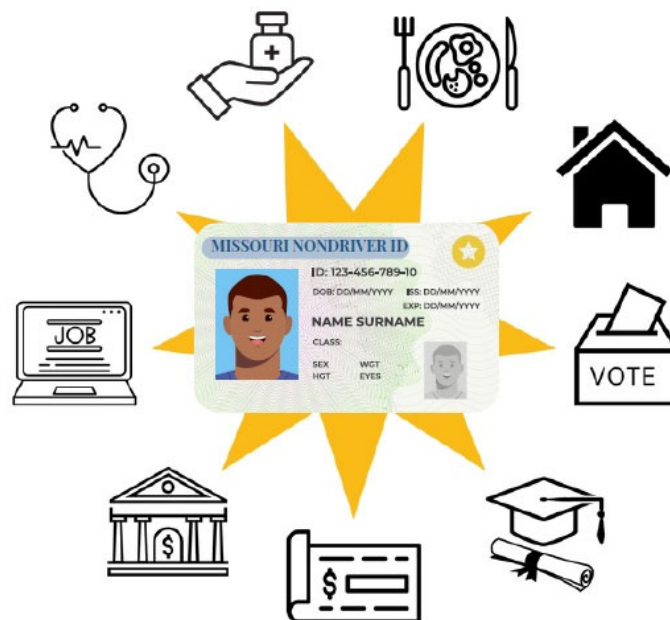


Identity = Dignity

Sunday, September 10th from 12-1:30pm

College Church Ballroom

Refreshments Provided



- Hear ID and Birth Certificate Program volunteers share stories
- Learn more about our parish advocacy efforts
- Learn how you can engage

**Sponsored by the College Church Advocacy Committee
and the ID and Birth Certificate Program**

Circle of Creation Green Corner



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. Visit 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 NexTrex. <https://tinyurl.com/CCnextrex>

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/

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

August 26, 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM
7100 Morgan Ford Road
St. Louis, MO 63116
hosted by St. Lucas Lutheran Church

September 9, 9:00 AM to Noon
Crestwood City Hall
1 Detjen Drive
St. Louis, MO 63126
hosted by the City of **Crestwood**

September 16, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
359 Old Meramec Station Road
Manchester, MO 63021
hosted by the City of **Manchester**

September 23, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
10455 Clayton Road
Frontenac, MO 63013
hosted by City of **Frontenac**

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>

August 19-20, 2023

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

August 26-27, 2023

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

This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8

Second Reading:

Romans 11:13-15, 29-32

Gospel:

Matthew 15:21-28

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.