



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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August 8, 2021
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. RSVPs are no longer needed.

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: tinyurl.com/collegechurchmass

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, 10:45 am through noon.

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 associatepastor@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. Dan White at frdan@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 Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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

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Prayer requests to:

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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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

I came across this poem, *Our Real Work*, while visiting my sisters in Portland. It was stuck on a sign in someone's front yard:

*It may be that when we no longer know what to do
 we have come to our real work,
 and that when we no longer know which way to go
 we have come to our real journey.
 The mind that is not baffled is not employed.
 The impeded stream is the one that sings.*

The poem is by Wendell Berry. He is a celebrated poet, novelist, essayist, and (my favorite) farmer. He writes on many topics but especially the environment, family, and community.

Berry has been described as a contrarian, and the poem reflects a much-needed opposing voice. Our default position is usually competence, control, and power. Not knowing what to do or which way to go is a sign of weakness. At the very least, we are to always appear as if all is fine, and everything is under control.

The poem offers a different perspective on the often "baffled" state of being human. I believe our faith does as well. It is ultimately God's Spirit at work in us that accomplishes our real work. The challenges and difficulties we face we do so together.

Save the Date for our 2021 Ministry Fair!

On **Sunday, October 10**, after the 8 am and the 10:30 am Masses, we will have a Ministry Fair in our ballroom, and also in the courtyard between the ballroom and DuBourg Hall, if the weather holds. (We will transfer this to a virtual event, if necessary.) This will be an opportunity to meet those connected to all of our various ministries and commissions at College Church, so you can discern where you are most called to participate as an active member of our community.

More details to come, but for now, please save the date! (And if you are already involved with a ministry/commission, please consider serving as a representative at the Fair!)



Antiracism at College Church

SFX Parish Racial Equity Review

Last year, with the following statement, we at College Church identified antiracism as a priority of our parish vision:

“We are committed to becoming an antiracist parish. We must continue to grow in our understanding of the systems that uphold racism as well as the actions and avenues that help to dismantle it. With the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to transforming ourselves, our church and the community so that we can fully live the gospel. We will work to become a transforming institution committed to the process of intentional institutional restructuring, based upon antiracist analysis and identity.”

To help realize that transformation, members of the SFX Antiracism Team and parish leaders have partnered with the Crossroads Antiracism and Training Organization and, by means of that partnership, have begun to develop, through a variety of activities, a common understanding of systemic racism and a shared language to give expression to that understanding.

To continue to effect change, however, we are called upon, as a parish, to engage in a process of scrutiny, not unlike the critical examination of one's life undertaken by catechumens preparing for Baptism. Embracing those new entrants, we pray as a community that they may “be given a spirit of repentance, a sense of sin, and strength of will to live in true freedom as children of God.” The prayers of scrutiny are meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful and to strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good. It is in this spirit that the Antiracism Team seeks to develop a process that will examine the policies, programs, and practices of our parish, assessing how the sin of systemic racism is being maintained within our organization.

Through this process, also known as a parish racial equity review or racial equity audit, we will explore our history, examine our parish culture and identity, and appraise our structures by listening to those

who form our community. This will require the commitment of a team of individuals, over a period of several months, who will participate in training, design surveys, interview groups and individuals, analyze responses, prepare a report of the findings, and develop recommendations that will ensure progress toward becoming a fully inclusive, antiracist, multicultural institution.

Although there is, as yet, no formal agreement to proceed with a review, conversations with representatives of Crossroads suggest that their organization, by virtue of the depth of its expertise and its ongoing relationship with College Church, can provide the tools and support needed for SFX parishioners to conduct a racial equity review.

At the center of this work is perpetual prayer, as we yearn for liberation from the sin of racism. May the Holy Spirit guide us all and give us courage to seek the truth and to work for justice and peace.

If you have questions or would like to talk further about the parish racial equity review, contact Carl Greiner, carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com. Questions about the work of antiracism at College Church can be directed to Lisa Burks, lburks60@gmail.com or Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.net, co-chairs of the Antiracism Team.

Growing in Faith and Friendship:
The North City Deanery Interracial Relations Committee

NCD Interracial Relations Committee

Mission: “Grounded in our shared Catholic faith we want to build relationships across racial lines. We are committed to understanding the reality and history of racism and how it has affected our parish communities. We seek to live out more fully Jesus’ universal prayer: ‘that they may be one.’”

Since 2015, College Church parishioners and staff have joined efforts with other nearby

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parishes to learn more about each other, our faith, and our collective history, with an eye toward racial justice. College Church is fortunate to be one of nine parishes that make up the North City Deanery, which is one of the ten geographical groupings of parishes within the Archdiocese. In the wake of the Ferguson uprising, a group of deanery leaders decided that the rich multiracial history and collective desire for racial justice within our deanery lent itself to new opportunities for community building, beyond the typical monthly meeting of pastors.

Since its inception, the NCD Interracial Relations Committee has hosted four North City pilgrimages marking the feast day of St. Peter Claver, a deanery-wide revival, and a number of speaker series and prayer service events. The committee has also highlighted important figures in Black Catholic history and offered a novena for Black Catholic History Month. These events have highlighted both the damage and impact of racism on the deanery, as well as the richness that Black Catholics bring to our faith and our city. Central to the mission of the group is a focus on faith and friendship. Catholics across the deanery, many of whom travel into the city to attend their parish of choice, have the opportunity to meet and pray with parishioners from other parts of the deanery through these events.

The committee aims to expand its reach beyond North City as well. While the coronavirus pandemic temporarily halted the possibility of in-person events, the Interracial Relations Committee plans to host another revival in North County on the evenings of Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 9th with revivalist Fr. Gerard Jordan. We hope that College Church parishioners will join, whether in person or virtually, to continue this tradition of praying, learning, and growing together with our neighbors.

Save the Date:

North City Deanery Interracial Relations Committee Revival

Open to All

Evenings of Wednesday, September 8th and Thursday, September 9th

Location To Be Determined

Summer Reading List

At this time of the year, many of us are getting away on vacation – an ideal time to catch up on our reading. Below, you can find a recommendations from a parishioner for a book that deals with issues of social justice. If you have titles to recommend, please send them to plunkett.tim@gmail.com.

Please include a sentence or two why you found the book compelling.

A recommendation from Winnie Sullivan:

Walking With the Wind: A Memoir of the Movement by John Lewis. In this intimate and riveting account, civil rights icon John Lewis threads his personal story through the history of the Civil Rights Movement. From his birth in Troy, Alabama, to his election as a U.S. Congressional Representative, Lewis helps us understand what gave rise to his activism, and he gives voice to what sustained him through often unspeakable hardship and injustice. Lewis's detailed descriptions elucidate the role of nonviolence in the struggle for civil rights. He places the reader at the center of tension between the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, on the bus with the Freedom Riders, and in the midst of the crowd at the March on Washington. This book is essential reading for all who want to be thoroughly conversant with this pivotal period of American history.

Equity in Education

If you have been in the “seasonal” aisle of any local retailer recently, it is clear that we are approaching the time we know as “Back to School.” No doubt many families are more excited than ever to be filling their children’s backpacks in hope and preparation for a return to in-person learning in the fall—you may be one of them! Once again, the College Church will offer support to students and families in need by collecting school supplies to be donated to an Columbia Elementary school in St. Louis. Details are provided below. Your generosity will be gratefully received by students and their teachers.

This year, let us also think beyond the sharing of these material resources and examine the systems that create vastly different experiences and opportunities for children in different parts of our community. Not only can we choose to provide tools needed for learning, we can work to ensure all children receive an education through which they can grow and develop the gifts given to them by God. Recognizing systemic barriers and reimagining inclusive structures that serve the common good is a greater commitment. It requires that we not allow ourselves to feel satisfied that the goal has been reached. Instead, as advised by Bishop Edward Braxton in his Reflection for the World Day of Peace in 2015, we can “pray, listen, learn, think, and act.” When we begin to question the inequity we see—often “hidden in plain sight”—we take a step closer to creating the “beloved community” that God desires for us all.

School Supplies Needed



College Church is once again partnering with the Peace & Justice Committee of the Rock Church to collect needed school supplies for students in Pre-K through 6th grade at Columbia Elementary School.

If you are able to provide any of the below items, please drop them off to the College Church parish center at 3628 Lindell Blvd, 63108 anytime Monday-Friday between 8:30am-12pm or 1-3 OR on Sunday in the bin in the vestibule. We will be collecting items through Sunday, August 15th. Contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309 with any questions.

Thank you for any donation you can provide!

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| #2 Pencils | Glue | Black ink pens |
| Markers | Erasers | Hand sanitizer |
| Kleenex | Colored pencils | Pencil cases |
| Loose leaf paper | Notebooks | Backpacks |
| Folders | Rulers | Scissors |
| Highlighters | Pencil sharpeners | Sanitizing wipes/spray |
| Crayons (regular, large, and jumbo) | Educational workbooks (preK-2nd grade)-- can be found at Dollar Tree | |

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration Open For Religious Education This Fall



College Church offers a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and a more traditional Religious Education program as well. The RE Program at the College Church provides children in grades 1 - 8 with an Ignatian approach to their faith lives. Classes meet from 9:15- 10:15 on Sunday mornings, September through May. Children learn to experience God's love for them, and to share that love with those in their midst.

The program offers exceptional sacramental preparation, in-class service opportunities starting in the second grade and outside service days beginning in fifth grade. Classes include instruction based on a Loyola University Press Curriculum, and other hands-on learning activities helping children find God in all things.

Catechists include parents and St. Louis University students who volunteer because of their eagerness to share their love of God with others. For more information contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org, or visit the Youth and Family Faith Formation website to register: sfxstl.org/youth-faith.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

I was a tired parent when I brought the first of our three children to College Church's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program in 2004. I really did not know much about CGS. I just loved the rare quiet time it afforded me each Sunday. As I attended parent meetings once or twice a year, I became attracted to the CGS work. As a product of 17 years of Catholic education, I found it to be the way I wished all children's faith to be nourished. Every couple years, a catechist would suggest I take the Level I training. It seemed impossible to fit into my busy life. In 2014, CGS was in great need of catechists. A generous SFX parishioner, who wanted to keep CGS alive and well at College Church, offered to pay my tuition. Despite my hesitancy, I took the plunge. I don't know how to describe the catechist journey, except to say it fed my soul and continues to do so. For 7 years now, I have sat in awe with 3-to-6-year-olds and pondered the great mysteries of our faith in a space that provides for reverence and quiet contemplation. Because I am grateful for the work, effort, and hours that many hands put into making CGS available to my now young adult children, I will continue to serve as a catechist as long as I am needed.

Janet Mees-Reinert

If you would like more information on helping out or joining our upcoming Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training, please contact Julie Killian at Julie@sfxstl.org.

Communication Strategist Needed!

The Progress Management Team and the Anti-Racism Team are looking for a parishioner who would be willing to offer their expertise on how to communicate more effectively, especially with regard to sharing information with parishioners and receiving feedback from parishioners.

The Progress Management Team and the Anti-Racism Team each hope to create a communication plan for the next 6-12 months.

If this is a gift you are willing to offer or for more information please email Katie Jansen at katie@sfxstl.org.

Salute to Excellence

Congratulations to parishioner Dr. Daniel Mamah, who recently received the Dr. John M. Anderson Excellence in Mental Health Award, presented by the Children's Service Fund in partnership with The St. Louis American Foundation. He received the award in recognition of his work as a psychiatrist for non-profit providers specializing in underserved communities through child and adolescent psychiatric services.

Updated Schedule for Confessions

Now that our new Associate Pastor, Fr. James Page, SJ, has joined us, we will be offering confessions Monday through Friday, 10:45 am through noon.

Save the Date: Virtual Trivia Night for St. Vincent DePaul Friday, September 17th at 7pm



The Society of St. Vincent De Paul, St. Francis Xavier Conference, is hosting a virtual trivia night on Friday, September 17th at 7pm. The trivia night will directly benefit neighbors of College Church by providing additional funding for rent, utility, food, and furniture assistance.

Details on registration and sponsorship to come.
Save the Date!

Circle of Creation Green Corner

Volunteer at
Operation Clean Stream 2021!



Operation Clean Stream will take place the week of August 21st through the 29th, 2021, at various locations throughout the Meramec Watershed.

Volunteers can sign up and participate anytime between August 21st through the 29th or participate in group clean-ups on August 28th. All volunteers are welcome to come to one of the various picnics on Saturday, August 28th.

Register here:

<https://tinyurl.com/33zexhyk>

August 7-8, 2021

Saturday	
5:15 pm	Fr. Page, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. White, S.J.

August 14-15, 2021

Saturday	
5:15 pm	Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Page, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. Page, S.J.

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at [sfxstl.org](https://www.sfxstl.org).

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to church@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Online Giving Reminder

Over the past several years (even before the pandemic!), we've been inviting our parishioners and friends to consider supporting College Church through online giving. If you set up weekly or monthly gifts, it saves the trouble of writing out checks, and it means our ministries can better rely on stable funding.

Many of our parishioners have begun to contribute to College Church through our online link, which can be found at the top of our website, [sfxstl.org](https://www.sfxstl.org). We wanted to make it more convenient to reach this site, so we have made a QR code for it. You can find this code on cards we will leave in the pews every week.

Thank you for your support!



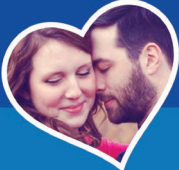
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