



## **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**

**September 10, 2023**  
**The Feast of St. Phoebe**

### **LITURGY SCHEDULE**

Saturday: 5:15 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am, 4:30pm (when school is in session), 8:00pm (when school is in session)

Online Masses will be posted on our YouTube channel. Subscribe here: [tinyurl.com/collegechurchlivestream](https://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:frtim@sfxstl.org) with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration) or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email [church@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) for more information.

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**Online Giving Reminder**

Click the blue bar at the top of our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org). Or use this QR code.



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

**Reflection from Our Pastoral Council Co-Chair**



By Aimee Wittman

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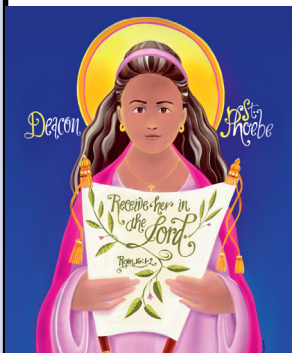
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Or visit [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org), and find the form under "Parish Life."

**Join our prayer group on**

**Zoom**, Friday mornings at 9:

Contact Bridget Brennan at [joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) for info.



St. Phoebe, Pray for Us!

This weekend I am filled with hope and joy as we, the community at St. Francis Xavier College Church, join with over 160+ Catholic parishes, high schools, universities, retreat centers, and organizations who will commemorate the Feast of St. Phoebe throughout the month of September.

*"I commend to you Phoebe our sister, who is a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, that you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the holy ones, and help her in whatever she may need from you, for she has been a benefactor to many and to me as well."* Romans 16:1-2

The words that capture my imagination in this Scripture are these: *"That you may receive her in the Lord in a manner worthy of the holy ones."* I believe that each of us, by virtue of our baptism, are invited and called to be received by the Lord in a manner worthy of the holy ones.

For me, I have been received by the Lord through the love, presence, and wisdom of many holy ones – including the many faithful women who have accompanied me on my faith journey. I, and we, have benefitted from their abundance of gifts. One of the hopes and dreams that emerged through the global synod is the desire to rethink women's participation in the life of the Church. As we await the Global Synod on Communion, Participation, and Mission, I wonder, with deep faith and through listening to the Holy Spirit, what it would mean for all of God's people if we might more fully receive and make visible the gifts of women in service to the mission of the Church, *for she has been a benefactor to many and to me as well.*

I also wonder if the collaboration between St. Paul and Phoebe reflects a beautiful model of synodality – the upbuilding of a Church overflowing with *co-responsibility and co-participation* – where each one of us is invited to contribute our leadership, wisdom, and gifts. We, at St. Francis Xavier College Church, are continuing on our journey to become a more synodal parish. Our ministries and leadership include many women and I feel deeply blessed and grateful for the opportunity to be of service to our parish and our community. The spirit of St. Phoebe reminds us of our shared history for the leadership of women in our Church. May we pray in joyful hope for the faithful discernment of Church leaders in the synod and for the future of Catholic women's leadership as together we journey together to upbuild the kingdom of God.

St. Phoebe, Pray for Us!

**Identity = Dignity This Sunday in the Ballroom, 12-1 pm**

..# 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

**COLLEGE CHURCH PARISHIONERS INVITED TO  
MANDELA: THE OFFICIAL EXHIBITION  
AT THE ST. LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER  
12:15 P.M. ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>**



Following 10:30 am Mass, at 12:15 p.m., on Sunday, September 17th, parishioners of College Church are invited to gather at the St. Louis Science Center to visit “Mandela: The Official Exhibition,” which is touring cities throughout the United States.

This special College Church event is both in the spirit of one of our parish’s 3 Strategic Priorities to “become an Anti-Racist Parish” and the parish’s ongoing synodal efforts to bring members of the parish together informally to get to know each other.

The 12:15 p.m. September 17th event will enable College Church parishioners and their families to tour this timely exhibit, as well as order light lunch at the Science Center Café following their viewing the exhibit, to informally discuss it over lunch (the Science Center has graciously waived the meeting room fee to provide us an onsite meeting location).

In lieu of the normal ticket price of \$16, special prices on September 17th will be \$8 for adults, \$6.50 for Seniors, and \$5.00 for Children. Please plan to purchase your ticket(s) in the lobby of the Science Center on the 17th.

If you are able to join us on Sunday, September 17th, please RSVP to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org), or RSVP directly of the College Church Facebook page at [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmandela](https://www.facebook.com/collegechurchmandela)

**Dining Out for Seniors (and anyone else who wants to join us)**

Gathering after the 5:15 Mass will be **Saturday, September 16th** at Vito’s, 3515 Lindell. Contact Rosemary Jermann to reserve a space: [jermann.rosemary@gmail.com](mailto:jermann.rosemary@gmail.com) or 314-320-7677. RSVP by Sept. 14th.

Join us for **Dining Out September 24th** after the 10:30 Mass: At the Parkmoor, 220 W. Lockwood, Webster Groves, 63119. Breakfast & Lunch menu available. Plenty of free parking. Hosted by Bridget Brennan. To reserve a spot, email, text or call Bridget at: **314-313-0613** or [joy@canainstitute.org](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) RSVP by Sept. 21st.

**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 are now available at the doorways of the church. For more information, please contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305 or [Joe@sfxstl.org](mailto:Joe@sfxstl.org).



# Saint Francis Xavier College Church Grand Night Gala at The Coronado Friday, November 17, 2023

Save the Date!

[2023sfxgala.givesmart.com](http://2023sfxgala.givesmart.com)

## Auction items needed!

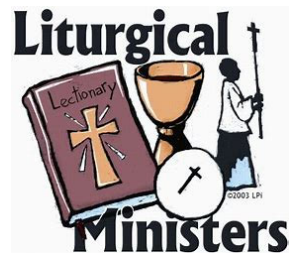
- ..Stays at Summer or Vacation homes
- ..Baseball, soccer or other sporting event tickets or paraphernalia
- ..Tickets to a concert, play or other performance
- ..Restaurant or retail gift cards (\$50 or more is ideal)
- ..Group outings or experiences such as wine tastings
- ..Bottles of wine or bourbon valued at \$25 or more
- ..Family friendly items or experiences

Contact: Maureen Hoock  
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## 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 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](mailto:joe@sfxstl.org) or Mary Seise, [mary@sfxstl.org](mailto:mary@sfxstl.org)



## 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.

### National Hispanic Heritage Month

Each year, from September 15th through October 15th Americans observe National Hispanic Heritage Month. This recognition began in 1968 as Hispanic Heritage Week to recognize the many achievements and contributions of Americans with Hispanic and Latin American ancestry. It was expanded to a month-long observance in 1988. The celebration begins in the middle rather than the start of September because it coincides with national independence days in several Latin American countries: Guatemala, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, and Costa Rica celebrate independence on September 15th, followed by Mexico on the 16th, Chile on the 18th and Belize on September 21st.

It may seem that the terms Hispanic and Latino/a are used interchangeably however, they actually have different meanings. It is generally accepted that *Hispanic* refers to people with a Spanish-speaking background. *Latino*, on the other hand, refers to those from the geographic region of Latin America. This includes much of Central and South America as well as the Caribbean. Although there is much overlap between the two terms, those from countries like Brazil (with its 200 million Portuguese speakers) may identify as Latino or Latina, but not Hispanic. (InterExchange, 2020)

All of these identities are included in the observance of National Hispanic Heritage Month and we acknowledge their achievements and contributions in all aspects of U.S. society: government, education, science, performing arts, athletics, business, social service, and religion. We will highlight some of these contributions in the coming weeks.

### Celebrating Jewish New Year

One of the most important holidays in the Jewish calendar, Rosh Hashanah lasts two full days. Also known as Jewish New Year, it commemorates the creation of Adam and Eve. On the first night of the celebration Jews wish each other: "May you be inscribed and sealed for a good year." This year it begins at sundown on September 15 and begins the Hebrew year 5784.



The main observance is sounding the shofar, the ram's horn, on both days of the holiday. Blowing the shofar symbolizes a trumpet blast. It fills those who hear it with awe and humility recalling that God fills all space and time. It calls to mind the binding of Isaac just before a ram took Isaac's place as an offering to God. Its mournful cry is a call to repentance. Chassidic masters teach that the cry of the shofar is like the wail of a child crying for its parent – words cannot express such primal longing. On Rosh Hashanah one's very soul cries out for God.

The Torah readings on Rosh Hashanah are about the troubled relationship between Abraham and Sarah including Ishmael's birth, Sarah's expulsion of Hagar and Ishmael, and Abraham almost slaughtering his own son. Yet, Abraham and Sarah helped shape the Jewish faith. Their stories remind us that even people we look up to have character flaws and imperfect human beings should not lose hope of achieving great things.

Next is Hannah's prayer to have a child which proves that God fulfills even the most improbable request. After all, Hannah's plight led to the eventual birth of the Prophet Samuel. Thus, from sorrow to joy, Hannah's story is essentially that of the whole Jewish community.

After these prayers a festive meal with symbolic foods is shared at home. For example, sweet foods symbolize blessings and abundance, so while dipping apple into honey one might pray: "May it be Your will to bless us with a prosperous year." Serving a fish or ram's head symbolizes the desire to excel in the coming year. And pomegranate filled with seeds symbolizes a year filled with good deeds.

Let us all wish our Jewish sisters and brothers a happy and holy New Year!

Source: The Jewish National Fund

### Founded by Chance, Sustained by Courage

Across the Mississippi River, about three miles north-east of St. Louis lies the town of Brooklyn, Illinois. A community of approximately 700 residents, Brooklyn is also known as Lovejoy, after Elijah Lovejoy, the abolitionist who was killed by a white mob in Alton, Illinois. As it turns out, Brooklyn is a small town sitting on a big historical legacy.

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Brooklyn is the oldest town in the United States to have been incorporated by African Americans, and it is one of the last such remaining communities. In 1829 Priscilla Baltimore, an African American woman born in Kentucky, led eleven black families—whose members were both free and enslaved—from St. Louis to Illinois, escaping the slave state of Missouri and founding Freedom Village, which became Brooklyn. The city was home to two churches—Quinn Chapel A.M.E. and the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church—that served as stations along the Underground Railroad.



Priscilla Baltimore

Though initially an interracial community, Brooklyn was, by the time of its incorporation in 1873 predominantly black. The African Americans who moved there sought agency and autonomy—the opportunity to join organizations and black-controlled institutions. They were a self-determined lot who became brick masons, carpenters, coopers, and boatmen. As industry grew in the region, efforts were undertaken to bring such businesses to Brooklyn, but both economic investment and the railroad bypassed the city for its neighbor, East St. Louis. Over time, the city fell into decline and now is known for little more than its adult entertainment establishments.

Beginning in 2002, the State of Illinois in collaboration with the University of Illinois were tasked to begin an archaeological dig near Brooklyn before construction could start on the Stan Musial Bridge. After discovering area artifacts that expanded knowledge about early indigenous peoples, the group agreed to extend its research to Brooklyn to explore the city's nineteenth century history. Working with the Historical Society of Brooklyn, which has located photographs, mementos, and bits of oral history, the archaeological group has unearthed remnants of the original Freedom Village under the city's current residential properties. Together these groups aspire to help Brooklyn, which was also a stop along the old Route 66, achieve the designation of an historic district on the National Register of Historic Places.

### Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Stephen Biko – Died September 12, 1977, in Pretoria, South Africa. Biko is one of the most honored martyrs in the fight against South African apartheid. He fostered a spirit of self-reliance freeing Black men and women to no

longer see themselves through white eyes, including in the Church. Biko died in a South African prison.

Alain Locke – Born September 13, 1885, in Philadelphia, PA. Locke was a writer, philosopher, educator, and patron of the arts. In 1907, he became the first African American Rhodes Scholar. Locke is considered the architect and "Dean" of the Harlem Renaissance – a cultural revival of African American arts, politics, and scholarship centered in Harlem, NY.

Eric Garner – Born September 15, 1970, in New York, NY. Garner was a retired employee of the NYC Dept. of Parks & Recreation. He was killed in 2014 when an NYPD officer held him in a prohibited chokehold while arresting him. Mr. Garner is remembered for crying out "I can't breathe" 11 times before losing consciousness.

Saint John Macias, OP – Died September 16, 1645, in Lima, Peru. Born in Spain, a wealthy employer paid for Macias' travels to South America. In Lima, he joined the Dominicans as a lay Brother. Known for his generosity to the poor, he fed as many as 200 every day. Several miracles were attributed to Macias, both while living and after his death. He was canonized in 1975.

### 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. **See Page 7 of this bulletin for information on a College Church outing to this exhibition!**

**September 14–17** 7:00 pm The St. Louis Attitude will be performed at the Zack Theater, 3224 Locust Ave. This play explores Black life in 1899 in the Chestnut Valley area of St. Louis. Tickets are \$25 and available through Metrotix: [metrotix.com/events/detail/the-st-louis-attitude](https://www.metrotix.com/events/detail/the-st-louis-attitude) (314) 533-0367.

**September 21** 6:00–7:00 pm The monthly prayer vigil for Racial Justice will be held on the front steps of College Church. Reflection and prayer will be devoted to the International Day of Peace. All are welcome to attend.

**For more information, or to become part of anti-racism ministries at College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan [penultim@swbell.net](mailto:penultim@swbell.net) or Lisa Burks [Imburks60@gmail.com](mailto:Imburks60@gmail.com).**

### Circle of Creation Green Corner



**Blessing of the Animals:** Sponsored by the Circle of Creation Committee of St. Francis Xavier College Church and St. Mark’s Lutheran (ELCA) Church on **Saturday, October 7th at 10:00**

**AM** at the southwest corner of Forest Park at Skinker Blvd and Clayton Rd. As part of our celebration of the Season of Creation, all are invited to bring an animal to the prayer service or a photo of an animal you cannot bring, a photo of an endangered species, or a photo of a deceased, beloved animal companion.

**Fall 2023 Franciscans For Earth Eco-Series** film series schedule and registration is available at [fsolph.org/events](https://fsolph.org/events). These films are available via Zoom and are scheduled at 6:30 PM Central Time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each of the months September, October, and November.

Also at [fsolph.org/events](https://fsolph.org/events) is information and registration for **Season of Creation** (Sept. 1 through Oct. 4) **Prayer Service** via zoom on Monday, September 25, at 6:30 PM Central Time.

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> Remember, in St. Louis City, plastic bags and plastic film must NOT go into the Blue Recycling Bins. This is likewise true of many other recycling bins; plastic bags and film constitute contamination in most Recycling Bins.

Deal of the century (or maybe just the year): a 2023 Green Dining Alliance Passport is on sale for half price—just \$10: <https://earthday-365.org/product/green-dining-alliance-passport/>

**St. Louis Aquarium Foundation** in collaboration with Great Rivers Greenway sponsors Revamping the Riverfront on September 25 to prevent plastic pollution from entering the Mighty Mississippi and eventually, our oceans. For more information and to register for a single date or more, visit: <https://www.stlaquariumfoundation.org/events/revamp-the-riverfront/>.

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

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>

### September 9-10, 2023

Saturday  
5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, SJ

Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. Redding, SJ

10:30 am Fr. Redding, SJ

### September 16-17, 2023

Saturday  
5:15 pm Redding, SJ

Sunday  
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

### This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

#### First Reading:

Ezekiel 33:7-9

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalms 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

#### Second Reading:

Romans 13:8-10

#### Gospel:

Matthew 18:15-20

### Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto: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.