



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 11, 2022
Twenty-Fourth 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/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 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 Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

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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

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Reflections from our Parish Life Coordinator



By Katie Jansen

The staff, parish leadership and I are in the midst of imagining our goals for the coming year. I was challenged by a mentor this week to articulate our vision of the church - to answer the "so what" question. In other words, if we accomplish our goals, what impact do we hope to have on the world? I believe that the church can be the antidote to the struggles of our world, whether we are talking about polarization and division that come from fear and misunderstanding or the commodification of our lives and our world that leads to people being dehumanized and our earth being destroyed.

We know God wants more for us. We know in our bones that things could be different, better.

So, to carry on Fr. Dan's legacy, I'm reminding us of the clarity he helped us achieve as we began to discern Our Parish Vision. What we seek are reconciliation and communion. In communion is how we were created by God to live. Communion IS right relation. And reconciliation is our path to get there.

Communion is truly our deepest desire as humans. And so it also becomes the ultimate answer to the question of WHY. As a Jesuit parish in Midtown St. Louis we are called to listen and respond to the specific ways our parishioners and our community are seeking reconciliation to be in communion.

The Pope's vision of synodality gives us a road map for how we live this out. I want to see what we will become as we practice listening to people's desires and hurts. I imagine us as a community becoming more connected to one another as we also make room for expansion and adjustment. We are attempting to leave behind a very ingrained, hierarchical model of church that has been our default too often. We are called into liminal space which opens up freedom and opportunity but also uncertainty and sometimes chaos.

But this synodal way of proceeding, this holding of liminal space is the hope for the broader church. It invites each of us to share all of who we are with one another and with God. It breathes life into a church that has often seemed more concerned about preserving an institution than about bringing people back into communion with God, one another and the world.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Nancy Kraus (cousin of David Werthmann)

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



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. LightWorks will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 until 8:30 this fall, starting Oct 5. For more information or to register, please email Joe Milner at 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 Joe Milner, 977-7305 or joe@sfxstl.org.



NOTA BENE**Today: Zip Code Sunday!**

Here's a chance to get to know fellow parishioners who live close to you. Today is **Donut Sunday**, and you are invited to come down between the 8 and 10:30 Masses, as well as after the 10:30 Mass, to meet parishioners who share your zip code (or are in a neighboring one). We know from the big map of the St. Louis area that has been in the back of church that people come from all over to worship with us. Come meet your neighbors! We encourage you also to think about what it might look like to get together socially, or for prayer groups, with those who come to College Church from your area. Thank you to the Social Connections Commission (formerly known as Parish Life) for helping Donut Sundays happen every second Sunday of the month. If you'd like to join the "parish party people," email Maureen Hock at butmomwhy@gmail.com or call (314) 420-1650.

Welcome to all of our new (and returning) students!

We really look forward to getting to know you and want you to be an important part of this community. Please sign up for our email list and/or register with the parish at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration. If you would like to be involved as a Lector, Greeter/Usher, Eucharistic Minister, or Acolyte, Joe Milner would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Joe at Joseph.Milner@slu.edu. Looking to get involved in any other way, please contact Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org and she would be glad to point you in the right direction.

If you would like to be involved in music ministry as an instrumentalist or singer at our Saturday evening and/or Sunday morning liturgies, please contact Ray Sherrock at rsherrock@desmet.org or Sue Martin at sue@sfxstl.org.

Spotlight on Seniors Kickoff Gathering September 24th and 25th

Come join us for fellowship and refreshments as we kick off the Spotlight on Seniors Program sponsored by the Pastoral Care Committee. Meet us in the Adult Faith Room (Parish Center) before Mass at 4:15 on Saturday, September 24th and in the Ballroom following the 8 and 10:30 Masses on September 25th.

Thanks to all parishioners over the age of 70 who responded to our inquiries about concerns and suggestions for further engagement among this very large group of parishioners. We received a lot of great suggestions that we look forward to implementing but welcome any further comments or questions. Contact Bridget Brennan at 314-313-0613, joy@canainstitute.org or Jane Conrad 314-276-2313, conradpjff@gmail.com



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

Hispanic
Heritage Month
September 15-October 15



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, but not Hispanic. (<https://www.interexchange.org/articles/visit-the-usa/latino-hispanic-culture-in-us/>)

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.

The Saintry Six Progress toward Canonization

Right now, the causes of six African American Catholic men and women, or the “Saintry Six,” as they are commonly known, are moving forward in various stages toward canonization. These stages include:

Servant of God, a title given to a person for whom the Congregation for the Causes of Saints has found enough

evidence to open a case and whose cause for sainthood is under review. The person with this designation has not yet been declared venerable;

Venerable, given to a deceased person recognized by the pope for having lived a heroically virtuous life; and *Blessed*, i.e., beatification, is the title given following rigorous investigation of a person's life and writings and after a miracle attributable to the intercession of the candidate for canonization has been proven. The designation of *Blessed* accords limited liturgical veneration.

Canonization requires a second miracle after beatification. For a martyr, a miracle is not required before beatification, but one must have occurred before canonization. Canonization declares a person worthy of universal veneration.

The holy men and women under formal consideration for sainthood are:

Venerable Henriette DeLille (1813-1862), was a free woman of color born in New Orleans. She founded the Sisters of the Holy Family, a religious order that dedicated itself to care for the sick, the poor, and those without education, particularly Black and Creole children. Her cause for canonization was formally opened in 1988.

Venerable Augustus Tolton (1854-1897), the first U.S. Roman Catholic priest publicly known to be Black. Tolton's family was enslaved in Brush Creek, Ralls County, Missouri, and narrowly escaped to Quincy, Illinois. His cause for canonization was launched in 2010. As of April 2022, representatives from the Vatican were in the United States investigating the miracles attributed to Tolton.

Venerable Pierre Toussaint (1766-1853), was born into slavery in Haiti, but gained his freedom in New York. A philanthropist, Toussaint is regarded as the founder of New York City's Catholic Charities. In 1991, Cardinal John O'Connor began the process for his beatification.

Servant of God Thea Bowman (1937-1990), was a Catholic intellectual, educator, and evangelizer who advocated for Black culture and for the strengths that Black Christian spiritual tradition offers to the Church. The Diocese of Jackson opened her canonization cause in 2018.

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Servant of God Julia Greeley (1833/48?-1918), was born into slavery in Hannibal, Missouri, and lived in St. Louis for ten years as a housekeeper before gaining her freedom as a result of the Missouri Emancipation Act of 1865. She moved to Denver in 1879 and became known as the city's "Angel of Charity" and the "Apostle of the Sacred Heart." The Archdiocese of Denver opened Julia's cause for canonization in December 2016.

Servant of God Mother Mary Lange (1784-1882), born in Cuba of Haitian descent, she founded, in Baltimore, the Oblate Sisters of Providence. Her sainthood cause was opened in 1991.

Advocates for the canonization of the Sainthood Six lift up these lives as models of holiness and persistence, particularly in the face of injustice, and as affirmation that all are created in the image of God.

Upcoming Events

Hispanic Family Festival Our Lady of Guadalupe Parish will host an outdoor Mass at 12:00 pm on September 18 at January Wabash Park – 501 N. Florissant Rd. Afterward, enjoy live music, food, and games through 7:00 pm.

Screening: Target: St. Louis, Vol. I This documentary film reveals the experience of residents of the Pruitt-Igoe housing project and nearby north St. Louis neighborhoods following government sponsored experiments that released toxic chemicals in the area in the 1950's and 60's. St. Louis filmmaker, Damien D. Smith, as well as a panel of St. Louisans unknowingly subjected to the experiments will be present to describe the health consequences they have endured and their ongoing pursuit of justice. The film will be shown October 1st from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Central Branch of the St. Louis Public Library, 1301 Olive Street.

Tuesday Prayer Vigils All are invited to join us on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00 pm as we pray for racial justice in our country, in our church, and in our own hearts. This event is sponsored by the Racism and Reconciliation Committee and gathers people from our parish and the community. No reservations are required! For more information, contact Joan McGinnis at jfmc676@gmail.com.

Second Sunday Sandwich Program

The Friends of Bethlehem sandwich crew is back in the College Church kitchen...finally! During the worst of the pandemic we were reduced to a skeleton crew of two families making half the usual number of sandwiches. The sandwiches are delivered monthly to St. Nicholas Catholic Church in St. Louis. The returning/new crew wants to increase the number to 192 to meet the need. That means increased spending for ingredients, the cost of which has also increased. So we are asking for donations to keep up the pace. Checks can be made payable to the College Church with a memo Second Sunday Sandwiches. We also accept donations online at: <https://st-louis-friends-of-bethlehem.square.site/> Thank you!



Our Parish Racial History: Past As Prelude

Stories of Race, Resistance, Faith, and Freedom

Please join us for the first of a three-part exploration of the racial history of College Church. Integral to this story are the founding and development of the city of St. Louis, the Archdiocese, the Society of Jesus, and St. Louis University. Each presentation will include interactive experiences that will explore previously concealed stories of injustice, resilience, faith, and resistance to oppression.

Session One

Slavery, Faith, and the Pursuit of Freedom

What was the experience of enslaved and free African Americans in the early years of College Church? Participants will encounter stories of the lives of St. Francis Xavier's earliest Black parishioners, understand the history of people who were enslaved, and consider the ways they shaped the local church, the city, and the nation.

Presented by: Emory Webre, Archives Researcher with the Archdiocese of St. Louis
Kelly Schmidt, Ph. D., Research Associate, Washington University
Department of African and African American Studies

September 18, 2022

12:00 – 1:30 pm

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3628 Lindell Blvd.

Lower Level

Admission is free of charge.

A light lunch will be provided at 11:45 a.m. The presentation will begin promptly at noon.

SAVE THE DATES for upcoming sessions:

October 16: Jesuit Ministry to African American Catholics

November 20: Voices of Resistance, Advocacy, and Activism

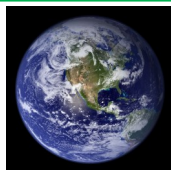
Please register in advance at: tinyurl.com/4hu4s6rd
to assist us in our planning.

For more information, contact Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.net or Lisa Burks, lburks60@gmail.com

This event is sponsored in part by a grant from The Central and Southern Province of the Society of Jesus.

Circle of Creation Green Corner

Prayers, action urged worldwide during Season of Creation Sept. 1 - Oct. 4. Read about the Season of Creation Calendar and Season of Creation Calendar Prayers in the St. Louis



Review (www.archstl.org/nation-and-world-briefs-7886) or in the National Catholic Reporter (tinyurl.com/279atz25). You can download both a Season of Creation Calendar and Season of Creation Calendar Prayers here: tinyurl.com/5d6auh4k

“Pope Francis calls on Christians to ‘repent and modify our lifestyles’ to save the planet” in America Magazine: <https://tinyurl.com/33zz39ak>

Earthday365 sponsors **Environmental Justice Days of Action**. Information and registration here: <https://earthday-365.org/environmental-justice-days-of-action/> October 15, 2022 O’Fallon Park

Revamp the Riverfront with St. Louis Aquarium Foundation September 17, 2022 10:00 AM to Noon. Save the date on your calendar. Gloves, bags, and snacks will be provided. Information and registration is found here: <https://greatriversgreenway.org/event/revamp-the-riverfront-with-st-louis-aquarium-foundation-2/>

The Open Space Council is the main organizer of the 2022 River des Peres Trash Bash alongside the Great Rivers Greenway, MSD Project Clear, the River des Peres Watershed Coalition, and the Earthways Center. You can register here to receive an email notification when registration opens: <https://greatriversgreenway.org/trash-bash/>

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

Sept. 17 from 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester, MO 63021
hosted by City of **Manchester**

Sept. 24 from 8:00 AM to Noon
2505 South Brentwood Boulevard, Brentwood, MO, 63144
hosted by City of **Brentwood**

Oct. 1 from 9:00 AM to Noon
11333 Big Bend Road, Kirkwood, MO 63122
hosted by Hand on **Kirkwood**

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee’s Green Corner on the Parish website to keep up to date on all of our resources related to caring for creation: <https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

September 10-11, 2022

Saturday
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8:00 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

September 17-18, 2022

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This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:
Exodus 32:7-11, 13-14

Responsorial Psalm:
Psalm 51:3-4, 12-13, 17, 19

Second Reading:
1 Timothy 1:12-17

Gospel:
Luke 15:1-32

Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org before Thursday at noon 10 days before the bulletin date.

Online Giving Reminder

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. You can also reach this link through the QR code here.



Thank you for your support!

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