



## **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**

**September 12th, 2021  
Twenty-Fourth 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](https://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](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 [associatepastor@sfxstl.org](mailto:associatepastor@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. Dan White at [frdan@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](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 Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org).

To reach the Pastoral Council, email [sfxpc@sfxstl.org](mailto:sfxpc@sfxstl.org).

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**Prayer requests to:**

[church@sfxstl.org](mailto:church@sfxstl.org)

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.

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**

This weekend we mark the 20th anniversary of September 11th terror attacks. I recall seeing an interview with a Catholic theologian from Italy a few years after 9/11. He said as soon as he saw the second plane strike the World Trade Center he knew the individuals involved were motivated by religion. Only something as powerful as religious faith, he claimed, could motivate someone to do something so horrific.

I believe that is both frightening and accurate. Religious faith concerns ultimate truths and realities. Faith seeks to not only know God but to live in accord with the will of God. There is nothing more important for a believer than to order one's life in relationship to God's truth. But this worthy desire can be distorted. A rigid, uncompromising commitment to the Truth can make it possible to justify most anything.

Inherent in all religions is also a recognition of humility before God. Human beings never know God's truth completely. This necessitates a certain modesty to our faith claims. Our grasp of God is always limited, partial and fragmentary. That is why the faith community is so important. It reminds us we are on the way, and still have much to learn.

Knowing God and ourselves in relationship to God is our most fundamental purpose. We need to get this right for the consequences are grave. The Psalmist tells us, "A humble, contrite heart you will not spurn, O Lord." That is the attitude we seek. A compassionate fidelity rather than an unyielding certainty.

**New Parishioner Welcome**

If you have joined the parish in the last two years, you are invited to one of our upcoming New Parishioner Welcome gatherings to learn more about ways to connect with fellow parishioners and become involved in our community. The next New Parishioner Welcome gathering will be held in our ballroom after the 5:15 pm Saturday Mass on September 18th.

Please RSVP if you plan to attend:

<https://newparishionerwelcome.eventbrite.com>



## Antiracism at College Church

### Reliving our History: The Federation of Colored Catholics

Growing out of a concern that the needs of black Catholics, in military service during World War I, be addressed, the Federation of Colored Catholics (FCC) was founded, in 1924, by Thomas Wyatt Turner. Turner, born into a Maryland family of black Catholic sharecroppers, would eventually earn a doctorate from Cornell University and chair the biology department at Hampton Institute; he described the FCC as the “voice of the Catholic Negro in America.”

In important respects the spiritual progeny of Daniel Rudd's Black Catholic Congresses (1889-1894), the FCC set as its purpose bringing “about a closer relation and a better feeling among all Catholic Negroes, to advance the cause of Catholic education throughout the Negro population, to seek to raise the general Church status of the Negro, and to stimulate colored Catholics to a larger participation in racial and civic affairs.” For the next several decades Turner and the FCC continued to press for black Catholic clergy (at a time when most seminaries did not accept black aspirants); schools at which black Catholic children could be educated; and, responding to a specific case at the Catholic University of America, admission of black students to Catholic colleges and universities.

The importance of forming the Federation became clear to Wyatt when, en route to Kansas City to deliver a presentation on a scientific paper, Wyatt stopped in St. Louis to attend Sunday Mass. He was quickly told that the seat he had chosen in church was “inappropriate” and that he would have to move, which he refused to do. Over time, the FCC would tackle not only racial discrimination in the Church, but also in the broader society.

The FCC held its first annual convention in December of 1925 in Washington, D.C. Its seventh convention took place in St. Louis in 1931, with St. Elizabeth—the city's designated African American parish—serving as host. More than 500 clergy and laity are estimated to have attended the opening celebration at St. Louis University. Father William Markoe, S.J., who was at St. Elizabeth's, had joined the FCC and had made the parish's publication, *The Chronicle*, the official organ of the FCC, asked Archbishop John Joseph Glennon if the convention Mass could be held at the new St. Louis Cathedral Basilica. Glennon refused, and the Mass was held, instead

at St. Francis Xavier (College) Church, with the archbishop making brief remarks to those gathered.

By 1932, the FCC would splinter, with early supporters Markoe and John LaFarge, S.J., pressing to encourage a more interracial direction for the group and Turner wanting to maintain a sole focus on black Catholic demands. The organization under Turner would become completely inactive by 1952, but would serve as an important precursor to the currently existing National Black Catholic Congress. Turner lived a long life, receiving an honorary doctorate from the Catholic University of America in 1976, and passing two years later at the age of 101.

### Land Acknowledgment

Our country and our church have recently begun to reexamine the relationship between Native American peoples and those who later came to occupy this land. A more complete truth is being revealed concerning the harm inflicted on indigenous people—both historically and in our present day. Policies and practices were established that limited or eliminated native cultures and took possession of the land they cared for—land that sustained them in return. America is just beginning to reckon with the injustices endured by its native people and to identify a path seeking truth, reconciliation, and healing.

One practice that has been recognized as a first step in that direction is known as a land acknowledgment. This is a statement that recognizes and respects indigenous peoples as traditional stewards of the land. It is an expression of gratitude and appreciation to those on whose territory we stand. Such statements may be proclaimed at the beginning of public gatherings and serve to raise awareness—countering the erasure of native cultures. By itself, acknowledgment is a small gesture but may provide movement toward a just and more equitable relationship.

We recognize that the land that we know as St. Louis is the ancestral home of the Osage, Miami, Cahokia, Kaskaskia, Michigamea, Moingwena, Sioux, Peoria, Haudenosaunee (also called Iroquois) people, as well as the Illini Confederacy. The state of Missouri has been home to the Otos, Mississippian, Cherokee, Delaware, Kickapoo, Sac, Fox, and Shawnee, in some cases as the result of forced removal from their traditional lands in other parts of the country. In spite of restrictive

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government policies and involuntary relocations, approximately 80,000 American Indians live in Missouri today.

For more information about land acknowledgments and indigenous people in this area, you may consult the following sources:

The United States Department of Arts and Cultures <https://usdac.us/nativeland>

Native Land <https://native-land.ca>

Kathryn M. Buder Center for American Indian Studies <https://sites.wustl.edu/budercenter/buder-center-research/>

### Reading for Racial Justice

Many thanks to all who contributed recommendations for our summer reading list. It is so helpful to hear the personal connection to each title suggested. This summer project offers an opportunity to call attention to a resource created by Social Ministry. They developed a data base of suggested readings in racial justice, categorized by age level; it is accessible through the College Church web site: <https://sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation>. We hope you will find materials that support, as well as challenge, your personal journey and our communal transformation.

### Tuesday Vigils for Racial Justice

The weekly prayer vigils for racial justice have returned to the steps of College Church each Tuesday night from 6:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Please join us as we stand in witness and prayer for equality and peace. You are encouraged to bring a sign expressing commitment to justice. If your group or organization is interested in leading a Tuesday vigil, please contact Joan McGinnis at [jfmc676@gmail.com](mailto:jfmc676@gmail.com).

## DEANERY REVIVAL:

### The Synodal Church: That All May Be One!

**RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6-7, 2022**

**St. Matthew the Apostle, 2715 N. Sarah, St. Louis, MO 63113**

*"I pray not only for them, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, so that they may all be one, as you, Father, are in me and I in you, that they also may be in us, that the world may believe that you sent me."*

*John 17:20-21*



**REVIVALIST. REV. CANON, A. GERARD JORDAN, O.PRAEM.**

Rev. Jordan is a consecrated religious, a canon, and a priest of the Church with the Order of Canons Regular Prémontré. He is the administrator of St. Edward Catholic Church in New Iberia, La., and recently served as special assistant to the Bishop, promoting the Tolton Cause, in the Archdiocese of Chicago. He became the inaugural executive director of the newly established Tolton Spirituality Center in 2020.

**The revival will be livestreamed on Facebook:**

**[www.facebook.com/interracialrelations](https://www.facebook.com/interracialrelations)**

For more information, please contact: Joyce Jones at [joycejones@archstl.org](mailto:joycejones@archstl.org) or Katie Jansen Larson at [katie@sfxstl.org](mailto:katie@sfxstl.org)

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### ID & Birth Certificate Program Updates

Thank you for your ongoing support of the Outreach Program for State ID and birth certificate assistance. Over the past year, even in a pandemic, we were blessed with the opportunity to serve over 3,000 St. Louisans, providing assistance with over 4,800 IDs and birth certificates to individuals and families who are experiencing homelessness or poverty. We believe that the work is never done and the need for vital documents continues to be great.



Our Beyond 2020 campaign has granted us the opportunity to hire for the new role of Mobile Outreach Coordinator within our program. In this role, the Mobile Outreach Coordinator will explore the opportunities to make IDs and birth certificates more accessible in the wider community.

If you are interested in volunteering with our onsite program on Tuesdays from 9-11am or 11am-1pm, please contact Jasmine Brown at [outreach@sfxstl.org](mailto:outreach@sfxstl.org) (314) 977-7311.

If you have ideas about how to make identification documents more accessible in the region or would like to learn more about our mobile outreach exploration, please contact Katie Copps at [katiecopps@sfxstl.org](mailto:katiecopps@sfxstl.org) or (314) 282-7205.

**Save the Date:** Monday 10/4 (in the afternoon) for a special Facebook Live opportunity to virtually “meet” Jasmine and Katie and learn more about their roles. More info to come!

We are excited for the upcoming year to explore the different ways that the Outreach Program can continue to support the St. Louis community. Thank you for your ongoing support!

## 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 Tuesday evenings starting on Sept 28. There will be 16 sessions with 8 weeks before Thanksgiving and 8 weeks in the new year. The sessions will be offered via Zoom from 7:00 until 8:30. For more information or to register, please email Joe Milner at [joe@sfxstl.org](mailto:joe@sfxstl.org).



## 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.

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 Edelman at [terry@sfxstl.org](mailto:terry@sfxstl.org), or visit the Youth and Family Faith Formation website to register: [sfxstl.org/youth-faith](http://sfxstl.org/youth-faith).

We are also looking for volunteers for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We are hosting a formation course here at College Church, beginning in September. For more information, please contact Julie Kilian at [Julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:Julie@sfxstl.org).

### Commissioning of Prayer Groups at College Church

On Sunday September 19th at the 10:30 Mass, we will formally commission two prayer groups at College Church:

The Shared Prayer Group has grown out of the listing of the sick in the parish bulletin each week. This group gathers every Friday (currently via Zoom) to pray for each person listed in the bulletin by name. Prayers are offered for parishioners, their loved ones and the needs of our community and beyond. Confidentiality is maintained. All are welcome to join whenever possible. For further information, contact Sarah Legett at 512-406-1456 or [legettsm@yahoo.com](mailto:legettsm@yahoo.com)

The Elder Prayer Companions is a group of mostly retired parishioners who have long been devoted to the parish as well as their own spirituality. This group commits to praying regularly for the needs and intercessions of our parish staff, committee leaders and parish council. These elder intercessors unite their daily prayers with our own Communion of Saints and meet for communal prayer every six weeks. For further information, contact Jane Conrad at 314-276-2313 or [conradpjif@gmail.com](mailto:conradpjif@gmail.com).

Both groups welcome additional members.



**St. Joseph Church  
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Invites You to Our  
Fried Chicken & Kettle Beef Dinner  
with our Famous Liver Dumplings  
Rolls, Homemade Desserts & Drinks  
Raffle & Country Store  
Sunday, September 19, 2021  
11 am – 4 pm**



**All Meals are Carryout Containers  
We Invite You to Eat in the Church Hall,  
Outside in the Pavilion or Take Home  
Adult Dinner Tickets: \$12  
Children’s Tickets: 11 years & under: \$5**

*For More Info  
Please Call*

573.358.2112

15 St. Joseph St  
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### Virtual Trivia Benefitting the St. Vincent De Paul Society at SFX

**Friday, September 17th 2021 at 6:30pm**

**Sign up:** <https://bit.ly/3r5b6py>

**Donate to the SVDP conference:** <https://bit.ly/3r6flm6>

Please join us for a fun evening of virtual trivia to support the College Church St. Vincent DePaul Society's work providing direct assistance with rent, utilities, food, furniture, and more in our local St. Louis community! With the help of the parish, the SFX SVDP conference helped 25 neighbors last year, and we would like to increase our giving in 2022.

Take part in virtual trivia as a team of eight, for \$200 per team. Be sure to sign up quickly, as we only have room for ten teams for this inaugural event! You'll also have the opportunity to participate in a raffle and auction for a chance to win great prizes.

**Can you sponsor the event?** Crucial to the success of this trivia night are our sponsors. 100% of your sponsorship will go towards direct assistance to neighbors around the parish. In addition to monetary sponsorships (beginning at \$100), we also accept any in-kind donations, including gift cards, vacation homes, alcoholic beverages, and other creative gifts for the auction and raffle. Please reach out to Madeleine at [mswanstrom2000@gmail.com](mailto:mswanstrom2000@gmail.com) if you would like to sponsor the event.

**Can't make it to trivia, but still want to support the work of our SVDP conference?** We would greatly appreciate any donations. Again, 100% of your donation goes to directly to Neighbors in Need around the parish. Follow this link to donate: <https://bit.ly/3r6flm6>

### Our 2021 Ministry Fair Has Become Ministry Month!

**Every Sunday during the month of October**, after the 10:30 am Masses, we will highlight our various ministries in order to showcase the multiple opportunities we have for involvement in our parish community. This will take the place of the planned Ministry Fair; it will also be part of our Mass livestream.

Look for writeups about our ministries and commissions in October bulletins as well!

### 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](mailto:joseph.milner@slu.edu).





### Circle of Creation Green Corner

We are pleased to announce a zoom presentation by Mike Roberts, formerly the on-air meteorologist on KSDK Channel 5 TV, starting at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, October 6. His presentation will draw from Pope Francis' encyclical on the environment Laudato Si', provide an explanation of the Pentagon's recent declaration that climate change is a critical issue of national security, and benefit from Mike's extensive knowledge of weather and climate. Mark your calendar and spread the word to your family and friends.



An Immersive Virtual Summit on Healing, GREEN TEAM SUMMIT 2021, is being held during evenings, 5:00 pm CT or later, on September 12 – 14 (You are not required to zoom every session for those three days; you may choose what is appropriate and you have time for). Together, we will walk on a virtual meditative journey through the vividly green wetlands in Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois, tour a farm bringing local produce to their community, gather in a racial healing circle, learn to create a simple recipe from in-season ingredients and so much more (including an eco-bedtime story for children Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 8pmCT). Join us to be inspired and encouraged in your environmental and anti-racism work by registering FOR FREE today.

[www.greenteamsummit.org](http://www.greenteamsummit.org)

For the latest on events and information related to care for the Earth, periodically check the Circle of Creation Green Corner of the Parish website:

[sfxstl.org/circleofcreation](http://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation)

### September 11-12, 2021

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

### September 18-19, 2021

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

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

### Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to [church@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](http://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.



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