



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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sfxstl.org

September 17, 2023
Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

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.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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 Sue Griffard
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 * 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 Parish Life Coordinator



By Katie Jansen

In advance of a pivotal October assembly on synodality, I want to share with you parts of an **article in America Magazine written by Fr. James Martin, SJ.**

In the run-up to the Synod on Synodality's first month-long gathering in Rome, the critiques [of Pope Francis] have only intensified. Few things seem to stir up Francis' opponents as much as this world-wide consultation of Catholics.

Most recently, for example, Cardinal Raymond Burke, the former archbishop of St. Louis, penned an appreciative forward to a new book attacking the synod, saying that the process will foster "confusion and error and division."

Perhaps one reason that there is so much public criticism is that, with a few exceptions, Francis is allowing these conversations to take place—and even commenting on his critics at times—rather than clamping down on the discussions.

But before we get into where such fierce opposition to the synod comes from, we need to look more closely at what it is.

"The synod," Pope Francis said on Oct. 9, 2021, the day before its official opening, "offers us the opportunity to become a listening church, to break out of our routine and pause from our pastoral concerns in order to stop and listen."

Basically, then, the synod trusts that the Holy Spirit is alive and active among not just cardinals, archbishops and bishops, and not just among Vatican officials, but among all the faithful. So where might this fear of the synod come from?

We have to ask ourselves two questions: First, do we trust in the Holy Spirit? And second, do we believe that the Holy Spirit is active both in this gathering of the faithful and in the individual consciences of the people participating in the synod?

If we do, then we can approach the synod with open hearts and minds, free of what Sister Nathalie Becquart calls "fear, trouble and hopelessness."

You can read the full article here: <http://bit.ly/JJMartin-Synod>

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Susan Stanec (mother of staff member Sandy Hauck)
 Diane Williams (mother of staff member Mike Williams)

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



Fair Trade Sales this Sunday!

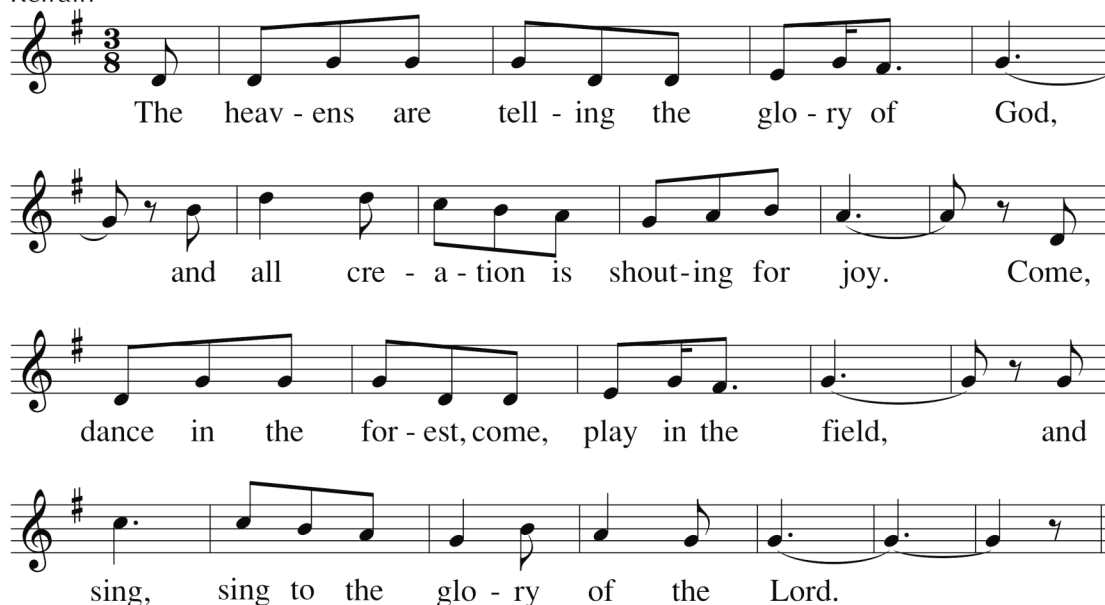
Fair trade coffee, tea, chocolate and more will be available in the vestibule for purchase after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. All sales support our sister parish, St. Peter Claver in Belize.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering: Canticle of the Sun

Haugen

Refrain



The heav - ens are tell - ing the glo - ry of God,
and all cre - a - tion is shout - ing for joy. Come,
dance in the for - est, come, play in the field, and
sing, sing to the glo - ry of the Lord.

Verses



1. Praise for the sun, the bring - er of day, He car - ries the
2. Praise for the wind that blows through the trees, The seas' might - y
3. Praise for the rain that wa - ters our fields, And bless - es our
4. Praise for the fire who gives us his light, The warmth of the
5. Praise for the earth who makes life to grow, The crea - tures you
6. Praise for our death that makes our life real, The knowl - edge of



light of the Lord in his rays; The moon and the stars who
storms, ♪ the gen - tl - est breeze; They blow where they will, they
crops ♪ so all the earth yields; From death un - to life her
sun ♪ to bright - en our night; He danc - es with joy, his
made ♪ to let your life show; The flow - ers and trees that
loss ♪ that helps us to feel; The gift of your - self, your



light up the way Un - to your throne.
blow where they please To please the Lord.
mys - t'ry re - vealed Springs forth in joy.
spir - it so bright, He sings of you.
help us to know The heart of love.
pres - ence re - vealed To lead us home.

Gloria: Congregational Mass

ICEL/Lee, Krisman

I (Cantor or choir)
 Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of good will.

II (Assembly) I
 We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-fy you,
 II
 we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav'n-ly King,
 I
 O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ,
 On-ly Be-got-ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther,
 II
 you take a-way the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us;
 I
 you take a-way the sins of the world, re-ceive our prayer;
 II
 you are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther,
 I
 have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One,
 you a-lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ,
 II *Slower*
 with the Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm 103

Guimont

The Lord is kind and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and rich in com - pas - sion.

Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and all within me, his holy name.
 Bless the LORD, O my soul,
 and never forget all his benefits. *R.*

He does not treat us according to our
 sins,
 nor repay us according to our
 faults. *R.*

It is the Lord who forgives all your sins,
 who heals every one of your ills,
 who redeems your life from the grave,
 who crowns you with mercy and
 compassion. *R.*

For as the heavens are high above the
 earth,
 so strong his mercy for those who
 fear him.

He will not always find fault;
 nor persist in his anger forever.

As far as the east is from the west,
 so far from us does he remove
 our transgressions. *R.*

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Gospel Acclamation:

Murray and Proulx

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

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**I give you a new commandment, says the Lord;
 love one another as I have loved you.**

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Presentation of the Gifts (10:30): Litany of Peace

Bridge



1. God of love, your gift of peace is plant - ed
2. God of peace, wher - ev - er there is ha - tred,
3. May we bring your hope and glad - ness where de -
4. May we seek to un - der - stand an - oth - er
5. Faith - ful God, wher - ev - er there is dark - ness,
6. God of mer - cy, help us to for - give when
7. Gra - cious God, when - ev - er peo - ple hun - ger,
8. Set us free from all our fear and an - ger;



1. deep with - in our hearts: Make me an in - stru - ment
2. may we bring your love:
3. spair and sad - ness are:
4. with a pa - tient heart:
5. may we bring your light:
6. there is in - jury done:
7. may we fill their need:
8. set us free to love:



of your peace. Make me an in - stru - ment of your peace.

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Holy, Holy, Holy: Mass of Creation

ICEL/Haugen

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Ho-ly, Ho-ly, Ho-ly Lord God of
 hosts. Heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry.
 Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the
 high-est. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

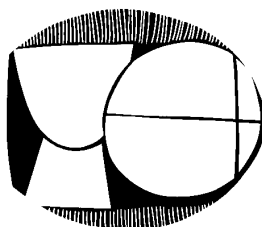
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Memorial Acclamation B: Mass of Creation

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When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we pro-
 claim your Death, O Lord, un-til you come a-gain.

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Amen: Mass of Creation

ICEL/Haugen

A - men, a - men, a - men.

A - men, a - men, a - men.

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Lamb of God: Mass of Creation

ICEL/Haugen

Cantor:

 Lamb of God,

Assembly:

 you take a-way the sins of the

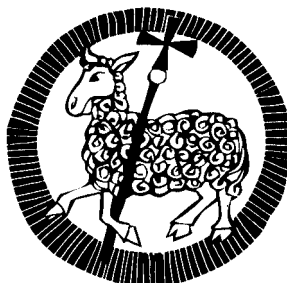
To repeat

 world, have mer - cy on us.

Last time

 world, grant us peace.

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COMMUNION RITE

Communion: Remember Your Love

Balhoff/Ducote and Daigle

Refrain

Re - mem - ber your love and your
 faith - ful - ness, O Lord. Re - mem - ber your
 peo - ple and have mer - cy on us, Lord.

Verses

1. The Lord is my light and my sal - va - tion,
2. If you dwelt, O Lord, up - on our sin - ful - ness,
3. O Lord, hear the sound of my call
4. As watch - man who waits up - on the day - light,
5. Be - fore all the moun - tains were be - got - ten

whom should I fear? The Lord is my
 then who could stand? But with you there is
 and an - swer me. My heart cries
 wait for the Lord. I trust in your
 and earth took shape, e - ven then, O

life and my ref - uge, when I call God hears.
 mer - cy and for - give - ness and a guid - ing hand.
 out for your pres - ence; it is you I seek.
 kind - ness and re - demp - tion; and your faith - ful word.
 Lord, you were our ref - uge through - out ev - 'ry age.

D.C.

COMMUNION RITE

Meditation (10:30 a.m.): instrumental

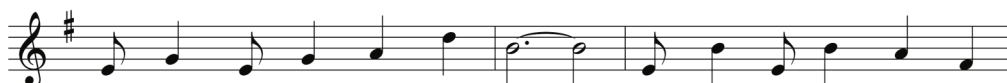
CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional: Sing of the Lord's Goodness

Sands



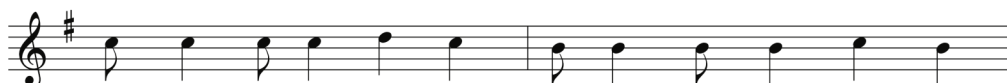
1. Sing of the Lord's good - ness, Fa - ther of all wis - dom,
 2. Pow - er he has wield - ed, hon - or is his gar - ment,
 3. Cour - age in our dark - ness, com - fort in our sor - row,
 4. Praise him with your sing - ing, praise him with the trum - pet,



come to him and bless his name. Mer - cy he has shown us,
 ris - en from the snares of death. His word he has spo - ken,
 Spir - it of our God most high; sol - ace for the wea - ry,
 praise God with the lute and harp; praise him with the cym - bals,



his love is for - ev - er, faith - ful to the end of days.
 one bread he has bro - ken, new life he now gives to all.
 par - don for the sin - ner, splen - dor of the liv - ing God.
 praise him with your danc - ing, praise God till the end of days.



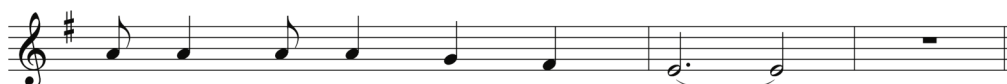
Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good - ness,



mel - o - dies of praise and thanks to God.



Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise him with your mu - sic,



wor - ship him and bless his name.

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Marty Lenihan

Living Our Faith: Meet Marty

(Note: we are debuting this week a series of profiles of parishioners to help us all get to know one another better. If you are interested in participating, or want to suggest we highlight a parishioner friend, contact Angela at angela@sfxstl.org.)

I've been a parishioner for: 20+ years. I was introduced to College Church as a seminarian, when I took some courses at SLU and was exposed to the teaching and preaching of Fr. John Kavanaugh. While I didn't become a priest, the experience made an impression. My wife Susan and I joined SFX much later, after our kids graduated.

Living my faith: Music has been a constant thread in my involvement at College Church. I was in the choir for many years and now play guitar at 10:30 Mass every other week. I also play regularly at the ID and Birth Certificate program. It's rewarding to watch the healing power of music reduce stress, lift spirits and establish connections. Some of the guests say thank you, and sing along.

In addition, I'm a member of the Parish Council, have been involved in our antiracism initiative and, with Susan, have assisted the marriage preparation program.

Why I'm involved: College Church is an intentional parish community. We chose to join because of the high quality of the liturgy – the excellence of the homilies, the beautiful choir and music. After we retired, we deepened our commitment and were drawn to the social justice programs.

Over the years, we've developed personal history with College Church. One of our sons was married here and seven of our nine grandchildren were baptized here. We have a lot of affection for the community. SFX is very special, and there's not another like it.

Three words that describe SFX: Intentional, Involved, Progressive

My neighborhood: Kenrick Park, near the Cardinal Rigali Center in Shrewsbury

Fun facts: I was a Human Resources executive for a diverse range of companies, most recently with Midwest Bank Center for 15 years before I retired. Father Dan tapped my HR skills when College Church was looking to hire a parish administrator. Katie Jansen got the job, of course, and it's remarkable to have a such a capable woman leading our parish. For fun, I'm part of a band called What's Next. We started up during the Pandemic to play pop, rock and acoustic music. We've even had a few public performances -- at parish festivals, the Webster Groves Arts Festival and at my condo.

St. Francis Xavier's parish family represents diverse backgrounds, ages and interests, with many immensely talented, deeply engaged, warm and welcoming parishioners. We come from all areas of the St. Louis region, including from over 80 zip codes. Learn more about our parish and how to become involved by calling (314) 977-7300 or visiting sfxstl.org.

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.

Faith Enrichment Series *Discernment of Gifts*

College Church is offering a four week series on Discernment of Gifts. Using principles of Ignatian Spirituality, we will take participants through a process of first identifying their gifts and then beginning to discern how God might be calling them to best use their gifts. We will provide each participant with two tools: Strengths Finder 2.0 and a Spiritual Gifts inventory.

The series will begin on Sunday, October 1 from 9:20 to 10:15am. It will continue on October 8, 15 and 29. Sessions will be held in the ballroom. Childcare is available.

Please sign-up to attend. <https://forms.gle/EbNyhsQZLQxzbrmk8>



Babysitting Available During Mass!



We are so pleased to resume babysitting for children **6 months to 4 years old** during **10:30 a.m. Mass** each Sunday.

Location: **Parish Center Nursery**, located right behind the sacristy.

Parents will sign-in and sign-out their children each Sunday.
At this time, there is no need to pre-register.

Please contact jennifer@sfxstl.org with questions.

Did you know...

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul (SVdP) has a conference at St. Francis Xavier?

Organized locally, Vincentians witness God’s love by embracing all works of charity and justice. The Society collaborates with others in relieving need and addressing its causes, making no distinction in those served because, in them, WE SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST.

Did you know...

The vestibule of church has a donation box with the caption: Remember the Poor. 100% of these donations are used in service by our SVdP volunteers. Our primary source of funding is donations from our parishioners.

Did you know...

In the past year, we have been receiving more large dollar requests, most often to assist neighbors with housing costs.

Join us!

For more information, contact Chris Deason at mcdeason58@gmail.com.



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

Save the Date!

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:

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

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 RSVP by Sept. 21st.

COLLEGE CHURCH PARISHIONERS INVITED TO MANDELA: THE OFFICAL EXHIBITION AT THE ST. LOUIS SCIENCE CENTER 12:15 P.M. THIS SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH

Following 10:30 am Mass, at 12:15 p.m., this 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.

The 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 today.





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.



Some Hispanic History of St. Louis

According to the 2020 Census, more than 100,000 people who identify as Hispanic or Latino/Latina live in the St. Louis area. That number represents growth in all 14 counties of this region and continued growth is expected. The community is enriched by the culture, customs, and industry of people of Latin

American and Hispanic heritage—who have been a part of this region from earliest days. In recognition of this cultural

influence to this region, we highlight some examples of this shared history.

St. Louis was part of the Spanish colonial empire and governed by Spain's appointed officials for 40 years. The area remained French in language, culture, and customs which, in the view of the Spanish, was overly carefree and unruly. So, in an effort to promote greater order through the practice of religion, the Spanish governor Pedro Piernas directed the first Catholic church in St. Louis to be built. The small log structure,

constructed on the site of the Basilica of St. Louis, was dedicated in 1770. Other vestiges of this Spanish governance remain throughout our area. The community we know as St. Charles was originally San Carlos—named for King Carlos III of Spain. San Fernando was the name given to a church and community in North County. The town has been renamed

Florissant, but the parish of St. Ferdinand continues.

After Spain ceded the territory to France, it became part of the United States in 1803 through the Louisiana Purchase.

Early in the 1800's, trade relationships developed between Mexico and St. Louis through exchange of goods along the Sante Fe Trail. By the late 19th century St. Louis had the largest trade relationship with Mexico of any US city. Early in the 20th

century, people from Mexico immigrated to St. Louis fleeing war and seeking economic and educational opportunities—some studying at St. Louis University and Christian Brothers College. Some immigrants moved on to other destinations, but many others stayed and became part of the fabric of the St. Louis community. In 1912, the St. Louis Archdiocese

established a mission, named our Lady of Covadonga, dedicated to serving Spanish speaking residents, including Spanish and Mexican immigrants. The building in which it was housed still stands at 7100 Virginia Avenue.

Throughout the 20th century, cities in the Midwest and beyond sought Mexican labor to deal with labor shortages.

Guest

worker programs have brought many people to the U.S. from Mexico to provide agricultural labor. Farmland around St.

Louis benefits from this work. As Mexican immigrants have settled in multiple areas throughout the metropolitan area,

cultural and mutual aid organizations have developed. The Benito Juarez Society and the Mexican Honorary Commission were both established in 1920—the latter remains active in the Granite City area. Hispanic Festival, Inc. has also been

created to unite and promote Hispanic culture throughout the region. In 1982 the Hispanic Chamber of Commerce was

established to support opportunities for Hispanic business

owners. It is estimated that there are 3,000 Hispanic-owned businesses contributing to the economy of this area.

You can learn more about Hispanic cultures and people of St. Louis, by clicking on: news.stlpublicradio.org/culture-history/2021-11-16/the-st-louis-region-is-already-home-for-many-latinos-and-more-are-moving-here and stlmag.com/history/10-things-you-should-know-about-mexican-history-in-st-louis/

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Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Dred Scott – Died September 17, 1858, in St. Louis, MO. Born into slavery, Scott sued in 1857 unsuccessfully for his freedom and that of his wife and daughters. In *Dred Scott v. Sandford* (often known as the "Dred Scott decision") the Supreme Court's judgment voided the Missouri Compromise, making slavery legal in all U.S. territories.

Albert Raboteau – Died September 18, 2021, in Princeton, NJ. A Catholic, Raboteau was born shortly after his father was killed in Mississippi by a white man who claimed self-defense and was never prosecuted. At 16, Raboteau entered Loyola University in California, and eventually obtained a Ph.D. from Yale. He researched American Catholic history, African American religions, and immigration issues. He taught at Princeton where he received the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lifetime Service Award.

Lewis Douglass – Died September 19, 1908, in Washington, DC. A son of Frederick Douglass, Lewis joined the Union Army after Blacks were allowed to enlist. He was well-educated and criticized President McKinley's lack of concern about racial violence. "It is a sorry fact that whatever this government controls, injustice to dark races prevails. The people of Cuba, Puerto Rico, Hawaii, and Manila know it well, as do the wronged Indian and outraged Black man in the U.S."

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/. Join College Church parishioners to visit this exhibit on September 17th after the 10:30 Mass.

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 (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.

September 22-23 10:00 am – 10:00 pm and September 24 11:00 am – 5:00 pm The Greater St. Louis Hispanic Festival will be held in Soulard Park at 7th and Lafayette Ave. All are welcome to attend and celebrate the culture and heritage of Hispanic nations represented in St. Louis. Activities will include music, food, dance, crafts, and information. Admission is free. Funds raised will support scholarships for college-bound students and children in need. For more information, see: hispanicfestivalstl.com/event

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.

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 contact Joseph Milner, 314-977-7305 or joe@sfxstl.org.

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.

Lights Out to Save Birds by Stephanie Todd

(reprinted <https://www.sierraclub.org/missouri/eastern-missouri>) Every year millions of birds die during migration due to artificial lights. Most birds migrate at night to save energy and avoid predators, using the moon and stars to navigate. Artificial lights disorient birds and cause them to circle lights until they die from exhaustion or hit something, like a building. St. Louis is the 5th deadliest city for birds during spring migration and 6th for fall Migration. You can help save birds! Turn off outdoor lights during peak migration periods, September and May. If you must have lights on, mitigate their detrimental effects by shielding them so they do not shine up into the sky and turn them off by 11:00 pm. The Missouri Sierra Club is a partner in Lights Out Heartland <https://lightsoutheartland.org/>.

Climate Action Plan and Renewable Energy Presentation is offered by the Eastern MO Group of the Sierra Club on Thursday, Sept. 28, at 7:00 PM at the Forest Park Visitors Center. More information and registration <https://act.sierraclub.org/events/>.

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

Also at 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.

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, 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 23, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM
10455 Clayton Road, Frontenac, MO 63013

September 16-17, 2023

Saturday
5:15 pm Redding, SJ

Sunday
8:00 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, SJ

September 23-24, 2023

SLU FAMILY AND ALUMNI WEEKEND

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Campus Ministry's choir will lead our music at our 10:30 liturgy. We will welcome MANY alumni and families of students at this mass.

This Sunday's Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Isaiah 55:6-9

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18

Second Reading:

Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a

Gospel:

Matthew 20:1-16a

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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.