



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 18, 2022
Twenty-Fifth 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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To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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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

joy@canainstitute.org for info.

**Reflection from Parishioner
 Sandy Spencer**



Sandy is actively involved with our Elder Prayer Companions, among other ministries.

How might we live into this Kin-dom – this Reign of God – these weeks and months of ORDINARY time. Meditate along with me.

COME – PARABLE PEOPLE – of all races, all ages, all genders, all faiths: all of us who grapple with MYSTERY, who pray for faith and trust, who are learning the challenges of compassionate, forgiving love.

LEARN FROM JESUS-THE RISEN CHRIST: LISTEN to the SPIRIT....

TO DISCOVER, as with a pearl, how to let go of everything to hunt for the hidden treasure.

TO EMBRACE that which has been lost- but found... as in the 100th lamb.

TO SEARCH with uncommon faith, as did the woman searching for the lost coin.

TO SET A TABLE and THROW A BANQUET because the penny is found.

TO PRAY on a hillside to ABBA, in the nighttime, at table with friends,

Plant a tree and harvest fruit. Throw out a net and pull in fish. Lift up a child and hold the reign of God in your lap. Receive service from another: anointing, washing feet. Take note of birds. Give away bread. Sit at a table and eat.

Gather all the community for supper – the widow, the tax collectors, the sick, us common folk who hurt and love, who grieve and cry, who know how to laugh. This is WHAT HAPPENS IN ORDINARY TIME. God shows up.....at our tables, during our walks, in the ways we see and listen to another; when we pray and when it hurts too much to cry...when we say, "Thank You."

The Kin-dom is mystery and purifying love. It is JUSTICE on this planet Earth, peeling away all that divides and hinders life, growth, truth and gentle care...
 EVERYDAY,

The SEARCH we are in, the DESIRE that consumes us – this IS God in Ordinary time. Spirit at work. The Risen Christ present within us, among us, and through us....our prepositional God.

PARABLE PEOPLE, of our own College Church, continue to Desire, Discover, Search. Just how ordinary can this time be when we are so well accompanied, graced and loved?

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

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

Clarita Labilles (Sunday, September 11th was the 40th day since her death)

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



Faithful Citizenship: Your Vote Matters

With a new voting law in effect, House Bill 1878, the newly formed SFX Advocacy Committee wants to ensure that College Church parishioners and our wider community can access the ballot this November and beyond. Visit sfxstl.org/advocacy or see a Voting Access Ambassador after Masses to learn more.

One of the most harmful aspects of HB1878 is the new requirement to produce a nonexpired photo ID in order to vote, which will greatly impact many Missourians who cannot readily obtain a State ID. These are the people that come to our parish's weekly Outreach Program for help with birth certificates and Missouri State IDs. Leading up to the November election, we will share reflections from volunteers connected to our ID and Birth Certificate Program. Carol Berger shared this:



*It can be hard enough for people who live in stable situations to pull together the myriad documents needed to obtain Missouri birth certificates and state ID's. For those who have no permanent home, who live in shelters, on the streets, or survive by cadging a couch here and there, it is all but impossible. Some have been robbed. Others have lost their documents in fires or left them behind when they had to flee unsafe situations. Some are recently released from jail or prison. Even those who might have the documentation find the \$33 or more in fees too daunting when they don't even have enough money for a bus ticket to get to City Hall. Without a state ID (and the birth certificate required to get one) there is no way to get traction, to put a fractured life back together. People without ID's can't get jobs or apartments, apply for benefits, send their children to school, or cash checks. **And now, under Missouri House Bill 1878, they are even losing the fundamental right to vote.** We are able to help some of these people every Tuesday morning in Outreach. But we can't help everyone. A valid state ID needs to be readily accessible to all, financially and logistically.*

Contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org if you are interested in becoming a Voting Access Ambassador or joining the Advocacy Committee, which meets every first Wednesday of the month from 5-6:30pm.

The SFX Advocacy Committee believes advocacy means:

To stand with and for another person by listening and observing in order to give witness.

To amplify voices that are often silenced.

To affect systemic change through policies and structures that uphold the dignity of all members of our community.

Alzheimer's Support Group for Caregivers now being offered at College Church

The Pastoral Care Commission at SFX in partnership with the Alzheimer's Association is offering a new support group for Caregivers of those with Alzheimer's Disease and other forms of dementia. Dr. Ann Steffen will facilitate this group and is a long-time parishioner at College Church. She is also a volunteer at the Association, is a clinical geropsychologist and is on the faculty at UM-St. Louis. The group will meet monthly, on every fourth Sunday from noon to 1:30 in the Adult Faith room at the church.

For more information, and to join the group, please call or email Martha Daly, also a College Church member and Faith Outreach ambassador for the Alzheimer's Association. Her contact information is: marthadaly@hotmail.com, and phone: 314-265-5653. Both Ann and Martha have had personal experience with this disease and look forward to offering this opportunity to those facing the challenges of caregiving. All information is held in strict confidence and with great care.



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



We celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month—September 15 through October 15—to recognize the achievements and contributions of

Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to success. The Library of Congress, the National Archives and Records, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Smithsonian Institution, the National Gallery of Art, and the United States Holocaust Memorial all join in paying tribute to the generations of Hispanic Americans who have positively influenced and enriched our nation and our society.

While it may seem that the terms Hispanic and Latino/a are used interchangeably, 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.

(www.interexchange.org/articles/visit-the-usa/latino-hispanic-culture-in-us/)

Hispanic Heritage Week was first observed in 1968 under President Lyndon B. Johnson. In 1988, President Ronald Reagan expanded the annual celebration to 30 days. September 15 is set as the starting date because it is the anniversary of independence for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence on September 16 and September 18, respectively. For additional information visit: www.hispanicheritagemonth.gov.

National Migration Week

For nearly a half century, the Catholic Church in the United States has celebrated National Migration Week, which is an opportunity for the Church to reflect on the circumstances confronting migrants, including immigrants, refugees, children, and victims and survivors of human trafficking.

In 2019, Pope Francis announced that the World Day of Migrants and Refugees would henceforth be celebrated the last Sunday of September. To maintain the custom of aligning National Migration Week with the World Day of Migrants and Refugees, the Catholic Bishops of the United States recently decided to move the National Migration Week to the last week of September, the 19th – 25th. The Vatican’s World Day of Migrants and Refugees will take place on Sunday, September 25th.

Commenting on the place of migrants in God’s plan, Pope Francis emphasized the “kingdom of God is to be built with them, for without them it would not be the Kingdom that God wants. The inclusion of the most vulnerable is the necessary condition for full citizenship in God’s kingdom.”

Immigration is about real people who are trying to find a better life and a new beginning. Forced displacement is at the highest level since World War II, with more the 65 million people displaced around the world and over 25 million refugees. Catholics are called to stand with immigrants and refugees as our brothers and sisters. This is who the Catholic Church is. This is what Catholics do.

For any questions that you might have related to National Migration Week, please contact MigrationWeek@uscbb.org.

2022 National Migration Week Prayer

We thank you for the gift of children,
And for the joy and love that they bring into our lives.
Protect with your fatherly care all the children who face hardship.
We pray for the unaccompanied migrant children who are alone.
For migrant children separated from their parents, who have been placed in detention,
For those who have lost loved ones due to violence,
And those who are trapped in situations of exploitation.
Open all our hearts to immigrants and refugee children in need,
Show us how we can protect and comfort them.
Give us the wisdom to know how we can help.
We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
One God forever and ever.

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Upcoming Events

National Immigration Week at St. Pius V

Join St. Pius parishioners to celebrate the people and cultures of their parish and reflect on the circumstances confronting immigrants, refugees, children, and victims of human trafficking. Following the Eucharist, attendees are encouraged to visit one of the many fine ethnic restaurants on South Grand.

Sunday, September 25 | 10am

St. Pius V Catholic Church 3310 S Grand Boulevard

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

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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

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.





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

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12:00 – 1:30 pm

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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>

If families, groups of friends, dog park buddies, or other pods of humans would like to do their own **Blessing of the Animals**, information and a suggested program for such a service is provided at the Green Corner on the Parish website, as indicated below.

Earthday365 sponsors **Environmental Justice Days of Action** on **October 15** at **O’Fallon Park**. Information and registration here:

<https://earthday-365.org/environmental-justice-days-of-action/>

Saturday, October 22 is the date for the 2022 **River des Peres Trash Bash** organized by The Open Space Council along with the Great Rivers Greenway, MSD Project Clear, the River des Peres Watershed Coalition, and the Earthways Center. Volunteers are also needed for **Storm Inlet Marking**. For more information and to register, you can go here: <http://openspacestl.org/river-des-peres-trash-bash/>

Public Electronics Recycling events

sponsored by Midwest Recycling Center (MRC)

mrc-recycling.squarespace.com/electronics-recycling-events

Oct. 15 from 8:00 AM to Noon

900 TR Hughes Boulevard, O’Fallon, MO, 63366

hosted by City of **O’Fallon**

Oct. 22 from 9:00 AM to Noon

1 Detjen Drive Saint Louis, MO, 63126

hosted by City of **Crestwood**

Oct. 29 from 8:00 AM to Noon

8001 Dale Avenue, Richmond Heights, MO, 63117

hosted by **Richmond Heights**

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

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5:15 pm

Fr. McMahon, S.J.

Sunday

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10:30 am

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This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

First Reading:

Amos 8:4-7

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 113:1-2, 4-6, 7-8

Second Reading:

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Gospel:

Luke 16:1-13

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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