

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 associatepastor@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. Dan White at 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 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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: Suspended until further notice due to the pandemic. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at terry@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.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Season of Creation runs from the first of September to the feast of St. Francis of Assisi on October 4th. It is a time to reflect upon our care for our common home. I think it fair to say the Catholic Church has come late to the importance of stewardship of creation. Other Christian denominations and faith traditions have led the way, but better late than never!

There is no way to even scratch the surface of the issue's importance in a 250-word column. There is an abundance of material that addresses our care for creation from a faith perspective all over the internet and social media. A great place to start, of course, is the Pope's encyclical *Laudato Si* which provides a summary of the science and what it means for Christians.

Perhaps most compelling is a very simple question, what kind of planet will we hand on to future generations? All of us care deeply about our kids, nieces, nephews, and their children's children. Who among us feels good about the state of the natural world they will inherit? If sin always boils down to selfishness, it is clear our present relation with creation is sinful. The Season of Creation asks us to integrate our faith and the gifts we have received. There is much to be done but perhaps nothing more important than realizing the unity that exists between our relationships with God, one another, and all creation.

October is 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. We will also provide opportunities to sign up to find out more about these ministries.

Listen in as each ministry is described, because the speakers will be saying a "secret word" (or phrase) each Sunday. As soon as you hear it, email Angela Pancella at angela@sfxstl.org to be entered into a drawing for a prize!



Antiracism at College Church

Just and
Faithful
Formation

JustFaith

In 1988, Jack Jezreel, founder of JustFaith Ministries, was working at a large parish in Louisville, Kentucky, as a Parish Social Minister. The invitation he extended to parishioners to attend social ministry meetings met with a disappointing response, and Jezreel—who holds a Master's of Divinity from Notre Dame—determined that his focus should be on the work of spiritual formation. In 1989, JustFaith Ministries, whose programs “were crafted with the intent of providing people a substantial opportunity to explore the link between their faith in God and their care of their neighbor” was born.

The organization's offerings began with the original JustFaith program, a 30-week process that prepares participants for the work of social ministry, and now include an array of modules, including Engaging Spirituality, GoodNewsPeople, JusticeWalking and JustMatters. The programs are offered to small groups of from eight to fifteen participants who, guided by facilitators, use the books and videos provided by JustFaith, in six to eight two-hour weekly sessions, to stimulate discussion and share personal experiences and reflections. The program modules allow participants to “give sustained attention to specific areas of social ministry, culminating in a call to engaged action.” Specific areas of concern include Migration, Racial Justice, Nonviolence, Food Insecurity, and Eco-Justice, among others.

Since 2001, more than 65,000 participants have registered for JustFaith programs—a number that includes College Church parishioners. And as you will see in the paragraphs that follow, the JustFaith experience often has proven to be profoundly meaningful.

Ted Agniel: We have participated in and helped facilitate several JustFaith and JustMatters groups over the years at College Church. The books and articles I've read have been challenging, thought-provoking, sometimes time-consuming, and often often demanding. But they have directed my mind and heart to issues of great importance to you and me: poverty, racism and racial equity, criminal justice and the school-to-prison pipeline, health care reform, climate change and its impact on persons, communities, and countries in poverty, housing and the systems that create and and maintain redlining, etc. The rules of the program have helped the members

of our group to grow in trust and friendship: for example, take time to listen; speak your truth, but respects others' truths; accept participants where they're at. Our gatherings and the material we've read and seen have helped me see other people less as “the other” and more as my brothers and sisters in Christ. I'm looking forward to our JustMatters group starting our third year together sharing weekly gatherings, prayer, a retreat, an immersion experience, and great speakers. I can't recommend it highly enough.

Donna Agniel: Taking part in JustFaith and JustMatters programs has widened my perception of the world I live in, the many social layers of my culture that shape my worldview and how my life and my choices impact others. It has helped me understand how I participate in not only society, but also in social sin as well. I have a better appreciation of Catholic social teaching with its emphasis on the dignity of each person, the right of a person to work, shelter, and health, and the Church's preferential option to assist the most marginalized in society. JustFaith and JustMatters have given me opportunities to be in relationship with marginalized people and grow in appreciation for the challenges life entails for people with limited resources and opportunities. JustFaith and JustMatters have moved my heart and mind toward action, service, and understanding.

Shakespeare in the Ville

Setting our seats along Annie Malone Drive, in the shadow of the historic Homer G. Phillips Hospital, now senior residence, we joined hundreds of others assembled to see this year's performance of Shakespeare in the Streets. Loosely hung on the frame of Shakespeare's Hamlet, with intermittent bits of the language of the Bard, playwright Mariah L. Richardson provides a look back at the Ville, told by ghosts of the neighborhood who had caused it to flourish. We learned of the many accomplishments of people who were nurtured by this community and who, in turn, helped others to thrive. Creative use of projected images and musical performances by the Legend Singers made it easy to imagine the vibrance and spirit of a people whose response to segregation and redlining was to excel, and to lift others as they climbed.

We also learned of events that led to the neighborhood's decline, and we heard the experiences of a ghost who had more recently departed. The classic theme of classic theme of hope versus despair was applied to the

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current challenges faced by the residents of the Ville. The specter of Annie Malone reminded us that integration does not guarantee equality, as she encouraged young Hamlet Simmons to work to return the neighborhood to its former glory.

Shakespeare in the Ville offered an engaging, theatrical performance and illuminated a history not widely shared. As it was created by members of the Ville and performed in the neighborhood, the production itself embodies the legacy of its residents. They have responded to Annie Malone's onstage exhortation to use their "God-given agency" to serve and to lift up their community. Their "vengeance" for injustice has been to persevere and to create solutions. This resolve was also demonstrated by First District Congressional Representative, Cori Bush, who attended the performance and addressed the assembly with her congratulations and support.

It was such a gift to share this experience with one another and with the community of the Ville. Imagining and being immersed in this "cloud of witnesses" inspires us and calls us to continue to work for justice—where all have the opportunity to develop their gifts and to contribute to the common good. That is the Kingdom of God.

Lisa Burks, Sarah Legett, Carlita Logan, Winnie Sullivan

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.

DEANERY REVIVAL:

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RESCHEDULED FOR JUNE 6-7, 2022

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"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

For more information, please contact: Joyce Jones at joycejones@archstl.org or Katie Jansen Larson at 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 (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 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.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Toiletries and Supplies Needed for Outreach Program

The Outreach Program is in need of toiletries and supplies for our program guests. If you are able to provide any of the below items, please drop them off at the front desk of the College Church parish center at 3628 Lindell Blvd, 63108 anytime Monday-Friday between 8:30am-12pm or 1-3pm. Please contact our Outreach Coordinator Jasmine at outreach@sfxstl.org or 977-7311 with any questions.

Thank you for any donation you can provide!

Toiletries (travel size): shampoo, conditioner, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, soap, razors, lotion

Supplies: Clean, reusable water bottles; new disposable masks

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

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.

Both groups welcome additional members.



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Tickets are limited to 100 people.

Reserve your spot at bit.ly/churchclimatechange

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. You can find a flyer with a registration link on the previous page.



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

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.

September 25-26, 2021

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

The 10:30 am Mass will be livestreamed. RSVP at sfxstl.org.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to 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. 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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