



## **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 25, 2022**  
**Twenty-Sixth 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](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 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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**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

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 Steve Frank\*  
 Al Frei  
 Jessi Haselhorst  
 Paul Hanson\*  
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 Tom McDermott  
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 Mary Nicholson  
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 Joan Rice  
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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.

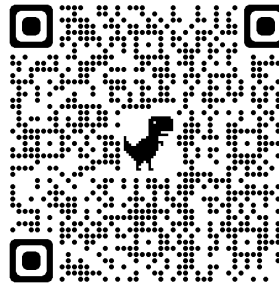
**Reflection from Our Parish Life Coordinator**



By Katie Jansen

This week the USCCB shared the National Synthesis of the People of God in the United States as part of the Synod on Synodality. You can find it here:

<https://bit.ly/usccbsynod>



As I read the document, I had a deep sense of gratitude that our church is asking us to share our experiences, our deep desires and our deep pain. I could hear the voices and even see the faces of so many Catholics I know who love the church but who also know that God wants more for her people. I could hear the voice of the Holy Spirit.

As we continue the journey to become a synodal church, we are called to be co-responsible and co-participatory. And we are called to continue to listen and discern. I wonder, as you read this document, what do you hear us being called to as College Church or as the Catholics in the Archdiocese? What stirs within you? What do you hear the Holy Spirit saying?

**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

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

Richard Fister (father of Jeff Fister)

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



**NOTA BENE****Spotlight on Seniors Kickoff Gathering This Weekend, 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](mailto:joy@canainstitute.org) or Jane Conrad 314-276-2313, [conradpjff@gmail.com](mailto:conradpjff@gmail.com).

**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](mailto: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.

**The Festival of Ministries Returns!**

At our next Donut Sunday, October 9th, after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses, we're hosting a Festival of Ministries in the Ballroom here at College Church. This will be the first in-person version we've hosted in several years. This is an opportunity for all of us to get to know about the rich variety of ministries, commissions and teams that make this such a vibrant church. Come meet the people behind these ministries, and have a chance to sign up to participate in one you feel called to join!

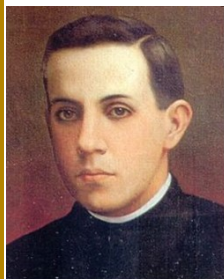
*If you are a ministry leader:* reach out to members of your ministry/commission/team and ask who could be available to be at a table on October 9th, either after the 8 am or after the 10:30 am Masses (or both)! You can send Angela Pancella ([angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org)) the names of the people from your ministry and specify if they will be there after the 8 am or the 10:30 am. Table reservations are due by Tuesday, October 4th.





## 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.*



### Blessed Miguel Pro

In recognition of National Hispanic Heritage Month, we would like to share the stories of some saints and holy people who are part of this faith-filled culture.

One such figure is Blessed Miguel Pro. José Ramón Miguel Agustín Pro was born in Mexico in 1891 to a prominent family. As a boy he was known for his great sense of humor. Miguelito, as his family called him, was intensely spiritual and equally intense in his mischievousness and practical jokes. He wrote comics and played the guitar. He also had great compassion for the poor.

At the age of twenty, Miguel entered the Jesuit novitiate. He studied in Mexico amidst the political upheaval of the Mexican Revolution. Growing repression and anti-Catholic violence forced the Jesuits to flee in 1914. Miguel completed his seminary training in Texas, California, Nicaragua, Spain, and finally Belgium where he was ordained in 1925.

Suffering from a chronic stomach ailment, Padre Pro was allowed to return to Mexico City in 1926. Religious persecution persisted, however. The government had banned all public worship. Since he was not known as a priest, Padre Pro went about clandestinely—sometimes in disguise—celebrating Mass, distributing communion, hearing confessions, and anointing the sick. He also worked tirelessly to relieve the material suffering of the poor.

In 1927, Miguel was falsely accused of an assassination attempt. He was executed without trial on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. On the day of his execution, Fr. Pro declined a blindfold, blessed his executioners, and forgave them. His final prayer was, "Viva Cristo Rey!" "Long Live Christ the King!" So great was the people's love for Padre Pro that tens of thousands lined the streets for his funeral procession.

Miguel Agustín Pro was beatified in 1988 by Pope John Paul II.

### History Highlights - SFX School Days

*With the school year now in full swing, it's interesting to look back at the schools that were once a part of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church parish.*

Previously, we learned about the St. Vincent Free School, which was opened by St. Francis Xavier in 1843 and was the first parish-based school for girls in the St. Louis diocese. Most recently, we were introduced to the English Free Male School, a parish-based school for boys that was an outgrowth of the day school department of St. Louis University and began operation in 1842.

This week we'll take a look at Xavier High School for girls. The school was opened by the parish on the St. Louis University campus in 1932. In 1951, Xavier was converted from a parish-run school to a private high school under the administration of the Sisters of Charity. Although the school closed in 1974, its alumnae continue to gather to share memories and to recognize the lasting contribution that attendance at Xavier made to their lives.

Today, the building that housed the high school (3733 West Pine) is known as Xavier Hall, and is home to a variety of classes offered by St. Louis University in the fine arts, art history, theater, performance music, and more. With its studio theater and main stage theater, Xavier Hall is used to facilitate mastery of the performing arts, and its hallways continue to ring with the sounds of learning.



### Upcoming Events

**Screening: Target: St. Louis, Vol. I** - This documentary film reveals the experience of residents of the Pruitt-Igoe housing project and nearby north St. Louis neighborhoods following government sponsored experiments that released toxic chemicals in the area in the 1950's and 60's. St. Louis filmmaker, Damien D. Smith, as well as a panel of St. Louisans unknowingly subjected to the experiments will be present to describe the health consequences they have endured and their ongoing pursuit of justice.

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The film will be shown October 1<sup>st</sup> from 1:30 – 3:30 pm in the Auditorium of the Central Branch of the St. Louis Public Library, 1301 Olive Street.

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

**Commemoration of Clock Tower Accords** – Plans are in progress for this year’s program commemorating the history of [#OccupySLU](https://www.slu.edu/diversity/occupy-slu/index.php) (<https://www.slu.edu/diversity/occupy-slu/index.php>) and the [Clock Tower Accords](https://www.slu.edu/diversity/occupy-slu/clock-tower-accords.php) (<https://www.slu.edu/diversity/occupy-slu/clock-tower-accords.php>). Events will be held the week of October 10th and will include a reading of the speech delivered by the Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. at St. Louis University. Additional details will be shared when the program is finalized.

**Our Parish Racial History** - Join us on October 16<sup>th</sup> for the second presentation of the exploration of the racial history of College Church. This program will focus on the Jesuit Ministry to African American Catholics and will feature remarks from Jeffrey Harrison, S.J. who is the current director of the Slavery, History, Memory, and Reconciliation Project. The presentations will be held in the ballroom from 12:00 – 1:30 pm. Admission is free. A

### 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](mailto:joe@sfxstl.org).



#### JustFaith Catholic Program Offered on Zoom!

##### Faith and Poverty:

#### A Biblical Response Through Catholic Social Teaching

#### 9 Consecutive Mondays Starting Oct. 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

This first program in a series of 4 JustFaith Catholic programs explores God’s call to respond to poverty in our local communities. Participants explore these two questions:

1. What tools does my Catholic faith have to offer regarding huge questions around poverty and injustice?
2. In light of poverty and other forms of human suffering, what is the Good News of the Gospel?

This small group program will take place on zoom/ The program consists of deep prayer experiences, input from readings and videos, speakers, and group discussion using tools for respectful dialogue. The program was created by JustFaith Ministries in partnership with the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops. A suggested individual cost for the program is \$35 and the purchase of one book for as little as \$6 used. This program is being sponsored by JustFaith Ministries St. Louis. For more information on the program go to [justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/](https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-jfc/). Register at [justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-st-louis-fall-2022-small-group-catholic/](https://justfaith.org/faith-and-poverty-a-biblical-response-st-louis-fall-2022-small-group-catholic/).

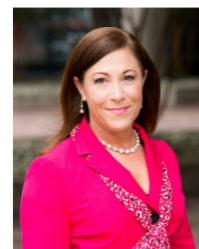
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THURSDAY,  
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VIRTUAL EVENT

**SPEAKER: DENISE LIEBERMAN,**  
DIRECTOR AND GENERAL COUNSEL,  
MISSOURI VOTER PROTECTION COALITION



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## 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](http://www.archstl.org/nation-and-world-briefs-7886)) or in the National Catholic Reporter ([tinyurl.com/279atz25](http://tinyurl.com/279atz25)). You can download both a Season of Creation Calendar and Season of Creation Calendar Prayers here: [tinyurl.com/5d6auh4k](http://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](http://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 24-25, 2022

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

## October 1-2, 2022

Saturday

5:15 pm Fr. McMahon, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. McMahon, S.J.

### This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

#### First Reading:

Amos 6:1a, 4-7

#### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 146:7, 8-9, 9-10

#### Second Reading:

1 Timothy 6:11-16

#### Gospel:

Luke 16:19-31

### Bulletin Articles

Email bulletin articles to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](http://sfxstl.org). You can also reach this link through the QR code here.



Thank you for your support!