



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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September 26th, 2021
Twenty-Sixth 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

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 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.

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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

Our parish community is at a watershed moment. Today you will hear from Maurice Muia our pastoral council chair, Katie Jansen our parish administrator and myself regarding the progress of the new parish leadership plan. A quick reminder: I will transition from being pastor in the summer of 2022, and Katie will become the parish life coordinator. A new Jesuit will be assigned to serve as the associate pastor.

This is a significant moment in College Church's long history. I would locate these changes, though, in wider movements in the Church. The archdiocese of St. Louis begins this fall a strategic plan to lead the local church into the future. Pope Francis has invited the entire Church to engage in a process of synodality. This is a summons to imagine the Church where all the baptized are engaged, listening and co-responsible.

The changes in leadership structure taking place are important. But they should be seen in this larger context. We seek a community that listens and walks together in faith, at every level of the church. We want to explore what difference it would make if each person's contribution were recognized and fully valued. We desire a parish that meet pastoral needs, evangelizes and speaks to young people who yearn for a more inclusive and prophetic Church.

The next few months will offer a variety of opportunities for everyone to engage in this process. It will be a time to practice listening and discerning as a community. I encourage one and all to take part in this important work. May the Holy Spirit give us the courage to respond generously.

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

THE ST. LOUIS AMERICAN

A Valuable and Historic Publication

DEI. Do you know what these letters stand for? If they weren't on this antiracism page, would you have a clue? I didn't until I saw them in the **Diversity, Equity and Inclusion** supplements of the August 19-25 issue of *The St. Louis American*. Maybe you've noticed this newspaper at the grocery store, the pharmacy or the library. It has been published continuously since 1928, covering issues and events that impact the African American community. I appreciate reading its stories and columns that explore the perspective of some of the Black residents in this area as well as on the national level.

One of the first things I read is "People on the Move." Here you'll see brief bios and photos of women and men hired or promoted in companies throughout the area. The business section features achievers in education, health care and non-profit sectors. Recently there have been stories about new opportunities because of NGA, university programs like MaryvilleWORKS in partnership with Rung, and a bank working with Beyond Housing and Rise Community Development. All of these projects promote the development of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

In the "Health Matters" section, I read that Goldfarb School of Nursing at Barnes-Jewish College is welcoming Harris-Stowe students. There are stories encouraging people to get vaccinated against Covid-19 and stories about Black women with ADHD. These are examples of how disparities in health care are being addressed. College Church parishioner, Daniel Mamah, M.D., MPE was featured when he received the Excellence in Mental Health Award from the *St. Louis American* Foundation.

I really value the "Newspapers in Education" section with colorful segments to attract younger readers. They highlight the success and achievement of Black youth, as in their feature of a young Black chess champion. The pictures offer role models like the area's Missouri Regional Teacher of the Year, James Young, a musical theatre teacher in the Ferguson-Florissant School District. Maybe his students will be MUNY Kids and Teens someday. Maybe they already are! These are stories that help all children.

Reading *The St. Louis American* has given me a new point of view on many topics, including those that cause pain

and division. A recent Editorial article gave me a wake-up call about the composer of "The Star-Spangled Banner." I learned that Francis Scott Key was a slaveholder from a family of slaveholders. That helped me to imagine what it's like for a Black person to stand while listening to the words, "land of the free."

Even the ads offer me a new perspective. Here you will definitely see an outreach to a community that's seldom pictured in other print media. It's a window to another St. Louis I otherwise would not see.

If you're like me, you want to believe in a better tomorrow for our metropolitan area. Racial divide doesn't have to be the norm. Seeing positive stories about the Black community week after week affirms what can be a better future for all of us. Like anti-racism books, reading *The St. Louis American* opens my mind and heart to another view. I encourage you to reach for a free copy the next time you spot it. It is also available online at stlamerican.com.

Jane Webre

An Invitation to Discern

Our Church continues in its commitment to being an antiracist parish. As our work grows, so do the opportunities and needs for us to directly contribute to this College Church priority. In October, College Church will launch its parish racial equity review, the purpose of which will be to increase awareness and accountability and to enable College Church to most effectively target and redress racism within our institution, daily experiences, and practices.



Who is the College Church that's doing this work? It is each of us, together as One Body, and, yes, we need you. In true Ignatian manner, we ask you to discern your understanding of our parish commitment and your role in this work. In his Sept 12 homily, Fr. Page referenced an Austrian philosopher, with my takeaway being this—how we formulate or define the problem may, in fact, be a reason for the problem. Pulling this into our Ignatian practice of discernment, consider asking yourself: How do I define the problem of racism?

Do I see racism as something ugly but outside of my personal or our parish sphere? Or do I join with our Church and assert that fighting racism is a Gospel imperative? Is racism limited to a litany of horrific

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wrongs against black and brown bodies, including those of Breonna Taylor, Trayvon Martin, and George Floyd? Or do I see the problem of racism infusing and extending to disparate rates of maternal mortality and to suspicious persons police calls when a black or brown person walks down a suburban street? How does my definition of racism feed or redress the problem?

Then, ask: How am I called to help dismantle racism? And listen. The call will be different for each of us. That's the beauty of the many parts but one body that comprise our Church. Some may be called to prayer alone, others of our parish may be called to begin, or continue, to march, to organize health care drives, or to engage in any of the many iterations of equity, dignity, and love. And we certainly hope that for a critical and growing number of us, God's call will lead to an actual call (or email)—to Lisa, Winnie, or Carl, with an offer to join in our Church's antiracism work and, specifically, with our upcoming parish racial equity review.

In 2018, data from parish focus groups showed that 68% of respondents considered racism an urgent problem, and 40% recognized racism within our personal spheres. Where are we today, as individuals and as Church? Please prayerfully inform yourself and reflect, perhaps, first, on what you understand racism to be and, second, on your role and responsibility to dismantle it and to more fully recognize Christ in our Church and in our relationships with each other.

Susan Buse, Member, Steering Committee for the Parish Racial Equity Review (susanbbuse@gmail.com)

For more information and to become more involved, contact:

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Family Ties: The Ignatian Solidarity Network and the Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice

The Ignatian Solidarity Network (ISN) is a national social justice organization, inspired by the spirituality of St. Ignatius of Loyola. It was founded in 2004 and is a lay-led nonprofit, working in partnership with more than 150 Jesuit universities, high schools, and parishes, along with many other Catholic institutions and social justice partners.

Through in-person and virtual programs and campaigns, ISN provides social justice education grounded in Catholic Social Teaching, and mobilizes more than 20,000 network members to take action on timely issues related to migration, care for creation, racial justice, and criminal justice. Such actions also include suggestions for personal practices that deepen the spiritual connection to our work for justice, such as the 21-Day Ignatian Racial Equity Challenge and the Lenten Food Waste Fast. As a member of the Jesuit family, College Church has benefitted from having its parishioners visit, and exchange information about the development of social justice programming, with members of Jesuit parishes from around the United States. Additional information and resources are available at: ignatiansolidarity.net.

In addition to its educational programming, ISN organizes the yearly Ignatian Family Teach-In for Justice (IFTJ) in Washington, D.C., which draws thousands of attendees each year to the nation's largest annual Catholic social justice gathering and advocacy day. Last year, Antiracism Team co-chairs Lisa Burks and Winnie Sullivan were invited to the IFTJ to speak about the antiracism efforts underway at College Church.

This year the IFTJ will include an array of program offerings, with a virtual component scheduled to begin on October 11, and in-person presentations set to start on November 6. Keynote speakers will include Father Bryan Massingale, Father Greg Boyle, Sister Norma Pimentel, and Father James Martin. For more information about the IFTJ, and to register, visit ignatiansolidarity.net/iftj

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Purchase Fair Trade Products and Support Our Sister Parish!

All the proceeds from our Fair Trade sales go directly to St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. Because of the pandemic, as well as a series of fires which destroyed farms in the community, unemployment in the area has increased dramatically.

Available items include soups, cornbread, hot cocoa and baking cocoa, as well as our ongoing sales of chocolate, tea, and coffee! To purchase, please visit: sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade



The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1st and 3rd Sunday is the Tuesday before. The next deadline is this Tuesday, September 28th, for pickup/delivery on October 3rd. Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!

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

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.

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Mike Roberts

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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 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.

October 2-3, 2021

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