

## **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 3, 2023**  
**Twenty-second 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](https://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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:frtim@sfxstl.org) with questions.

Christian Initiation of Adults: contact Joe Milner at 314-977-7305 or [joseph.milner@slu.edu](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration) or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email [church@sfxstl.org](mailto: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](mailto:jennifer@sfxstl.org) or Julie Kilian at [julie@sfxstl.org](mailto:julie@sfxstl.org) for more information.

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To reach the Pastoral Council, email [sfxpc@sfxstl.org](mailto:sfxpc@sfxstl.org).

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**Online Giving Reminder**

Click the blue bar at the top of our website, [sfxstl.org](http://sfxstl.org). Or use this QR code.



**PRAY FOR THE SICK**

Anonymous Faculty member  
 Margaret Baughman  
 Samuel Belk  
 Leigh Burkhart  
 Maureen Carney\*  
 Tara Chandler  
 Steve Frank\*  
 Sue Griffard  
 Jessi Haselhorst  
 Joanie Hasser\*  
 Butch Henning\*  
 Jeanne Hermann\*  
 Laura Kaiser and Family  
 Terry Kippenberger\*  
 Julianne Lister  
 Tom McDermott  
 Eddie McDevitt  
 Angie Menard\*  
 Karena Menard\*  
 Barb Michael  
 Rea O'Neill  
 Nancy Partridge\* & Glider  
 Fr. Dick Perl, SJ\*  
 Mark Roddy\*  
 Jennifer Saunders\*  
 Mark Segovia  
 Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ\*  
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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



**How can the Church of our time better fulfill its mission through greater recognition and promotion of the baptismal dignity of women?**

Did you know that this is one of the questions Church leaders will be deliberating when they gather this October in Rome for the General Assembly of the Synod? Since the beginning of the global Synod on Synodality in 2021, the call to rethink women's participation in the Church has emerged on every continent. Moreover, according to the recently released *Instrumentum Laboris*, which sets the agenda for October's synod gathering, "Most of the Continental Assemblies and the syntheses of several Episcopal Conferences call for the question of women's inclusion in the diaconate to be considered" (B 2.3 #4).

**On September 10th, College Church will join 100+ Catholic communities around the globe in celebrating St. Phoebe's feast day.** We will have many women serving in liturgical roles and I will offer a reflection after Communion.

In the Letter to the Romans, St. Paul commends St. Phoebe to the church in Rome, introduces her as a deacon (diakonos) of the church at Cenchreae, and asks that they "receive her in the Lord" (Romans 16:1-3). By participating in this September's global witness commemorating St. Phoebe, our community will celebrate the gifts of women leaders and ministers in our own community as we join our hearts in prayer for the Global Synod as our Church rethinks women's participation.

**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.



**PRAY FOR THE DECEASED**

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



Art Mees (father of Janet Mees Reinert, Steve Mees, Katie Weintraub and Ann Garrido)

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

**JustFaith 2: Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response**

Faith and Poverty: A Solidarity Response explores questions such as: "what keeps people in poverty from getting jobs?", "what are some common hurdles that people in poverty face?" and "what are some practical tools for alleviating poverty in my community?". Wednesday evenings virtually, September 6 – October 25. Register at: [JustFaith.org](http://JustFaith.org). For questions, contact Mary Ann Moore, [mamgoforit@aol.com](mailto:mamgoforit@aol.com)

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### Calling All Babysitters!

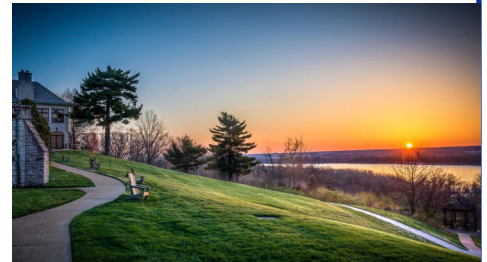
During the '23-24 school year, babysitting will be offered during the 10:30 a.m. Mass.

Babysitters will be provided a stipend for provided loving care to our youngest parishioners during Mass. For more information and to apply, please contact Jennifer Quick at [jennifer@sfxstl.org](mailto:jennifer@sfxstl.org) or 913.485.8739.

### WOMEN'S RETREAT AT WHITE HOUSE

September 18-21

Women from College Church and a number of other parishes will be attending this retreat, which is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. Carol Ackels, director of the Ignatian Spirituality Institute, a spiritual director, and a lawyer will be the retreat director.



Register by calling: 314-416-6400, or online [www.whretreat.org](http://www.whretreat.org).

Be sure to mention you are a parishioner of SFX College Church when signing up. For any questions about format or general information, please call Tina Saunders, 314-443-4509 (c).

### 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 will be available soon at the doorways of the church. For more information, please contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305 or [Joe@sfxstl.org](mailto:Joe@sfxstl.org).



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

Save the Date!

## Auction items needed!

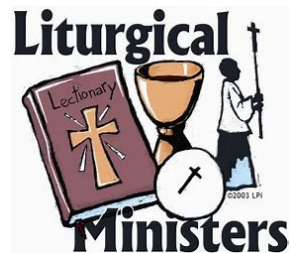
- ..Stays at Summer or Vacation homes
- ..Baseball, soccer or other sporting event tickets or paraphernalia
- ..Tickets to a concert, play or other performance
- ..Restaurant or retail gift cards (\$50 or more is ideal)
- ..Group outings or experiences such as wine tastings
- ..Bottles of wine or bourbon valued at \$25 or more
- ..Family friendly items or experiences

Contact: Maureen Hoock  
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Jenny Crowe jennycrowe23@gmail.com.



## LITURGICAL MINISTRY

The prayerfulness and beauty of our Sunday liturgical celebrations is due in a large part to the various liturgical ministers who share their time and talent with the parish.



Usher/Greeters welcome everyone with friendly faces, answer questions, and assist them with special needs. Acolytes prepare the vessels and hosts, organize the books, and assist all involved so that the liturgy runs smoothly. Lectors prepare and proclaim the readings and Universal Prayers (General Intercessions) each Sunday. The choir raises their voices for God's glory and leads the assembly in the hymns. Eucharistic ministers distribute communion to the assembly and when needed can take communion to the homebound. The liturgical laundry team washes and prepares the linens used at the altar each week. The Art and Environment team prepares and decorates the church for the special seasons each year. More dedicated hands are needed in each of these ministries.

Training will be provided so that your gifts can be help everyone pray and worship better. Representatives will be in the vestibule after the masses on August 20 and 27 to answer questions and provide more information. Please take time to consider how your gifts can be a blessing for others.

For more information, contact Joe Milner, [joe@sfxstl.org](mailto:joe@sfxstl.org) or Mary Seise, [mary@sfxstl.org](mailto:mary@sfxstl.org)



## 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.*

### Community Gospel Choir Debuts at Carnegie Hall

One of the Big Apple's most storied venues was filled with joyful sounds in June when members of the Community Gospel Choir of St. Louis made their New York debut. Members of the multiracial, multicultural, and multigenerational choral ensemble—including Jane Godfrey and Carlita Logan of the College Church choir—joined singers from high school, college, and municipal choruses to sing Robert Ray's Gospel Mass, under the direction of Maria A. Ellis. The Robert Ray Gospel Mass premiered in 1979 as an experimental piece setting the words of the Catholic Mass to African-American music; it has since been performed by choirs and in churches all over the world.

The Community Gospel Choir was formed in 2009, has about 50 members, and has as its mission working to "collaborate and partner with social justice organizations to break down walls of injustice, and to build bridges to unite a community far too divided." They seek "to deliver the messages of hope and joy found in the Good News" through the "rich tradition of African American spirituals and the energy of Gospel music." Suzanne Palmer serves as the choir's artistic director and conductor. Palmer, an award winning arts educator, describes herself as "a black woman with a Catholic background with my heart deeply rooted in my culture and African-American heritage."

Choristers who made the trip to New York were thrilled to have taken part. According to Carlita Logan, "It was majestic. Knowing that we stood on the stage where some of the greatest performers had stood, it was majestic and humbling at the same time. Singing at Carnegie Hall was not on my bucket list, I never expected to be there. It was a mini-miracle in my life, like standing on sacred ground."

The Community Gospel Choir performs at sites around St. Louis, including at the Missouri History Museum, the Chase Park Plaza Hotel, area churches, and the Griot Museum of Black History. The choir is open to all who enjoy singing. For more information about singing with, attending a performance of, and/or donating to the Community Gospel Choir, visit <https://communitygospelchoir.org>.



### Significant Figures in Racial History This Week

Charles Hamilton Houston – Born September 3, 1895, in Washington, DC. The grandson of an enslaved man, Houston became dean of Howard University Law School where he mentored many young Black lawyers, including Thurgood Marshall, the first Black Supreme Court Justice. Houston worked to dismantle Jim Crow laws regarding school segregation and racial housing covenants. He is known as "The Man Who Killed Jim Crow."

Saint Peter Claver, SJ – Died September 8, 1654, in Cartagena, Colombia. This young Jesuit went to South America as a missionary. Whenever a slave ship arrived in port he went into its infested hold and ministered to the ill-treated and exhausted passengers. As they were herded like animals into nearby yards, Claver went among them with medicine, food, and tobacco assuring them of God's love for them. He was known as the "slave of the Negroes."

John B. Vashon – Born September 9, 1859, in Pittsburgh, PA. Vashon was a teacher and principal in St. Louis Public Schools for 34 years. While principal of Colored School No. 10 (later named Vashon Elementary School), he helped organize a YMCA for African Americans. Today Vashon High School is named for him and his father.

Brother Cyprian Davis, OSB – Born September 9, 1930, in Washington, DC. As a teen Davis became Catholic and then joined the Benedictines at St. Meinrad's Abbey in the



1950s when most religious orders did not accept African Americans. He studied Medieval Church History, but his later interest in U.S. civil rights resulted in the publication of his book, *The History of Black Catholics in the United States*. He died in 2015.

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### 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/](https://slsc.org/exhibits-attractions/mandela-the-official-exhibition/). **See below for information on a College Church outing to this exhibition!**

**September 3** 3:00 pm A short film, *Eliza*, will be screened at the Hi-Pointe Theater. It tells the story of Eliza Rone, an enslaved woman who, in 1856, worked in the household of the richest family in St. Louis—the Campbells, whose historic home is now the Campbell House Museum. The 28-minute film, which was shot in the Campbell House, will be followed by a discussion with the co-director and members of the cast. Admission is free, but a ticket is required. [cinemastlouis.org/eliza](https://cinemastlouis.org/eliza)

**September 7** 6:30 – 8:00 pm The Sisters of St. Joseph of Carondelet are sponsoring a webinar: *Slavery, Catholicism and Lessons for Today* presented by Christopher J. Kellerman, S.J, author of *All Oppression Shall Cease: A History of Slavery, Abolitionism, and the Catholic Church*. For more information and to register for this free event, see: [csjst.org/events/joe-talk-spring23](https://csjst.org/events/joe-talk-spring23)

**September 9** 1:00–2:30 pm The Beatitudes Center for the Nonviolent Jesus is sponsoring a webinar: Dr. Cornell West in conversation with Fr. John Dear about justice, peace, and nonviolence. To register, click on: [form.jotform.com/222468551700150](https://form.jotform.com/222468551700150). The cost is \$30. Scholarships may be requested.

**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](https://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.

**For more information, or to become part of antiracism ministries at College Church, contact Winnie Sullivan [penultim@swbell.net](mailto:penultim@swbell.net) or Lisa Burks [Imburks60@gmail.com](mailto:Imburks60@gmail.com).**



### COLLEGE CHURCH PARISHIONERS INVITED TO *MANDELA: THE OFFICIAL EXHIBITION AT THE SCIENCE CENTER* 12:15 P.M. ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17<sup>TH</sup>

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

This special College Church event is both in the spirit of one of our parish’s 3 Strategic Priorities to “become an Anti-Racist Parish” and the parish’s ongoing synodal efforts to bring members of the parish together informally to get to know each other.

The 12:15 p.m. September 17th 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 on the 17th.

If you are able to join us on Sunday, September 17th --- please RSVP to Angela Pancella at [angela@sfxstl.org](mailto:angela@sfxstl.org), or RSVP directly of the College Church Facebook page at [tinyurl.com/collegechurchmandela](https://tinyurl.com/collegechurchmandela)

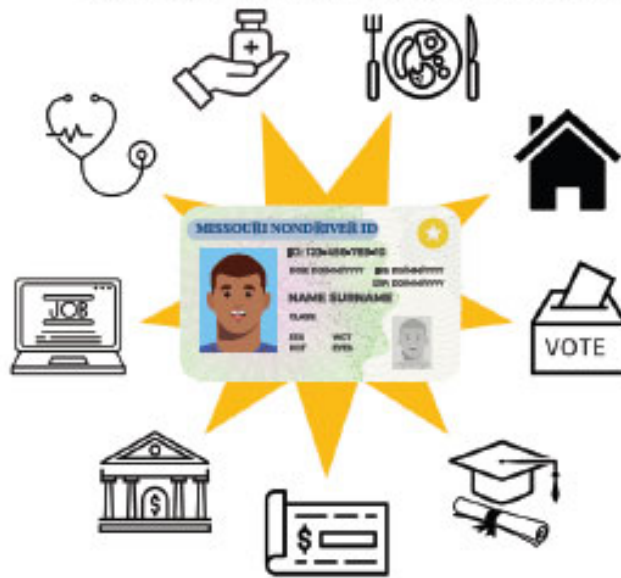


# Identity = Dignity

Sunday, September 10th from 12-1pm

College Church Ballroom

Refreshments Provided



- Hear ID and Birth Certificate Program volunteers share stories
- Learn more about our parish advocacy efforts
- Learn how you can engage

Sponsored by the College Church Advocacy Committee  
and the ID and Birth Certificate Program



## Circle of Creation Green Corner



### Fall 2023 Franciscans For Earth Eco-Series

film series schedule and registration is available at [solph.org/events](https://solph.org/events). These films are available via Zoom and are scheduled at 6:30 PM Central Time on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each of the months September, October, and November.

Also at [solph.org/events](https://solph.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.

To learn what types of plastic bags and plastic film do and do not go into the Brown Bins at retail stores, see the specific information on NexTrex. <https://tinyurl.com/CCnextrex> Remember, in St. Louis City, plastic bags and plastic film must NOT go into the Blue Recycling Bins. This is likewise true of many other recycling bins; plastic bags and film constitute contamination in most Recycling Bins.

Deal of the century (or maybe just the year): a 2023 Green Dining Alliance Passport is on sale for half price—just \$10: <https://earthday-365.org/product/green-dining-alliance-passport/>

Earthday365 through its Green Dining Alliance has “A Guide to Greenwashing,” an article by GDA Intern, Charlie Brennan: [greendiningalliance.org/2023/05/a-guide-to-greenwashing/](https://greendiningalliance.org/2023/05/a-guide-to-greenwashing/)

**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 and to register for a single date or more, 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 9, 9:00 AM to Noon  
Crestwood City Hall  
1 Detjen Drive, St. Louis, MO 63126  
hosted by the City of **Crestwood**

September 16, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
359 Old Meramec Station Road, Manchester, MO 63021  
hosted by the City of **Manchester**

September 23, 8:00 AM to 11:00 AM  
10455 Clayton Road, Frontenac, MO 63013  
hosted by City of **Frontenac**

Visit the College Church Circle of Creation Committee’s Green Corner on the Parish website to keep up to date on resources related to caring for creation: <https://sfxstl.org/circleofcreation>

## September 2-3, 2023

Saturday	5:15 pm	Fr. Reale, SJ
Sunday	8:00 am	Fr. Redding, SJ
	10:30 am	Fr. Redding, SJ

## September 9-10, 2023

Saturday	5:15 pm	TBA
Sunday	8:00 am	TBA
	10:30 am	TBA

## This Sunday’s Scripture Readings:

### First Reading:

Jeremiah 20:7-9

### Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9

### Second Reading:

Romans 12:1-2

### Gospel:

Matthew 16:21-27

## 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.

## 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.