



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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September 5, 2021
Twenty-Third 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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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

Happy Labor Day weekend. Most of the rest of the world celebrates human labor on May 1st. Here in the United States, though, we did not want to be associated in any way with those sneaky communists.

Catholic social teaching cannot be understood without the connection to issues of the rapid economic changes of the 19th century. Questions regarding labor, capital, industrialization, and workers' rights shaped the development of a social theology. Fear not, however. This is not an attempt to summarize this rich tradition in 250 words or less.

I do suggest reflection on one crucial notion. This is the Church's linkage of human labor to the creative work of God. Our invitation to participate in creation gives work inherent dignity. Ideally, our labors are not just about earning money. Work enables us to flourish as human beings. It is a privileged place for growth and development. We know, certainly, that work can be unjust and exploitative. But it is important to name our ideals in order to achieve them.

Pope Francis puts it this way in *Laudato Si*, "Work should be the setting for rich personal growth, where many aspects of life enter into play: creativity, planning for the future, developing our talents, living out our values, relating to others and giving glory to God." THAT is a Labor Day worth celebrating.

New Parishioner Welcome

If you have joined the parish in the last two years, you are invited to one of our upcoming New Parishioner Welcome gatherings to learn more about ways to connect with fellow parishioners and become involved in our community. The next New Parishioner Welcome gathering will be held in our ballroom after the 5:15 pm Saturday Mass on September 18th.



Antiracism at College Church

Our Parish Racial Equity Review: Some Frequently Asked Questions

In recent issues of the bulletin, articles have provided information about the racial equity review that our parish hopes to undertake, likely with the assistance of the Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training organization. Following is an effort to address, in a more specific way, questions that may arise about the content and process of a racial equity review.

What is a Parish Racial Equity Review?

The term “racial equity” describes a condition of fairness and justice in policy, practice, and opportunity designed to address the impacts of historic racial discrimination. Systemic racism within our society and, specifically, within our Church, has caused inequitable outcomes in a variety of areas, among them decision making, power-sharing, and cultural inclusion. A parish racial equity review is a process of scrutinizing our congregation's policies, practices, and cultural messages to determine the ways in which they may perpetuate racial inequity and to recommend remedies for identified disparities.

Why are we, at College Church, conducting a Parish Racial Equity Review?

In their 1979 Pastoral Letter on Racism, the U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops describe racism—a violation of fundamental human dignity—as an “evil which endures in our society and in our Church.” We are similarly instructed by Pope Francis and several of his predecessors, by Catholic Social Teaching, and by the Universal Apostolic Preferences of the Society of Jesus. At College Church, we have set as a priority the aim of becoming an antiracist parish, one that opposes racism in all its forms and manifestations. To work toward that end we must first acquire information about every aspect of our parish's organizational structure and services and then analyze that data for evidence of systemic racism. With the knowledge that the parish review yields, we will be able to undertake the transformative change of becoming a multicultural, anti-racist, and affirming parish.

What role will the Crossroads Organization have in our parish racial equity review process?

Crossroads, to fulfill its mission of dismantling racism, has partnered with a variety of for-profit and nonprofit institutions, as well as with religious organizations and

and congregations. For College Church, Crossroads proposes to provide a conceptual model for the review process; the methods, tools, and training needed to conduct the review; and the support of skilled facilitators and consultants.

When will the Review begin? How long will it take?

A tentative timeline suggests that the parish racial equity review will take place over the course of nine to twelve months. This proposed timeline would allow the findings of the equity review to inform the transition, as a parish, to our new model of leadership. If, as seems probable, an agreement to obtain assistance from Crossroads is formalized, the review process could be expected to begin in late September or early October.

How can I get involved?

If you have questions, concerns, or an interest in actively participating in the work of the equity review process, contact Carl Greiner, carlgreiner.stl@gmail.com. Questions about the work of antiracism at College Church can be directed to Lisa Burks, Imburks60@gmail.com or Winnie Sullivan, penultim@swbell.net, co-chairs of the Antiracism Team.

The St. Louis Shakespeare Festival Presents Shakespeare in the Streets — The Ville

Thursday, Sept. 9, Friday, Sept. 10, Saturday, Sept. 11
The Annie Malone House
2612 Annie Malone Dr. (front lawn)
Nightly at 8:00 p.m. Free Admission

Not far from College Church and covering less than half of a square mile, bordered by St. Louis Avenue, MLK Drive, Sarah Avenue and Taylor Avenue, a community was formed out of the racism, restrictions, and exclusionary policies of the St. Louis region. With few other options, this is where black middle-class St. Louisans lived. The neighborhood, which came to be known as The Ville, grew to become a thriving center of African American culture—including businesses, human services, churches (including Jesuit parish St. Matthew the Apostle), and educational institutions of all levels. Here is located the historic Homer G. Phillips Hospital, which not only served the African American community, but also trained black doctors and nurses from across the county. Sumner High School, the first high school for black students west of the Mississippi, nurtured Chuck Berry, Billy Davis Jr., Margaret Bush Wilson, Dick Gregory, Grace Bumbry, Arthur Ashe and many others.

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Sadly, it was the choices afforded through desegregation that lured many residents away from the neighborhood, beginning the decline that is evident today.

This is some of the historical context that will be present in this year's production of Shakespeare in the Street. Sumner High School alumna, Mariah L. Richardson, has written an adaptation, inspired by William Shakespeare's Hamlet, that incorporates the experiences of residents of the Ville. It promises to not only entertain but to provide insight into the perspectives and vision of this steadfast community.

For more information about this event, visit their website: <https://stlshakes.org/in-the-streets/> and this feature report about the Shakespeare in the Streets project: www.pbs.org/video/shakespeare-streets-bker5j/

Percy Green: Activist for Equal Access to Employment

New York City was the site of the first Labor Day celebration in 1882. When 13 workers were killed in the Pullman Strike of 1894, President Grover Cleveland made Labor Day a national holiday that year. As we all were taught as children, Labor Day honors the men and women who fought for workers' rights.

On this Labor Day, it is fitting to celebrate an activist whose goal was equal access to employment for the Black population in St. Louis. Percy Green II targeted the large St. Louis companies (Laclede Gas, Union Electric and Southwestern Bell) as he felt they provided decent wages that would afford economic opportunities to Black families and allow them to prosper.

Green was a native of the Compton Heights neighborhood in St. Louis and a graduate of Vashon High School. Upon graduation he attended night classes in electrical engineering at DeVry Institute while he worked as an orderly at Barnes Hospital. He was drafted into the Army where he received additional electrical training. Upon returning to St. Louis, he worked the third shift at McDonnell Aircraft where he was the only Black engineer—in a department of 600 people—to participate in the research and development of the Mercury Project. During his tenure at McDonnell, he was promoted from a union position to an exempt position.

In 1964, the Arch was under construction and had reached the height of about 300 feet—half of its eventual height. The monument, built under the purview of the National Park Service, would cost 13 million dollars, relying upon federal funds just as Congress was passing the 1964 Civil Rights Act, which forbade discrimination.

Around noon on Tuesday, July 14, Percy Green and Richard Daly, a white member of Green's Action Council to Improve Opportunities for Negroes (ACTION), climbed a ladder attached to the Arch to the height of 125 feet to draw attention to the fact that no Blacks were employed in the construction of the Arch. Green and Daly (no relation to the Chicago political family) remained on the Arch for five hours. Their demonstration attracted national attention. Green and Daly descended to the ground around 5:00 p.m. and were immediately arrested. Previously Green had alerted a bail bondsman to his demonstration. Green made bond and was released. He went home, showered, and reported to McDonnell Aircraft for his midnight to 7:00 a.m. shift. The federal government dropped all charges against Green and Daly. Thirty days later, McDonnell Aircraft fired Green on his 29th birthday. His suit in response to that termination led to a landmark case that has aided minorities in the fight against employment discrimination. Ultimately, the National Park Service was required to review its hiring practices and employ some Black workers to complete the construction of the Arch.

As significant unemployment rate and wage disparities persistently disadvantage Black workers, Green continues to protest and lead creative acts of civil disobedience, achieving increased opportunities for Black employment, fair wages, and livable housing. His work for social and economic justice in the St. Louis region is ongoing.

“Without challenges to the status quo, many people—especially those in power—are content to avoid reform.”
Percy Green II

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 from 7:00 until 8:30 this fall. 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 Joseph Milner, 977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.



YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

Registration Open For Religious Education This Fall

College Church offers a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program and a more traditional Religious Education program as well. The RE Program at the College Church provides children in grades 1 - 8 with an Ignatian approach to their faith lives. Classes meet from 9:15- 10:15 on Sunday mornings, September through May. Children learn to experience God's love for them, and to share that love with those in their midst.

The program offers exceptional sacramental preparation, in-class service opportunities starting in the second grade and outside service days beginning in fifth grade. Classes include instruction based on a Loyola University Press Curriculum, and other hands-on learning activities helping children find God in all things.

Catechists include parents and St. Louis University students who volunteer because of their eagerness to share their love of God with others. For more information contact Terry Edemann at terry@sfxstl.org, or visit the Youth and Family Faith Formation website to register: sfxstl.org/youth-faith.

We are also looking for volunteers for our Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. We are hosting a formation course here at College Church, beginning in September. For more information, please contact Julie Kilian at Julie@sfxstl.org.

College Church's Youth Group at the Haiti Packathon

Six members of the College Church Youth Group, along with acting youth group directors Julie Kilian and Terry Edemann, participated in a meal "packathon" which resulted in 113,000 meals prepared for Haiti in a two-hour session.

Members Robbie Winter, Tyler Winter, Elizabeth DeFoy, Nicholas Sheppard, Dominic Lee and Jack Taylor joined 350 local volunteers at Chaminade College Prep on Saturday, August 14 to package the meals. The students, in a well-organized assembly line, filled and sealed plastic bags filled with rice, pinto beans, vitamins, and freeze-dried vegetables. Each bag contained six servings or meals.

Shortly before the session started news came out about another deadly earthquake in Haiti, making the event all the more significant. The packathon was organized by the CRUDEM Foundation and was one of many taking place around the country.

For more information about the College Church Youth Group please contact Julie at julie.kilian4@gmail.com or Terry at terry@sfxstl.org.





Virtual Trivia Benefitting the St. Vincent De Paul Society at SFX

Friday, September 17th 2021 at 6:30pm

Sign up: <https://bit.ly/3r5b6py>

Donate to the SVDP conference: <https://bit.ly/3r6flm6>

Please join us for a fun evening of virtual trivia to support the College Church St. Vincent DePaul Society's work providing direct assistance with rent, utilities, food, furniture, and more in our local St. Louis community! With the help of the parish, the SFX SVDP conference helped 25 neighbors last year, and we would like to increase our giving in 2022.

Take part in virtual trivia as a team of eight, for \$200 per team. Be sure to sign up quickly, as we only have room for ten teams for this inaugural event! You'll also have the opportunity to participate in a raffle and auction for a chance to win great prizes.

Can you sponsor the event? Crucial to the success of this trivia night are our sponsors. 100% of your sponsorship will go towards direct assistance to neighbors around the parish. In addition to monetary sponsorships (beginning at \$100), we also accept any in-kind donations, including gift cards, vacation homes, alcoholic beverages, and other creative gifts for the auction and raffle. Please reach out to Madeleine at mswanstrom2000@gmail.com if you would like to sponsor the event.

Can't make it to trivia, but still want to support the work of our SVDP conference? We would greatly appreciate any donations. Again, 100% of your donation goes to directly to Neighbors in Need around the parish. Follow this link to donate: <https://bit.ly/3r6flm6>

Our 2021 Ministry Fair Has Become 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.

Look for writeups about our ministries and commissions in October bulletins as well!

Collection for Haiti Relief

Thank you to everyone who donated to the Haiti relief fund last weekend. Through your generosity, we collected \$875. We are still collecting funds this weekend. You can find collection envelopes in the pews and in the back of the church. You can also donate online using the QR code in the bulletin and in the pews.

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. Mark your calendar and spread the word to your family and friends.



An Immersive Virtual Summit on Healing, GREEN TEAM SUMMIT 2021, is being held during evenings, 5:00 pm CT or later, on September 12 – 14 (You are not required to zoom every session for those three days; you may choose what is appropriate and you have time for). Together, we will walk on a virtual meditative journey through the vividly green wetlands in Shawnee National Forest in Southern Illinois, tour a farm bringing local produce to their community, gather in a racial healing circle, learn to create a simple recipe from in-season ingredients and so much more (including an eco-bedtime story for children Tuesday, Sept. 14th at 8pmCT). Join us to be inspired and encouraged in your environmental and anti-racism work by registering FOR FREE today.

www.greenteamsummit.org

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 4-5, 2021

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

September 11-12, 2021

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



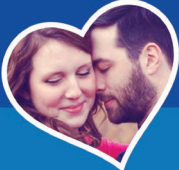
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