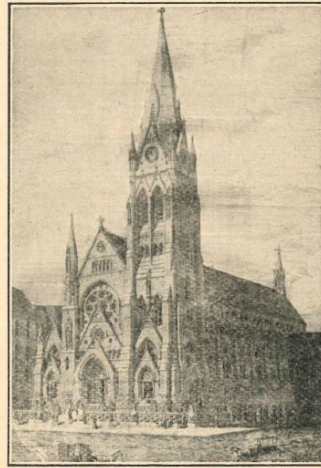


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LITURGY SCHEDULE

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: Tuesdays 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.

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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.

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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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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

Fr. Dan is on vacation this week. Our weekend Masses will have Fr. Cliff Hassler from the Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette as presider. You can see photos from their work in Haiti elsewhere in this bulletin.

**The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette
 will preach the annual parish mission appeal July 24-25.**

Having brought the fullness of Life to our world when He rose from the dead, Jesus sent his disciples to share this life with all of creation. "They went forth and preached everywhere" (Mk 16:20). The Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette minister to people of every race, language, culture and way of life – beginning at the La Salette Shrine in France where our Blessed Mother appeared in 1846. Her final words, "Well, my children, you will make this known to all my people," echo Jesus' Gospel mandate. It is little wonder that the La Salette Congregation has always been mission orientated. When called upon by the Vatican to preach the Gospel in foreign lands, they eagerly responded. This spirit brought them to mission in 27 countries, especially among the poor in Angola, Argentina, Bolivia, Haiti, India, Madagascar, Myanmar and the Philippines. With your cooperation, the Missionaries of La Salette can continue to provide spiritual and financial assistance to these mission countries as they bring God's reconciling message to the poor.

Save the Date for our 2021 Ministry Fair!

On **Sunday, October 10**, after the 8 am and the 10:30 am Masses, we will have a Ministry Fair in our ballroom (and also in the courtyard between the ballroom and DuBourg Hall, if the weather holds). This will be an opportunity to meet those connected to all of our various ministries and commissions at College Church, so you can discern where you are most called to participate as an active member of our community.

More details to come, but for now, please save the date! (And if you are already involved with a ministry/commission, please consider serving as a representative at the Fair!)

Our new Associate Pastor will be here soon! Fr. James Page, S.J. will join our staff on August 1st. Fr. James will be working half-time with us and half-time with SLU campus ministry. Please keep him in your prayers as he starts his new ministries.



James R. Page, SJ, was born and raised in New Orleans, alongside his younger brother. He attended Pomona College for undergraduate studies and majored in economics, while also becoming involved in a number of Bible study groups across the campuses of the Claremont Consortium.

He entered the Society of Jesus after college. For his first two years as a novice, James did apostolic work in a number of places: a L'Arche community in Kansas City, Mo., tutoring children in Nicaragua and working in high schools in Denver and Houston, among other ministries. After pronouncing first vows, he studied philosophy at Regis College at the University of Toronto. During his three years in Toronto, he also worked in catechetical programs, a L'Arche community, and participated in a number of interreligious dialogues hosted by the university.

Fr. James did his regency at SLUH teaching in the theology department. He also helped in the school's retreat programs and started a Philosophy Club. He then went on to earn his Licentiate in Sacred Theology at the Boston College School of Theology and Ministry, with a focus on Scripture. He was part of the RCIA program at St. Ignatius Church, and during his diaconate year, he worked at St. Michael's Church in Bedford, Mass.

Bridges Retreat Information Sessions



This weekend we will have the second of two information sessions about the Bridges Retreat here at College Church. It will take place in the ballroom after the 8 am Mass. Please consider attending to learn more about the Bridges Retreat, which brings the experience of the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to daily life.

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, July 27th, for pickup/delivery on August 1st.** Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!



Antiracism at College Church

East St. Louis Riot of 1917

By Tim Plunkett

Last month President Biden travelled to Tulsa to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of the Tulsa Race Massacre. A friend of mine who grew up in Tulsa pointed out she attended Tulsa public schools (K through 12), graduated from Oklahoma City College, and took her J.D. from the University of Oklahoma. During those 19 years of education, including a course in high school, “The History of Oklahoma,” no one ever mentioned the Tulsa massacre of 1921. Likewise, many residents of the St. Louis area have probably not heard of the atrocity in East St. Louis in July 1917.

At the time, the United States was fully engaged in Europe, fighting in World War I. East St. Louis was a significant player in the war effort with large manufacturers built within and around its periphery: Aluminum Ore (Alcoa), producing aluminum for planes, in Alorton; the giant meat-packing plants, Swift’s and Armour’s, in nearby National City; and Monsanto, producing chemicals and explosives, in neighboring Sauget.

During this era organized labor was in its embryonic stages, resulting in frequent work stoppages. East St. Louis was also experiencing exponential growth, as Black migrants fled the Jim Crow South. In 1890 there were 700 Black residents in East St. Louis. By 1910 the number had grown to 6,000. African Americans coming from the agrarian South lacked the manufacturing experience needed in the East St. Louis market. When forced by strikes to make concessions, the industrialists replaced union workers with the newly arrived Black migrants. The Black workers were not welcome in the unions, however, and were terminated once the strikes were settled.

Racial tensions in East St. Louis were heightened through the late spring and early summer of 1917. Rumors played a large part in igniting hatred between the races. On the night of July 2, a car of whites drove through the city’s African American neighborhood, shooting into homes.

The Black residents took to the streets to defend their families. Very quickly, mobs of whites started targeting and attacking Black people. Black men were pulled off the street cars as they tried to get to St. Louis. The homes of black residents were set on fire, and the inhabitants were shot as they fled the burning buildings. One witness described the evening “as a massacre, a manhunt conducted on a sporting basis where black skin was a death warrant.” More than 5,000 Blacks fled across the Mississippi River to St. Louis, never to return home. The next morning 15 to 20 square blocks of East St. Louis were smoldering from fires. The St. Louis Globe-Democrat headline on Tuesday morning July 3, read “100 Negroes Shot, Burned, Clubbed to Death in E. St. Louis Race War.”

Similar racial atrocities were played out in Chicago and Washington DC in 1919 and in Tulsa in 1921. The East St. Louis riot was not only the first, but was also the deadliest of a series of devastating racial battles that swept through American cities in the World War I era. These brutal episodes form a chapter of our shared American history that our school books, typically, did not include.

Standing in Solidarity

By Ginny Shrappen

Each Tuesday evening around 6 p.m. we gather to pray, reflect, and stand in solidarity with our communities of color. Some weeks we are few in number, and others, especially when SLU is in session our ranks are fuller. The feeling I get when I stand in front of College Church holding my sign, “Air Pollution harms Black Children,” is sometimes uncomfortable, other times thankful for the support we get from those driving and walking by.

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Standing in silence, only broken by prayers, is not a normal activity for most people. And standing in front of church holding a form of a Black Lives Matter sign is also not the norm. But a large percentage of us are repeat participants because I know that while I may be uncomfortable, my feelings pale compared to that of the comfort level of our sisters and brothers of color who experience much more than uncomfortableness in their lives. It is a very tiny level of identity with them. I offer up that level of anxiety as a way to support people of color.

Weekly prayer vigils for racial justice are held on the steps of College Church each Tuesday night from 6 to 7 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: jfmc676@gmail.com.

Summer Reading List

At this time of the year, many of us are preparing to get away on vacation – an ideal time to catch up on our reading. Below, Fr. Dan shares a book and a movie he has enjoyed that deal with issues of social justice. We thought it would be great to extend an invitation to the parish-at-large to expand our summer reading list. Please forward your title(s) to plunkett.tim@gmail.com.

Please include a sentence or two why you found the book compelling.

Book to Read: ***The Good Lord Bird* by James McBride**

Pulitzer-Prize winner James McBride creates a historical novel of the abolitionist John Brown. His brilliant turn is to tell the story from the point of view of a young, freed slave named Henry whom Brown thinks is a girl called Henrietta. “Henrietta” finds it far easier to pretend to be female because for John Brown, “Whatever he believed, he believed. It didn’t matter to him whether it was really true or not. He just changed the truth till it fit him. He was a real white man.” McBride seems to be channeling Mark Twain telling his tale in the vernacular and loading pointed observations with humor. It is at the same time a rousing and hilarious adventure story, and a deep meditation on identity, hypocrisy, and injustice.

Movie to See: ***Summer of Soul* in theaters and streaming on Hulu**

The Harlem Culture Festival was held during the summer of 1969. It was filmed and recorded but forgotten. This documentary by the artist Questlove is an exhilarating celebration of the music, people and cultural moment it captured. It includes incredible performances by Stevie Wonder, Mahalia Jackson, the 5th Dimension, Sly and the Family Stone and others. Interviews with performers and attendees reveal it was about more than just the music. Run, do not walk, to see this film.

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 Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org, or visit the Youth and Family Faith Formation website to register: sfxstl.org/youth-faith.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

I was a tired parent when I brought the first of our three children to College Church's Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program in 2004. I really did not know much about CGS. I just loved the rare quiet time it afforded me each Sunday. As I attended parent meetings once or twice a year, I became attracted to the CGS work. As a product of 17 years of Catholic education, I found it to be the way I wished all children's faith to be nourished. Every couple years, a catechist would suggest I take the Level I training. It seemed impossible to fit into my busy life. In 2014, CGS was in great need of catechists. A generous SFX parishioner, who wanted to keep CGS alive and well at College Church, offered to pay my tuition. Despite my hesitancy, I took the plunge. I don't know how to describe the catechist journey, except to say it fed my soul and continues to do so. For 7 years now, I have sat in awe with 3-to-6-year-olds and pondered the great mysteries of our faith in a space that provides for reverence and quiet contemplation. Because I am grateful for the work, effort, and hours that many hands put into making CGS available to my now young adult children, I will continue to serve as a catechist as long as I am needed.

Janet Mees-Reinert

If you would like more information on helping out or joining our upcoming Catechesis of the Good Shepherd training, please contact Julie Killian at Julie@sfxstl.org.

Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette in Haiti



Boys Home



Fr. Thomas helping out in a classroom



An open classroom



Getting water



Preparing food for the children

Circle of Creation Green Corner

“The end goal with all this is to get further and further away from relying on any type of single-use products” (Lauren Cullum, Sierra Club California’s Sacramento-based policy advocate).



Please read this article by Edward Humes, June 25, 2021:

Plastic Bottlers Are Lying About Recycling

“100% recyclable”? In your dreams, Coca-Cola.

sierraclub.org/sierra/plastic-bottlers-are-lying-about-recycling

July 24-25, 2021

Saturday	
5:15 pm	Fr. Hasler, MS
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Hasler, MS
10:30 am	Fr. Hasler, MS

July 31-August 1, 2021

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

Pastoral Council statement on Haiti

"We as the community of St. Francis Xavier pray for the people of Haiti in this time of mourning. The taking of the life of President Moise on July 7th, 2021, is a horrible and heinous act. The Republic of Haiti which was founded by former enslaved men and women and that fought for freedom is fighting for its freedom again in modern times. St. Ignatius teaches us about 'interior freedom' - a way we welcome what comes. The synodal path is one in which the Holy Spirit guides us to welcome what Jesus is teaching us throughout our lives. Welcome the free mindset, the change, and the call to step up and serve at home at SFX and far away with our fellow people of faith in Haiti. Thank you for listening and your support for our brothers and sisters in Haiti. May God bless us all."

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