

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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May 23, 2021 Pentecost Sunday

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday: 5:30 pm, Sunday: 8:00 am, 10:30 am. Please RSVP at sfxstl.org.

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.

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.

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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.

<u>Bulletin Notices:</u> must be submitted to <u>church@sfxstl.org</u> by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

<u>Infant Baptisms:</u> 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 Sister Carolyn McWatters at 314-977-1797 or carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu or Fr. Dan White.

Disability Access: Our church has an elevator and hearing assistance system. Please see an usher for assistance.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: Available online at sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions email church@sfxstl.org.

<u>Youth Faith Formation</u>: Available for Pre-K through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org or Julie Kilian at julie@sfxstl.org for more information.

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> 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.

To reach the Pastoral Council, email sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Mary Lou Ampleman Michael Anderson Margaret Baughman Bruce Blattenberger* Mary Bruemmer* Sheila Byrnes Maureen Carney* Linda Castillon* Maureen Clever Marcie Corwin Fay Efken* Diane Flynn Monica Gunn lessi Haselhorst Paul Hanson* Mary Jane and Butch Henning* Jeanne Hermann* Laura Kaiser and Family Terry Kippenberger* Julianne Lister Carlita Logan Karena Menard* Suzanne Mondello Tom Mulvihill, Sr. Nancy Partridge* & Glider Mark Roddy* Joan Rice Dennis Saunders* **Jennifer Saunders*** Fr. Gary Seibert, SJ* Tom Shen Louis M. Sherrock Colleen Starkloff Jean Steffen Judy Taylor* **Julia Williams** Lisa Zimmerer* * Long-term **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



One of the great joys of being pastor is I am reminded over and over of the abundance of talent our parish community enjoys. Frankly, it is ridiculous the numerous gifts of those who call College Church home. I cannot imagine a comparable collection anywhere else.

That much blatant flattery usually means I want to ask you for something, right? Well, you are correct. This feast of Pentecost I would like everyone at College Church to take some time to consider the many gifts you have received and to thank the Holy Spirit for Her generosity. That's it. Really.

All too often we tend to play down all that we have been given as an expression of humility. Authentic humility, however, comes from acknowledging our giftedness is rooted in God's generosity. Christian humility is not to hide under the bushel basket what we have received, but to glorify our God.

There is no better way to celebrate today's feast than to recall St. Paul's message to the church in Corinth: There are different kinds of gifts but the same Spirit; there are different forms of service but the same Lord; there are different workings but the same God who produces all of them in everyone.

Happy Pentecost!

Bridges Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius in Everyday Life

Are you looking for a deeper prayer life and a closer relationship with God? If so, please consider the "Bridges Retreat in Everyday Life," based on the 450+ year-old Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola. This ninemonth retreat is designed and adapted for persons in all walks of life. The retreat consists of daily prayer and journaling (experiencing discernment, contemplation, meditation), in addition to weekly or monthly small group meetings and weekly time with a prayer companion who listens to your experiences and provides oral and written guidance through the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola. The retreat runs September into May and coincides with the Church's liturgical calendar.

The retreat begins in September 2021, and information sessions (like the retreat) will be offered at five Greater St. Louis-area sites on various days and times this summer, as well as a virtual Zoom session. For more details about the retreat and information session schedules, visit: www.bridgesfoundation.org. For questions, contact Linda Leib (linda.leib@bridgesfoundation.org or 314-313-8283) or Steve Givens, executive director, at: executive.director@bridgesfoundation.org or 314-01-2072.

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

Are you called to Encounter with our Neighbors in Need?

The Society of St. Vincent de Paul, St. Francis Xavier Conference, is seeking new members.



The Society was founded in

1844 by Blessed Frederic Ozanam as a college student in France. It is a network of friends, inspired by Gospel values, growing in holiness and building a more just world through personal relationships with and service to people in need. The conference at St. Francis Xavier College Church is committed to growing relationships with our Neighbors around College Church and to provide immediate help with rent, food vouchers, utilities, prescriptions, furniture/ bedding. In the pandemic, over twenty-five Neighbors have reached out to us for help. We have eight active members and currently make home visits by phone.

For more information about becoming a Vincentian, please contact parishioner Kathy Danzo at kdanzo508@gmail.com

To donate to the Society of St. Vincent de Paul College Church conference:

https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/714/ DirectDonate/77612

St. Francis Xavier Outreach Program Seeks New Volunteers for Summer 2021

The ID and Birth Certificate Program is hosted every Tuesday from 9 am-I pm onsite at College Church. Volunteers are encouraged to give at least two hours of their time each week but our program offers flexibility. We offer on-site volunteer opportunities that comply with CDC guidelines (6-feet distance and masks are required for all) as well as remote administrative positions. Please reach out to Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions or to volunteer.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

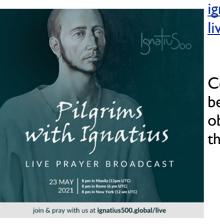
Ignatian Year

Five hundred years ago, in May of 1521, Iñigo de Loyola, a 29-year old Basque Spaniard, was struck by a cannonball. This moment began his spiritual journey and changed the trajectory of his life. After being carried back to his family home in Loyola, he experienced God at work in his life during his recuperation.

The Father General of the Society of Jesus, Arturo Sosa, S.J., has invited the Society of Jesus and all of us to remember and give thanks for God's work in those events.

"Together with our friends and the whole Church, the universal Society wants to remember that privileged moment when the Holy Spirit inspired Ignatius of Loyola in his decision to follow Christ, and to deepen our understanding of this pilgrim way in order to 'draw fruit' from it. To this end, the Ignatian year began on the 20th of May, 2021 (anniversary of the injury at Pamplona). It will conclude on the 31st of July, 2022."

On May 23, there will be a worldwide prayer service to mark the opening of the Ignatian year. It is available at 7:00 pm (Central Time) on Sunday evening. A link for the service is below.



ignatius500.global/ live/

College Church will be offering special observances during the year ahead.

Antiracism at College

A Grand Connection!

Did you know that for the last 6 years members of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church and St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church have met to build solidarity and to challenge the barriers of race? What began as a response to the anguish and outrage felt after the death of Michael Brown has grown into a continuing partnership. Our parishes share similar geographic locations, as well as our Catholic Christian faith; however, we recognize the divisions created and maintained through historic and current systems of racism and segregation, including those in our own spiritual family. Together we have focused on dismantling the systemic racism present in our communities and within our church. Emphasizing increased understanding and collaborative relationships, we have sought to create change by making connections. You may have attended some of our programs and discussions, such as "Dinner and a Movie" and our play "Growing Up Catholic." Members of the Racism and Reconciliation Committee from SFX meet monthly with representatives of the Peace and Justice Commission from the "Rock" to plan our work. Of course, that has been primarily a virtual experience for the last year; even so, we have registered voters, hosted webinars on criminal justice, and supported residents of a nursing home through their COVID quarantine. The Spirit is present in this work through our dialog, our prayer, and our action. You too, our parish family, are invited to be a part of this ongoing relationship. Please remember us in your prayers. Look for information about upcoming activities. The Racism and Reconciliation Committee always welcomes new members. Please contact Joan McGinnis (jfmc676@gmail.com) or Christine Dragonette (christine@sfxstl.org) for more information.

Month of Mary

For the Month of Mary, we will be sharing artwork contributed by parishioners, portraying our Blessed Mother as imagined by people around the world. This print of Our Lady of China and the Hail Mary in Mandarin are shared by Jerry Shen.



You can read more about these Marian images by viewing a slide presentation posted online: <u>tinyurl.com/kvnktum2</u>

Hiding in Plain Sight: The Reality of Everyday Racism

The Antiracism Team at College Church is hosting a virtual series of awareness sessions designed to open our eyes, minds, and hearts ever wider; to help us more fully understand how racism persists; and to guide us on the path to creating greater equity and justice.

The next session is "Good Food Movement: Improving our Food System From Within" presented by Erica Williams, the Executive Director of A Red Circle. It will be Thursday, June 10 from 7 – 8:45 pm. Register here: tinyurl.com/ARedCircle



Tuesday Vigils for Racial Justice

The weekly prayer vigils for racial justice have returned to 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.

Update on the new leadership model for College Church

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church is moving to a new model of parish leadership. We will move from a traditional priest-pastor to a Parish Life Coordinator (PLC). Fr. Dan will transition out of his role as pastor and Katie Jansen, who serves currently as our parish administrator, will be our PLC. This change will take place in the latter half of 2022. Katie will have the responsibility of administering and overseeing the parish, as well as participating in and giving pastoral direction to College Church. This position already exists in a number of parishes in the archdiocese. Archbishop Rozanski supports this change.

For those familiar with Jesuit apostolic institutions, Katie will be the director of the work. The director of a work is responsible for the general administration of the works, together with the inspiration,



apostolic orientation, and implementation of the mission. She will be accountable for this mission to the Jesuit provincial, Fr. Tom Greene, S.J.

Jesuit leadership is committed to missioning a priest to work full-time at the parish. He will have a critical role in leading the parish in prayer, preaching, celebrating sacraments, and be a resource for deepening the Ignatian Spirituality of SFX. He will serve as a member of Katie's staff.

The transition we are making is not just a change in leadership. It is a change in the way we are community. One could say that we are formalizing a structure that reflects the culture we have all been building at College Church. We have a long history of parishioners shaping the mission and direction of our community. The role that each of us plays makes us who we are, contributes to the body of Christ. Each of us is called to a pastoral role.

Pope Francis is talking a lot about a synodal church which is not simply about involving people in decision making but involving all the baptized in discerning God's will and listening to the Holy Spirit. The goal always is to find the best ways for every baptized person to fulfill the church's mission of proclaiming God's love and salvation in Jesus Christ to the world. Or, as the International Theological Commission writes: "A synodal church is a church of participation and co-responsibility. In exercising synodality she is called to give expression to the participation of all, according to each one's calling...Participation is based on the fact that all the faithful are qualified and called to serve each other through the gifts they have all received from the Holy Spirit."

Those are powerful words. But I've seen us living this call very clearly over the past year. Since we haven't been able to all be in church together, many of you have been ministers in your own homes. You set up your liturgical space and you assembled your congregation. Some of you have become catechists as your children have participated in youth faith formation from home. Some of you even shared your preaching online when we couldn't hold Triduum services last year. Many of us offered pastoral care to family members or others in our communities. Part of embracing synodality is simply naming the significance of the roles we are already called to.

In the coming months we will provide opportunities to discern with one another how we as a community are called to fulfill the church's mission. In preparation for that discernment, I invite you to reflect on this question: what pastoral role is God calling you to?

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAITH FORMATION

SOCIAL JUSTICE CAMP AT COLLEGE CHURCH

Students entering sixth through ninth grade are invited to a Social Justice Camp held at St. Francis Xavier "College" Church from June 28-July 2. Participants will learn how social justice issues are integral to our Catholic faith. They will see firsthand the needs that exist in our community and will have the opportunity for onsite visits and hands-on service to help some in our most vulnerable populations.

Through group discussions and artwork and journaling, students will develop solutions to the injustices they see. Cost for the camp is \$250, which includes off-site transportation and snacks. Camp hours are 9 - 3 pm, with early arrival at 8:30. For more information, contact Terry Edelmann at 314.712.4216 or terry@sfxstl.org.

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd

As our program grows, we are looking for help for the work to continue. We are in need of trained catechists, assistants, monetary donations towards catechist training, and people that enjoy crafting (woodworking, sewing, handcrafts, art, etc) to make/repair our much loved materials. If you fall into any of these categories or need more information, please let me know! I served as an assistant to Julie in level II for several years, this is a beautiful experience, you really get a feel for the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) approach and Atrium life. The scheduling can also be very flexible!

On the Youth Faith page of College Church's website (https://sfxstl.org/youth-faith) you can find a brochure for a Level I Catechist training offered at College Church! This training can appear daunting and is an investment of time, however I wanted to share a little of my experience.

Before learning about CGS, I was in another parish working with young children in a very traditional PSR program, on the search for something "more" for my children and the children I worked with. I was eventually led to a CGS Level I training course at College Church. I fell in love with the program and eventually our family moved to the College Church parish so that everyone could participate. The year of my training we ended up moving houses and being pregnant/having our youngest child! You might think, not the best time for a training like this, but it was beautiful and somehow worked! I was given the gift of a retreat during the classes and the CGS community is so supportive. I have fond memories of sharing notes after I'd had to stop and feed Meredith. After assisting Julie several years, I attended a Level II training at College Church, this time with four children (including a toddler) at home. It initially seemed impossible, but that monthly scheduled retreat for classes became vital, and I missed it after that year was finished. Again, the community built was amazing, there is flexibility and creativity that makes this work happen.

If you find yourself leaning towards becoming a catechist, I encourage you to give it a second thought and prayer, and let Julie Killian (julie@sfxstl.org) know if you'd like more information.

Amanda Taylor Level II Catechist **Great news for College Church!** Fr. Tom Greene, S.J. has missioned a soon-to-be ordained Jesuit to be our new associate pastor. Mr. James Page, S.J. will join our staff on August Ist. James will be working half-time with us and half-time with SLU campus ministry. Please keep him and his four Jesuit classmates in your prayers as they prepare for ordination to the priesthood next month.

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.

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.

Saying Goodbye and Thank You to Sr. Carolyn, Fr. Matt, Joanna and Tess

Sr. Carolyn McWatters (our Coordinator of Liturgy), Fr. Matt Stewart, SJ (our Associate Pastor), Joanna Boyd-Wilhite (part of our Youth Faith Formation team) and Tess Sanders (our Outreach Coordinator) will all be leaving our staff in the next few weeks, so we would like to honor their time at College Church with a going-away celebration.

This will be held this Sunday, May 23rd, after the 8 am and 10:30 am Masses. Light refreshments will be provided.

We will gather outdoors on the lawn on the south side of the church so there will be space to social distance.

We hope you can join us to say our farewells!

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Circle of Creation Green Corner

Kiss the Ground is a 2020 film about how regenerating the world's soils has the potential to rapidly stabilize Earth's climate, restore lost ecosystems, and create abundant food supplies. You



can watch the trailer here and the 95-minute documentary is available on Netflix. There is hope. youtube.com/watch?v=3iknWWKZOUs

Concerning plastic pollution, here are links to three YouTube videos of varying lengths. A brief history of plastic, TED-Ed, 5:40 (5 min 40 s)

Sept. 10, 2020 youtube.com/watch?v=9GMbRG9CZ]w

Can Chemical Recycling Solve the World's Plastic Problem? CNBC 13:35, Aug. 29, 2020 youtube.com/watch?v=LPIIpwMuV9Y

Plastic Wars – FRONTLINE, 53:15, March 31, 2020 youtube.com/watch?v=-dk3NOEgX7o

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

<u>May 29-30, 2021</u>

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

Update on Covid Restrictions

Dear Parishioners and Friends,

The City of St. Louis has lifted the restrictions put in place in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The Archdiocese of St. Louis has left the responsibility to individual pastors regarding liturgical celebrations held inside their churches.

I ask that for the time being that we continue to practice social distancing and wearing masks while inside College Church. This comes after discussions with health care professionals and staff members here at the parish. As of Monday, May 17th, St. Louis City and County have a full vaccination rate of roughly 33%. The availability for children as young as 12 to receive the vaccine began around May 10th. This means a significant portion of the population is still not fully vaccinated. It seems prudent to ease our way into what we all desire: a return to normal.

I am not interested in inquiring about parishioners' vaccine status, nor do I want us to police those coming through the doors. Going slow on lifting restrictions will enable us to lessen the risk for everyone. By the third weekend in June, children 12 and up will have had the opportunity to be fully vaccinated. The hope is that more adults will have reached that level as well. That is the tentative point when we may be able to re-evaluate our current policies.

In the meantime, we will have smaller measures scaled back to reflect the improving status. These changes will be communicated to the parish.

I want to thank you for your adaptability over the past year since we have resumed in-person liturgies. It has not been what any of us would have chosen, but your desire to celebrate together while remaining safe has been nothing short of spectacular.

God Bless and Happy Pentecost,

Fr. Dan



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