

# 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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# May 30, 2021 The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

# 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.

joyce@sfxstl.org

### 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



The Gospel reading for today is often referred to as the Great Commission. The Risen Lord sends forth the eleven gathered on the mountain in Galilee. They encounter him and are sent on mission. They are to continue to work of Jesus by making disciples of all nations. What began in the villages and towns of Galilee is now to extend through all of creation. What started with such humble beginnings is to reach the ends of the earth.

It makes sense for this to be our Gospel on Trinity Sunday. The baptismal formula Jesus gives them seems to have been the wording used by the church community that Matthew wrote his Gospel for. It remains the wording used for every single baptism in the Catholic Church.

Note the integration of identity with mission. The disciples go to proclaim the Gospel and baptize. Being a member of the Christian community means to be on mission. There is a summons to sharing what one has and who one is with the wider world. Each of us, in our own way, is to continue the work of those eleven disciples. The gifts we all received are to be shared with generosity.

### 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.

#### The Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity

### 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

#### Meet Liam John, Outreach Program Summer Coordinator



The Outreach Program is grateful to have received a grant to hire a summer program coordinator in the interim between Tess Sanders' last day and our new coordinator's August start date. We are fortunate to have worked with Liam John since June 2020 and to have the opportunity to hire him

for this summer position. He brings a calm presence, insightfulness, and deep compassion to this work. Here is more from Liam in his own words:

My name is Liam John (he/him). I am a junior at SLU studying public health and health management. I will be working over the summer as the outreach coordinator. Last year, I served as an AmeriCorps VISTA for the same program. I am excited to help continue the amazing work that the program does with helping folks get the identification that they need. The mission, the volunteers, and the guests all keep me going and loving the work.

This summer until August 6th, Liam can be reached at outreach@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7311.

THE DARK SIDE

#### 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: <u>sfxstl.org/</u><u>buy-fair-trade</u>

The deadline for ordering delivery or pick-up for the 1st and 3rd Sunday is the Tuesday before. The next deadline is June 1, for delivery/pick-up on June 6. Please contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org with any questions and thank you in advance for your support!

# Antiracism at College Church Local Catholics Unite in Pursuit of Racial Justice

The Catholic Racial Justice Collaborative (CRJC) is a multiracial group of religious and lay Catholic leaders that aims to acknowledge the history of racism in society and in our Church and to challenge its perpetuation. The collaborative, whose members are drawn from parishes and organizations throughout the St. Louis archdiocese, formed in September 2017, just before St. Louis police officer Jason Stockley was acquitted of the charge of first-degree murder in the fatal shooting of Anthony Lamar Smith. In anticipation of that controversial verdict and the racial tensions surrounding it, members of the collaborative drafted a statement calling upon area Catholics to wrestle with the difficult realities of racism. The collaborative seeks to encourage interracial dialogue and to compel action that leads to racial justice, and has identified several key initiatives to further those efforts. The CRIC, including Antiracism Team co-chairs Lisa Burks and Winnie Sullivan, meets monthly. For more information, visit https:// www.catholicracialjusticestl.org.

### Hiding in Plain Sight: The Reality of Everyday Racism

The next session in our virtual series of awareness sessions, guiding us on the path to creating greater equity and justice, 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: <u>tinyurl.com/ARedCircle</u>

### Tuesday Vigils for Racial Justice

### Month of Mary

For the Month of Mary, we are sharing images contributed by parishioners. This one is shared by Winnie Sullivan who says it's her favorite image of Mary.



The Windsock Visitation is a painting of the Visitation of Mary and Elizabeth. This image, painted by Brother Mickey McGrath of the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales (OSFS) religious order, was commissioned for a group of monastic sisters, Monastery of the Visitation, in north Minneapolis. Mary, a woman clothed with the sun, is shown surrounded by bright gold. Elizabeth greets Mary with a reassuring smile reminding Mary that in God, all things are possible and turn out, as they should. Beautifully, their halos form a heart that meets at the women's wombs. The red windsock in the background is flowing and dynamic, reminding us of the Holy Spirit, ever fresh and present.

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

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.

Dear College Church Community,

This is my final weekend at College Church. I am leaving to assume a ministry with my community, the Sisters of Mercy, working with and for the sisters in one of our retirement communities in Belmont, NC. North Carolina is where I was born and spent most of my growing up years. Belmont is where I went to college and entered the community. Three of my four siblings live there. And so I am going home.

I have spent 25 years in my St Louis home. The last five have been in ministry here at College Church, devoted to one of my great loves, the Liturgy of the Church. I stepped into a well-oiled liturgical machine, so to speak, and have so enjoyed working with all the people who make it happen: musicians, hospitality ministers, lectors, crossbearers, linens keepers, Eucharistic Ministers, acolytes, Art and Environment. This is a community of thoughtful, thinking, caring people of deep faith commitment. I treasure the relationships I have established with you, and the ways in which we have worked together to make beautiful Liturgy happen week after week. Nothing thrills me more than to see you at work, doing *leitourgia*, the "work of the people".

I also am so grateful for the opportunities I have had to be involved with the work of the Pastoral Care Commission, and with those groups which are promoting the church's Social Teaching: Care for Creation, Anti-Racism, and Just Faith. These are truly arenas wherein the reign of God must be proclaimed and where deep conversion is needed and is critical for the 21st century and beyond. There are so many talented and wonderful people in this parish advancing these causes. It has been a privilege and blessing to be among you.

Thank you for being who you are and for allowing me into your lives. Thank you for your passionate commitment to liturgy and justice. Thank you for the truly lovely blessings and receptions this past weekend, and the many expressions of prayerful support you have given me. I have felt so embraced by so much love. All of this has been quite humbling and so appreciated. It is with a full heart I bid farewell to begin my new adventure. I shall miss you greatly, and promise to keep you in prayer. Please do that for me.

Love and blessings,

Sister Carolyn

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### 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 join 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

### 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 1<sup>st</sup>. 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.

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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.

### Glennon Sunday Weekend is June 5-6

A message from SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital:

When SSM Health Cardinal Glennon Children's Hospital opened its doors as the nation's first free-standing Catholic pediatric hospital, a promise was made to the community that any child in need of care would be welcomed, whether their parents could afford to pay for care or not. That promise still holds true today.

We rely on the generosity of our friends in the faith community to help uphold our mission of faith-filled health care services, delivered by some of the region's best caregivers: Through our exceptional health care services, we reveal the healing presence of God.

College Church, please join us in helping make miracles possible by making a gift during Glennon Sunday weekend, June 5-6, online at glennon.org. On behalf of our patients and families, may God bless you for providing hope, healing, faith and compassion to every child who walks through the doors at SSM Health Cardinal Glennon.

# **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



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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=9GMbRG9CZJw

Can Chemical Recycling Solve the World's Plastic Problem? CNBC 13:35, Aug. 29, 2020 youtube.com/watch?v=LPllpwMuV9Y

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

### <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.

### June 5-6, 2021

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