

Living Our Faith

Meet Fran

An SFX parishioner for: 46 years. I joined the parish in July 1977, when I returned home to St. Louis after finishing graduate school at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia.

Living my faith: I've been a Choir member twice -- with a "brief" hiatus of a quarter of a century between two nonconsecutive decades of choir membership. I'm also a lector (as a girl in the 1950s, I wasn't able to read from the pulpit.)

In addition, I'm actively involved in our parish's Circle of Creation Committee. Please consider joining CCC. We need more people committed to learning about environmental justice and joining our efforts to act in the interests of our Common Home and all its inhabitants.

Why I'm involved: The Deity's holy people – saints and sinners as we all are – converge here at College Church. SFX staff and parishioners, SLU folks, neighbors and visitors alike come through our doors: the doors of the Church, the Parish Center and the Ballroom. All provide inspiration (we need to breathe), challenge, and edification (the Latin root means "the act of building"). You all keep me going!

Three words that describe SFX: Vital, Present, Holy

My neighborhood: Tower Grove Heights. My husband, Rick, and I live on Juniata Street, two blocks south of Tower Grove Park and a half block west of Grand Avenue.

Fun fact: My mission in life is to create Dr. Fran's MathStrongLabs. And maybe, in half of a century or so, mathematics educators will know I am right. Dr. Fran's MathStrongLab is a self-paced, hands-on mathematics laboratory in which students use mathematics manipulatives (e.g., Cuisenaire rods, pattern blocks, pegboards) in a guided discovery mode. Knowledgeable mentors well-trained in the materials and methodology of the lab serve as coaches. The plan is to have students learn mathematics through understanding rather than attempting to do mathematics by obedience.