

Living Our Faith

Meet Lisa

I've been a parishioner since: 2016. We are very grateful to Father Dan White, the late Father Glenn Mueller, and the College Church community for walking with us through the diagnosis and death of our baby daughter, Cecelia Faith, in 2017. We are also very grateful for the many catechists who have taught our children over the years. Each one is amazing!

Living my faith: We were drawn to SFX because of the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. I assisted in the first-grade classroom for several years, before discerning that I was being called to use my gifts elsewhere. I now serve as a lector occasionally during 10:30 Mass. I've been a lector for nearly 30 years and love sharing my gift of reading. My oldest child, Stephanie, who is 15, has the same gift and hopes to begin proclaiming the Word at College Church in 2024. Some people, and Facebook's AI, have difficulty telling us apart because we look so similar. I'm the one without braces.

Why I'm involved: Just like all of us, I am here to be light to the world. It is a great joy to proclaim God's word to our congregation. I am an instrument of His peace, and hope to continue to bring His light and be His hands, feet and voice for many years to come. My husband, Jonathan, and I started dating while members of a church choir, and we hope one day to rejoin the choir when our four kids require less of our time. One thing I've learned in my years of ministry is that God doesn't call the qualified. He qualifies the called.

Three words that describe SFX: Compassionate, Faith-filled, Just. (And: Stained-glass windows.)

My neighborhood: We live in Richmond Heights, one block north of Maplewood. Our four kids attend three different Maplewood Richmond Heights schools and Cor Jesu Academy.

Fun Fact: In 2017, I became Missouri's very first KonMari Consultant and started my home organizing company, Tidy Upgrade Home Therapy. Today, I'm still St. Louis' only organizer certified by Marie Kondo. Simply put, I help people choose joy and let go with gratitude of what is weighing them down. It's a very therapeutic process.