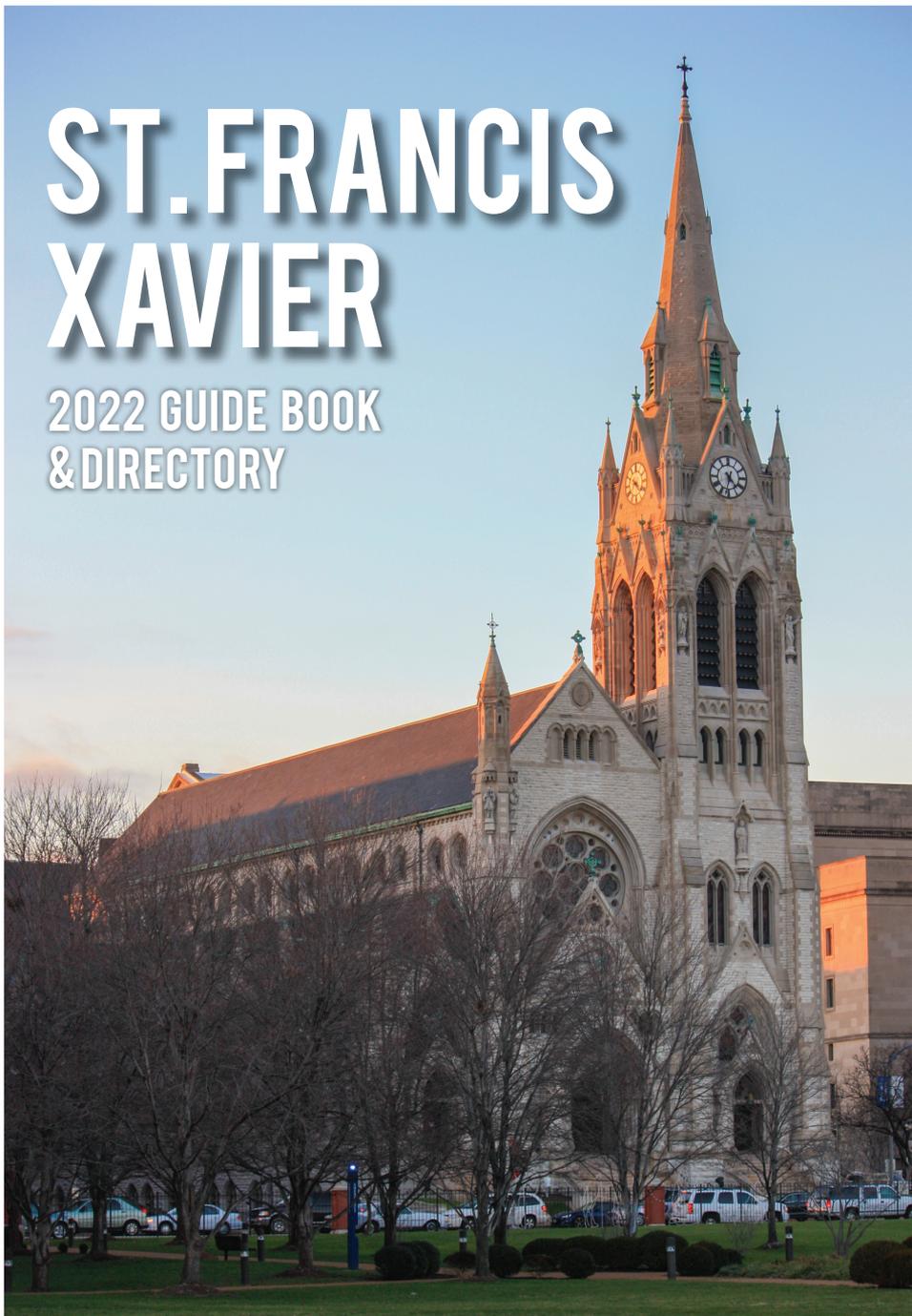


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Dear Parishioners and Friends,

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church is a far-flung parish that includes 80 zip codes from all over metro St. Louis. It is a challenge to communicate our activities and ministries.

Our parish directory is a primary way to inform you of all the good works taking place here. Think of it as a handy reference guide to all things College Church. It is the place to find phone numbers, emails, addresses and so on that are helpful. The directory is also the place to discover the various commissions, structures and leadership of the parish.

God bless.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fr. Dan White SJ'.

Fr. Dan White SJ
Pastor

OUR PARISH VISION

Our Mission

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.

Our Orientation

What we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we looked upon and touched with our hands concerns the Word of life - for the life was made visible; what we have seen and heard we proclaim now to you. I JN 1-3

Our shared experience of Jesus Christ, the Word of life, is the foundation of College Church. We are grateful for the abundant graces received. We recognize the good work God has done for and with us. As we consider our future, we hear and see and proclaim:

- A profound need for reconciliation with God, one another, and creation.
- A deep desire for an authentic encounter with Christ and each other.
- A great hunger for communion with others and accompaniment along life's journey.

Our Way of Proceeding

This is a particular way for us to hear and respond to the call of Christ. These guiding principles are how we intend to operate with one another. They will guide our work and provide us with the clarity to adjust course as needed.

- 1. Ignatian Spirituality:** We seek to facilitate personal encounter with God, become a more discerning community, be free of unnecessary attachments, and deepen our connection to the mission/identity of the Society of Jesus.
- 2. Collaboration:** Our region has an abundance of gifts and resources. We as College Church have gifts and resources to share with one another and the broader community. It is through building relationships and bringing our gifts and resources together that we can more fully embody God in the world.

OUR PRIORITIES

These priorities are areas that we believe need particular attention in our current time and place. We have many important ministries and programs at College Church. Our priorities are not meant to diminish other ministries or programs. Rather, it is our intention that all parts of our parish community will consider these priorities as we plan for and implement all of our ministries and programs. The priorities are not meant to be the responsibility of a particular leadership body.

- 1. Reconciliation with Creation:** Through Christ all of creation has come into being and bears the imprint of the Creator; hence, all is holy. Our innate connection with the created world has been severed, leading to brokenness and illness everywhere - politically, spiritually, environmentally. It is our moral and evolutionary responsibility to reclaim our awareness of the holiness of all, re-establish our connectedness, and be about healing ourselves and our planet. We are called to realign our relationships to reduce isolation from one another. In doing so, we can realize our shared abundance. We are also called to decrease our environmentally damaging consumerism and culture of disposability.
- 2. Accompany Young People** (birth to 35) in the creation of a hope-filled future. Accompaniment is important for all of us at every stage of life. We see young people leaving the Catholic faith in large numbers. As a parish, our Body is missing an integral piece without our youth. We need the presence, perspectives, voices, and gifts young people bring. Each particular age/stage needs something particular from the church (formation) and has particular gifts to offer to help build the Kingdom. College Church has a strong, vibrant Youth Faith Formation program. However, as a parish we need to create more space for young people to engage in ministry and provide leadership.
- 3. Anti-racism:** We are committed to becoming an anti-racist parish. We must continue to grow in our understanding of the systems that uphold racism as well as the actions and avenues that help to dismantle it. With the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to transforming ourselves, our church and the community so that we can fully live the gospel. We will work to become a transforming institution committed to the process of intentional institutional restructuring, based upon anti-racist analysis and identity.

HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE CHURCH

The Foundation

In 1836, Bishop Joseph Rosati gave the Jesuits permission to found a parish in conjunction with their newly founded College. The congregation met for several years in the College Student Chapel dedicated to Saint Aloysius, located on Washington Avenue between Ninth and Tenth Streets. It was evident from the beginning, however, that the parish would need its own church building. Plans for it were begun; and on April 12, 1840, the cornerstone of the new church was laid by Bishop Rosati. It was situated at Ninth Street and Christy (Lucas) Avenue.

The church was dedicated to Saint Francis Xavier; but, from the first, it was familiarly known as the College Church. It was the first English-speaking parish in the city and the second regular church to be opened for public services. The Old Cathedral, of course, was the first.

The Move to Grand Boulevard

As the city moved west (The College had received a University charter in 1832), Saint Louis University decided to move with it. In 1867, property was purchased in Lindell's Grove at Grand Boulevard (then Avenue) as a new site for the University. In 1879, Archbishop Kenrick gave the Jesuits permission to build a new church on the site to supplant Saint Francis Xavier College Church at Ninth and Lucas.

Plans for the new church were drawn up by the prominent architect, Thomas Walsh. In 1883 excavations for the foundations begun, and on June 8, 1884, the cornerstone for the new church was laid by the Most Reverend Patrick J. Ryan, coadjutor to the Archbishop of Saint Louis, assisted by the Right Reverend William H. Gross of the Order of the Most Holy Redeemer, Bishop of Savannah, and by the Right Reverend Joseph Dwenger, Bishop of Fort Wayne. By 1884, the basement was finished and roofed over and for many years served the new congregation of Saint Francis Xavier for its liturgical functions. From that date on, work continued steadily on the upper church as funds became available.

The Construction of the Upper Church

The architect, Thomas Walsh, had drawn the preliminary plans for the new church. He also designed DuBourg Hall which for a long time was the sole school building on the new Saint Louis University campus. He died before the construction of the upper part of the new church was begun and the project was taken over by the Chicago architect, Henry W. Switzer.

By this time, Father Henry C. Bronsgeest, S.J., a Dutchman, had been appointed pastor. Fr. Bronsgeest was familiar with churches all over Europe and decided that, of all the possible examples that might be emulated, the one he wanted as a model for the College Church was the Cathedral of Saint Colman, in Cobh, Ireland. Saint Colman's was designed by E.W. Pugin, the son of Augustus Welby Pugin, the famous architect who, more than any other, was responsible for the Gothic revival in the 19th century. Among other things, the elder Pugin designed the interior Gothic decoration of the Houses of Parliament and the Altar of the Jesuit Church in Mayfair, both in London, and the entire Cathedral of Killarney in Ireland.

Father Bronsgeest's pastorate extended from 1888 to 1914. It has sometimes been said that from cornerstone to steeple cross, the College Church is a monument to his zeal for the house of the Lord. He raised the necessary funds and oversaw the entire construction of the upper Church.

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Sunday	8:00 a.m. <i>(In person only)</i> , 10:30 a.m. <i>(In person and livestreamed)</i>

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(not on holidays)

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Monday-Friday:	8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
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Sunday:	8:00 am to 1:00 p.m.

Baptisms: Go to <https://sfxstl.org/baptism-1> for scheduling and preparation information.

Marriage Contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303 for scheduling and preparation information.

Disability Access Our wheelchair ramp is located near the Grand side entrance with an elevator to bring you to the Church level. Our church is also equipped with a hearing assistance system. Please ask an usher for a receiver.

Parish Registration is available online at <https://sfxstl.org/parishioner-registration>.

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COLLEGE CHURCH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Pastoral Council Members

Maurice K. Muia, Chair; Jen Petruso-Hahn, Vice-Chair; Amy Sanders, Secretary
Martha Daly, Lisa D'Souza, Dick Fleming, Gwendolyn Hood, Marty
Lenihan, Sara Price, Winnie Sullivan

The Pastoral Council of St. Francis Xavier College Church is a diverse group of discerning parishioners who work collaboratively with the Parish Life Coordinator and Pastor in setting a direction for the parish community. The Council meets to pray and reflect on ideas and issues that we encounter through our daily lives. Through the guidance of the Holy Spirit and in communion with one another, we strive to achieve the mission, which is to continue the work of Jesus Christ.

The Pastoral Council is composed of the Pastor, the Parish Life Coordinator, and twelve members of the parish. Members serve for at least three years. For more information, please contact the Pastoral Council Chair, Maurice Muia at sfxpc@sfxstl.org.

ANTI-RACISM

Team Members

Co-Chairs: Winnie Sullivan and Lisa Burks

Members: Fr. Dan White, SJ (pastor), Susan Buse, Christine Dragonette, Maureen Ebenhoh, Carl Greiner, Katie Jansen, Carlita Logan, Thi Ngyuen, Tim Plunkett, Christina Ryan, Pam Washington, Stefani Weeden-Smith, Dave Werthmann, Mary White

Our parish vision includes antiracism as a priority. At College Church, antiracism is an expression of our recognition that all are created in the image of God. As such, we respond—personally and collectively—to the call to identify, and to actively challenge, structures and systems that devalue people on the basis of race, and to practice restoration in the pursuit of justice. Through a host of activities—educational, spiritual, relational—our team is leading a process to become an antiracist parish. We will continue to grow in our understanding of the systems that uphold racism, as well as the actions and avenues that help to dismantle it. With the aid and guidance of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to transforming ourselves, our church, and the community so that we can fully live the gospel. We are working to become a transforming institution committed to the process of intentional institutional restructuring, based upon antiracist analysis and identity. To learn more, contact Lisa Burks at lmburks60@gmail.com or Winnie Sullivan at penultim@swbell.net.



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FINANCE COMMITTEE

Committee Members

Chair: Chris Tkach

Victoria Barenz, Carl Greiner, Scott Jarboe, Mike Lueke, Frank Matula,
Debbie Neupert

The Finance Committee is a group of parishioners who assist the pastor in the financial and material resource management of the parish. They assist in the development and implementation of the parish budgets. They review and monitor financial statements, income and expense trends, and the proper filing of required reports. They review internal controls and assist in strategic planning for the long-term financial health of the parish. The pastor appoints the members of the council and they meet four to six times a year. For more information, contact Katie Jansen Larson katie@sfxstl.org

FAITH ENRICHMENT COMMISSION

Commission Members

Fr. Dan White, S.J., pastor, Joe Milner, Laura Greiner, Chair

Faith Enrichment Commission: Members strive to be companions with our parishioners and our parish community as we help each other grow in relationship with God and one another. We seek to facilitate personal encounters with God, to become a more discerning community, to be free of unnecessary attachments, and to deepen our connections to the mission/identity of the Society of Jesus. The Commission members discern to form creative and meaningful opportunities for prayer, faith-sharing and moments of enrichment and renewal; to inform and inspire our faith. The Commission collaborates with the Director of the Work, Parish Leadership, and other Commissions. Please contact Laura Greiner at momgreiner@me.com to learn more.

Current Programming

Lenten Reflection Groups are hosted weekly across the St. Louis area on a variety of days and times during Lent.

Retreat Opportunities are available each year, with a parish men's retreat at the White House and a parish women's retreat at King's House. Dates and registration information are provided in the parish bulletin.

Spiritual Direction is an excellent way to discern God's presence and the movements of the Holy Spirit in one's life. Ordinarily, spiritual direction is an ongoing process in which the director and directee discern the frequency of sessions. College Church has several people available to serve as directors; fees are negotiated with the director. For more information, contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.

LightWorks is an introduction to the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius. Sessions are held during the year in the fall and spring. Details are available in the summer. For more information, contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu.

Xavier Books (Adult Faith Materials) offers books on prayer, spirituality, and other reflection materials. These materials are available after Sunday masses in November and December and the Sundays before Lent.

DEVELOPMENT

Commission Members

Chair: Dick Fleming

Tanya Britto, Francis Chmelir, Steve Clark, Mike Eggleston, Maureen Hughes, Matt Perlow, Gerry Richardson,
Lucinda Santiago, John Stiles, Stefanie Weeden Smith, Katie Thiemann,
Susan Werremeyer, Angela Pancella

Through prayer we recognize that all we have is a gift from God: our time, our talents and our treasure. Our generosity is giving a portion of what we have been given. “Dear Lord, teach me to be generous...” *St. Ignatius Loyola*

The College Church Development Commission focuses on resource development strategies and oversees fundraising efforts for College Church to sustain the College Church parish and its various ministries. For more information, contact Dick Fleming at richardcdfleming@gmail.com. To contribute online, go to our website, sfxstl.org, and click on the blue bar at the top of the page.

LITURGY & MUSIC

The Liturgical Commission assists the pastor in fulfilling the directive of the Second Vatican Council, that “All the faithful be led to that full, conscious, and active participation in liturgical celebrations” (SC14). The commission works to achieve this through naming the vision and goals of parish liturgy; assessing the worship needs of the parish; educating parish members; training liturgical ministers; and planning and evaluating parish liturgical celebrations.

Liturgical Commission Members

(in process of being re-established)

Acolytes contact Meg Beugg at meg@sfxstl.org

Art & Environment contact TBD

Cross Bearers contact Meg Beugg at meg@sfxstl.org

Eucharistic Ministers contact Meg Beugg at meg@sfxstl.org

Music Ministry and College Church Choir contact Ray Sherrock at rsherroc@slu.edu, or Sue Martin at 314-977-7313, sue@sfxstl.org

Lectors contact Meg Beugg at meg@sfxstl.org

Ushers contact Meg Beugg at meg@sfxstl.org



PARISH LIFE

Commission Members

Chair: Carla Bolland

Russ Bley, Jennifer Erickson, Fran Hanlon, Maureen Hooch, Jonathan Howard, Mary Kellogg,

Marybeth Lumetta, Frank Matula, Mary McDevitt, Sue Schoenfelder, Julie Shapleigh

PARISH LIFE is the heartbeat of our parish community and strives to assess and respond to the social needs of parishioners at College Church. This Commission focuses on building and connecting a strong, diverse and unified community that treasures and taps the gifts of all at College Church. We hope along the way to discover and identify creative ways to connect with one another and celebrate together. We explore new ways of building a caring community and communicating effectively.

This Commission will oversee all parish-wide social events (this will not include fund-raising events which will fall under Development and Finance). Currently we help plan and oversee: the New Parishioner Welcome, Xavier Days, Donut Sundays and the Volunteer Appreciation Dinner. With your help, we look forward to identifying desired activities and social events. If you are interested in learning more about the Parish Life Commission or serving as a committee member we would love to hear from you! Contact Angela Pancella angela@sfxstl.org.

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PASTORAL CARE

Commission Members

Chair: Bridget Brennan

Jane Conrad, Martha Daly, Mary Felder, Fran Hanlon, Tina Hilliard, Linda Hodge, Maureen Hughes, Sarah Legett, Joan McGinnis, Mary McDevitt, Jean Mueller, Mary Jo Munkel, Phyllis Nolan, Val Rutterer, Ginny Schrappen, Kate Shaw, Sandy Spencer, Carla Mae Streeter, OP, Mary Tychonievich, Peg Woodworth.

Pastoral Care Commission: Please contact Bridget Brennan at 314-313-0613. The focus of the Pastoral Care Commission is to provide prayerful support, as well as practical service and companionship to parishioners experiencing loss, grief, health crises and other challenging life events. We endeavor to do that through the following Committees:

Pastoral Ministry: Provides transportation needs, emotional and practical support, Communion ministry and wellness calls to homebound parishioners or those experiencing challenges to full participation in parish life. (Bridget Brennan 314-313-0613).

Bereavement: Provides resources and support for those experiencing loss of a loved one. Hosts an annual Mass of Remembrance for parishioners and their family members.

Miscarriage and Infant Loss: Provides support and resources for parishioners experiencing miscarriage, stillborn or loss of infant or child. (Joan McGinnis 314-852-5878).

Intercessory Prayer: A weekly gathering to pray for all those requesting prayers as listed in our Sunday Bulletin as well as other general intentions of our parishioners. All parishioners are invited to participate. (Sarah Legett 512-406-1456.)

Elder Prayer Companions: A group of retired parishioners committed to partnering in prayer with and for a specific Parish commission or committee. (Jane Conrad 314-276-2313).

Alzheimer's Information and Support: Provides information about Alzheimer's disease and other dementias and resources and support for those living with this disease. (Parishioner, Martha Daly 314-265-5653) or 24/7 Helpline at 1-800-272-3900.

Widows and Widowers: A group of parishioners who have lost their spouses and who meet for prayer, support and friendship. (Contact Val Rutterer, 314-494-8986).

SACRAMENTAL LIFE

Adult Initiation: Preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist; Reception into the Catholic Church; Catholics returning to the practice of their faith, contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305, joseph.milner@slu.edu.

Funerals to schedule a funeral or memorial mass contact Fr. Dan White at 314-977-7300, frdan@sfxstl.org.

Inactive or Returning Catholics contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305, joseph.milner@slu.edu.

Infant Baptism Preparation contact Fr. James Page, SJ at 314-977-7301 or associatepastor@sfxstl.org.

Pastoral Care of the Sick call 314-977-7300
Communal Anointing of the Sick is offered in the Spring and Fall.
Watch the bulletin for dates.

Weddings contact Sandy Hauck at 314-977-7303, sandy@sfxstl.org

Marriage Preparation Weekends contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305, joseph.milner@slu.edu

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Current Programming:

ID and Birth Certificate (Outreach) Program: This weekly program facilitates access to State ID cards and birth certificates for individuals experiencing poverty and homelessness. We operate on Tuesdays.

Winter Inn: Open on the coldest Tuesdays and Wednesdays each winter, our emergency shelter provides food, hospitality, and a warm place to stay to 14 individuals experiencing homelessness on evenings when the temperature drops below 20 degrees.

Racism & Reconciliation Committee: The Racism and Reconciliation Committee meets monthly to deepen our own understanding of the impact of racism, as well as to plan educational and reflection opportunities for the wider parish community. Our group also partners with the Peace and Justice committee of the Rock Church to build relationships within our deanery and plan collaborative opportunities. If interested in becoming part of this committee, please contact Joan McGinnis at jfmc676@gmail.com or 314-962-2833. (Chair: Joan McGinnis. Members: Lisa Burks, Mya Lawrence, Carlita Logan, Tim Plunkett, Ginny Schrappen, Winnie Sullivan, Dave Werthmann.)



Circle of Creation Committee: Our Mission Statement, growing out of prayer and efforts of discernment and adopted in 2015, states that “Informed by the social justice teachings of the Church and the guidance of Francis in *Laudato Si*’, we are a community seeking to educate ourselves and others to reflect on environmental issues and take actions so that we can live in kinship with the earth.” We keep parishioners and others informed through the Green Corner in the weekend bulletin and more extensively through the Green Corner on the parish website (sfxstl.org/circleofcreation). We also work in concert with St. Mark’s Lutheran Church ELCA and keep in contact with efforts promoted by Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU). We communicate with SLU Campus Ministry and especially hope to engage the young people of our parish in all these efforts. To learn more, contact Fran Endicott Armstrong via fran@drfransmathstronglab.com. (Members: Fran Armstrong, Terrie Catlow, Todd Dean, Becky McKenna, Bill Morrison, Kathy Ryan, Carole Ryczek, Ginny Schrappen, Judy Szot, Jean Taylor, John Vogl, Christine Dragonette.)

Fair Trade/Sister Parish Committee: The Fair Trade/Sister Parish Committee facilitates College Church’s relationship with our sister parish St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. The committee also provides education and opportunities to support fair trade practices by selling fair trade chocolate, tea, coffee, and other goods, the proceeds of which are dedicated to our sister parish relationship. Through fair trade sales, we support small farmers in developing countries and provide fresh organic products, which can be purchased at sfxstl.org/buy-fair-trade. We also collaborate with St. Peter Claver on a student scholarship program and are working on other ways to build community between our two parishes. To learn more, contact Lisa DeLorenzo at lisa.c.delorenzo@gmail.com. (Chair: Lisa DeLorenzo. Members: Colleen McCluskey, Mary Linhares, Vicki Simon, Steve Long, Dale Auffmanberg.)

Advocacy: Social Ministry engages in justice and advocacy work, especially as it relates to access to State IDs and birth certificates. We are a member congregation of Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU), a local faith-based organizing group that brings faith communities together to work for justice.

St. Vincent De Paul Society: We are a conference of Catholic lay men and women serving individuals and families in need throughout the St. Francis Xavier parish boundaries. Our conference is part of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul--Archdiocesan Council of St. Louis, which consists of more than 3,800 volunteer members belonging to 150 parish-based conferences. Our volunteer members traditionally make home visits in pairs to provide person-to-person services to those who have called our hotline for assistance. (During this pandemic, home visits have been replaced by phone calls.) Common requests include financial assistance for rent, utilities, food and clothing vouchers. We also help with prescription drug costs, car repairs, and homelessness-to-housing through programs created by the national SVDP office. Our conference meets once a month at 9am on the first Sunday of each month at the Parish Center and via Zoom on the 3rd Monday of each month at 6:30pm. The meetings are structured for prayer, companionship, and support of our work. To become a volunteer with the conference or for further information, please contact Chris Deason at 636-236-9122 or mcdeason58@gmail.com.

Casserole Making: Each month, parishioners make casseroles to donate to the St. Patrick Center to serve their clients experiencing homelessness. If you are interested in preparing chili mac for the casserole program, please contact Lisa Zoia at zoialm@gmail.com.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Commission Members

Chair: Jenny Crowe

Luke Daugherty, Chiara Ghetti, Ryan Haines, Thelma Mamah, Janet Mees-Reinert, Mary Nagel, Abby Roethli, Andrea Ruth, Christina Ryan Lara Talsky, Andrew Timko, and Erin Tkach. Julie Killian and Terry Edelman are ex-officio members.

The Youth Faith Formation Commission oversees the all-important mission of forming children in their faith journey through both the traditional religious education program and the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd program. Commission members provide direction and support with these initiatives. They share concerns they or other parents have, and they enthusiastically participate in events offered by the instructional programs. They provide input when decisions need to be made, and they serve as valuable communication links from staff to the larger parent community. They are critical to fulfilling the mission of the Youth Faith Formation ministry.

The Youth Faith Formation Ministry at College Church offers a Catechesis of the Good Shepherd (CGS) program as well as a more traditional religious education (RE) program. The CGS program is based on scripture, liturgy and the teachings of Marie Montessori and uses a developmental and multi-age approach. The RE program uses a variety of teaching methods and materials including textbooks, presentations and discussion to learn the essential elements of faith. RE classes are determined by a child's grade level. Service is an important element in both programs. *All classes are currently virtual due to Covid 19 protocols.*

Both programs share the same Mission Statement and Goals.

Mission Statement

The religious education programs, as part of the mission of St. Francis Xavier College Church, seek to actively assist parents in the faith formation of their children. They strive to educate children to develop a personal relationship with Jesus that fosters their love of God and prepares them to respond in love as witnesses to Christ in the world.

Goals

- Provide engaging, interactive and age-appropriate lessons
- Increase participation in the sacramental life of the Church, particularly the Eucharist
- Reach out in service to others
- Develop a caring community among students, families and the parish
- Aid in the faith development of parents

Current Programming

Liturgy of the Word for Children is celebrated weekly September through May for children during the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass when Covid restrictions are lifted. All children ages 5-11 years are welcome to attend; no registration is required. The children are called forward after the Opening Prayer and returned to the Congregation following the Prayers of the Faithful. *This is currently suspended due to Covid-19 protocols.*

Youth Group is dedicated to leading teens closer to Christ. The focus of this group for teens Eighth Grade through High School includes continued Christian formation, monthly celebration of the Eucharist, socialization, and service to the community.

The nursery provides a safe, comfortable, and fun environment for our young children ages 6 months to 4 years during the 10:30 a.m. Mass. A \$20 annual fee, per family, is requested for this service. *This is currently suspended due to Covid-19 protocols.*

Christian Initiation for Children is designed to initiate and welcome new children (over age 7) into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Children who have not received Baptism or have not received religious instruction in our Church are fully initiated through a process designed especially for them.

For more information contact Julie Killian, julie@sfxstl.org or Terry Edelmann, terry@sfxstl.org or go the Youth Faith website at <https://sfxstl.org/youth-faith>

MERCHANDISE

We have items available for sale that will help the College Church ensure the vitality and stability of the Church now and into the future. Your participation helps to continue our church's rich heritage of serving a diverse parish membership, the Saint Louis University community and all individuals who are connected to the church.

Saints In Glass By J.J. Mueller, S.J. & Thomas M. Rochford, S.J.

This is a beautiful full-color, hardcover art book on the stained glass windows of St. Francis Xavier (College) Church. The book narrates an extraordinary story of community created by the twelve Jesuit saints whose lives the windows celebrate. The renovation of the church in the '90s and the cleaning of the windows revealed details in the intricate stained glass that had been obscured for decades and are still difficult to interpret without the insight into the windows that this book provides. The cost is \$35.00.

Also available in our Parish Center is a ***beautiful keepsake ornament of the College Church*** for \$20.00.

We also offer a thirty-minute DVD "***St. Francis Xavier College Church: A Tribute***" for \$18.00. It is a tribute in pictures, words and song touching on the history, the stained-glass windows, the choirs and the Jesuit presence.

To order any of the above merchandise contact Joyce Miller at 314-977-7300 or by email at joyce@sfxstl.org.

RESOURCES

Jesuits of the Central and Southern Province

For over 450 years, Jesuit priests and brothers have lived an amazing story of serving the Church in new and unexpected ways. Inspired by the vision of St. Ignatius Loyola, Jesuits desire to love and serve God in all things as companions of Jesus. We embrace the Church's worldwide mission of spreading a faith that promotes justice. Visit their website at: www.jesuitscentralsouthern.org

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry

As campus ministers at a Catholic, Jesuit university, we invite you to enter into the Ignatian tradition. St. Ignatius Loyola, the founder of the Jesuits, urged men and women to listen to the voice of God speaking within their hearts. By reflecting on that word, we discover how God acts in our lives and in all creation. Jesus responded to God's love with his life lived totally for others. He calls us to do the same. That Ignatian tradition invites people of all faiths to take time for quiet and prayer, to reflect on their experience of God's action in their lives, and to join with others in worship and service.
<https://www.slu.edu/life-at-slu/campus-ministry/>

Aquinas Institute of Theology

Aquinas Institute of Theology is an accredited Roman Catholic graduate school of theology and ministry. Aquinas Institute is committed to the advancement of theological scholarship, a deeper understanding of God's revelation in Jesus Christ, and to academic and pastoral training of women and men preparing for service to the church and society. www.ai.edu

Jesuit Vocation Website: www.beajesuit.com

U.S. Jesuit Conference: www.Jesuit.org

This site has information about Jesuit Saints, spirituality, institutions and many facts that can help people deepen their understanding of what it means to be a Jesuit Parish.

Bridges

God is calling you. Are you listening? Would you like an extended prayer experience to help you discern God's will in your life? Would you like to integrate your prayer experience into your daily life? Consider Bridges, a program of prayer, experience, and reflection which is based on the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola and which consists of daily prayer and weekly meetings with a prayer companion. For more information see our website:
www.bridgesfoundation.org.

Christian Life Community

Christian Life Community is an international association of lay Christians who have adopted an Ignatian model of spiritual life. CLC is present in over sixty countries around the world. CLC draws its inspiration from the teaching of Ignatius of Loyola and receives spiritual guidance from the Jesuits. The experience of making the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius is foundational to the members of CLC. In the Missouri region, there are seven communities. Members are encouraged to adhere to a lifestyle which is Gospel-based and simple, to serve the poor, and to integrate contemplation and action. For more information, contact Ann Padberg at 314-696-9610 or annpadberg@charter.net.

IgnatianSpirituality.com

IgnatianSpirituality.com ® is a service of Loyola Press, a ministry of the USA Midwest Province of the Society of Jesus (Jesuits). It offers information on and experiences of Ignatian spirituality from Jesuit and Ignatian sources around the world. IgnatianSpirituality.com serves all audiences—the curious, the knowledgeable, and the expert.



Pray-As-You-Go.org

Pray As You Go is a daily prayer session, designed to go with you wherever you go, to help you pray whenever you find time, but particularly whilst travelling to and from work, study, etc.

Sacred Space

Sacred Space is a ministry of the Irish Jesuits. It offers a reflective process of prayer each day. www.jesuit.ie/prayer/

White House Retreat: www.whretreat.org

White House is St. Louis' Jesuit retreat house. They provide Ignatian retreats for men and women throughout the year. The annual College Church Men's Retreat is in February.