

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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February 24, 2019 Seventhth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday Saint Louis University Campus Ministry:

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)

Monday - Friday Sacrament of Reconciliation

7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm Monday-Friday: 10:45 am through Noon In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level. Saturday: 4:30 pm through 5:30 pm

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.

PARISH INFORMATION FAX: 314-977-7315 E-MAIL ADDRESS: church@slu.edu

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>marybeth@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-I, 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 Fr. Dan White, SJ at 314-977-73with 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.

<u>Funerals</u>: contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWaters, RSM. To notify the parish of a funeral for a family member not at the College Church, please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or church@slu.edu.

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

<u>Parish Registration</u>: Available online at collegechurch.slu.edu or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304.

Religious Education: Available for kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Karen Weber at 314-977-7302 or karen@sfxstl.org

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> Celebrated weekly for children in kindergarten - seventh grade at 10:30 am Sunday Mass. Childcare is available for children ages six months through pre-kindergarten during the 10:30 am Mass in the Parish Center Nursery. Contact Karen Weber at 314-977-7302 or karen@sfxstl.org.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at marietherese.edelmann@slu.edu.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.

Ramona Lynch

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Next weekend is Mardi Gras. It seems there are only two ways to view this unofficial Church feast.

One is puritanical. This perspective regards joy and celebration as suspect for Catholics. The other option, far more popular these days, is to embrace the bacchanal whole-heartedly. It is the perfect excuse to eat, drink and act stupid.

A middle-way is best. Mardi Gras makes no sense without Lent. It grew out of the last days of preparation for the strict observance of the Lenten season. The celebration is the recognition of the weeks of prayer, fasting and alms-giving right around the corner. Carnival season is the time to celebrate before the austere weeks of preparation that lead to the Holy Triduum.

The notion of balance defines the Catholic world-view. The origins of this time of revelry in the dreary days of winter remind us to live with joy even as we prepare for the somber period of Lent. Feasting and fasting are intimately related, and both are necessary for a healthy spiritual life.

A story is told of Teresa of Avila the great 16th century saint. Once on a feast day in the convent a delicious meal featuring pheasant was served. St. Teresa tore into the bird with great relish shocking some of the sisters. Looking up she simply said, "Sisters, when we fast, we fast; when we pheasant, we pheasant." Happy Mardi Gras.

College Church Tours

Our wonderful College Church Docents would be happy to offer tours of our beautiful 176 year old Church.

Please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu with a date and time to schedule a tour for your group.

Have you considered Including College Church in your estate planning? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact

Katie at katie@sfxstl.org

The Love of Christ Impels Us: Becoming an Anti-Racist Parish

College Church has a long history of commitment to justice and racial equity. More recently, since 2014 and the Ferguson uprising, we as a parish have been asking ourselves some hard questions about our role in racial inequality. In addition, the USCCB recently released its pastoral letter against racism, which explains how the work of anti-racism is deeply rooted in our Catholic faith.

In February College Church will conduct focus groups throughout our parish community. We hope all members of College Church will participate. We need to hear what you think about the current status of racism in our city and country and why—and how much—it matters that the Church, and College Church in particular, address issues of racial justice. Once we understand our parish's responses to these questions, we can move forward together. PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE PART OF A FOCUS GROUP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR ONLINE AT sfxstl.org/antiracism-work/.

Our Anti-Racism team has been evolving and is still very much in the beginning stages of this work. We acknowledge that our current team lacks gender and racial diversity, as it is mostly female and mostly white. We value the experiences and gifts of all of our parishioners and want to enrich the makeup of our leadership team. Please contact Father Dan frdan@sfxstl.org or Christine Dragonette christine@sfxstl.org if you are interested in being a part of this impassioned ministry.

You can sign up to be part of a focus group at sfxstl.org/antiracism-work/.

Bulletin Advertisers Needed

Please consider supporting our bulletin by purchasing an ad on the back page. J.S. Paluch Company provides the bulletin to our parish every week free of charge. In order to continue receiving our twelve page color bulletin we need to get more advertising. If you can help this effort, please call Mary Ottenberg at 314-757-7598, or email ottenbergm@jspaluch.com.



Third Annual Trivia Night

To benefit Social Ministry and Religious Education

Date: Friday, March 1 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Where: College Church Ballroom, located at 3628 Lindell Blvd. (63108)

at corner of Grand and Lindell on Saint Louis University Campus

Cost: \$25 person, \$200 to reserve a table with a maximum of 8 partici-

pants per table

Arrangements: Beer, soda, water and light snacks will be provided. Participants

are invited to bring additional food and beverages, if desired.

Parking: SLU Garage located at Grand and Laclede; entrance is west of

Grand on Laclede Ave.

Special Features: Mulligans 6 for \$10; Silent Auction; 50/50 Raffle

Reservations: Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email kulade5@yahoo.com

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: sfxstl.org

Check the website for online bulletins (current and archived), homilies, upcoming presiders, a link to daily readings, our calendar & information about upcoming events!

Mercy Center Opportunities

Time of Quiet Prayer for Immigrants and Refugees:

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm. We invite all to join us in quiet prayer for Immigrants and Refugees. Mercy Center Chapel. For more information, contact Cathy Modde at 314-909-4646 or email modde@mercycenter stl.org.

College Church Seminars on Gospel Infancy Stories now on Luke I & 2

Discover how these stories are not mere history but literary and theological masterpieces. The whole Gospel in miniature. Please consider joining us. Come when you can. Adult Faith room. Sundays 9:15-10:15. FREE!

Info: Dr. Frank Nichols nicholfw@slu.edu.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

"Dinner and a Movie" Matinee Series with College Church & Rock Church Saturday, March 9th at the Rock Church gym: 1118 N. Grand, 63106 (Rescheduled from February)

Lunch at 12:00 pm, Movie starts at 12:30pm, Discussion after the movie Film: The BlacKkKlansman

It's the early 1970s, and Ron Stallworth is the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, he bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. The young detective soon recruits a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman, into the undercover investigation of a lifetime. Together, they team up to take down the hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric to appeal to the mainstream.



Location: Rock Church gym, 1118 N. Grand, 63106, Lunch will be provided.

Please RSVP to Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309.

Brown Sisters Foundation challenge grant achieved!

Thanks to your generous response through the Social Ministry Christmas Appeal and beyond, we are excited to report that we have achieved our \$15,000 challenge grant goal for our Brown Sisters Foundation grant! Since we have achieved this goal of \$15,000 in new and increased donations, the Brown Sisters Foundation will provide us with an additional \$9,000 that will allow us to move from our current paper record system to electronic records over the next year. This will be an important move for our program in order to improve our data reporting and security, make best use of our volunteers' time, and be able to access data more readily. As we move toward a long term goal of expanding outside of our twice-weekly walk-in hours, computerizing our data will be a crucial step.

THANK YOU for your generosity and support!



Invitation to join parish Racism and Reconciliation Committee

The members of the Racism and Reconciliation committee recognize the presence of racism so deeply entrenched in our society and the harm and pain it inflicts on individuals, organizations and communities. Answering the call of the Gospel to "love one another," we seek to increase our own awareness and deepen our understanding of the structure and impact of oppression, so that we can work most effectively for healing, reconciliation and justice in the St. Louis region. We also hope to serve others in our parish and beyond by providing opportunities for education, relationship building between racial groups and actions that can help build a more inclusive and just community.

Members of our Racism & Reconciliation committee meet monthly to continue learning how race impacts us in our communities, including our Catholic Church and parishes. We develop activities and actions that challenge racial barriers and unjust practices. We also meet with members of St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock" Church to create opportunities to build relationships between the members of our parishes. We would love to have you join us! Our next scheduled meeting is on **Tuesday 3/12 from 4:30-6pm**. If you are interested in joining (whether or not you can attend the 3/12 meeting), please contact Christine Dragonette (314-977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org) or Lisa Burks (314-605-5671 or Imburks@gmail.com).

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 come to 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, 314977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu

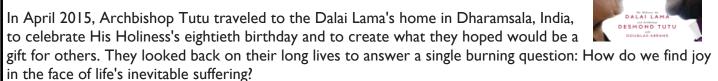
Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins in early March. Along with our parish book for Lent, many people find it helpful to have a booklet with daily reflections. Reflection materials are now available in the Ballroom after the Sunday morning masses.

These include: the <u>Little Black Book</u> with a scripture verse and a reflection on a person, event or practice that invites us to deeper faith; <u>Sacred Space</u> from the Irish Jesuits with a line from one of the readings of the day and a reflection on it; and <u>Wondrous Encounters</u> by Richard Rohr. There are booklets with inspiration from Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen and materials for teens and children. If you would like to get one at another time, please contact Joseph Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu or 314-977-7305.

The Parish Book Choice for Lent is *The Book of Joy*, by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.



During a week filled with laughter and tears, they traded intimate stories, teased each other, and shared their spiritual practices. The result is the gift of this book, where these two global heroes, who have stared into the abyss and despair of our times, reveal how they have learned to live a life brimming with joy. The Book of Joy was a unanimous hit with the SFX Lenten Book committee, and we believe it is a spiritual feast that will inspire personal reflection and stimulate lively discussions among the book groups that are formed every year in the parish community during lent.

If you are interested in joining or hosting a Lenten book discussion group that will meet once a week during lent, or would like more information, contact Carol Joselyn by phone (515) 570-3736] or email [joselyn66@gmail.com]. She needs to know your name, phone number, and email address.

The book will be available after Sunday morning Masses for the next few weeks or copies can be reserved for pickup at other times. The price of the book is \$19.00.



History in Technicolor: North County Students Reflect on Black History Month

This is an exhibit that runs through February 26th and is sponsored by North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice at the Good Shepherd Art Center in Ferguson.

The Good Shepherd Art Center's hours are Wednesday-Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am -5:00 pm.

Location: 252 South Florissant Rd between Simply Thai and Kathy's Kitchen Restaurants, about one mile north of Highway 70.

Cost: FREE For more information, please call: 314 522 1155. We look forward to seeing you there!

Dear Pastor and Church Ministers,

In the past year, it seemed that the news reported only strife, fires, wars, drive-by shootings, car-jackings and more. St. Louis news too often deals with racial issues and division. We, the faith community of Sts. Teresa and Bridget would like to show that we can be a positive force for peace and unity.

We are planning a Prayer Service to be held on Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 2 pm in our church. We are inviting Houses of Worship on Grand Ave. to join us as we pray for the 'Breaking of Chains" that separate us. Let us be an example to everyone that Grand Blvd can be a corridor of peace and unity.

We would love to have you and your congregation to join us. Your choir is also invited to sing one or two songs at the service. Please contact one of the two Worship Committee members, listed below, if you are able to attend. Please inform us of your participation before March 1, 2019.

We pray for peace, civil discourse and an end to violence in the city. I hope you can join us on March 10th

Rev. Tim Cook

College Church Hoodies \$30.00

(mens sizes Small to 3X)

We are also selling pint glasses for \$10 each

Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to place an order!



Violence Prevention in Our Society The Role of the Faith Community

Tuesday evenings in February

Aquinas Institute - 23 S Spring Ave

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Admission is FREE

February 26: "The Nature of Evil" and "Reconciliation & Forgiveness"

Presented by Dr. Barry Hong and Rev. Marc D. Smith

Please register on our website: www.ai.edu or by calling 314-256-8804

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center 2039 N. Geyer Frontenac, MO 63131 314-966-4686

Navigating White Water: Resilience Series

March 3, April 7 1:30 - 3:45 pm

This series of four interactive workshops will explore how spirituality and research based Psychology can be used to enhance resilience at home and at work. You may attend any or all of the sessions.

Facilitated by Dr. Tom Wagner, PhD

For more information, please visit http://www.mercycenterstl.org

Theology for Life – Spring 2019

"Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit"
The Reconciling Passion of Jesus in Luke's
Gospel.

Presented by: Fr. Seán Martin

Tuesday evenings: March 19 – April 9, 2019

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Cost: \$25 per session; \$80 for all four Sessions To register go to www.ai.edu or call 314-256-8804

Location: Aquinas Institute of Theology - 23 S.

Spring Ave. - St. Louis, MO 63108

Thomas Merton on Violence & Racism

Presented by: Fr. Dan Horan, OFM, professor at Catholic Theological Union, Chicago

Date: Saturday, March 30, 2019 **Time:** 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

Cost: \$60 – includes lunch and parking

Co-sponsored by the Incarnate Word Foundation and the St. Louis Archdiocesan Peace & Justice Commission

To register go to www.ai.edu or call 314-256-8804 Location: Aquinas Institute of Theology -

23 S. Spring Ave. - St. Louis, MO 63108

Learn the truth and beauty of Christ's Presence

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the "source and summit" of the Christian life. **Presence:** The Mystery of the Eucharist is a powerful 3-part series that explores the truth and beauty of Christ's real presence in the Eucharist and invites us into an intimate union with God himself. Join us as we grow as a faith community in our understanding of God's true presence in the world today.

NORTH CITY DEANERY

Cost: \$6.00 per person (study guide/personal jour-

nal)

Location: Sts. Teresa and Bridget, 2401 North

Grand

Dates: Saturdays, March 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Time: 10:30 am

Registration Deadline: March 9th

For more information and to register, please contact: Pam White at 314.496.5120

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Sometimes the Washington DC office numbers of our members of Congress are busy. Here are their local office phone numbers:

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Sen. Josh Hawley

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Rep. Ann Wagner (MO 2nd District): 636-779-5449

White House Comment line https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/

Presiders

February 23 & 24, 2019

Saturday

5:30 pm Fr. White, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Caime, S.J. 10:30 am Fr. Mercier, S.I.

March 2 & 3, 2019

Saturday

5:30 pm Fr. White, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. White S.J. 10:30 am Fr. Caime S.J.

Awake Overnight Position Available

L'Arche Syracuse, a faith-based residential program for adults with developmental disabilities, is seeking candidates for an overnight awake position for one of our homes. The candidate will need to be awake and provide supervision and personal care to adults living in the home. L'Arche is committed to building mutual relationships with people with disabilities through partnering in tasks of daily living as a part of life in a faith-based community. We are funded like a group home but we strive to live like a family.

Awake Overnight position available. Hours: Monday-Thursday 9:45 pm-7:30 am compensation: \$11.73 plus a .50 overnight hours differential

If interested contact:

Teasa Luke Assistant Director L'Arche Syracuse

920 Spencer Street

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