

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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January 12th, 2020 Baptism of the Lord

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@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>jaerickson31@gmail.com</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 Fr. Dan White, SJ at 314-977-7310 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.

<u>Funerals</u>: contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWatters, RSM. To notify the parish of a funeral for a family member not at the College Church, please contact Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954 or Katie@sfxstl.org.

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, contact Katie Jansen Larson at katie@sfxstl.org

Youth Faith Formation: 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> 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 Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

<u>Safe Environment Program Compliance</u> contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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PRAY FOR THE SICK

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The baptismal font in the front of church is

irresistible to babies and toddlers. Yes, even more so than my homilies. It is the place for the kiddos who need a break from sitting and being quiet. They love to look at the water, but the real fun is playing with the water. Children will put their hands or entire arms in the font. I have no doubt some would jump in if given the chance.

Might this be a case where we can learn something important from our youngest parishioners? After all, Jesus did call us to be like children so as to enter the Kingdom.

Baptism is the beginning of every Christian's life of faith. Our font reminds us each time we enter church of who we are. Today's celebration of the Baptism of Jesus also reminds us that we share in his life. This is the very first appearance of the adult Jesus in Matthew's Gospel. His baptism and subsequent time in the desert prepare him for his public ministry.

The enthusiasm of our children for the waters of the font should encourage us. You may not feel the need to stick your whole arm in (though feel free), but a nice, wet sign of the cross can help us embrace our mission. It reminds us not just of who we are. This very Catholic gesture calls us to follow Jesus and share in his work.

SIMPLIFY YOUR LIFE

AND HELP OUT ST. FRANCIS XAVIER COLLEGE CHURCH

Do you have trouble remembering to write that check before you come to Mass? Do snowy Sundays, vacations and Summer holidays make you feel a little of that Catholic guilt when your weekly contribution doesn't get made? Online giving is a great way to make your life easier and provide a consistent, predictable revenue stream for our church. Thank you for all your support through offertory giving!

Access Online Giving:

Go to sfxstl.org. Click on the blue bar at the very top of the webpage.

For assistance setting up or making changes to your online giving, please call (800) 348-2886.

The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius of Loyola is the manual for discerning how God is calling us to follow Him. The "White House" Jesuit Retreat Center in South St. Louis County applies the Spiritual Exercises to our daily lives to develop our faith, deepen our peace and increase our gratitude. You are personally invited to prayerfully consider joining a group of men from our parish to make a retreat at the "White House", the evening of February 13th to the afternoon of the 16th. The beauty of the natural setting, the prayer and liturgies and the comfort of the accommodations combine to make this a spiritually renewing and rewarding experience. Reservations can be made online at www.whretreat.org or please call John Hartung (314-326-6018) or Deacon Jim Griffard (314-619-5700).

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, 977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu



Xavier Winter Inn Volunteers Needed!

Every winter St. Francis Xavier College Church hosts a Winter Inn, offering emergency shelter to those who need it on **Wednesday and Thursday nights** when **temperatures drop below 20 degrees**.

From **December through February**, an all-volunteer crew runs Winter Inn, providing guests with a warm bed, hot meal, and hospitality.

Contribute to a joyful and essential service! Volunteer positions include:

 \Diamond Set-up Crew \Diamond Greeters/ Hosts \Diamond Dinner Cooks \Diamond Innkeepers \Diamond Cleaners \Diamond Laundry Drivers \Diamond



Want to learn more?

New Volunteers: Email Tess Sanders at <u>outreach@sfxstl.org</u> or call 314.977.7311 to arrange a conversation.

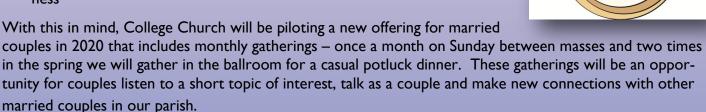
Returning Volunteers: Woohoo! Welcome back. Email Tess and/or feel free to sign up for a "spot" in the coming weeks: bit.ly/WinterInnVolunteer to commit to the shifts you can work if/as we're open.

Donations Needed: For more information or to donate winter hats, gloves, scarves, new socks and underwear, hot hands and feet, or travel size toiletries please contact Tess at outreach@sfxstl.org.

Marriage Takes Three

A small group of married couples have been reflecting on how our parish community provides support for married couples to gather and grow...

- ♦ In our Ignatian Spirituality draw closer to God, individually and as a couple
- ♦ In our day to day lives being present for each other
- ♦In our ups and downs periods of consolation and desolation; joy and sadness



Our first gathering will be on Sunday, January 26. We will meet from 9:15-10:15 AM on Saint Louis University's campus in Cook Hall (Chaifetz School of Business) just west of the Library on Lindell. We will have some light breakfast, coffee and tea.

We look forward to seeing you!! If you have any questions, please reach out to Carl and Laura Greiner by email at caglmg01@swbell.net or by phone at 314.974.4215.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed for New Outreach Program Role

<u>What:</u> Airtable data entry volunteers. Airtable is the processing software we use to look up whether or not guests have visited previously, enter new guests into the database, and check for eligibility.

When: Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays from 9-11am as part of our Outreach Program for ID and birth certificate assistance. You can choose which day(s) you volunteer, and how often.



This exciting new role is perfect for a steady, detail-oriented introvert or extrovert who likes to work behind the scenes. If you are looking to do service that is straightforward and methodical, while still being an integral part of our ministry, this is the role for



Hot Stuff: Saturday, January 25th, 2020

This January, we will again open the ballroom to offer food, clothing, and hospitality.

Here's how you can help:

CLOTHING DONATIONS: The following donations may be dropped off now until 1/21 to the parish center mail room and labeled "Hot Stuff:"

-NEW Socks and underwear

-New or gently used T-shirts, hoodies, sweatshirts, gloves, hats, scarves, heavy pants, winter coats, shoes/boots, belts and blankets (All for men, women, and children).

FOOD DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING: To sign up to bring needed food items or to volunteer (multiple shifts available), please visit the following link (https://signup.com/go/jCqJunO) or contact Christine at (314) 977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org.

"Opt to Act" for Earth

REI Co-op is sponsoring Opt to Act (Just google **REI opt to act plan**), 52 simple weekly challenges to reduce your impact on the Earth, get active, and leave the world better than you found it.

For example, Week 3 suggests Opt out of junk mail. The well-researched website actually helps with information on how you can do this.





Meet our new Social Ministry Communications Development VISTA!

My name is Sheltoria Love. I am a senior at Saint Louis University double majoring in Psychology and African American Studies. My hometown is Memphis, Tennessee. A fun fact is that my school was affiliated with the Stax Museum of American Soul Music, and there I played the violin for 7 years. My favorite cake is caramel cake, and I am a huge foodie. My hobbies include cooking, watching movies, and taking long naps. My careers goals are to work in Diversity and Inclusion in Higher Education while doing corporate consultations related to D&I and organizational development. I hope to use my career to uplift and positively impact the lives of others. This parish's commitment to social justice really amazes me. I am a firm believer that institutions have an obligation to use their resources to impact the communities that surround them. My objective as the Communications Development VISTA volunteer is to help build the parish's capacity to uplift the communities it serves. I would not want to complete my term anywhere else. I will be serving I look forward to serving and becoming apart of this community.

National Migration Week

From January 5-11, 2020, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week. The theme for this year's celebration is "Promoting a Church and a World for All," which reflects the need for Catholics to be inclusive and welcoming to all. It is a call for unity to stand in solidarity with and care for those who are excluded and marginalized. We will be extending our recognition of National Migration Week to the entire month of January. Keep an eye on the bulletin and website for new information each week of the month.

http://sfxstl.org/nationalmigrationweek

Family Separation at the Border

December 16, 2019 – 19-year-old mother from Honduras gave birth while being detained by Border Patrol agents. But she is still not sure if she will be able to stay with her child or be deported – leaving the newborn in the U.S. This follows the new Migrant Protections Protocol (MPP), also known as Remain in Mexico, that returns asylum-seekers to Mexico to wait while their U.S. immigration cases are decided.

The very recent example highlights how immigration law can break up families, even ones so newly made. The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) has been in communication with U.S. immigration authorities, saying that more than 1,500 children have been separated within the Trump Administration. That brings the total number of children separated since July 2017 to more than 5,400. Once away from their families, the children can even be difficult to find due to inadequate tracking systems – leaning on volunteers to reconnect them together.

These actions go directly against the Catholic Social Teaching around good government – welcome the foreigner out of charity and respect for the human person. Coinciding with this duty is to secure one's border and enforce the law for the common good. The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops have released earlier this millennia "Strangers No Longer: Together on the Journey of Hope" – their pastoral letter stressing that, "when persons cannot find employment in their country of origin to support themselves or their families, they have a right to find work elsewhere in order to survive... [m]ore powerful economic nations have a stronger obligation to accommodate migration flows."



PASTORAL CARE COMMITTEE (PCC)

Update on Bulletin Prayer List

Over the past several months the PCC has been considering how we might improve the prayer list process, strengthen our communication with those on the list and ultimately enrich and enliven our care of those we serve in this important ministry. Mary Beth Erickson had long been the keeper of the list, communicating widely (and warmly) with so many in the parish on a daily basis. Her absence has made clear the need to refresh and revise our process for everyone's benefit. The beginning of the new year is an ideal time to make revisions. They are as follows.

Beginning immediately, the process for prayer list requests will be standardized.

Come by or call the main office at 314-977-7300. (M-F, 830-430) Please speak with <u>Joyce Miller</u>, Office Manager. Together you will begin the <u>Intake Form</u> to include:

<u>Name and contact information</u> for the person on list **AND** for person submitting request <u>Preference for communication</u> with parish (phone, email etc)

Within 1-2 days you will be contacted by a member of the PCC to discuss:

<u>Brief summary</u> of the person's situation/condition <u>Specific prayer requests; other needs/concerns you may wish to share</u>

Upon completion of Intake form and discussion, the person will be placed on the appropriate list.

Beginning in February, there will be 2 Lists

<u>Short- term</u>: those with an acute illness/injury/condition; those undergoing surgery or procedures. Cancer might be either list depending on need. This will be a more fluid list as it represents those with potentially curable/reversible conditions.

This list will be time-limited: 3 months initially, then reviewed.

<u>Long-term</u>: those who live with chronic illness/conditions; those residing in care homes; and those who because of advanced age or limitations can no longer attend church.

This list has no time limit.

Please understand that we are **not** intending to suggest that only certain diagnoses/conditions warrant a prayer list request. This is simply our effort to ensure that those who need on-going prayer will receive it, and those who have more time-limited situations will not remain on the list months after they have recovered.

<u>Please Note</u>: as we make this transition, we intend to EMPTY the current list on January 31. If you want to remain on the lists in February, <u>a new intake form must be completed before January 31.</u> Follow the process outlined above to remain on the list. For all <u>first time requests</u>, please <u>follow the above process whenever your need arises</u>. The distribution between 2 lists will not occur until February, but we will continue to add names during the month of January as needed.

For questions or comments, please contact Sarah Legett at legettsm@yahoo.com



To Benefit Social Ministry and Youth Faith Formation

- Date: Friday, January 31st 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 participants 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 on west side of Grand on Laclede Ave.
- Special Features: Mulligans 6 for \$10; 50/50 Raffle
- To make reservations: Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email kulade5@yahoo.com

Celebrate Music, Absolutely Free

The Marianist Retreat Center on HW 109 in Eureka is offering a Sunday Matinee Concert Series Consisting of four concerts which will inspire, entertain and bring people to our "Sacred Grounds".

All concerts begin at 2 pm and are scheduled for:

1/12/2020 "Spectacle-the Musical" Retelling the history of the Marianist Community 2/9/2020 A Tribute to Broadway Scott Kennebeck and Tim Schall will be featured 4/5/2020 Palm Sunday Concert Based on the seven last words of Christ 5/3/2020 Praise and Worship Concert Outdoor concert featuring local artists

For more information, please go to www.mretreat.org or call 636-938-5390



Donut Sunday

Please join us for Donut Sunday, today, January 12th in the ballroom. Please stop by after either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am Masses.



Shared Prayer

"For whenever two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in their midst" (Mt 18:20). The Pastoral Care Committee would like to provide opportunities for parishioners to come together in prayer for the persons listed on the "Sick List" in our weekly bulletin, as well as for other personal needs. There is definitely peace and comfort that comes from sharing prayer together. Please join us on the 2nd Sunday of the month after the 8:00 Mass and on the 4th Sunday of the month after the I0:30 Mass at the Blessed Sacrament Altar. In Shared Prayer groups, confidentiality is of utmost importance and what is said in shared prayer remains in the group. This allows all participating to relax and open their hearts in prayer, knowing the group will be holding up their intentions then and throughout the coming days.

Presider's Schedule

January 11th & 12th, 2020

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. White, S.J. 10:30 am Fr. White, S.J. 4:30 pm Fr. May, S.J.

January 18th & 19th, 2020

Saturday

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

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. Daly, S.J. 10:30 am Fr. Baugh, S.J.

A New Daily Spiritual Resource

Local spiritual director, poet and artist, Clarence Heller, has recently launched A Piece of Goodness, a daily Twitter-length excerpt from one of his poems, with convenient access to the entire poem for those who wish to engage it. These messages are available through a daily email, a post on Facebook and Twitter. To view an archive of past posts or to subscribe, visit www.clarenceheller.com. The late David Fleming, SJ had this to say about Clarence's first book, Everyday Sacred. "Everyday Sacred allows us to uncover the divine presence shining through our various worlds. These intimate poetic reflections and vibrant paintings take us through the everyday areas of nature, home, family, Jesus, communion, church, and the present moment, letting God invite us to wonder and to love. I strongly recommend savoring slowly the many marvelously rich nourishments here that each person can make his or her own."

The Liturgical Composers Concert Thursday, January 30, 2020, 7:00 p.m.

For many years, 40 or more of the top composers of Catholic liturgical music have gathered in St Louis for days of study and professional development. At the end of their workshop, they offer an evening of music and song. You are invited to sing along with them to some of your favorite liturgical songs and hear some new compositions at Mercy Conference and Retreat Center, 2039 N Geyer Rd, St. Louis, MO 63131 on Thursday, January 30.



Preferred seating which includes an after-concert reception with the composers is \$50 General Admission is \$25

To register and purchase tickets, please go to https://formsmarts.com/form/234m?mode=h5 Or visit the Mercy Center website https://mercycenterstl.org/2018-2019-calendar-of-events/

Self-Care for Educators Sunday, Jan. 19, 2020 1:30-4:30pm Mercy Conference and Retreat Center 2039 North Geyer Rd, 63131 Too often educators are running on empty. At this half day retreat we will pause to recharge through reflection processes designed by the Center for Courage and Renewal. Join Molly Grisham and the Connected Learning team to unplug, reconnect with self and prepare for a new semester relaxed and refreshed. For more information, please go to www.mercycenterstl.org.

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