

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church



The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis 3628 Lindell Blvd. St. Louis, MO 63108 314-977-7300 sfxstl.org





January 19th, 2020 Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

<u>Monday - Friday</u> 7:15 am, Noon & 5:15 pm In the Chapel of Our Lady located in the lower level.

Saint Louis University Campus Ministry: Sunday: 9:00 pm (when the University is in session)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Monday-Friday: Saturday: 10:45 am through Noon 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 jaerickson31@gmail.com 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

<u>Youth Faith Formation</u>: 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

Ann Bauer Mary McDevitt Dennis Roach **Russ Bley** Terry Kippenberger **Beverly & Al Marcus** Carl Thenhaus **Donald Webre Jeffrey Foster** Mark Indelicato Judy Webre Livaudais Allen Abernathy **Betty Schnorbus** Katie Mansfield Howard family Sr. Elizabrth Kolmer, ASC Nancy Partridge & Glider Margaret Barker Mikaela Chatman **Jennifer Saunders** Ioan McLean **Bob Powers** Leslie Matula **Diane Williams** Patrick Pasierb Kandice Draper Lula Chatman Don Berg Greg Fiudo David Byrnes Paul Byrnes Pam Orbin Art Taylor Mary Bruemmer Lisa Zimmerer Pat March Liz DeRum Wayne and Tuck Loui Joe Lynne Monica Gunn Campbell Hodge Pat Darcy Linda Riek Paul Hanson Mary Geary Dunn Alice Edler Katherine Mansfield Jeanne Hermann Bruce Meadows Melissa Belk Mark Roddy Dave Schnelt **Bill Anderson Dennis Saunders** Please email bulletin@sfxstl.org

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Gospel readings for each Sunday are on a three year rotation. This year we hear the Good News according to St. Matthew. You may have noticed during Advent the focus on Joseph rather than Mary which distinguishes Matthew's telling of Jesus' birth.

All four of the Evangelists offer their own particular "take" on the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. They offer a different flavor that helps us to understand who Jesus is. Each wrote to assist their particular community grow in faith. As St. John declares at the end of his Gospel, "These things are written that you might believe".

It has been said that Matthew's Gospel is the most Jewish of the Gospels. Scholars consider his work unintelligible without reference to the Old Testament and other Jewish writings. Jesus is the fulfillment of the Law and Prophets, and the culmination of God's covenant with Israel. He is sometimes portrayed as a "new" Moses or David, but he is particularly the long-awaited Messiah.

Jesus in Matthew's Gospel is a teacher. The prime example is the Sermon on the Mount (which lasts for three full chapters). Jesus not only is the best guide to understand God's law, but is the embodiment of the Law. He is the perfect witness of what it means to live in accord with God.

If you seek to know God, know Jesus.

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 <u>sfxstl.org</u>. 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 Liturgical Composers Concert

Thursday, January 30, 2020, 7:00 pm

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/



The "Sunday of the Word of God"

All Christians are aware that the Sacred Scriptures lie at the heart of our faith. In the Bible we find the stories of God's self-revelation and ongoing interaction with God's people. We hear God speaking to our ancestors in faith and to us in our own day. From the Word, especially in the Gospels, we find truth and guidance for our lives.

St Jerome said that "Ignorance of Scripture is ignorance of Christ".

Pope Francis, expressing his hope that the faithful "grow in religious and intimate familiarity with the Sacred Scriptures", has recently published an apostolic letter 'Aperuit illis', directing that the 3rd Sunday

in Ordinary Time be designated the **Sunday of the Word of God**.

Francis stresses how essential it is for Catholics to familiarize themselves with Scripture so as to deepen our love for Christ and grow in our relationship with him. He said, "A day devoted to the Bible should not be seen as a yearly event but rather a year-long event".

"I hereby declare that the Third Sunday of Ordinary Time be devoted to the celebration, study and dissemination of the word of God", Pope Francis writes.

He furthers encourages local communities to find ways to highlight God's word. Here at College Church we are blessed to have superb preachers who help us delve into the Word and apply it to our lives. We are provided with the opportunity to reflect on the Scriptures each Sunday morning with Sr Carla Mae Streeter. Our lectors strive always to prepare their proclamation so as to help the proclaimed Word be received in our hearts.

This year the 3rd Sunday falls on January 26. In the masses that weekend we will hear more about the importance of God's Word in the homilies; pray for the lectors in our parish; and recommission them for the vital ministry they perform as Proclaimers of the Word. In the bulletin we will also list a variety of excellent online Scripture resources available to us.

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

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 <u>www.whretreat.org</u> or please call John Hartung (314-326-6018) or Deacon Jim Griffard (314-619-5700).



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: <u>bit.ly/WinterInnVolunteer</u> 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 <u>outreach@sfxstl.org</u>.

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

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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. <u>When:</u> 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 you.



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:

FOOD DONATIONS AND VOLUNTEERING: To sign up to bring needed food items or to volunteer (multiple shifts available), please visit the following link (<u>https://signup.com/go/jCqJunO</u>) 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 wellresearched 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 seven 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

Right Not to Migrate

When talking with North Americans visiting his parish in Guatemala, Padre Mynor stresses that families don't move to

the U.S. for adventure. "Parents have an **obligation** to migrate to support their children." This seems obvious upon seeing the funeral store a short distance away that is half full of child-sized caskets. The Catholic approach to migration holds seemingly opposing values in tension. Nations have a right to control their territories. Persons also have the right to migrate to support their families if they can't do so in their country.

In our polarized national debate, we should emphasize a third principle: People have the right to find opportunities in their homeland. We support this principle here through our fair trade sales that gives farmers prices for their coffee and other products that alow them to thrive at home. We can also support it through legislative advocacy.

The U.S. helps people stay in their countries through international development aid implemented through NGOs like Catholic Relief Services. This aid funded programs that created youth jobs to counter violent gangs. It trained farmers to address climate change that causes so many to migrate. The aid did much more. It made a difference. In March



2019 President Trump halted all U.S. development aid to the Central American Northern Triangle and lifesaving programs have ceased. Fortunately, the U.S. House passed bipartisan legislation that prevents the administration from rescinding this aid and requires that it be spent for its allocated purpose. HR2615, The Northern Triangle Enhanced Engagement Act has moved to the Senate and awaits a sponsor. We can help prevent the need to migrate by contacting Senators Blunt and Hawley and asking them to sponsor this legislation.

Climate change's impact on the need to migrate: <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gIdiELXNcVU</u>

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</u>; other needs/concerns you may wish to share

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

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

With this in mind, College Church will be piloting a new offering for married

couples in 2020 that includes monthly gatherings - once a month on Sunday between masses and two times in the spring we will gather in the ballroom for a casual potluck dinner. These gatherings will be an opportunity for couples to listen to a short topic of interest, talk as a couple and make new connections with other married couples in our parish.

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 <u>cagimg01@swbell.net</u> or by phone at 314.974.4215.

Women's Retreat

Get away from it all for the weekend! Experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable rooms and insightful presenters with other women from our Parish on March 27th-29th. Join us for a time of rest, renewal and spiritual nourishment just 15 minutes away from St. Louis. Contact one of our Parish captains, Madeleine Ortman 314-956-8839 or Tina Saunders at 314-739-4885 for more information or to register. This is a great way to spend part of the Lenten season in preparation for a glorious Easter!

The 37th Annual Aquinas Lecture, Sponsored by Aquinas Institute of Theology

"The Reformed Rites of Paul VI as Post-Holocaust Liturgy"

Presented by: Rev. Dennis McManus, Center for Jewish Civilization at Georgetown University Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 3:00 p.m. St. Francis Xavier College Church Ballroom

Free and Open to the Public - Parking will be available in the SLU garage at Grand & Laclede For more information, please call 314-256-8800.







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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 10:30 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 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.

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Self-Care for Educators

TODAY, 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 <u>www.mercycenterstl.org</u>.

On March I, 2020 we will roll up our sleeves and help save lives! We will proudly partner with the American Red Cross to hold a blood drive in memory of Mary Beth Erickson. Each pint of blood we collect can help save up to three lives and will touch the lives of so many more. What a great way to pay it forward and to honor Mary Beth!

The Parish Life Commission of College Church is leading the initiative. The drive will be from 9 AM to 2 PM on Sunday March 1, so put that date on your calendar.

Registration is easy and on-line. You can start TODAY to reserve your time to donate. Here's the link to sign up:

https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results? zipSponsor=CollegeChurch

Please contact Carla Bolland at 314-520-3135 or by e-mail at bolland5815@sbcglobal.net for any questions.

Thank you for helping to make this drive a success!



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