

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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January 26th, 2020
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday

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

Monday - Friday
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: 10:45 am through Noon

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.

Bulletin Notices: must be submitted to jaerickson31@gmail.com by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

Infant Baptisms: 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.

Funerals: 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.

Parish Registration: 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.

Liturgy of the Word for Children: 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The film *A Hidden Life* tells the true story of Franz

Jagerstatter an Austrian farmer, husband and father. He was executed during WWII for not swearing allegiance to Adolf Hitler and serving in the German army. Franz acts according to his conscience as informed by his Catholic faith. He feels compelled to do so despite knowing what this means for his beloved wife and three children.

One of the aspects the film captures well is the fundamental mystery behind why Franz decides to resist to the point of death. Yes, he is a devout Catholic but the vast majority of German Catholics had no qualms supporting Nazism. Indeed, the movie depicts the historical fact that Franz's pastor and bishop both discouraged his stance. Franz is unwavering in his commitment to resist so great an evil despite the opposition of his fellow Catholics and villagers.

What remains unanswered is how Franz has the courage to do what is right when no one else does. He was not a moral theologian or some radical, prophetic figure. He is a simple person of faith who refuses to participate in what he knows to be wrong.

Perhaps the real question is why are Christians so often cowards? Why do we have such difficulty acting in the spirit of the Gospels? I wish I knew why this was true, in myself and the Church. I do know disciples like Franz exist to disturb our complacency. He and others confront us with the cost of faith.

Thank You!

We are grateful to the following people who made donations for the poinsettias that graced our worship space during the Christmas season:



Judy Farace in memory of Sam and Caroline Farace
 David and Susanna Fox in memory of Alfonso Juarez
 Ann Padberg in honor of Mary Bruemmer
 Denny and Tina Saunders in memory of
 Greg and Maggie Vogelweid

Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – February 2

Next Sunday the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the day when Mary and Joseph, 40 days after Jesus' birth, fulfilled the prescriptions of the Law by presenting their first born child to God in the temple. In a sense this is another Epiphany, as Jesus was revealed as the Messiah through the words of Simeon and Anna. The feast invites us to consider the mystery of God's appearances in our world in the little and the least, and to dedicate ourselves to nurturing and revealing that presence.

The feast is also known as Candlemas day, and the practice has been to bless and distribute candles. Candles kept in homes are an expression of our faith in Jesus, the Light of the World, and a reminder that we, too, are called to be light bearers to our world.



So, all are invited to bring candles from home next week to be blessed. Tapers will be provided to everyone else and then collected at the end of Mass.

College Church Lectors 2020

Today is the newly-proclaimed "Sunday of the Word of God". We are privileged to have many gifted parishioners who serve our parish as lectors, faithfully proclaiming God's Word week after week that we might hear God's Word and be stirred to apply it in our Christian lives. We thank them and gratefully acknowledge their ministry on our behalf!

5:30 Lectors:

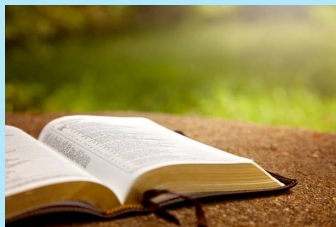
Anita Blattenberger
Maggie Case
Nino LaMadrid
Oliver Muenz-Winkler
Debbie Neupert
Beckii Pittman
Kathy Potts
Sandy Spencer

8:00 Lectors:

Carol Berger
Anne Chilson
John Hartung
Wes & Yvette Hoeffken
Carol Joselyn
Bob & Dianne Newett
Carol Needham
Sr. Julie Oham
Theresa Romer
Sean Powers
Terry Quinn
Dean Sullivan
Tom Timmerman
Jack Wieggers

10:30 Lectors:

Fran Armstrong
Anita Barni
Ryan Beckman
Jo Curran
Eric Elizondo
Laura Greiner
Jeff Hallazgo
Fran Hanlon
Terry Kippenberger
Nanday Kamanda
Sarah Legett
Mike Lueke
Kathryn Lueke
Thelma Mamah
Mary Ann Moore
Bob Osdieck
Jen Petruso
Stephen Ryan



There are several young people in our Religious Ed program who are presently lectors-in-training. After their discernment period they will be commissioned in May.

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



Scripture Resources

Ways to become more familiar with the Sunday Scripture readings:

Dialogue With The Word is a group that meets on Sundays between the masses, 9:30 – 10:20, to reflect on how the Sunday Scriptures impact our daily lives and struggles. For more information, please contact Sr. Carla Mae Streater OP, at streater@slu.edu or 314-256-8882

The Sunday Website at St. Louis University was founded by Fr. John Foley, SJ, and offers background to the scriptures, connections to spirituality, and suggestions for prayer. Several College Church parishioners contribute to the website. <https://liturgy.slu.edu/>

America Magazine offers a reflection each week on the Sunday Scriptures in the faith section of the website. <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith>

Know Before You Go is offered by the Dominicans of Central Province and is a video presentation about the Sunday Gospel each week.

<http://opcentral.org/blog/category/the-bridge-between-sundays/know-before-you-go/>

Praying with Scripture:

Sacred Space: <http://www.sacredspace.ie/> (from the Irish Jesuits with a prayer structure connected to one of the daily readings for mass)

Pray As You Go: <http://pray-as-you-go.org/> (from the British Jesuits with music and reflection questions based on one of the daily scripture readings)

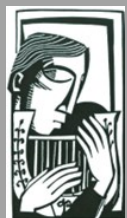
Study of Scripture and related topics

College Church Seminar meets on Sunday at 9:15 am in the Adult Faith room. The current focus is New Testament Apocrypha, those early writings which were not included in the New Testament. Sessions are led by Dr. Frank Nichols, nicholfw@slu.edu

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/>



SOCIAL MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed for New Outreach Program Role

What: 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.

Volunteers Needed



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.

“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.



The 37th Annual Aquinas Lecture

SPONSORED BY AQUINAS INSTITUTE OF THEOLOGY

“The Reformed Rites of Paul VI as Post-Holocaust Liturgy”

Rev. Dennis McManus,

Center for Jewish Civilization, Georgetown University

Sunday, January 26, 2020 at 3:00 pm

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.

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>

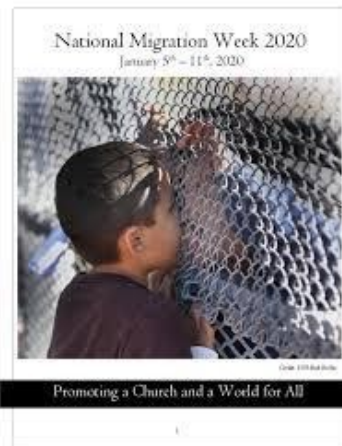
Right Not to Migrate

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 allow 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: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1diELXNcVU>



To Benefit Social Ministry and Youth Faith Formation

Friday, January 31st at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm),
College Church Ballroom

\$25 person, \$200 to reserve a table with a maximum of 8 participants per table

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.

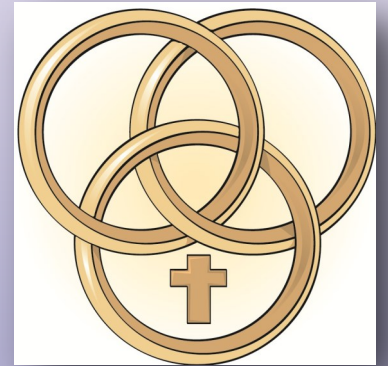
Special Features: Mulligans 6 for \$10; 50/50 Raffle

To make reservations: Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email kulade5@yahoo.com

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, today, 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), room 234, 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.

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!

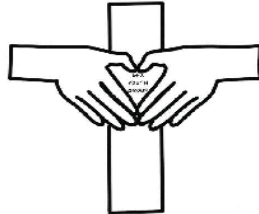


Shared Prayer

“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 **1st 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.

SFX YOUTH GROUP

COME TO ME AND FIND REST



RETREAT 2020

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2020

SLU BOILEAU HALL

OPEN TO ALL SFX HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://sfxstl.org/youth-group-retreat-2020>

Questions? Contact Joanna Boyd-Wilhite (joanna@sfxstl.org) or Hope Johnson (pete.hope@sbcglobal.net)

Presider's Schedule

January 25th & 26th, 2020

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. White, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. Baugh, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. White S.J.

February 1st & 2nd, 2020

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. Baugh, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. Baugh, S.J.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to jaerickson31@gmail.com before Thursday at noon

On March 1, 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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