



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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January 5th, 2020
Epiphany

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

Note: I wrote this column for the feast of the Epiphany 2016. Sadly, it seems appropriate re-visit as we begin another election year.

Much ink has been spilled by scholars trying to figure out the Magi. Who are they? What do they do? Where do they come from? There is little agreement on the topic. The Magi have a brief but dramatic appearance in the Christmas story. Perhaps because the data is so sparse they hold our imagination. These strange visitors invite all sorts of imaginative interpretations.

What is clear is they are very odd and not members of God's people, Israel. They are not like Mary and Joseph, or even the shepherds. The Magi show up unexpected and uninvited. Yet, they come guided by the star to worship and adore the Christ child.

I do not think it an exaggeration to say our nation is wrestling with perceived "others". The current political campaign has led to gross caricatures and outright lies about people who desire to come to our country. Fear, and those who create or exploit that fear, holds sway.

The Christmas season offers a different reality. Notions about "us and them" are transformed. The magi are open to Christ's

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.

Create a world in which injustice is replaced with solidarity and care. Presented through the lens of the Christian faith, JustFaith Ministries' NEW module *Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege* is an eight-week module that invites participants to engage in conversations about race and racism in our world today; encourages honest dialogue about power and privilege and how they contribute to racial disparities; and provides an opportunity to discern practical action steps toward working for racial equity.

This module will be offered here at College Church on Tuesday evenings, 6:30-9:00 pm, from January 21 - March 10. If you have been pondering this, please take the plunge! **January 5 is the deadline for registration.** Contact Sister Carolyn at carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu.

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 sessions 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



College Church Will Host Part I of a Level I Training Course for Catechesis of the Good Shepherd Next Summer!

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a Montessori-based approach to faith formation for children and has been a significant part of the Youth Faith Formation at College Church for over twenty years. The Archdiocese of St. Louis is sponsoring this course and the fees to participants are greatly reduced. Please consider joining us!

Please contact Julie Killian for more information at juliekillian4@gmail.com



The United States Association of

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd



Bulletin Articles

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

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:

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

Want to learn more?

New Volunteers: Email Tess Sanders at outreach@sfxstl.org 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.



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.”

Other Resources for Daily Prayer

As we begin the new year, here are some websites to help you pray each day.

<http://www.sacredspace.ie/> (from the Irish Jesuits with prayer connected to one of the daily readings),

<http://pray-as-you-go.org/> (from the British Jesuits with music and part of the daily scripture reading),

<http://onlineministries.creighton.edu/CollaborativeMinistry/daily.html>

(from Creighton University with daily reflections and other prayer resources)

<https://jesuitprayer.org/> (a collaborative website for prayer from the Jesuit provinces of the United

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed for New Outreach Program Role

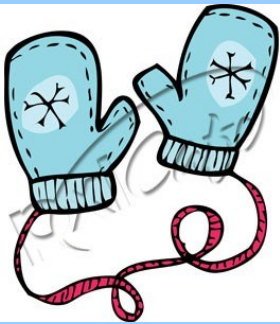
What: Airtable data entry volunteers. Airtable is the processing software we use to look up whether or not guests have visited previously, enter new guests into the database, and check for eligibility.

When: Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays from 9-11 am 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



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.

Donut Sunday



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





Meet our new Social Ministry Communications Development VISTA!

My name is Sheltonia 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 career 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 part 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.



Pope Francis and Migration

On September 29, 2019 Pope Francis dedicated the statue, "Angels Unaware" in the middle of St. Peter's Square. It was the first artwork to be added to St. Peter's Square in 400 years. The 20-foot-long, 12-foot high statue depicts 140 migrant and refugees of different cultures, faiths and ethnicities traveling on a boat pointed in the direction of St. Peter's Basilica. A pair of angel wings rise above from the middle of the statue. The inspiration for the statue comes from a passage in "Letters to the Hebrews" in the New Testament: "Do not forget to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it."

At the dedication of the statue Pope Francis said he wanted it to be placed in St. Peter's Square "so that all will be reminded of the evangelical challenge of hospitality." He continued to say that it is "the poorest of poor and the most disadvantaged who pay the price" of wars, injustice and economic and social imbalances. Pope Francis expressed his desire for the Church and its faithful to respond to the challenges of contemporary migration with four words, "Welcome, protect, promote and integrate." According to Pope Francis, if we put those verbs into practice, we will promote the integral human development of all people." Pope Francis is committed to the plight of immigrants and refugees and wants the message of compassion and care for the most marginalized to be in the heart of all of us.



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 (314-918-1950) or Deacon Jim Griffard (314-619-5700).

College Church Tours

Our wonderful College Church Docents would be happy to offer tours of our beautiful 176 year old Church. Please contact Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954 or email Katie@sfxstl.org with a date and time to schedule a tour for your group.

YOU ARE THE VOICE OF THE PEOPLE

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

Sen. Roy Blunt: 314-725-4484

Sen. Josh Hawley

Rep. Lacy Clay (MO 1st District):
314-367-1970

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

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



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

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:

www.redcrossblood.org/mydrives.html/drive/1-A9SZY39

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!

Parish Life Commission Looking for More Members

The Parish Life Commission is responsible for planning many of our parish activities, like our recent Xavier Days. We meet once a month on the second Sunday in the ballroom after the 8:00 am Mass. For more information, please call Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954.

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 4th & 5th, 2020

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. Tueth, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White, S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. Mercier, S.J.
4:30 pm	Fr. White, S.J.

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.

College Church Legacy Society

As we celebrate the death and resurrection of our Lord, it is an opportunity to reflect on the legacy of his time on this earth and how it sustains us every day of our lives. This reflection can lead us to think about our own life and legacy. Each one of us is a ripple on the pond of life reflected in those others whose lives we have touched. In a tangible way I know that there are those of you who have provided for a financial legacy that benefits the College Church.

We would like to recognize that legacy and thank those individuals who have included the College Church in their estate plans. We are establishing a College Church Legacy Society for this purpose and are asking those of you who have made these plans to let us know who you are so we can extend our thanks in a fun and tangible way. Please go to our website <https://sfxstl.org/legacy-society>. Information and plans about the future of this group, as well as information on estate giving, will be coming in the future.

The Alzheimer's Association's Faith Outreach

Initiative and SFX Pastoral Care Committee

The Alzheimer's Association recognizes the importance of spirituality in our lives and has developed a program to partner with congregations to provide education and support to their members. Through the Pastoral Care Committee, the Alzheimer's Association wants to be there for those with Alzheimer's disease and other dementias, as well as for their care givers. There are helpful resources available for those affected and the College Church plans to raise awareness of them through this initiative. We hope to serve those in need with care, concern and confidentially. Some of these resources are the Association's 24/7 Helpline, assistance in obtaining a diagnosis, individual and family care consultations for planning, education programs, support groups, and special events both through the Association and at SFX. For further information, please contact: Alzheimer's Association 24/7 Helpline: 1-800-272-3900 Faith Outreach parishioner for SFX: Martha Daly, marthadaly@hotmail.com, 314-265-5653, Association website: www.alz.org/greatermissouri

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