



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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October 6th, 2019 Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary

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 and Noon

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@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.

Bulletin Notices: must be submitted to bulletin@sfxstl.org 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 collegechurch.slu.edu or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions, contact Katie Jansen Larson at 314-977-1954.

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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 remove names.**

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



It is wonderful to have all the young faces brightening our Sunday mornings again. This year we changed our religious education program to youth faith formation. Handing on our Christian faith is one of the most important responsibilities we have.

I like the new title because it gets at something essential. We are forming our young people in relationship with Jesus. That is the whole point. Everything we try to do helps to facilitate that encounter.

Keep in mind, though, that faith formation is not restricted to youth. We tend to think that one can “graduate” from the need for intellectual and spiritual education. But deepening our understanding of what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ is hardly kid’s stuff. This is something that needs to be a part of every Catholic’s life no matter their age.

Jesus told us we need to become like children to inherit the Kingdom of God. A nice way to start is to join them in learning. The good news is there are numerous ways to do that at College Church. Presentations, lectures, Scripture study, service opportunities, etc. are all ways for us to remain life-long learners. All are students of the One Teacher.

Mystagogy anyone?

Have you been wanting to go deeper into the Mystery of how the liturgy and its scriptures impact our daily life and struggles? Join us for the *Dialogue with the Word* which meets on Sundays, 9:30 - 10:20 am from September 8 to June 14 in the Ignatius Room, main floor of the Pastoral Center. Facilitators are Lea Koesterer, Steve Gilbert, and Carla Mae Streeter, OP. For more information, contact Carla Mae at Aquinas Institute of Theology, 314-256-8882 or streeter@slu.edu.

Donut Sunday

Next Sunday, October 6th, will be Donut Sunday in the ballroom. Please stop by after either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am Masses.



**College Church Seminar begins again October 6,
Adult Faith Room, 9:15 am, all welcome, any time.**

New Testament Apocrypha

That is, pious- or semi-Christian writings that never made it into the New Testament, some secret, some popular: like Gospels of the Nazareans, of Thomas, of Peter, of Mary, of Truth; Second Treatise of the Great Seth; Acts of Thecla, of Peter; Correspondence of Paul and Seneca; The Didache; Letter of Paul to the Laodiceans; *Shepherd of Hermas*, *Hymn of the Pearl*, and many, many more, as far as we can get to. Helps understand sources of some popular Christian stories. The New Testament itself never looked so good!



Not required, but helpful to give Dr. Nichols your e-mail address so he can send info: nicholfw@slu.edu.

LIGHTWORKS - AN EXPERIENCE OF IGNATIAN PRAYER

This week is the last chance to sign up for **LIGHTWORKS** this year.

LIGHTWORKS is a “light form” of the spiritual exercises of St. Ignatius., a series of limbering up exercises for the spirit. Physical exercises build muscle, increase stamina, and develop flexibility. So **LIGHTWORKS** does for the spirit. These exercises of prayer and reflection, build our relationship with God and help us become more aware of God’s presence in our lives. It consists of weekly group sessions. Participants are given scripture passages or reflections from the Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius to pray over each week. These invite us into conversation with God about our lives. Then during the weekly session, there is sharing about these passages and a presentation. **LIGHTWORKS** will be offered at St Louis U High on Oakland this fall on Monday evenings starting October 7, from 6:30 until 8:30. Flyers are available near the church exits. For more information, please contact Joseph Milner at 314-977-7305 or joseph.milner@slu.edu



Pastoral Care Ministry, St Francis Xavier College Church

The Pastoral Care Ministry at St Francis Xavier College Church has been active for many years. Its size, scope of service and leadership have varied across these years. What has not varied is the deep commitment of those parishioners who volunteer to serve in its mission, who are in fact its very ground and heart. The ministry has been enriched by a long history of competent and compassionate leaders, most recently Jane Conrad. Mary Beth Erickson, in her years as Director of Parish Life, played an invaluable role in facilitating communication between parishioners and the parish office.

This past July, in anticipation of stepping down from her leadership role, Jane Conrad partnered with Bridget Brennan and other interested parishioners to identify areas of pastoral need, reviewing existing services and brainstorming new ones. The meetings were quite productive; new volunteers have joined the ministry and numerous suggestions were generated relative to service, particular groups in need, etc. Because the largest demographic of our parish is aging adults, the needs of this group must be an integral focus of our parish.

Below are the four areas in which Pastoral Ministry will minister:

1. Companionship in Prayer

- Pray for all parishioners, especially those on the prayer list. This will include a Shared Prayer opportunity on the 2nd (after 8:00 mass) and 4th (after 10:30 mass) Sundays before the Blessed Sacrament Altar.
- Standardize process for personal contact with those on prayer list
- Support those experiencing life transitions: aging, job loss, divorce, retirement, pregnancy loss

2. Companionship with the Sick, the Dying and the Bereaved

- Provide home visits, prayer, Eucharist as needed
- Facilitate reception of *Sacrament of Sick*
- Help coordinate the annual *Mass of Remembrance*
- Provide access to necessary resources (grief groups/literature/organizations etc)

3. Care of the homebound

- Provide home visits, prayer, Eucharist as needed

4. Assist with transportation to and from Church

Pastoral Care Ministry will also address:

- Education** - Organize and offer presentations/lectures/panel discussions on pertinent topics, such as aging, illness, death, bereavement, childhood grief, advance care planning, palliative care, etc.
- Collaboration** - Work with community organizations which provide relevant services for parishioners' needs, e.g. Alzheimers Association, Care Giver Support, Grief Support Groups (including children's grief).

If you or a loved one needs any of the above services, or if you would like to volunteer to assist, please contact Bridget Brennan at 314-435-0299 or pastoralministrysfx@gmail.com.

Look for more information in upcoming bulletins for the SHARED PRAYER offering.

Commonweal—Religion, Politics, Culture.

The oldest independent lay-edited Catholic journal of opinion in the US—since 1924—with an ongoing interest in social justice, ecumenism, just-war teaching, liturgical renewal, women’s issues, the primacy of conscience, and the interchange between Catholicism and liberal democracy. *Free September copies at church doors shortly.* New annual subscriptions for \$9.95 (www.commonwealmagazine.org)! Graduate and undergraduate students can get free subscriptions at (www.cwimagorg/freestudent).



Saturday, October 26, 2019
9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.

Fontbonne University
 6800 Wydown Blvd.
 Clayton, Mo. 63105

Plenary Session

Followed by workshops on:

- Preaching about racism
- Diversity programming in elementary schools
- Struggle for racial justice in high schools
- How to work effectively on racism in our parishes and religious communities



Register at tinyurl.com/y5rn68e6

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Anti-Racism Focus Group Summary Conversations
After Masses the weekend of October 12th-13th

When: The weekend of October 12th-13th after the Saturday 5:30pm, Sunday 8:00am, and Sunday 10:30am Masses

Where: College Church Ballroom

What: Discussion on our Anti-Racism Focus Groups Summary: What does this tell us? Where do we go from here?

Background:

This past fall, many members of our College Church community participated in anti-racism focus groups to share feedback on the state of racism and racial justice work in our parish and our wider communities. The College Church Anti-Racism Team conducted 19 focus group meetings this past spring with our parish community, receiving feedback from approximately 178 participants. The Anti-Racism Team has summarized the responses and organized them into the focus group summary that you will receive today (also available in electronic format on our website). Whether or not you had a chance to participate in a focus group, please join us to process the summary and engage in next steps.

SOCIAL MINISTRY



Learn about our Sister Parish: St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize



WHEN: Sunday, October 27th after both the
8:00 and 10:30 a.m. Masses

WHERE: Xavier Ballroom (coffee, donuts & juice provided)
Contact: christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309

After our visit last summer, College Church began a sister parish relationship with St. Peter Claver in Punta Gorda, Belize. Become a part of College Church's hopes for global understanding and outreach as we explore and share in the culture, education and parish life of the people of St. Peter Claver & Punta Gorda. We will also share updates on our sister parish relationship and how you can get involved.

Sponsored by the Fair Trade/Sister Parish committee of College Church.

Take Action for Justice: Join College Church's Medicaid Expansion team

Missed the training? You can still get involved! Contact Christine at (314) 977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org if you would like to join the Medicaid Expansion team.



Background:

The Affordable Care Act provides states the opportunity to expand Medicaid coverage, and 36 states have expanded. Missouri is one of the 14 states that have not expanded Medicaid. In the absence of action by the Missouri legislature, Metropolitan Congregations United and other organizations are working to qualify a constitutional amendment for Medicaid Expansion for the November 2020 Missouri ballot by gathering signatures on a petition. More info at healthcareformissouri.org

Join us for a Racial Justice "Dinner and a Movie" Series with College Church and Rock Church Thursday, October 10th at Tegeler Hall

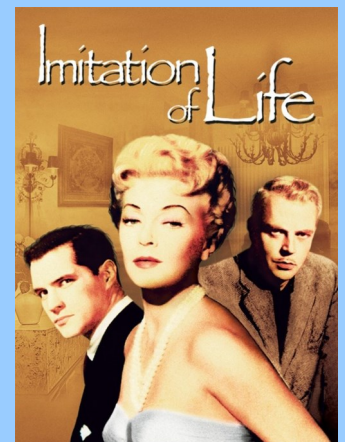
Dinner at 5:30pm, Movie starts at 6:15pm, Discussion after the movie

Film: *Imitation of Life* (1959)

An aspiring actress befriends a black widow, but trouble arises when the latter is rejected by her daughter, who tries to pass for white.

Location: Tegeler Hall auditorium, 3550 Lindell Blvd (off the southeast corner of Grand and Lindell).

Parking is available either in Laclede Garage (save your ticket for validation) or at metered parking on Lindell. Dinner will be provided.



Please RSVP by Monday, October 7th to Christine at
christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309.

Welcome to the new **Stewardship/Financial Development** section of the bulletin. Each month it will communicate information on how your generosity impacts the mission and ministries of College Church. It is helpful to know concretely the many ways you enable SFX to do all the wonderful things it does. God alone is aware of everything taking place here, but this can provide some sense of the breadth of activities.

This month the focus is on the staff of St. Francis Xavier, those dedicated people who help make our parish community run smoothly and effectively. Personnel costs are about 60% of our annual budget. That percentage has remained constant over the past number of years.

What do these people do? When a couple wants to have their wedding at SFX, they are walked through the process by a staff member. When the parish and office rooms are cleaned, it is done by a staff member. When a family plans for funeral, they are consoled and helped by a staff member. When the numbers for the year's budget are tabulated, it is by a staff member. When a person comes to our door seeking their mail and a kind word, they are cared for by a staff member. When our liturgical music helps us pray, it is led by a staff member. When Xavier Winter's Inn starts up, it is administered by a staff member. When a person makes their journey through the RCIA program, he/she is guided by a staff member. And on and on and on... College Church does an incredible amount for the size of our congregation. It is our fantastic staff that enables this.

You get what you pay for The guiding principle of our approach to staffing is to have talented people, and to compensate them fairly. There is no doubt that the staff of SFX is extraordinarily skilled, hard-working and professional. The level of knowledge, experience and expertise the parish enjoys is astonishing. We do a lot, and we do it well. No one will ever get rich working at College Church, but our desire is to compensate staff in a way that reflects just how valuable they are.

Did you know? Jesuits get paid! Despite a vow of poverty, Frs. Matthew and Dan draw a salary for their ministry at College Church. The amount is set by the Archdiocese, and this fiscal year is about \$54,000 for both. You can let the pastor know if you think he is worth it. The parish also covers their fuel costs. The parish sends a check to their respective communities. The community each year uses those funds for living expenses. Remaining monies are often given back to respective Jesuit works. Last year Fr. Dan's community donated \$2000 back to SFX for our social outreach program.

Second Grade Families in the Offertory Procession

You will notice some new faces participating in the Offertory Procession this Fall. We have invited our second grade families to bring down the gifts at some of our 10:30 Masses as a way of introducing them to the Parish community. Our second grade class is deep in preparation for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. These events are opportunities for celebration not only for the child and the family, but for their entire parish family. The students are on an important faith journey and we want them to know they have the parish with them as they progress toward these important days.

**Protecting the Earth:
An Environmental, Economic, and Moral Challenge**

When: Today, Sunday, October 6th 2019 from noon – 1:30
after the 10:30 Mass

Who: Dr. Peter Raven, President Emeritus
of the Missouri Botanical Garden

Where: Ballroom of St. Francis Xavier College Church

Peter Raven is one of the world's leading botanists and advocates of conservation and diversity. He has authored numerous books and reports. Since 1990 he has been a Senior Science Advisor to the Pontifical Academy of Science and most recently one of the minds behind Pope Francis' encyclical *Laudato Si*. *Dr. Raven has a deep appreciation of nature and the connection of everything and frames climate change as a moral issue for all people of the Earth.*



Light snack of fruit and veggies will be available. Free, and all are welcome.

Those for whom it is feasible are encouraged to bring a snack of fruit or veggies to the Ballroom for Dr. Raven's presentation. Thank you for helping.

**Aging America: Coping with
Loss, Dying and Death in Later
Life**

When: Sunday, October 20th from noon -
- 1:30 after the 10:30 Mass

Who: Hospice Foundation of America
(HFA) webinar

Where: Ballroom of St. Francis Xavier
College Church

The Pastoral Care Committee has invited Kristen Errnst from Baue Funeral Home to share this webinar with us.

America is aging at a rapid rate with 10,000 people in the US turning 65 every day. Medicare is expected to include 80 million enrollees by 2040. How can mental health professionals, healthcare providers, clergy, bereavement specialists and the wider community support the growing number of aging Americans through their losses, grief and healthcare challenges in later life?

Please bring a fruit and/or vegetable dish for the gathering before the presentation.

SAVE THE DATE

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2019



HONORING:

Reverend Charles Bouchard, O.P.

Senior Director, Theology & Sponsorship
Catholic Health Association of the United States

AND

Reverend Craig Holway

Pastor, St. Joan of Arc Parish, St. Louis

THE CEDARS

939 LEBANON DRIVE, ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

5:45 PM – COCKTAILS AND DINNER

All proceeds to benefit the Aquinas Institute of Theology Preaching and Scholarship Fund

FOR EVENT INFORMATION

AND TO PURCHASE TICKETS, VISIT: ai.edu/GPA2019

**College Church Social Ministry
Americorps VISTA Communications Development
Specialist position open**



COLLEGE CHURCH

This one-year, full time Ameri-corps VISTA position will start on November 12, 2019 and will focus on both internal and external

communications for St. Francis Xavier's direct service programs, especially the ID and birth certificate program.

To apply by October 21st, please visit:

<https://tinyurl.com/y5grbuko>

Questions? Contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309



VISTA
Volunteers in Service to America

Presider's Schedule

October 5th & 6th, 2019

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

October 12th & 13th, 2019

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



Belize 2020 Trivia Night
Join us for a trivia night to benefit our Jesuit works in Belize!

Saturday, October 19th at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Si Commons, Saint Louis University High School

4970 Oakland Ave, St. Louis, MO 63110 (Free parking available)

\$25 per person for tables up to 8

Cash prizes for top trivia competitors (1st & 2nd place)

Beer, wine, soda and bottled water provided (no coolers allowed)

Bring your own snacks

To purchase tickets online: www.belize2020.org/trivianight or contact Arlene at kulade5@yahoo.com or 314-623-0412

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