

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





November 24th, 2019 Solemnity of Christ the King

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 <u>bulletin@sfxstl.org</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

<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

Russ Bley Terry Kippenberger Beverly & Al Marcus Carl Thenhaus Donald Webre **Jeffrey Foster** Mark Indelicato Len Stagoski, Sr. Judy Webre Livaudais Allen Abernathy Elaine Walker **Betty Schnorbus** Katie Mansfield Howard family Sr. Elizabrth Kolmer, ASC Nancy Partridge & Glider Margaret Barker Mikaela Chatman **Jennifer Saunders** Joan 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 to add or remove names.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The Gospel this year for the feast of Christ, the



King of the Universe comes from St. Luke's description of the Passion. It features the exchange from the cross of Jesus and the so-called "Good Thief". Unlike his fellow criminal, he acknowledges his sins and expresses his faith in Jesus. Jesus responds by promising he will be with him in Paradise.

The Christian tradition has taken this brief story (found only in Luke's Gospel) and run with it. Christians have never been afraid to create a compelling back story for fascinating characters from the Gospels. Despite being unknown in Luke's Gospel, the Good Thief was soon named. He is Dismas in the West, Demas among the Coptic Christians of Egypt, and Rakh in the Russian Orthodox tradition. Tales have been spun of his background as a brigand and murder who roamed the deserts of Palestine. A number of Easter Orthodox hymns for Good Friday feature the Good Thief.

This desire to fill in the story is an important part of the Christian imagination. It suggests an intimacy with biblical characters, and willingness to understand them better. St. Dismas acknowledged his own sinfulness and sought to be with Jesus. He models what it means to be a disciple. No wonder our ancestors in faith wanted to know him better.

College Church Legacy Society

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Advent Reconciliation Service

One of the Gospel calls we hear both from John the Baptist and Jesus in our Advent Scriptures is the call to repentence. True repentence can only come when we take our eyes off of ourselves and place them on Jesus, who reminds us that only in humbly keeping our hearts open to grace can we recognize our deep need for ongoing conversion and transformation. Our parish communal Service of Reconciliation will be held on **Saturday, December 21**

at 4:00 pm.

Campaign For Human Development

Please be generous in supporting the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CHD). In the United States, one in six people live in poverty. Through this collection you support a wide variety of wonderful programs that address the causes of poverty and provide a sustainable future for people across the country who struggle. In addition 25% of the funds we collect will remain in our diocese to fund local antipoverty projects. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this collection and thus assist our work for people who are marginalized. Envelopes can be found on the bulletin tables. More information about the Catholic Campaign for Human Development can be found atwww.usccb.org/cchd/collection.

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.

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.

Remember the Fair Trade Christmas Market Sunday, December 8th from 9am-1 pm!

Shop for beautiful and unique handcrafted items from vendors like SFX Fair Trade, Zee Bee Market, Plowsharing Crafts, Partners for Just Trade, The Bridge Market, Forai, Noonday Collection and Xavier Books.

Proceeds will benefit our Belizean Sister Parish of St. Peter Claver

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The College Church Seminar has begun! Each Sunday, Adult Faith Room, 9:15 am, all welcome, any time.

Aew Testament Apocrypha

That is, pious- or semi-Christian writings that never made it into the New Testa-

ment, 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.

Christmas Youth Choir/Instrumentalists

LAST CALL! This is a great opportunity for young people to be involved in our Christmas Eve Mass. The deadline for joining our Christmas Youth Choir as singers or instrumentalists is Wednesday, Nov 27! Practices will be held from 9-10 am on Saturday, Dec 7 and 14, and 9-10:30 on Dec 21. Please email Sr

Carolyn at carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu.

Children from kindergarten through 4th Grade Invited to be in the Christmas Vigil Mass Tableau

Children from Kindergarten through 4th grade are invited to be part of the annual Christmas Tableau performed during the Vigil Mass at 4:30 on Christmas Eve. As part of this College Church tradition children in costume stage a visual depiction of the beloved Christ-

mas Gospel of St. Luke. All participants must be able to attend the Vigil Mass, and must come to practice on Sundays December 8 and 15 immediately following the 10:30 Mass. For more information or if you have questions, please contact Terry Edelmann at

Terry@sfxstl.org

The Gift of the Child in the Church

Ann Garrido, a long time parishioner, will be speaking on the Gift of the Child in the Church, today, November 24th at 9:20 am in the ballroom.

Ann is an associate professor in homiletics at Aquinas Institute of Theology in St. Louis, MO and founding director of the school's masters degree program in Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. She is the author of eight books, including Mustard Seed Preaching (LTP, 2003) and A Year With Sophia Cavelletti (LTP, 2017).

Ann has much to share on the gifts children offer to the church community. All are welcome!







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Advent Reflection Materials

The season of Advent is a few weeks away. It is a time of reflection and preparation for our celebration of God With Us. There are a number of books and booklets (most are \$2.00) to assist you or to send to family and friends including:

Little Blue Books—These booklets offer a reflection from the Sunday Gospel spread throughout the week and highlight a person, practice or event that highlights Christian living.

Jesus: The Savior Among Us offers a reflection from Pope Francis, a prayer and a scripture passage for each day.

Follow The Star presents reflections from various authors each day along with a scripture passage for seniors.

The Reason For The Season ... offers a scripture and a reflection for families each day during a Advent.

Advent With The Saints introduces the reader to a saint each day and presents a short writing by or talk that the saint gave.

Other booklets have reflections from Henri Nouwen or Pope Francis and Henri Nouwen together. There are materials for children and teens as well

Larger books offer reflections on **Abundance** by Walter Brueggemann.; **Advent and Christmas Wisdom** From Pope Francis or from Henri Nouwen; or **Sacred Space for Advent and Christmas** which offers a way to pray with the mass scriptures each day.

There are Advent Calendars for young people along with sticker books and other materials to help them connect with Jesus during this season.

For Longer term faith support, there is Sacred Space for the whole year and a book of daily reflections from Pope Francis that goes through out the year.

There are also available books by out Sunday morning speaker, Ann Garrido,

Come to the ballroom after the 8:00 or 10:30 masses today and each of the next few Sundays.

If you would prefer an online resource instead of a book, you can sign up for a daily email from Sacred Space. The Year in Our Church from Loyola Press offers Sacred Advent, scriptures and reflections for Advent. Sign up at:

https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/advent/sacred-advent-retreat

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: 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!



The Priesthood of the Faithful – Part II

Recently, we discussed the fact that we have a right to fully and actively participate in the great prayer of the Mass because we share in Jesus's priesthood. Baptism claimed us for Christ, joining us to him in an indissoluble bond. We have become part of him, members of his Body. When we gather on Sunday we are consciously uniting ourselves with him in offering ourselves to the Father - as "spiritual sacrifices pleasing to God" (1 Pt 2:5) - a priesthood of the faithful.

In the action of the Eucharist we exercise our priesthood by offering ourselves with Christ to the Father. With the bread and wine, symbols of the work of human hands, we place our hearts on the altar, the symbol of sacrifice, and pray that our gifts - bread and wine AND each of us - may become the Body and Blood of Christ. The mass is not the priest's prayer; it is ours. Through baptism Christ has shared his priesthood with us.

So we must offer with the presider the great sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving that is the Mass. With the presider we are responsible for praying the prayers and singing the songs of the mass. With the presider we must be willing channels of the Spirit's consecratory power, that we might be transformed into Christ for the life of the world.

Our baptism bestows on us a sacred dignity as priests. In the Mass we "practice" what should be the pattern of our lives. It is, indeed, a great privilege for us to claim this gift and be active agents with Christ in giving ourselves in unconditional love for the salvation of the world.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH 12:00 NOON

Among the World's

Religions

BY DR. DAVID OUGHTON

St. Francis Xavier College Church - Ballroom at Grand and Lindell Light refreshments will be served.

Sponsored by the Interfaith Committee of St. Francis Xavier College Church and the Turkish-American Society of Missouri

> Have you ever wondered what similaraities your religion has in comparison with others?

> How about differences? There seem to be so many.....but are there?

Come join us for an opportunity to hear a renowned expert and professor on world religions discuss these topics.

Dr. David Oughton teaches courses in the Religions of the World at Saint Louis University. His interdisciplinary doctorate broke new ground in the study of the Philosophies and Theologies of Peace and Justice. He has taught over 400 courses in philosophy, comparative religions, peace studies, world federalism, and Holocaust and genocide studies. Dr. Oughton founded St. Louis's Dialogue Group of the World's Religions and Philosophies. He has organized many interfaith meetings and events during the past 40 years. He is President of the Interfaith Partnership of St. Louis, and a board member of the St. Louis Holocaust Museum, Living Insights Center, and Citizens for Global Solutions.

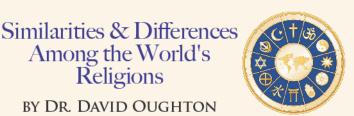
For more information, call or text: Carolyn Vaughan, 314-972-4042

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David Oughton, Ph.D

SOCIAL MINISTRY

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 the temperature falls below 20 degrees. From **December through February**, an all-volunteer crew runs Winter Inn, providing guests with a warm bed, hot meal, and hospitality on nights when **temperatures drop below 20 degrees**.

New Volunteers: If you missed the trainings, you can still be involved! Email Tess Sanders at <u>out-reach@sfxstl.org</u> if you'd like to be a volunteer.

Returning Volunteers: Woohoo! Welcome back. Be on the lookout for an email with opportunities to sign-up to volunteer this winter.

Donations Needed: For more information or to donate winter hats, gloves, scarves, new socks and underwear, please contact Tess Sanders at <u>outreach@sfxstl.org</u>.

Thank you for providing shelter and cheer to those who need it!



Save the Date for Hot Stuff Saturday, January 25th, 2020

As the holidays approach and cold weather is upon us, please begin to save the following items for Hot Stuff: -New underwear and socks -New or gently used pants, winter hats, gloves, scarves, coats, blankets -New or gently used shoes, belts -Other warm clothing items

Keep an eye on the bulletin for a more detailed article with volunteer and food donation signups. Thank you for your generosity!



Thank you for your support of our Gala!!

A wonderful time was had by all and we look forward to our next Grand Night Gala in 2021!













Black Catholic History Month



Presider's Schedule November 23rd & 24th, 2019		
Saturday 5:30 pm Sunday	Fr. White, S.J.	
8:00 am 10:30 am	Fr. Baugh, S.J. Fr. White, S.J.	
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8:00 am 10:30 am 4:30 pm	Fr. Baugh, S.J. Fr. White, S.J. Fr. May, S.J.	

In 1990 the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month in order to recognize the long history and proud heritage of black Catholics. It is an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of so many who served the church from its earliest days. This year, we will be sharing the stories and the legacy of black Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis. We celebrate the many ways our Catholic community has been enriched and continues to be blessed through these lives of faith and service.

Father Augustus Tolton: First African American Priest

Father Augustus Tolton was born in Brush Creek, near Hannibal (Ralls County), Missouri in 1854. He died in Chicago in 1897 at the age of 43. Father Tolton is the first priest who identified as African American. He was preceded by the three Healy brothers, the sons of an African slave and an Irish plantation owner, but the Healys did not acknowledge their African heritage. Fr. Tolton's mother, Martha Jane Chisley, had been enslaved in Kentucky by members of the Manning family, who were Catholic. Martha Jane was given to Susan Manning as a wedding gift, on the occasion of Susan's marriage to Stephen Elliot. Stephen and Susan Elliot moved from Kentucky to Ralls County, Missouri, to a farm near Brush Creek and not far from Hannibal. Father Tolton's father, Peter Paul Tolton was enslaved by the Hager family, whose farm adjoined the Elliots. The Hagers were Catholic. Peter and Martha Jane had three children: Charles, Augustus, and Anne. Ahead of the Civil War, Tolton's mother gathered the children and with the help of a Union soldier, crossed the Mississippi into Illinois, then a free state. They arrived in Quincy where he, his mother and brother took jobs in a cigar factory.

Tolton's elementary education was intermittent at best between Catholic schools, the designated public school for African Americans, and private tutoring by the School Sisters of Notre Dame. Augustus finally studied in Rome in preparation for his ordination, after no American seminary would accept him based on his ethnicity and was ordained on 1886. His studies prepared him to serve in the missions, which he expected to mean Africa. When he was assigned to serve in the Alton diocese in Illinois, now the diocese of Springfield, Illinois, he was surprised and somewhat dismayed. There he was assigned to his home parish, St. Peter's, in Quincy. From there, he was transferred to the Chicago diocese where he spent the remainder of his life.

Fr. Tolton, fondly called Father Gus, was renowned for his homilies, singing, and accordion accompaniment. During his time at St. Monica's parish in Chicago, it grew from 30 to over 600 families in a short time. His influence fostered many priestly vocations in other black men in the region.

Fr. Tolton's health suffered as the result of his zeal. During his last few years he grew weaker and more frail, and ultimately collapsed in the July heat of Chicago and died in 1897. His remains were returned to Quincy, Illinois, where he was interred in the priests' section of St. Peter's Parish Cemetery.

In 2011 Father Tolton Regional High School was opened in Columbia, Missouri, and in 2015 Tolton Academy in Chicago opened to be the first STREAM (science, technology, reading, engineering, arts, and math) in Chicago. In 2010 Cardinal Francis George of Chicago began investigations leading to canonization. Along with the Archdiocese of Chicago, the dioceses of Springfield, Illinois, and Jefferson City, Missouri signed on in concert. In June 2019 Pope Francis advanced Fr. Tolton's cause, naming him "venerable," the first step to beatification and ultimately to canonization.

More on Father Augustus Tolton's fascinating and groundbreaking life is available at Tolton.archchicago.org.

For additional information, please look under Social Ministry/Race & Reconciliation on the SFX website: https://sfxstl.org/race-

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