



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis



November 25, 2018 Feast of Christ the King

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@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 marybeth@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 314-977-7315 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 Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or church@slu.edu.

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 Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304.

Religious Education: Available for kindergarten through eighth grade. Classes meet September - May on Sunday mornings. Ages 3-6 use the Catechesis of the Good Shepherd. Contact Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu

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 Angie Doerr at 314-977-7302 or angeline.doerr@slu.edu.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at marietherese.edelmann@slu.edu.

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 Linda Riek
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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Next Sunday individual confessions will be offered between the Sunday morning masses. A communal celebration of the sacrament will be held on Thursday, December 13 at 7:00 pm. A communal service is a wonderful way to remind ourselves that our sin affects all of us in the Body of Christ, and that we need one another to live as better disciples of Christ. We sing, hear the Scriptures, reflect on God's call to conversion, and express our sorrow and our desire to be better; then several confessors will be available for individual confessions.

Ignatian Young Adults Advent Reflection

When: Wednesday, December 5th from 7:00-9:00pm

Where: SFX Ballroom (under the church)

Who: Young Adults ages 21-39 are welcome to join!

What: Join the Ignatian Young Adults for dinner and an Advent Reflection led by Jaime Gil Nuñez, Director of Faith Formation in the Diocese of Belleville, IL.



POSADAS: A pilgrimage with Joseph and Mary towards the birth of Jesus. A Posada is a traditional celebration in many Latin American countries. The word Posada refers to Joseph and Mary asking for a room at the Inn and not finding a place as recounted in the Gospel. Jaime Gil, a native of Mexico, will lead a lively discussion about traditions and hospitality, and their importance today. Feel free to bring your favorite Christmas cookies. Ugly sweaters welcome!

Please RSVP to ignatianyastl@gmail.com if you plan to join or have any questions. Hope to see you then!

Feast of the Immaculate Conception - A 5:15 Vigil mass will be held on December 7 in the chapel, and a 9:00 am mass on December 8 in the main church.

Christmas Vigil Mass Children's Choir Last Call

Each year we invite our young people Grades 3-12 who are musically inclined to sing or play instruments at the 4:30 pm Christmas Vigil mass. Rehearsals will be held on the four Saturday mornings in December - December 2, 15 and 22 from 9:00 - 10:00 am; December 8 from 10:00-11:00 am. Presence is required for at least three of these.

If you intended to sign your child up to participate in the 4:30 pm Christmas Eve mass as a singer or instrumentalist, but didn't, names will be accepted through Monday, November 26. Please email Sister Carolyn at carolyn.Mcwatters@slu.edu.



Welcome to the College Church!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Entrance Song: To Jesus Christ Our Sovereign King *Gather 573*

Gloria—Duchesne Mass *Pew Card*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word *Gather 324*

Responsorial Psalm 93: The Lord is King *Gather 1192*

Gospel Acclamation: Duchesne Mass *Pew Card*

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts (10:30 a.m.): The King of Love My Shepherd Is *Gather 712*

Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations: Duchesne Mass *Pew Card*

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God—Duchesne Mass *Pew Card*

Communion Hymn: Behold the Lamb of God *Pew Card*

Meditation (10:30): May We Praise You *John Foley, SJ*

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CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: Holy God We Praise Thy Name *Gather 615*

GRAND NIGHT GALA 2018

Thanks to all who attended the Gala and to all of our donors, sponsors, volunteers and staff for making it such a tremendous success!!! It was truly a grand night and a lot of fun!! Congratulations to Angie Doerr for her service to our Religious Education program!!



Thank You from Angie

Dear Fr. Dan and Friends,

Thank you for this beautiful honor at the Gala!! I am humbled by your thoughtfulness. I have loved my time in Religious Education and am so thankful for all of the kindness and support I have received over the years from our students, parents, parishioners and staff. My time here has been filled with immense joy and spiritual growth and all of you will be forever a part of me. Thank you for allowing me to be part of such a wonderful community. I bid you the fondest farewell and promise that I will always keep you in my prayers. With love and gratitude, Angie

November is Black Catholic History Month



In 1990 the National Black Catholic Clergy Caucus of the United States designated November as Black Catholic History Month to recognize the long history and proud heritage of black Catholics. We are provided an opportunity to reflect on the contributions of many black saints and leaders who served our church from its earliest days. This year, we invite you to consider the lives and contributions of African American Catholics who are currently under consideration for sainthood. Reflect on blessings they shared with their communities and the inspiration they offer to us today.

Augustus Tolton

Born in Missouri on April 1, 1854, John Augustine Tolton fled slavery with his mother and two siblings in 1862 by crossing the Mississippi River into Illinois. He attended St. Peter's Catholic School where he was baptized into the Catholic faith. After graduating from high school and Quincy College, he began his ecclesiastical studies in Rome, because no American seminary would accept him because of his race.



Fr. Tolton returned to served both black and white parishioners in Quincy before being transferred to Chicago to start a parish for black Catholics. Housed in a modest storefront church, Fr. Tolton ministered tirelessly to his parishioners for their physical, as well as spiritual needs. At the same time, he worked to gain the resources to build a church, soliciting the assistance of St. Katherine Drexel and others. Working to exhaustion, Fr. Tolton died in 1897.

His cause for canonization was officially launched in 2010, and he was given the title "Servant of God" by the Vatican in February 2011. The next step in his cause for canonization will be in February 2019, when a theological commission with the Congregation for the Causes of Saints will further investigate his life and virtue and consider granting him the title of "Venerable," which must receive papal approval.

○ God, we give you thanks for your servant and priest, Father Augustus Tolton, who labored among us in times of contradiction, times that were both beautiful and paradoxical. His ministry helped lay the foundation for a truly Catholic gathering in faith in our time. We stand in the shadow of his ministry. May his life continue to inspire us and imbue us with that confidence and hope that will forge a new evangelization for the Church we love.

If it be your Will, O God, glorify your servant, Father Tolton, by granting the favor I now request through his intercession (*mention your request*) so that all may know the goodness of this priest whose memory looms large in the Church he loved.

For more information on the life of Augustus Tolton and his cause for canonization, consult <http://www.toltoncanonization.org/>

Fair Trade Christmas Market

St. Francis Xavier College Church

Shop for beautiful and unique hand-crafted items, plus coffees, teas, and chocolates

Sunday, December 2nd

9:00AM-1:00PM



College Church Ballroom

3620 Lindell Blvd

Vendors (including new vendors this year!)

**SFX Fair Trade, Zee Bee Market,
Plowsharing Crafts, Partners for Just Trade,
St. Louis Friends of Bethlehem, Forai,
Xavier Books, and more**

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

Soup, cornbread, cookies, coffee, cider, tea, hot chocolate available
(good will offering appreciated)

Raffle tickets available for 50/50 and raffle baskets!

Christmas Market Volunteers Needed!

Please contact Colleen McCluskey at colleen.mccluskey@slu.edu if you are able to help out at the Christmas Market. Plenty of volunteers are needed for a variety of roles to ensure the success of the market. Thank you for your consideration.

SACRED ADVENT

The season of Advent begins on December 2.

It is a time of waiting and preparation. Embrace the Advent season as a sacred space from the ease of your e-mail inbox.

Sacred Advent is a daily e-mail prayer break during a busy season. Each day invites you to a step-by-step progression of praying with a Scripture reading and related points of reflection. The messages also include suggestions for further exploration of Advent themes through additional online articles and prayers.

To sign up, submit your email address at:

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

Christ the King

This Sunday the liturgical year comes to an end with the celebration of the Solemnity of Christ the King. Rather than being a king who desires triumphalism and slavish adoration, Jesus Christ is humble and loving and governs with justice and mercy.

We honor him best by recognizing and serving him in our loving care and concern for our brothers and sisters, especially the poorest and most oppressed.

Liturgically, since this is a solemnity, we will use incense throughout the mass. Incense, through its smoke and fragrance, is a visible sign to us of our prayers arising before our God. Historically it was used to indicate and honor the presence of the Divine.

We incense the altar and the gifts, the Gospel book, and the presider, all bearers of divinity. And we also incense the assembly, a powerful acknowledgement that each of us is a God-bearer, a temple of the Spirit.

The Season of Advent

The first season of the new liturgical year, Advent, begins next week. Its color is a blue-purple, like the color of the sky just before the sunlight breaks through in the morning, and is also reminiscent of royalty. During Advent our Scriptures are filled with the longing of God's people for the promised Messiah, including lush descriptions of what that blessed time will be like, and admonitions for us to prepare our hearts for his coming. Our Advent wreath visually increases our excitement for the feast of Christmas as an additional candle is lighted each week.

On a spiritual level, each of us is invited to reflect on the ways in which we recognize the presence of Emmanuel, God with us, each and every day, and the extent to which our lives do or do not make his presence known. One way we can prepare our hearts to celebrate the feast of the Incarnation is through the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a beautiful sign of God's mercy and forgiveness for us all.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Three Ways to Support Social Ministry this Holiday Season:



The Giving Tree



Once again, Social Ministry is sponsoring a Giving Tree for our Outreach Program guests. You will notice a Christmas Tree near the front of the south aisle decorated with paper ornaments listing different needed warm winter items. To participate, simply take an ornament and purchase the listed gift, wrap it, and **bring it to the Parish Center by Sunday, December 9th. Please do NOT leave your gift under the tree in church.** These gifts will be distributed to guests who come to the Outreach Program in mid- to late-December.

Please consider checking out the Giving Tree in these next couple of weeks. With the cold of winter approaching, our guests will be appreciative of your gift.

Contact Christine Dragonette with any questions at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309. Thank you!

Tuesday, November 27th is Giving Tuesday



Will you help us spread the word about our Outreach Program to friends and family outside of College Church?

Each Tuesday and Wednesday, our Outreach Program facilitates access to Missouri State ID cards and birth certificates for people with low incomes and limited resources. In the past year alone, we have assisted 3,421 people with documents so that they may access housing, employment, education, social services, and more. On Giving Tuesday, we are asking individuals outside of our parish to consider supporting our program.

Individuals can donate by either visiting www.sfxstl.org/outreach or by sending a check made out to "St. Francis Xavier" with "Outreach Program" in the memo to our parish center at 3628 Lindell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63108. Parishioners, be on the lookout for an opportunity to support us through our Annual Christmas Appeal on Sundays December 9th and 16th. Thank you!

Xavier Winter Inn—Volunteers Needed!

Every winter, College Church hosts a Winter Inn, offering emergency shelter to homeless men on Wednesday and Thursday nights from Dec.-Feb. The Winter Inn is run entirely by volunteers and provides hospitality on nights when temperatures drop below 20 degrees.

New Volunteers: Volunteer positions include Setup, Greeters/ Hosts, Innkeepers, Cleaners, Dinner Cooks and Laundry Drivers. All new volunteers must attend a training on Dec. 1st from 10:30 am-12:00 pm. To sign up for the training, or if this date does not work but you'd still like to volunteer, please contact Emily Edwards at outreach@sfxstl.org.

Returning Volunteers: Please look out for an email with opportunities to sign up to volunteer this winter.



Thank you for all of your ongoing support of Social Ministry at College Church!

College Church Seminars

Sundays 9:15 to 10:15 am in the Adult Faith Room

Open seminar meetings on the Infancy Narratives in chapters one and two of Matthew and Luke. College Course-like meetings but no tests or homework QUESTIONS LIKE:

Are these stories historical facts? Or are they just symbolic stories? Was Jesus really born in Bethlehem? Do Matthew and Luke contradict each other? Was there ever a universal census? Were all Bethlehem children killed? Why weren't Mary and Jesus' family disciples of Jesus before his Resurrection? Why did they think that he was crazy? ANSWERS LIKE: The true messages of the Infancy stories. The real meaning of

Virginal Conception of Mary. The evolution of the gospels' understanding of who Jesus was. What saying Jesus is the Son of God means. What the real meanings of Magi and Shepherds and other details are. **WE WANT EVERYONES' INPUT AND EVERYONES' QUESTIONS. PLEASE COME. For further information, contact Dr. Nichols at nicholfw@slu.edu.** Bringing a Bible is desirable but not essential



Advent Reflection Materials

The season of Advent begins next week. 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:



Open Your Heart and **In the Light of Hope** are collections of homilies by Pope Francis

Follow the Star and **Let Us Rejoice** both offer insightful reflections for seniors.

God's Word Comes Down presents prayers and practices for teens and young adults.

Other booklets present reflections from Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, Joyce Rupp, Bishop Robert Morneau.

Peace on Earth presents prayers and activities for families and children.

There are Advent Calendars and sticker books for young people including **Circle of Light** and **12 Days of Christmas**. **Mary's Story** is for very young children.

Larger books include **The Soul of Christmas** by Thomas Moore that offers reflections on the manger, the star and the wise men; **All Creation Waits** offers insights from animals about waiting through the wintery days; **The Way of Gratitude** collects insights from various authors on the impact of Gratitude; **Preparing for Christmas** by Richard Rohr, OFM, and **The Joy of Advent** from the reflections of Pope Francis.

Jesus: A Pilgrimage by James Martin, SJ, offers reflections on key moments in the life of Jesus along with information about the various places he visited.

These and many other options are available in the Ballroom on Sunday mornings. If you would like to reserve a copy for pickup at another time, please email Joe Milner, joseph.milner@slu.edu with the title that you would like.

CHRISTMAS EVE LITURGY CHILDREN'S TABLEAU

The Christmas Eve Liturgy at 4:30pm will feature the children of the parish in a silent dramatization of the birth of Jesus narrated by Fr. Dan. All children ages 5-9 are invited to participate. They will play the roles of the manger animals, shepherds and angels. We do have a limited number of costumes, so you may need to provide one for your child.



Participants are required to attend two rehearsals, both held immediately after the 10:30 am liturgies on December 10th and December 16th. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Karen Weber at karen@sfxstl.org.

First Friday Mass & Speaker

12:00 pm at Boileau Hall, Saint Louis University

Come join the Office of Mission and Identity for mass, light lunch, and an in-depth discussion of faith and practice led by a Saint Louis University scholar. Attendees are welcome to bring a friend for these intellectually and spiritually stimulating afternoons. Limited complimentary parking is available at Boileau.

RSVP to jesuitmission@slu.edu ~ more info on Facebook @slujesuitmission



Fall 2018

September 7

Fr David Suwalsky, PhD, SJ
 Director of Academic Initiatives
 Office of Mission & Identity
 Saint Louis University After Slavery

October 5

Brooks Goedecker, MSW
 Executive Director
 St Louis Redevelopment Corporation
A Look at St. Louis/Midtown Redevelopment

November 2

Fr Michael Rozier, PhD, SJ
 Asst Professor of Health Management & Policy
 College for Public Health and Social Justice
*Sacred and Social: Why US Health Care
 Could Benefit from Catholic Insights*

December 7

Susan McGraugh, JD
 Clinical Professor
 School of Law
Restorative Practices in Criminal Courts



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If you can help this effort, please call Mary Ottenberg at 314-757-7598, or email ottenbergm@jspaluch.com.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to bulletin@sfxstl.org.

ADVENT PRAYER: LESSONS AND CAROLS Celebrate the Advent Season with the Sisters of St. Joseph. Welcome Advent as we sing together songs of the season, listen to the messages of waiting and take time for quiet and reflection. In prayer, we open ourselves to the gift of patience and joy.

Sunday, December 2nd at 2:00 pm at the historic motherhouse of the Sisters of St. Joseph, 6400 Minnesota Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63111. RSVP by November 19 to 314-481-8800 or motherhousesv@csj.org Free will offering to benefit the CSJ Gulu Project, providing water filtration kits and training to women in Uganda.

Eucharistic Ministers Needed –VA and SLU Hospital

Veterans' Administration Healthcare and St Louis University Hospital are both in need of persons who can bring the Eucharist to patients at their locations. This is a ministry that assists people in their healing process and feeds the minister's heart and soul as well.

VA- ministers are needed to take Communion on Sundays. Volunteers would be scheduled on a rotating basis, and serve no more than monthly. SLU – Scheduling would be flexible: daily, weekly or every other week.

If interested, please contact: SLU: Pastoral Care Department – 314-577-8066 or Chaplain Tom Sanger or Administrative Asst Alice Kim; VA: Chaplain Stu King 314-894-6566.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Stephen Clark of our parish and Brendan Kelly, cousin of Anne Chilson who recently died.

May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE: sfxstl.org

Check the website for online bulletins (current and archived), homilies, upcoming presiders, a link to daily readings, our calendar & information about upcoming events!

**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:

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Sen. Claire McCaskill: 314-367-1364

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/>

Presiders

November 24-25, 2018

Saturday

5:30 pm

Fr. Hunthausen, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am

Fr. Cwik, S.J.

10:30 am

Fr. White, S.J.

December 1 & 2, 2018,

Saturday

5:30 pm

Fr. White S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am

Fr. Daly, S.J.

10:30 am

Fr. White, SJ

Free Billiken Basketball Tickets

Saint Louis University has generously offered the College Church a limited number of free tickets to the Billiken game VS Saint Joseph's on Friday, January 18th at 600 pm in Chaifetz Arena.

Tickets must be requested prior to Thursday, January 3rd by calling Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304. Tickets will be distributed on a first come first serve basis and will need to be picked up at the Parish Center receptionist area during office hours before January 16th once you receive notice they came in.

When reserving tickets please indicate if you have a child in 7th through 12th grade with your request. SLU requires a special form to be completed to comply with NCAA guidelines.



College Church Tours

Our wonderful College Church Docents would be happy to offer tours of our beautiful 176 year old Church.

Please contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu with a date and time to schedule a tour for your group.

**Volunteers Requested
for Children's Liturgy of the Word**

Parishioners attending the 10:30 am Sunday Mass at the College Church are accustomed to seeing our young children participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word program. The children leave Mass before the readings and homily so they can hear and discuss the readings at age appropriate levels. Most of our CLOW leaders are St. Louis University students and they do a wonderful job. We would like to have a few more parishioners, not students, who can fill in during university breaks. Volunteers would not be scheduled more than once a month, if that. They would have a short training and would have to be in compliance with the Safe Environment Program. Their actual classroom time would be no more than 15 minutes. If you would like to help with this important ministry, please contact Karen Weber at Karen@sfxstl.org.

Mercy Center Opportunities

***Time of Quiet Prayer
for Immigrants and Refugees:***

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:00 pm. We invite all to join us in quiet prayer for Immigrants and Refugees. Mercy Center Chapel.

For more information, contact Cathy Modde at 314-909-4646 or email modde@mercycenter.stl.org.

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Christ the King

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