



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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December 22nd, 2019 Fourth Sunday of Advent

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.

Safe Environment Program Compliance contact Terry Edelmann at terry@sfxstl.org.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The German theologian Johann Baptist Metz died earlier this month. I first encountered him as a novice through his classic spiritual work *Poverty of Spirit*. Short, even pithy, I cannot think of a better read, especially during the Christmas season.

Metz lived through the great catastrophes and reckoning of the latter 20th century. He served in the German army at sixteen and was captured by American troops. Like many European theologians, he wrestled with faith post-Auschwitz and Christian complicity in the Holocaust. Metz was never really interested in great theological systems or providing final answers to issues. One obituary compared him to the author of Ecclesiastes speaking simple, hard truths about faith.

It is fitting his death occur in Advent, the time of John the Baptist. Metz shared more than the name of the Baptist. Two quotes stand out: "It is dangerous to be close to Jesus, it threatens to set us afire, to consume us. And only in the face of this danger does the vision of the Kingdom of God that has come near in him light up." And, "The present misery of our Christianity is not that we are considered as fools and rebels too often, but rather, practically never."

Metz wrote of the essential "dangerous memory" at the heart of Christianity. Our attempts to domesticate and tame Jesus are contrary to who he is. Perhaps no other time in the Church year do we need to resist this comfortable, sentimental desire than at Christmas. Metz understood the light that shines in the darkness is also the fire that burns.

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.

Welcome to College Church!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Advent Gathering Song: Come to Us, Emmanuel

Steven Van Wye

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 24 Open Wide Your Gates (Ref II)

Gather 37

Gospel Acclamation: Advent Alleluia

Luke Mayernik

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Intercessions Response (10:30 am): Come Quickly, Lord

Gabe Huck, Tony Alonso

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts (10:30 am): O Holy Mary

Owen Alstott

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Creation

Gather 198, 200, 202

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God

Gather 204

Communion Hymn: Now In This Banquet (w/ Advent ref)

Gather 937

Meditation (10:30): My Soul in Stillness Waits

Gather 415

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: People Look East

Gather 409

Spirituality and Reflection Materials

As you look forward to the New Year, consider ways that you can continue to deepen your relationship with God. There are a variety of ways to grow in prayer and understanding of the Sunday readings, Ignatian Spirituality, and prayer.

At Home With The Word has the scripture readings for each Sunday, insights into the readings, questions for reflection and a suggestion about practicing a virtue.

Sacred Space for 2020 offers a scripture passage each day and a way to pray with it so that you can grow in your relationship with God.

Through the Year With Pope Francis presents thoughts from his homilies selected for each day along with a question to ponder that day.

We Need Each Other: Responding to God's Call to Live Together by Jean Vanier challenges us to never think of ourselves as better but to always see the dignity of each person around us.

Falling in Love ... Finding God by parishioners Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen invites readers to grow in intimacy with each other with practical practices. Through insights from the Spiritual Exercises, couples can come to greater love and intimacy with each other and with God.

Other books offer insights in the Examen prayer, working through grief, and ways to destress from the busyness of life.

Come to the ballroom after the 8:00 or 10:30 masses today.

CHRISTMAS AT THE COLLEGE CHURCH FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES



The Christmas Eve Liturgy for families will be December 24th at 4:30 pm. This liturgy includes a candlelight procession, a touching Tableau and the children's choir. Please call Terry Edelmann at 314.712.4216 or Julie Kilian at 314.698.9268 if you have any questions about these activities.

Candlelight Procession

All children are invited to create a paper candle to carry in the opening procession for the liturgy. Paper towels work well as the basis of the candle. All children and parents who want to process should gather at the Baptismal Font at 4:25. They will process in before the celebrant and stand at the foot of the altar. Once the celebrant is on the altar they will return to their pews. No rehearsal is necessary, but children must bring their own paper candles.

Christmas Tableau

Our children will participate in a dramatization of the Gospel. During the reading of the Gospel the children will come to the altar and present a moving depiction of the beautiful words of St. Luke.

Children's Liturgy of the Word and Babysitting

There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word or babysitting on Sundays Dec. 22, 29 and January 5. All activities will resume January 12.

Bulletin Articles

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

Christmas Poinsettias Donations

We would be pleased to accept donations for Christmas poinsettias in honor of the living and deceased members of the parish or your family. Please mark your donations for POINSETTIAS and list the name(s) of those you wish to remember. You may place your donation in the collection basket or give to Sister Carolyn. At the end of the Christmas season, those who made donations are welcome to take some flowers home. Suggested donation: \$10

Please print clearly:

In HONOR or MEMORY of: _____

Donated by: _____



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."

Advent and Christmas Celebrations

College Church will celebrate the coming of Christ with these liturgical offerings:

December 24th Christmas Eve Family Mass —4:30 pm

Children's Choir Prelude Music-4pm

Mass During the Night-11pm

Choir Prelude Music 10:30 pm

December 25th Christmas Day Mass 10:30 am

January 1st Feast of Mary, Mother of God Vigil Mass 5:15 pm in the Chapel and 10:30 am in the Chapel

Complementary parking available in SLU Laclede Garage

The Parish office will also be closed December 25th-27th and January 1st.



SOCIAL MINISTRY

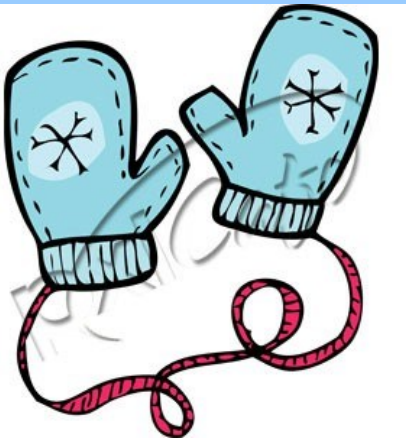


Thank you for your support of Social Ministry through the Annual Christmas Appeal and the Giving Tree!

We are so grateful for your generosity.
Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



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!

JustFaith Module Coming!

Do you want to learn how to advocate for racial equity within your family, church and community? JustFaith Ministries NEW module, *Faith & Racial Equity: Exploring Power & Privilege* is an eight week module that includes grounding in Scripture, reflection on past and present racial injustices, and conversation about how power and privilege have contributed to racial inequity. The module includes wisdom from community advocates, and tools to help you discern action steps for working toward an end to racism. The module will begin on Tuesday, January 21 from 6:30-9:00 pm. For more information see the parish website or contact Sister Carolyn -

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 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



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.




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.



**YOUNG ADULT
WINTER RETREAT**



**January 3-5, 2020
at White House Retreat**

Directed by Fr. Mathew Baugh, SJ
with all new retreat content!

\$100/person. whretreat.org/amdg 314-416-6400

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

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!

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

December 21st & 22nd, 2019

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

December 28th & 29th, 2019

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



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

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).

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Fourth Sunday of Advent

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