



**COLLEGE
CHURCH**

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St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
3628 Lindell Blvd. | St. Louis, MO 63108

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Saint Francis Xavier
College Church

December 31, 2017 Feast of the Holy Family

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:15 pm Anticipation of Sunday
5:30 pm beginning Jan. 6, 2018

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: 4:00 pm through 5:00 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 marykay.horan@slu.edu by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

Infant Baptisms: contact Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ at 314-977-7301 for scheduling and preparation information at least 45 days in advance. Baptisms are celebrated on the first and third Sunday of the month, at 12:00 pm.

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 McWaters, 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.

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- Carolyn Langston
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- Steve Kaiser
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- Dan Trueman
- Leslie Matula
- Diane Williams
- Fr. Dave Corrigan, SJ
- Kandice Draper
- Lula Chatman
- Don Berg
- Greg Fiudo
- David Byrnes
- Paul Byrnes
- Pam Orbin
- Art Taylor
- Melias A
- Rosemary P
- Mary Bruemmer
- Geri Greger
- Lisa Zimmerer
- Pat March
- Liz DeRum
- Wayne and Tuck Loui
- Cheryl Rauschenbach
- Delores Garrido
- Kathy Fitzgerald
- Mary Beth Erickson
- Nancy Partridge & service dog Glider
- Maryann Cochran
- Ann Koolman
- Joe Lynne
- Catherine Walz
- Theresa Poetz
- John and Colin Martin
- Tom Reilly
- Monica Gunn
- Neil Kiely
- Carol Williams
- Pat Darcy
- Linda Riek
- Paul Hanson
- Betty Will-Bower
- Mary Geary Dunn
- Alice Edler
- Kath Engelhardt
- Anthony Johnson
- Katherine Mansfield
- Jeanne Hermann
- Cooper Treacy
- Codie Oberson
- Bruce Meadows
- Katherine Mansfield
- Melissa Belk

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Given the myriad of absurdities that occupy our national consciousness, it is difficult to find which is most ridiculous. However, my money's with The War on Christmas.



I was not even aware this great conflict was taking place until recently. It appears sinister forces are at work to keep us from not only celebrating Christmas, but even speaking the very word. As a Christian and someone who rather likes honoring the birth of Jesus Christ, this seems pretty serious. So I feel compelled to reflect on this "war".

It is a historical fact that the Puritan founders of the Massachusetts Bay Colony hated everything that smacked of "Popery", including Christmas. It was illegal to treat December 25 as anything other than a normal day. So, one can argue any American who seeks to eliminate Christmas is simply honoring the memory of the men and women who helped create this great land.

On a more serious note, I find it ludicrous to worry about a non-existent war when we as a county seem perfectly content with actual wars. The United States has waged war in Afghanistan for more than 16 years. Targeted violence by drone strike occurs frequently and secretly. Our military engagement in the Middle East appears endless. Yet, political leaders of both parties and Americans in general could care less.

The best way to celebrate Christmas, the birth of the Prince of Peace, is not to create phony wars but to practice peace.

WINTER NEWS FROM SFX!

Please note that the parish office is closed due to bad weather when the St. Louis public schools are. If they are closed, so are we.

WELCOME TO COLLEGE CHURCH!**INTRODUCTORY RITES**

Gathering Song: Hark, the Herald Angels Sing

Gather 424

Glory to God: Mass of Light

Gather 321

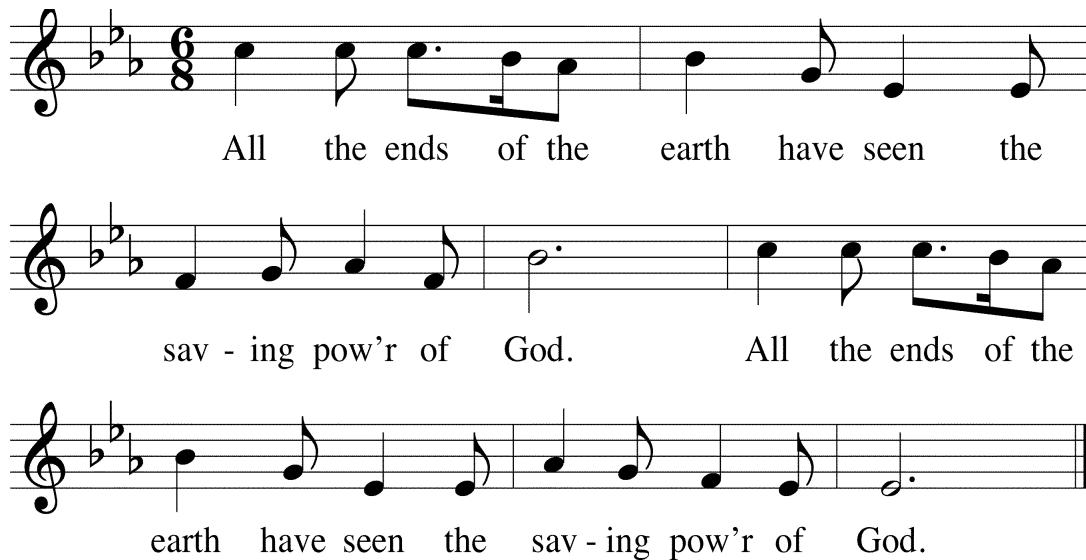
LITURGY OF THE WORD

Children's Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word

Gather 324

Responsorial Psalm: 98 All the Ends of the Earth

Lynn Trapp



All the ends of the earth have seen the
sav - ing pow'r of God. All the ends of the
earth have seen the sav - ing pow'r of God.

Gospel Acclamation:

Barbara Bridge

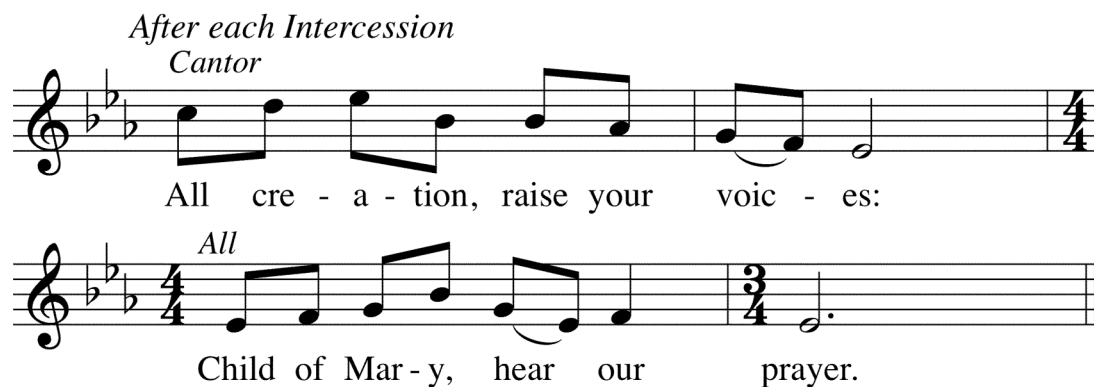


Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

THE NICENE CREED MAY BE FOUND ON THE INSIDE COVER OF THE HYMNAL

Intercession Response:

After each Intercession
Cantor



All cre - a - tion, raise your voic - es:
All
Child of Mar - y, hear our prayer.

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: What Child is This? Gather 466
 Eucharistic Prayer Acclamations: Mass of Light Gather 361, 362, 363

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of Bread: Lamb of God - Mass of Light
 Communion Song: Child of Mercy Gather 431
 Meditation: The Aye Carol Gather 456

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice Gather 440

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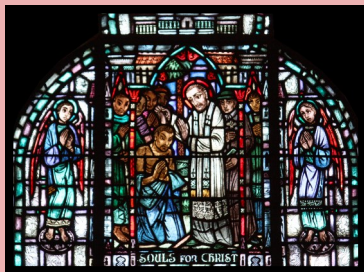
AN AFTERNOON WITH THE SAINTS IN GLASS

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church
 3628 Lindell Blvd., St. Louis, Missouri
 63108

Sunday, Jan. 21 after 10:30 am Mass

The afternoon will begin with a light lunch in the Ballroom followed by a tour of the historic College Church windows by our pastor, Fr. Dan White, S.J. and Aaron Frei of Emil Frei Studios.

The cost is \$20 per person (\$15 for registered parishioners) due before Jan. 11. Contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304 or email church@slu.edu to make reservations



The *Saints in Glass* book by Fr. J.J. Mueller, S.J. and Fr. Thomas Rochford, S.J. will also be available for purchase.

WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT PRESENTS

A 3-Day Co-Ed Discernment Retreat in St. Louis, MO
"A HUNGRY HEART"

DISCERNING GOD'S WILL IN EVERYDAY CHOICES



FR. JEFF PUTTHOFF, SJ

Making choices, big and small, are all occasions for connecting with God. Making use of Saint Ignatius's rules of discernment, Fr. Jeff Putthoff, S.J. will explore with you how the senses and imagination reveal God's presence in our daily lives, thus guiding us to greater unity with God's will.

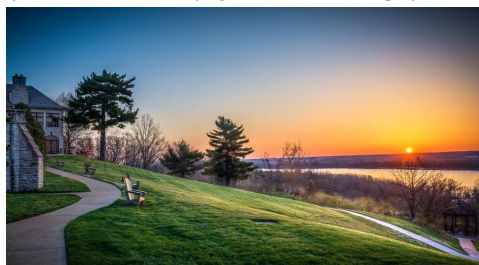
WHERE: WHITE HOUSE JESUIT RETREAT

WHEN: CHECK IN MONDAY JANUARY 22 AT 11:30 AM, CHECK OUT THURSDAY JANUARY 25 AT 12:00 PM

COST: A \$50 DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION. A FREE WILL OFFERING CAN BE MADE AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE RETREAT IF YOU WISH

PARISH MEN'S WHITE HOUSE RETREAT

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", Feb. 8 - 11. 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 Dave Schnelt (314-791-0227), John Webster (636-394-2770), John Hartung (314-918-1950) or Deacon Jim Griffard (314-619-5700).



OPENINGS ON THE SFX PASTORAL COUNCIL:

The St. Francis Xavier (College) Church Pastoral Council is a group composed of the pastor and twelve active, adult parishioners who meet regularly to deliberate, reflect, and make decisions on a variety of issues related to the operations, programming, and spiritual life of the parish. The Pastoral Council provides support and direction to the various parish Commissions and Committees, and is generally charged with making sure that all activities support the parish's Mission. There will be at least two openings on the Pastoral Council starting in January 2018. Council members serve for a three-year term with the option to serve a second term. The group meets one Saturday morning per month, and also participates actively in various special events throughout the year. A parishioner may nominate another parishioner, or nominate himself/herself.

Nominees will be asked to submit a short statement explaining their interest in serving on the Council answering the following three questions: (1) What has drawn you to SFX College Church, and what are your hopes for the future of the parish? (2) What background and experience, either professional, personal, or as a parishioner, would you bring to the Council and how would you apply it? (3) Can you commit to regular attendance and participation at Council meetings and, from time to time, assisting with special projects or events?

If you are interested in serving, would like to nominate another parishioner, or would just like more information, please contact Council chair Jeff Leonard at jeff.leonard@me.com or Fr. Dan 314-977-7310, dwhite6@slu.edu.

“OUR MOTHER HEALS” MINISTRY AT OLS

Our Lady of Sorrows parish has started a healing Mass and anointing for all those who are sick, especially cancer patients. The Mass of healing and anointing is the first Saturday of the month at 10:00 am.

After Mass, there is adoration, healing prayer, and anointing. For non-Catholics, we will pray with them and pray over them. All are welcome to come experience the healing power of Jesus in their personal lives.

THE COLLEGE CHURCH LEGAL CLINIC

In 2017, the College Church Legal Clinic met with over 40 individuals to help resolve a variety of legal issues, including veteran's benefits; child custody; landlord-tenant; consumer; insurance and many other matters. We would like to thank our volunteer intake attorneys: John Tresslar, Joyce LaFontain, Brandon Porter, Matt Cook, Chris Cox, Cathi Grantham, and our Legal Coordinator Eric Schwalb for their help.



The Legal Clinic also was able to refer several cases to area law firms and attorneys. We thank them for their assistance with these important matters. If you are an attorney interested in receiving one email per month with cases seeking referral, please contact sfxjvolt@slu.edu or call [314.977.7311](tel:314.977.7311).

Also, if you are a Missouri-licensed attorney interested in serving in our rotation of monthly intake attorneys, please also contact sfxjvolt@slu.edu or call [314.977.7311](tel:314.977.7311).

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO BEAT THE WINTER DOLDRUMS IN JANUARY?

Join us for our 3rd Annual Trivia Night at
St. Francis Xavier (College) Church
To benefit Social Ministry and Religious Education



Date: Friday, January 26 at 7:00 pm (Doors open at 6:00 pm)

Where: College Church Ballroom, 3628 Lindell Blvd. 63108
at corner of Grand & Lindell on Saint Louis University campus

Cost: \$25 per person, \$200 to reserve at table with a maximum of eight 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 & Laclede; entrance is on the west side of Grand on Laclede Ave.

Reservations: Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email kulade5@yahoo.com

SOCIAL MINISTRY



SAVE THE DATE

Hot Stuff will be on Saturday, February 3, 2018

Twice a year, College Church parishioners host members of our community in our ballroom for a meal, seasonal clothing, and fellowship. Please save the date and consider volunteering and/or donating items to help make this event successful.



Beginning in the new year, we will start to collect warm clothing items for men, women, and children, as well as put out a link for volunteer signups. Please keep an eye out for more details and in the meantime, save the date!

Social Ministry Commission Seeking New Members in 2018

Do you consider social justice an integral part of your faith? Are you interested in helping our parish move forward in our service, justice, and peacemaking efforts? The Social Ministry Commission invites you to consider applying for membership.

We are especially interested in people who are interested in our four current goals (summarized here):

- ◆ Build a culture of anti-racism in our parish
- ◆ Participate with community partners in the creation of a regional plan for State ID and birth certificate access, while continuing advocacy work in the realm of photo ID requirements for voting
- ◆ Maintain and grow partnerships that allow us to better carry out the work of Social Ministry
- ◆ Partner across College Church ministries to help engage children, families, and young adults in service and justice work

For more information about being a part of the Social Ministry Commission, or to request an application, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine.dragonette@slu.edu or 977-7309.

Applications will be due in mid-January.

Thank You for Your Support of Social Ministry This Christmas



College Church parishioners were incredibly generous in providing Giving Tree gifts for our program guests, as well as donating directly to Social Ministry through our Christmas Appeal. We are also grateful to our wonderful volunteers who contribute their time and talents to this work. It is thanks to your generosity and support that we are able to continue to serve the community through our direct service programs, as well as to build up our advocacy and justice work.

**Thank you for your generosity and support!
Merry Christmas!**

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

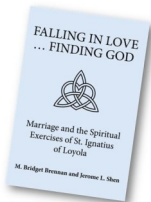
INTERESTED IN LEARNING ABOUT THE CATHOLIC FAITH?

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, 314-977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu



SCRIPTURE AND MY LIFE – DEVELOPING A REAL RELATIONSHIP WITH CHRIST JESUS

Were you a student of the Baltimore Catechism? Do you know *about* Jesus, but have been wondering how to get to really *know* Jesus? A small group meets each Sunday to discuss the Sunday scriptures and how they develop this relationship. It's called "Dialogue with the Word," and it takes place on Sundays after the 8:00 Liturgy (about 9:30) to about 10:20. This way folks can do this *after* the 8:00 or *before* the 10:30 Liturgies. No preparation needed. Just come as you are! Teens welcome, folks fresh from RCIA welcome! Facilitators are Lea Koesterer, Steve Gilbert, and Carla Mae Streeter, OP. Contact Carla Mae Streeter, OP (Coordinator) for more information at streeter@slu.edu or 314-256-8882.



IGNATIUS SPIRITUALITY LECTURE SERIES

Falling in Love ... Finding God

7:30 pm Wednesday, Jan. 24, 2018

Si Commons, St Louis University High School
(4970 Oakland Ave)

Doors open at 7:00 pm

College Church Parishioners Bridget Brennan and Jerry Shen will present the January White House Retreat lecture highlighting the topics and principles from their new book, *Falling in Love ... Finding God*. They will explore insight from the Spiritual Exercises that can enhance our marriage relationships.

This is a free event but registration is required. Register at: www.whretreat.org/speaker-series

ANNUAL YOUTH GROUP OVERNIGHT RETREAT



All teens in grades 8-12 are invited to join the St. Francis Xavier Youth Group for our overnight retreat! We will explore our theme for this year - The Body of Christ - through leader talks, small-group discussions, and activities. We'll also have plenty of games and food.

Saturday, Jan. 21, 10:00 am - Sunday, Jan. 22, 9:30am
For more information, contact Sam Herbig at sam.herbig@slu.edu

SAVE THE DATE FOR XAVIER DAYS

Our sixth Annual Parish Celebration, Xavier Days, will be held at College Church on Feb. 9 & 10. Both days are unique and all parishioners are welcome!



Our opening celebration will be on Friday, Feb. 9 from 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm in the Xavier Ballroom. There will be hearty appetizers, wine, beer and soda. The 2017 Bronsgeest Award will be presented to Mary McDevitt for her dedicated service to the College Church. It is a great opportunity to relax and meet other members of our parish community.

Saturday, Feb. 10 is a Parish Reflection Morning in the Ballroom. The presenter and topic are still in the works. Breakfast sandwiches will be served. There is a \$10 per person fee for the Friday celebration and a \$5 fee for Saturday.

Please join us!

More information and a registration form will be in upcoming bulletins.

LITURGY CORNER

Each part of the Mass has a purpose and is intentionally linked with the other parts to help us engage more fully in our worship with Christ. Today's second insert in the series "The Mystery We Celebrate" explains the first two parts of the Mass, the Introductory Rites and the Liturgy of the Word. Check it out!

PASTORAL CARE VISITS

If you would like to have someone bring communion to you or have a pastoral visit, please contact the parish by calling 314-977-7300.

THE POINSETTIAS GRACING OUR SANCTUARY FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON HAVE BEEN GIVEN IN LOVING HONOR OR MEMORY OF THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE:

Given By

- Simon & Vickie Pursifull
- Eleanor Stump
- Anonymous
- Lisa DeLorenzo
- Greg & Maggie Vogelweid
- Kathleen Simar
- Sr Carolyn Brambilla
- Sr Carolyn Brambilla
- Mary Jo Munkel
- Debbie Bentley
- Martin Rosso
- Ann Padberg

In Memory Of

- Tommy Pursifull
- John Kavanaugh
- Fr Marcus Haworth, SJ
- Vogelweid & O'Shaughnessy families
- Gail Johnson
- Ed & Marianne Allgaier
- Rico, Teresa & Angela Brambilla
- Wayne Munkel
- Carmen Grimaldi
- In Honor of Shannon Rosso
- In Honor of Mary Bruemmer

PRESIDERS	
Jan. 6-7 <u>Saturday</u> 5:30pm	Fr. Mike May, SJ
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ Fr. Dan White, SJ
Jan. 13-14 <u>Saturday</u> 5:30 pm	Fr. Jack Hunthausen, SJ
<u>Sunday</u> 8:00 am 10:30 am	Fr. Dan White, SJ Fr. Jason Brauninger, SJ

WEEKLY READINGS	
Monday:	Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
Tuesday:	I Jn 2: 22-28; Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4; Jn 1:19-28
Wednesday:	I Jn 2: 29-3:6; Ps 98:1,3cd-4,5-6; Jn 1:29-34
Thursday:	I Jn 3: 7-10; Ps 98: 1, 7-8, 9; Jn 1: 35-42
Friday:	I Jn 3: 11-21; Ps 100: 1b-2, 3, 4, 5; Jn 1: 43-51
Saturday:	I Jn 5: 5-13; Ps 147: 12-13, 14-15, 19-20; Mk 1: 7-11 OR Lk 3: 23-38
Sunday:	Is 60: 1-6; Ps 72: 1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13; Eph 3: 2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2: 1-12

**SFX CONNECTIONS
Speaker Series**

“I’m Spiritual But Not Religious”

Speaker: Dr. Daniel Finucane, PhD

**Sunday, January 28
SFX Ballroom
9:15 - 10:15 am**



Why the question these days? Do we need to choose between the spiritual and the religious? Might one lead to the other? Come hear Dr. Finucane discuss the relationship between the two. Dr. Daniel Finucane is an Associate Professor of Systematic Theology in the Department of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University. He and his wife Laura and their two sons are long time parishioners at College Church.

All are welcome to attend!!

**CHECK OUT OUR
WEBSITE: sfxstl.org**
Check the website for online bulletins, homilies, our calendar and information about upcoming events!

**PRAY FOR THE
DECEASED**
Please remember in your prayers Thomas Connolly, uncle of Sarah Connolly of our parish. May they and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God’s presence forever.

MASS TIME CHANGE
Beginning Saturday, Jan. 6, 2018 the Mass in anticipation of Sunday will change **FROM 5:15 TO 5:30 pm.**