



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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December 8th, 2019
Second 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 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 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 Edelmans 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 Edelmans at terry@sfxstl.org.

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

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



Edward Hicks was an early American folk artist.

Born in colonial Pennsylvania, he became a devout Quaker. He was drawn to both painting and ministry. However, Hicks realized quickly his work painting coaches, household items, and even tavern signs paid far better than preaching. He dedicated his life to creating decorative art and pastoral scenes for people.

There was one theme that Hicks returned to over and over in his work. It the scene described in today's first reading Isaiah 10:1-11. The description of the change fascinated Hicks. He painted versions of what he called The Peaceable Kingdom over 60 times. It was for him the inspiration of both his artistic and spiritual life.

You might say Hicks was obsessed with Isaiah's vision. If so, that is a pretty worthwhile obsession. The prophet pictures a world turned upside down where enemies in the animal kingdom are at peace and justice is the norm. We are intended to imagine how God's action changes everything.

Advent asks us to consider the limits of what we believe is possible. Do we really think that the power of God can radically change us and our world? Edward Hicks did, and he spent his life painting that belief. Wolves and lambs can co-exist, and babies can play near poisonous snakes. As the angel Gabriel will tell Mary of Nazareth, "Nothing will be impossible for God."

Donut Sunday

Please join us for Donut Sunday, today, December 8th in the ballroom. Please stop by after either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am Masses.



The Youth Faith Formation Advent Reconciliation Service will be TODAY, Sunday, December 8 from 9:15 am -10:15 am in the Church. There will be eight confessors available during that time.

All parishioners are invited to participate.

Lenten Gathering Rite

Lent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Easter, in which we are invited to pause and ponder the quality of our relationship with God and others...to celebrate the good we find there and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation for what is lacking. The traditional Lenten disciplines – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – provide us the contours and practices for the conversion we seek.

During this penitential season the Gathering Rite we sing gently implores, “Gather us in mercy, Lord. From the depths we cry to you.” The presider will invite the assembly to either kneel or bow our heads during the penitential rite. Either posture is a way of helping us bodily recognize and acknowledge our need for God’s mercy. Doing this together further underlines the communal nature of our Lenten journey of conversion and of our need for one another. Our bodies, our voices, our hearts unite in humility and trust as we enter into the great prayer of the mass.

Coming Soon! JustFaith Module: Faith and Racial Equality

Faith and Racial Equality: Exploring Power and Privilege is an 8-wk module that awakens groups to the economic systems, public policies, cultural norms and hidden bases that empower some and oppress others. The first half uses a framework for understanding and recognizing racial disparities in power and privilege. The second segment explores issues of power and privilege, including affirmative action, the school-to-prison pipeline, and the criminal justice system.

College Church will offer this program on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-9:00 pm beginning January 14**. It involves readings, videos, prayer, group discussion, one Saturday retreat and an immersion experience. The cost is \$50.

Registration is now open! Please contact Sister Carolyn at Carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu or 314-977-1797 to register or for more information.

Advent Reflection Materials

The season of Advent started last Sunday. 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:



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.

God Bless Us, Everyone offers reflections based on themes from the Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens.

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 a variety of **Advent Calendars** and **Cards** for young people along with sticker books and other materials to help them connect with Jesus during this season.

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>

Ignatian Young Adult Advent Reflection

Comfort My People: The Advent of God's Light in Israel's Darkness and Our Own



When: Sunday, December 15th after the 4:30 mass (5:30)

Where: College Church Ballroom (under the church)

Who: Any young adult age 21-39 with an interest in Ignatian Spirituality

Join Ignatian Young Adults as we reflect together after the 4:30 mass on the scripture of the Advent Season. Fr. Matthew Baugh, Associate Pastor, will lead us in reflecting on our own lives along with Israel's painful experience of exile and the almost unimaginable good news of God's promise to restore them to their native land.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

The Giving Tree 2019

Social Ministry is sponsoring a Giving Tree for our Outreach Program guests. You will notice a Christmas Tree in the north confessional area 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 at 3628 Lindell by Sunday, December 15th.**

Please do NOT leave your gift under the tree in church. These gifts will be distributed to guests who come to the Outreach Program. 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 with any questions at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309. Thank you!



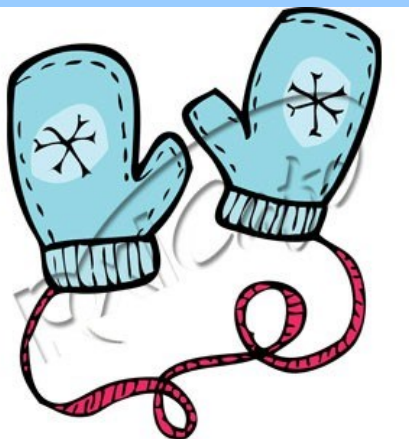
Social Ministry Christmas Appeal 12/7-12/8, 12/14-12/15



Next weekend and the weekend after, you will hear about the work of College Church Social Ministry and an opportunity to financially support our programming through the Annual Christmas Appeal. The majority of appeal funding goes to our Outreach Program, which is the only program in the region providing ongoing and large-scale assistance with State ID cards and birth certificates. This and our other programs rely on your support in order to continue and grow.

The second collections on 12/7-12/8 and 12/14-12/15 will go directly to Social Ministry. If you prefer, you can also send a check to the parish center made out to "St. Francis Xavier" with "Social Ministry Christmas Appeal" in the memo. Please consider making an end of year donation to support our work. Thank you for your generosity!

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!

We Stories

All are invited to a presentation given by We Stories, a local non-profit organization which engages white families to change the conversation about and build momentum towards racial equality in St. Louis. Please come and learn about how We Stories helps families become catalysts for change.

Date: TODAY December 8th, 2019
 Davis-Shaughnessy, Room 171
 Time: 9:20 am-10:20 am

Eyeseeme African American Children’s Bookstore


Xavier Books will have a special guest, today, December 8th at the Fair Trade Christmas Market. Eyeseeme African American Children’s Bookstore will have a selection of wonderful children’s books available for purchase. Books will also be available for online purchase after the Market.



A Lukan Lessons & Carols

presented by
*The Society:
 a Jesuit Music Co-op*

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DECEMBER 21ST @ 7:00PM
 FREE ADMISSION

Fair Trade Christmas Market

St. Francis Xavier College Church

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

Sunday, December 8th

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,
 The Bridge Market, Forai,
 Noonday Collection and Xavier Books**

*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!

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to bulletin@sfxstl.org.
 before Thursday at noon

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



Presider's Schedule

December 7th & 8th, 2019

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

December 14th & 15th, 2019

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

Statement of Revenue and Expense as of September 30, 2019

	<u>Jul 19– Sep 19</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	
Ordinary Income/Expense				
Income				
1	Offertory/Gifts/Contributions	\$170,300	\$170,500	(\$200)
2	Social Ministry Gifts & Grants	\$33,400	\$33,000	\$400
3	Religious Education & Adult Faith	\$23,100	\$21,700	\$1,400
4	Weddings & Events ¹	\$55,100	\$60,700	(\$5,600)
5	Maintenance & Repair	\$4,000	\$3,600	\$400
6	Beyond Sunday ²	\$5,700	\$5,400	\$300
7	Fundraising	\$2,200	\$2,800	(\$600)
	Total Income	\$293,800	\$297,700	(\$3,900)
Expense				
8	Personnel Costs	\$179,900	\$177,500	(\$2,400)
9	Prof Services: Music, RE, Janitorial	\$23,000	\$24,000	\$1,000
10	Supplies	\$14,300	\$18,800	\$4,500
11	Social Ministry Outreach Program	\$23,000	\$18,200	(\$4,800)
12	Buildings and Equipment	\$54,600	\$63,500	\$8,900
13	Archdiocese Assessments	\$31,500	\$31,300	(\$200)
14	Other (Card Transaction Fees)	\$2,700	\$2,800	\$100
	Total Expense	\$329,000	\$336,100	\$7,100
	Net Income	(\$35,200)	(\$38,400)	\$3,200

1. Wedding and Events are below budget primarily due to timing of events.

2. We receive 40% of Beyond Sunday contributions made by our parishioners. Thank you for your donations to this campaign!

Sign up for on-line giving on our website sfxstl.org.
Click on the online giving bar at the top of the page.

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