



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

3628 Lindell Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63108

314-977-7300



December 9, 2018 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@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 Karen Weber at 314-977-7302 or karen@sfxstl.org

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 Karen Weber at 314-977-7302 or karen@sfxstl.org.

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

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 Joan McLean
 Bob Powers
 Leslie Matula
 Diane Williams
 Patrick Pasierb
 Kandice Draper
 Lula Chatman
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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



This time of year lends itself to all manner of traditions. How could it be December without non-stop showings of *The Grinch*, *Miracle on 34th Street*, *A Charlie Brown Christmas*, and *It's a Wonderful Life*? Old family traditions concerning everything from the correct foods to eat to the proper and fitting way to decorate a Christmas tree are followed scrupulously.

It is odd because we Americans have little affinity for the past the other eleven months of the year. However, at Christmas time we become deeply conservative curators of tradition and family customs. It is understandable, perhaps, given the constant flux of contemporary life. We cling tightly to holiday's past so to cope with the transience that marks our culture.

The Advent scriptures speak of just the opposite. Over and over we encounter upheaval, change, and newness. The very earth is being re-created according to Baruch. Mountains are leveled and valleys filled; the dispersed return home in glory. The power of God is revealed in light and justice. Advent reveals the inauguration of a radical re-forming of the world.

There is much that is comforting in decorating our homes for Christmas the way we always have. Our faith, however, should liberate, not bind us. We smother the radical message of the prophets, John the Baptist, and Mary the God-Bearer at our own risk. Change is at the heart of this season. These long, cold weeks of December reveal the presence of Emmanuel, God with us. Everything is about to be different.

Sacrament of Reconciliation

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.

Update on Fr. Tom Cwik, S.J.

Fr. Tom Cwik, SJ, our associate pastor, continues his recovery at the infirmary across the street at Jesuit Hall. He has begun rehab after his cardiac arrest in late October. His progress has gone very well. Fr. Tom is most grateful for the prayers you have sent his way. Keep them coming.

Welcome to the College Church!

Cantor: O People of Zion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations,

Assembly: And the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart!

Second Advent wreath candle is lit.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Advent Gathering Song: Come, Emmanuel

Tony Alonso

Children's Dismissal for Liturgy of the Word (10:30)

Gather 324

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 126– The Lord Has Done Great Things

Gather 996

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): My Soul In Stillness Waits

Gather 415

Eucharistic Acclamations: Mass of Light

Gather 361, 362, 363

COMMUNION RITE

Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God

Gather 391

Communion Hymn: Like A Shepherd

Gather 402

Meditation (10:30 am): Comfort, Comfort Now My People

Richard Proulx

CONCLUDING RITE

Recessional Song: 5:00, 8:30: On Jordan's Bank

Gather 418

10:30: Prepare! Prepare!

Gather 398

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Christmas Mass Schedule:

December 24 - 4:30 pm Family Mass; 11:00 pm "Midnight" mass

December 25 - 10:30 am

PLEASE NOTE THAT THERE WILL BE NO 4:30 pm MASS ON SUNDAY, DECEMBER 23 TO ENABLE US TO COMPLETE OUR DECORATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS.

Help Needed with Christmas Decorating

The Art and Environment Committee is in need of helping hands to assist with decorating for Christmas. We need help on Saturday, December 22 from 8:00-10:00 am, and immediately after the 10:30 am mass on December 23.

Please let Sister Carolyn know (carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu) if you can commit to either or both of these times. Thank you!

Donations for Poinsettias and Trees

Any contributions toward the cost of poinsettias and Christmas trees with which to decorate our sanctuary are most welcome. Checks can be made out to College Church, and please indicate Christmas Décor in the subject line.

You can put your check in the Collection basket or send to parish office. Thank you!



SACRED ADVENT

The season of Advent has begun. 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?>

Just in Time for Christmas!

College Church Hoodies \$30.00
(mens sizes Small to 3X)

We will also be placing an order for pint glasses. (\$10 each)
If interested, call Mary Beth at 314 977-7304 to place an order!



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, 314977-7305 or milnerjv@slu.edu

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!

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social Ministry Annual Christmas Appeal This Weekend December 8-9, 15-16

Today at Mass, 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 proceeds from this year's Christmas Appeal will go directly 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 year, we have a special announcement and request for support. We are pleased to announce that the Outreach Program has received a challenge grant from the Brown Sisters Foundation to move from our current paper record system to electronic records over the next year. This will be an important move for our program in order to improve our data reporting and security, make best use of our volunteers' time, and be able to access data more readily. As we move toward a long term goal of expanding outside of our twice-weekly walk-in hours, computerizing our data will be a crucial step.

The Brown Sisters gift is a challenge grant, meaning that your new or increased donation to our Christmas Appeal this year will have an even greater impact. If we can raise \$15,000 in new and increased donations from supporters in the next year, the Brown Sisters Foundation will provide an additional \$9,000 toward computerizing our data and expanding our program.

The Brown Sisters
FOUNDATION

The second collections on 12/8-12/9 and 12/15-12/16 will go directly to Social Ministry Christmas Appeal. 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 that will have an even greater impact than usual this year. Please feel free to reach out to Christine at (314) 977-7309 or Christine@sfxstl.org with any questions. Thank you for your generosity and support!

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.

If you are a new volunteer who missed the training dates, it's not too late! Volunteer positions include Setup, Greeters/ Hosts, Innkeepers, Cleaners, Dinner Cooks and Laundry Drivers. We have a particular need for innkeepers to stay overnight on nights our shelter is open. Innkeepers are typically men over the age of 20 or women with social work experience. If you are interested in volunteering in any capacity, please contact Emily Edwards at outreach@sfxstl.org.



Thank you for your support of the Giving Tree! Reminder that wrapped gifts with the ornament attached are due to the parish center office (NOT under the tree) by today. Our program guests are grateful for your generosity!

2018 Gala Income & Expenses

Thank you to all the many people who worked to make our 2018 Gala such a success. As you can see, we did very well with our fund-raising efforts. It was a whole lot of fun, too! I am grateful for the generous support you continue to show to College Church. A truly amazing night. Many thanks to all who donated time, talent and treasure for the Gala. I want to thank in a particular way the leadership team for this year's Gala: Angie Doerr, Katie Jansen Larson, Bridget Collins, Laura Stanton, Jeff Fister, Terry Edelmann, Sarah Sherwood, Rita Kaikati, Kerrin Kowach, Aimee Wittman, Lucinda Santiago, Steve Konradi, and Susan Werremeyer. You are awesome!

Income	
Sponsors	\$47,500.00
Ticket Sales	\$24,250.00
Ads/Donations	\$2,750.00
Fund the Need	\$38,900.00
Live Auction	\$15,050.00
Silent Auction	\$9,370.00
Other	\$2,720.00
Total	\$140,540.00
Expenses	\$40,410.00
Net	\$100,130.00

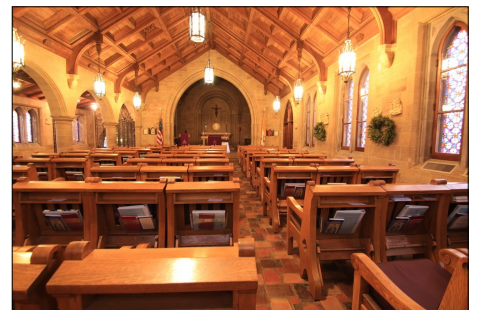


White House Retreat

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”, February 7th-10th.



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 David Schnelt (314-791-0227), John Hartung (314-918-1950), John Webster (636-394-2770) or Deacon Jim Griffard (314-619-5700).



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

As we progress through the season of Advent, we are preparing for our celebration of God With Us. There are a number of books and booklets (most are \$2.00) to assist you.



There are also daily reflection books to sustain your spiritual journey through the new year including:

Through the Year with Pope Francis offers a paragraph from one of his homilies and a reflection on how to put it into practice in life.

Sacred Space for 2019 offers a part of one of the daily scripture readings and a reflections to help you grow each day.

There are additional materials on prayer, Ignatian spirituality and resources on grieving.

These and many other options are available in the Lower Hall 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 4:30 pm 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 9th and December 16th. If your child is interested in participating, please contact Karen Weber at karen@sfxstl.org.

Donut Sunday

This Sunday, December 9 after the 8:00 am and 10:30 am Masses in the ballroom.



Have you considered Including College Church in your estate planning? If so, we'd love to hear from you! Please contact Katie at katie@sfxstl.org

You are Invited

TO CELEBRATE A

LITURGY OF GRATITUDE

IN THANKSGIVING FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF THE

Ignatian Spirituality Project
in Saint Louis

PLEASE JOIN US

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2018

4:00PM MASS

VIGIL FOR THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT | PRESIDER: FR. CHRISTOPHER COLLINS, SJ

Hors d'oeuvres reception to follow

SISTERS OF ST. JOSEPH OF
CARONDELET MOTHERHOUSE
6400 MINNESOTA AVENUE, ST. LOUIS MO 63111

PLEASE RSVP BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 10 TO ANN ROTERMUND
(314) 802-2176 or arotermund@stpatrickcenter.org



The Ignatian Spirituality Project in St. Louis provides spiritual and pastoral care to men and women who are homeless and in recovery from addiction in the St. Louis area.

Bulletin Advertisers Needed

Please consider supporting our bulletin by purchasing an ad on the back page. J.S. Paluch Company provides the bulletin to our parish every week free of charge.

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.

Help for those Struggling with an Addiction to Pornography

For a Catholic man's approach to conquering an addiction to pornography, go to catholicmenconquerporn.com They offer an online course in dealing with this problem.

You can't get help with such an addiction if you don't do something about it.

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.

**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:

Sen. Roy Blunt: 314-725-4484

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

December 8 & 9, 2018

Saturday

5:30 pm Fr. May, S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. White, S.J.

December 15 & 16, 2018,

Saturday

5:30 pm Fr. White S.J.

Sunday

8:00 am Fr. White, S.J.

10:30 am Fr. Mercier, 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 6:00 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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