



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

3628 Lindell Blvd.

St. Louis, MO 63108

314-977-7300



February 17, 2019 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

There is a pin oak tree in the front yard of my community. Unlike most deciduous trees, this particular one holds onto its leaves throughout the entire winter. Thanks to Google, I now know this phenomenon is called marcescence. It is quite strange to see the brown leaves hanging on through ice, snow and zero degree temperatures. The leaves finally fall in the spring when the new ones come in.

What I find most intriguing is that no single explanation answers why this happens. There are theories but no definitive reason why certain trees do something so completely beyond the normal. All we know is it seems to work for them.

Jeremiah today reminds us that the tree planted by waters remains strong, lush and fruit-bearing. Trusting and hoping in the Lord is our strength. That enables us to withstand anything.

Perhaps the pin oak reminds us that our flourishing in the Lord is not uniform. There is something unique to the ways God sustains us. Not all bear the same fruit nor grow in exactly the same way. God enables us to thrive but there is a rich diversity to how that is manifest. As Jeremiah knew, there is a lot to learn from a tree!

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.

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



The Love of Christ Impels Us: Becoming an Anti-Racist Parish

What is anti-racism?

Racial prejudice usually means a belief that some racial groups are better or worse than others. Structural racism describes the ways in which our institutions and structures create and maintain racial inequalities. **Anti-racism** goes beyond simply avoiding racism, and is an effort to oppose and dismantle racism and to promote racial equity.

Why is College Church talking about anti-racism?

College Church has a long history of commitment to justice and racial equity. More recently, since 2014 and the Ferguson uprising, we as a parish have been asking ourselves some hard questions about our role in racial inequality. In addition, the USCCB recently released its pastoral letter against racism, which explains how the work of anti-racism is deeply rooted in our Catholic faith.

What anti-racism work has College Church been doing?

Since June, parishioners and staff representatives have been meeting monthly as the College Church Anti-Racism Leadership Team. We hope to create a focused vision and mission for our parish to become an anti-racist institution. That means we want to be working purposefully to oppose racism and create racial equity: within ourselves as individuals, within our parish as a community, and within our city. We are asking: How can College Church increase our commitment to dismantle racism? How can we grow in our understanding of racism and inequality? What would College Church look and feel like if our intentional identity was that of a truly anti-racist institution?

How are we doing this work?

We have connected with Crossroads, an organization based in the Midwest that helps religious communities and secular organizations learn how to do the work of anti-racism. Their vision is that *Racism dehumanizes us all —Dismantling racism heals us all*. Their method is to help organizations transform themselves, thereby transforming their communities. The Leadership Team attended a full-day training with Crossroads and has been using their tools to conduct focus groups within already established commissions and ministries within our Parish.

What is next? The Leadership Team needs to hear from you!

We will conduct focus groups in February throughout our parish community. We hope all members of College Church will participate. We need to hear what you think about the current status of racism in our city and country and why—and how much— it matters that the Church, and College Church in particular, address issues of racial justice. Once we understand our parish's responses to these questions, we can move forward together. **PLEASE SIGN UP TO BE PART OF A FOCUS GROUP IN THE BACK OF CHURCH OR ONLINE AT sfxstl.org/antiracism-work/.**

Want to be involved?

Our team has been evolving and is still very much in the beginning stages of this work. We acknowledge that our current team lacks gender and racial diversity, as it is mostly female and mostly white. We value the experiences and gifts of all of our parishioners and want to enrich the makeup of our leadership team. Please contact Father Dan frdan@sfxstl.org or Christine Dragonette christine@sfxstl.org if you are interested in being a part of this impassioned ministry.

You can sign up to be part of a focus group at sfxstl.org/antiracism-work/.



Third Annual Trivia Night

To benefit Social Ministry and Religious Education

- Date:** Friday, March 1 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 west of Grand on Laclede Ave.
- Special Features:** Mulligans 6 for \$10; Silent Auction; 50/50 Raffle
- Reservations:** Contact Arlene at 314-623-0412 or email kulade5@yahoo.com

First Reconciliation

On Saturday, Feb. 9th, twenty-four of our Religious Education students celebrated their First Reconciliation. May God continue to bless each of these children, who experienced God's bountiful love and mercy through this beautiful sacrament.

A special thank you to their catechists, who helped prepare them: **Julie Kilian, Amanda Taylor, Maureen Stoll, Mary Jo Zipfel and Julia Kreiser.**

Chloe Carmichael, Max DelRosario, Nathan Dickman, John Dunn, Luca Favazza,
Isabel Gilihan, Alicia Grebel, Thomas Hamlin, Kendall Karsten, Noah King, Anna Kowach,
Harry Liebermann, Emilio Lowder, Maggie McGinn, Evan O'Neill, Mimi Saenz, Amelia Smith,
Elle Sonnenberg, Lily Spykerman, Zoey Spykermann, Ellen Stoll, Claire Stuhlsatz,
Justine Thorton, Elizabeth Zipfel

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Join Metropolitan Congregations United (MCU) for monthly "Break the Pipeline" Meetings

**Next meeting: Tuesday, February 19th from 6:30-8:30pm
Central Reform Congregation: 5020 Waterman, 63108**

College Church is a member congregation of MCU. If you want to be a part of creating a better, more just future for St. Louis' children, join us for our monthly meeting to break the school-to-prison pipeline. Contact Christine at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309 if you are interested.

Save the Dates! This year's meeting dates will be: February 19th, March 19th, April 26th, May 21st, July 16th, August 20th, September 17th, and October 15th



Brown Sisters Foundation challenge grant achieved!

Thanks to your generous response through the Social Ministry Christmas Appeal and beyond, we are excited to report that we have achieved our \$15,000 challenge grant goal for our Brown Sisters Foundation grant! Since we have achieved this goal of \$15,000 in new and increased donations, the Brown Sisters Foundation will provide us with an additional \$9,000 that will allow us 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.

THANKYOU for your generosity and support!



The Brown Sisters
FOUNDATION

Social Ministry Grant Writing Volunteers Needed

Social Ministry expenses for birth certificates and IDs are around \$60,000-70,000 per year. These funds are secured by our devoted grant writers. We are in need of some creative people who can help social ministry search for funds, write grants and find new venues for continued funding. Please contact Christine Drag-onette at 314-977-7309 if you have questions, ideas or can help.

College Church Hoodies \$30.00*(mens sizes Small to 3X)***We are also selling pint glasses
for \$10 each****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

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT
OF THE RE PANCAKE BREAKFAST!!!!**

There are many people to thank for their time and talent in helping to make this a successful event!

All of the RE parents who volunteered their time.

The Youth Group and 8th grade students and their leaders who volunteered and conducted the successful 50-50 raffle

The College Church Staff for their help and support.

Parishioners Fran Armstrong and her team for her help in handling recycling for the event.

Jack Wieggers and Anne Chilson continually making coffee and providing hot water for cocoa and hot tea.

And lastly, for our wonderful parishioners who came and ate breakfast!!

**Violence Prevention in Our Society
The Role of the Faith Community**

Tuesday evenings in February

Aquinas Institute

23 S Spring Ave

Time: 6:30-8:30 pm

Admission is FREE

February 19: "Transmission of Violence in Families, Peer Groups, & Communities" and "Gun Violence as a Public Health Concern"

February 26: "The Nature of Evil" and "Reconciliation & Forgiveness"

Presented by Dr. Barry Hong and Rev. Marc D. Smith

Please register on our website: www.ai.edu or by calling 314-256-8804

“Sacred Water: Precious Gift & Critical Concern”



Saturday, February 23 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm

College Church Ballroom

Registration deadline extended to

Tues. Feb. 19th.

Please contact Sr. Carolyn at
carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu.

**History in Technicolor:
 North County Students Re-
 flect on Black History Month**

This is an exhibit that runs through February 26th and is sponsored by North County Churches Uniting for Racial Harmony and Justice at the Good Shepherd Art Center in Ferguson.

The Good Shepherd Art Center's hours are Wednesday-Friday 10:00 am-5:00 pm and Saturday 11:00 am - 5:00 pm.

Location: 252 South Florissant Rd between Simply Thai and Kathy's Kitchen Restaurants, about one mile north of Highway 70.

Cost: FREE

For more information, please call: 314 522 1155.

We look forward to seeing you there!

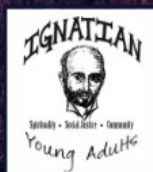
EXAMEN MEDITATION

With teaching artist *Holly Seitz Marchant*


 Thursday
FEB 28
 7 pm

Refreshments to follow

Jesuits UCS Province
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 St. Louis, MO, 63108
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jesuitconnections.org/stlouis



**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.

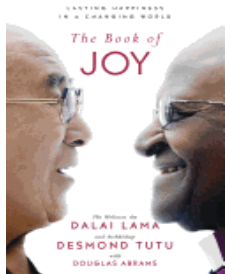
For more information, contact Cathy Modde at 314-909-4646 or email modde@mercycenter-stl.org.

Bulletin Articles

email bulletin articles to bulletin@sfxstl.org.

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins in early March. Along with our parish book for Lent, many people find it helpful to have a booklet with daily reflections. Reflection materials are now available in the Lower Hall after the Sunday morning masses. These include: the Little Black Book with a scripture verse and a reflection on a person, event or practice that invites us to deeper faith; Sacred Space from the Irish Jesuits with a line from one of the readings of the day and a reflection on it; and Wondrous Encounters by Richard Rohr. There are booklets with inspiration from Pope Francis, Henri Nouwen and materials for teens and children. If you would like to get one at another time, please contact Joseph Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu or 314-977-7305.



The Parish Book Choice for Lent is *The Book of Joy*, by the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Nobel Peace Prize Laureates His Holiness the Dalai Lama and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have survived more than fifty years of exile and the soul-crushing violence of oppression. Despite their hardships—or, as they would say, because of them—they are two of the most joyful people on the planet.

In April 2015, Archbishop Tutu traveled to the Dalai Lama's home in Dharamsala, India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. They looked back on their long lives to answer a single burning question: How do we find joy in the face of life's inevitable suffering?

During a week filled with laughter and tears, they traded intimate stories, teased each other, and shared their spiritual practices. The result is the gift of this book, where these two global heroes, who have stared into the abyss and despair of our times, reveal how they have learned to live a life brimming with joy. The Book of Joy was a unanimous hit with the SFX Lenten Book committee, and we believe it is a spiritual feast that will inspire personal reflection and stimulate lively discussions among the book groups that are formed every year in the parish community during lent.

If you are interested in joining or hosting a Lenten book discussion group that will meet once a week during lent, or would like more information, contact Carol Joselyn by phone (515)570-3736] or email [joselyn66@gmail.com]. She needs to know your name, phone number, and email address.

The book will be available after Sunday morning Masses for the next few weeks or copies can be reserved for pickup at other times. The price of the book is \$19.00.

Mercy Conference and Retreat Center

2039 N. Geyer Frontenac, MO 63131 314-966-4686

Navigating White Water: Resilience Series

March 3, April 7 1:30 - 3:45 pm

This series of four interactive workshops will explore how spirituality and research based Psychology can be used to enhance resilience at home and at work. You may attend any or all of the sessions.

Facilitated by Dr. Tom Wagner, PhD

For more information, please visit <http://www.mercycenterstl.org>



Learn the truth and beauty of Christ's Presence

Although the Eucharist appears to be simple bread and wine, it is actually the “source and summit” of the Christian life. **Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist** is a powerful 3-part series that explores the truth and beauty of Christ’s real presence in the Eucharist and invites us into an intimate union with God himself. Join us as we grow as a faith community in our understanding of God’s true presence in the world today.

NORTH CITY DEANERY

Cost: \$6.00 per person (study guide/personal journal)

Location: Sts. Teresa and Bridget, 2401 North Grand

Dates: Saturdays, March 16th, 23rd, and 30th

Time: 10:30 AM

Registration Deadline: March 9th

**For more information and to register, please
contact:**

Pam White

Presiders

February 16 & 17, 2019

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

February 23 & 24, 2019

Saturday
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Sunday
8:00 am Fr. Caime, S.J.
10:30 am Fr. Mercier, S.J.

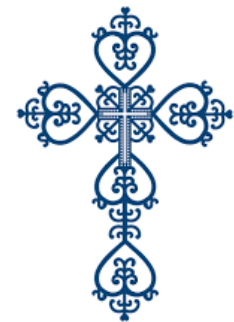
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December Offertory Report

	December		2018-2019 YEAR TO DATE	
	Actual	Budget	Actual	Budget
Offertory: Envelopes	\$ 42,291.72	\$ 34,400.00	\$ 149,812.96	\$ 143,040.00
Offertory: On-Line	\$ 41,746.88	\$ 38,425.00	\$ 162,763.80	\$ 162,010.00
Holy Day Gifts	\$ 190.00	\$ 85.00	\$ 475.50	\$ 685.00
Offertory: Loose Cash	\$ 3,682.65	\$ 5,416.67	\$ 27,959.69	\$ 32,499.98
Christmas Collection	\$ 14,641.12	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 28,641.12	\$ 30,000.00
TOTALS	\$102,552.37	\$98,326.67	\$369,653.07	\$368,234.98
YTD Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$1,418.09			



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