

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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February 2nd, 2020 Feast of the Presentation of the Lord

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. Matthew Baugh, SJ associatepastor@sfxstl.org 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.

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK



The feast of the Presentation is celebrated this weekend. It is one of those feasts that when they fall on a Sunday takes precedence. It may not be as well known as other celebrations, but it does reveal essential elements of our faith.

The feast is the conclusion of the Christmas season. The February 2nd date is forty days after Christmas. Honoring the events of today's Gospel seems to have begun in Jerusalem in the 4th century. That makes sense because Mary and Joseph bring Jesus to the Temple. The celebration evolved over many centuries to include the blessing of candles and a procession with them. This is how the term "Candlemas" came to describe the feast day.

The prayers and readings tie together the proclamation of Simeon and light. Simeon has been compelled by the Spirit to seek out the baby Jesus. "A light for revelation" has come, and he may now go in peace having seen the salvation of our God. Anne the prophetess is present as well acting as a perfect disciple: giving thanks to God and speaking of the child to all.

The revelation is light for the world. The blessing of candles and procession is the liturgical enactment of this truth. What began in the Temple expands to include all peoples everywhere.

Thank You!

We are grateful to the following people who made donations for the poinsettias that graced our worship space during the Christmas season:



Judy Farace in memory of Sam and Caroline Farace
 David and Susanna Fox in memory of Alfonso Juarez
 Ann Padberg in honor of Mary Bruemmer
 Denny and Tina Saunders in memory of
 Greg and Maggie Vogelweid

Welcome to College Church!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Christ, Be Our Light vs 1,2 *Gather 590*

Blessing of Candles; Procession

Presider: Let us go in peace to meet the Lord.

Assembly: In the name of Christ. Amen.

Christ, Be Our Light vs 3-5

Glory to God: Congregational Mass *Gather 322*

Dismissal for Children's Liturgy of the Word (10:30) *Gather 324*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 24: Who Is This King of Glory? *Gather 1196*

Gospel Acclamation *Gather 336*

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Preparation of Gifts: (10:30) Earthen Vessels *John Foley, SJ*

Eucharistic Acclamations: Community Mass *Gather 370, 373, 372*

COMMUNION RITE*Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God—Community Mass**Gather 389**Communion Hymn: Draw Near**Gather 935**Meditation: (10:30 am) - Nunc Dimittis (Canticle of Simeon)**Gather 104***CONCLUDING RITE***Recessional Song: 5:30, 8:00: Epiphany Carol ***Gather 462**10:30: We Are Marching**Gather 594*

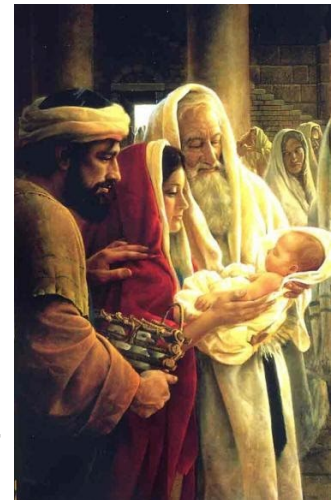
** The Presentation of the Lord was similar to the Epiphany in that both were a manifestation of Christ to the world. Hence, the appropriateness of this hymn today!*

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Feast of the Presentation of the Lord – February 2

Today the Church celebrates the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, the day when Mary and Joseph, 40 days after Jesus' birth, fulfilled the prescriptions of the Law by presenting their first born child to God in the temple. In a sense this is another Epiphany, as Jesus was revealed as the Messiah through the words of Simeon and Anna. The feast invites us to consider the mystery of God's appearances in our world in the little and the least, and to dedicate ourselves to nurturing and revealing that presence.

The feast is also known as Candlemas day, and the practice has been to bless and distribute candles. Candles kept in homes are an expression of our faith in Jesus, the Light of the World, and a reminder that we, too, are called to be light bearers to our world.



Tapers will be provided to everyone else and then collected at the end of Mass.

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, Anne Chilson, wife of Jack Wieggers, of our parish who recently died. May she and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.

Reflections on Our Past

By: Winnie Sullivan

February is Black History Month.

The following reflections are offered to celebrate and honor this thread in the fabric of our American story.

For the last few years, I have been immersed in a project that has become quite dear to me—writing a biography of Sister Mary Antona Ebo, FSM, a civil rights icon and social justice advocate best known for her participation in one of the marches in Selma, Alabama, following Bloody Sunday. For me, working on this project has opened the door to a universe of historical content that I had not previously known.

From the time that I first heard Sister Antona's family name—Ebo—I was curious about it. In conversation, she told me that, for years, she believed her father had chosen a simple, three-letter last name because of his inability to read and write. Finally, as an adult, she learned how she had come to have that name and, in so doing, was able to lay claim to her heritage in a way that many African Americans cannot. Sister Antona discovered that she and her paternal relatives were descendants of the Igbo tribe of Nigeria on the western coast of Africa. Her father had been able to preserve, in that surname (variously spelled Ibo, Ebo, and Igbo), a central fact of the family's African heritage.

The story of the Igbo people is one that is deeply rooted in African American history, as it represents an act of resistance to chattel slavery by those who survived the Middle Passage. The Igbos were one of the African ethnic groups enslaved in the Americas; their tribe formed the majority of the slaves who were brought to Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland, Arkansas, Mississippi, the Carolinas, and Georgia. But the Igbos, who are native to south and south central Nigeria, were known to be fiercely independent. In Africa they had been traders, farmers, and artisans.

In 1803, while approaching the Georgia coast, a shipload of seized Africans, led by members of the Igbo tribe, mutinied and tossed their captors overboard. Their ship ran aground. Once ashore, having determined the involuntary toil that would await them, the Africans—under the direction of an Igbo chief—chose to walk back into the water and drown rather than to submit to slavery. Trusting in the Igbo god, Chukwu, they are said to have sung while walking, “The Water Spirit brought us, the Water Spirit will take us home.” Some have referred to this act as the “first freedom march in history.” Igbo Landing at Dunbar Creek on St. Simon's Island, Glynn County, Georgia, marks the spot at which this event is believed to have occurred.

The historical account of the Igbos is one of defiance and moral courage in the face of the evil of slavery. In our time, the lives of Igbo people throughout the African diaspora, who along with Sister Antona include concert artist and actor Paul Robeson; novelists Chinua Achebe and Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie; Blessed Cyprian Michael Iwene Tansi; and Cardinal Francis Arinze, continue to tell a tale of spirited determination and resilience.

Winnie Sullivan, with Lisa Burks, is a co-chair of the Anti-Racism Team at the College Church.

**Please join us for the
All You Can Eat Pancake Breakfast
To benefit the Youth Faith Formation Programs
Sunday, February 23
after the 8 am and 10:30 Masses
in the Ballroom**



Adults.....\$9

Children (14 and under)...\$7

Families...2 adults and 4 children.....\$35.

**All proceeds benefit the Youth Faith Formation Programs.
Please join us for this fun and delicious event!!!!**

**Breakfast Tickets will be available after Sunday Masses in February
and at the event. They will also be available on line at [https://sfxstl.org/
pancake-breakfast-1](https://sfxstl.org/pancake-breakfast-1) Thank you for your support!**

**Note: The Pancake Breakfast is a major fundraiser for Youth Faith
Formation Programs. If you would like to become a sponsor we have
three levels of giving available - \$100, \$500 and \$1,000. All sponsor-
ships include a family ticket pass to the breakfast. Signups are avail-
able in the back of Church after both Masses and online at [https://
sfxstl.org/pancake-breakfast-1](https://sfxstl.org/pancake-breakfast-1)**

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR SUPPORT!!!!

Celebrate Music, Absolutely Free

The Marianist Retreat Center on HW 109 in Eureka is offering a Sunday Matinee Concert Series Consisting of four concerts which will inspire, entertain and bring people to our "Sacred Grounds".

All concerts begin at 2 pm and are scheduled for:

2/9/2020 A Tribute to Broadway Scott Kennebeck and Tim Schall will be featured

4/5/2020 Palm Sunday Concert Based on the seven last words of Christ

5/3/2020 Praise and Worship Concert Outdoor concert featuring local artists

For more information, please go to www.mretreat.org or call 636-938-5390

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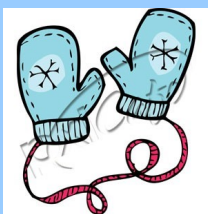
What: Airtable data entry volunteers. Airtable is the processing software we use to look up whether or not guests have visited previously, enter new guests into the database, and check for eligibility.

When: Tuesdays and/or Wednesdays from 9-11am as part of our Outreach Program for ID and birth certificate assistance. You can choose which day(s) you volunteer, and how often.

Volunteers Needed



This exciting new role is perfect for a steady, detail-oriented introvert or extrovert who likes to work behind the scenes. If you are looking to do service that is straightforward and methodical, while still being an integral part of our ministry, this is the role for you. To learn more, email or call Tess Sanders at



THANK YOU for your support of **Hot Stuff!**

All of your donations and volunteer support made this event possible.

Special thanks to the planning committee:

- Ruth Cochran
- Nancy Lewandowski
- Charlotte McClure
- Madeline Ortman
- Sybil Prost
- Mary White

See you in the summer for Cool Stuff!

“Opt to Act” for Earth

REI Co-op is sponsoring Opt to Act (Just google **REI opt to act plan**) 52 simple weekly challenges to reduce your impact on the Earth, get active, and leave the world better than you found it.

For example, Week 3 suggests Opt out of junk mail. The well-researched website actually helps with information on how you can do this.



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



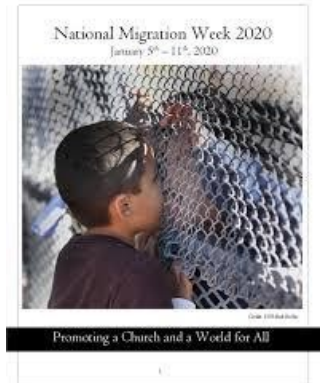
National Migration Week

From January 5-11, 2020, the Catholic Church in the United States will celebrate National Migration Week. The theme for this year's celebration is "Promoting a Church and a World for All," which reflects the need for Catholics to be inclusive and welcoming to all. It is a call for unity to stand in solidarity with and care for those who are excluded and marginalized. We will be extending our recognition of National Migration Week to the entire month of January. Keep an eye on the bulletin and website for new information each week of the month.

<http://sfxstl.org/nationalmigrationweek>

"I Was a Stranger and You Did Not Welcome Me" by Dale Auffenberg

These are strange and difficult times in our country. As a cradle Catholic and a cradle US citizen, I always looked at pictures of the Statue of Liberty with pride and gratitude to have been born in a country who aspired to "give me your tired, your poor, Your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, The wretched refuse of your teeming shore." But, after more than six decades of assuming that we were all welcoming Americans who took it for granted that we would welcome "the other" just as my Irish great grandparents were welcomed, we are all forced to ask, "Are we welcoming of the other? Especially our brown and black skinned brothers and sisters from south of our border. Or of those whose faith is not Judeo Christian based?" As pictures of an ever growing wall and wire 'cages' grace our news sources and stories of babies being taken from their parents' arms and separated for weeks and months I am forced to ask myself, "Do we still welcome the tired and poor yearning to breathe free?" And it is hard to not admit that for many of us in today's America the answer is a resounding, NO, you are no longer welcome here. It is hard to reconcile that with a faith that preaches, "Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of my brothers, you did it to me." Mt 25:39-40.



And so I have to ask myself, what can I do about a national policy that is abhorrent to me and all that I believe? Of course, the usual answers of writing to my Congressional representative and Senators comes to mind. I have talked to several parishioners who have spent one or two weeks working in shelters in El Paso and helped to welcome the lucky few who are allowed to wait in the US for their immigration hearings. I have given money to them to help them to buy necessities for families who have been walking for weeks to just get to our border, to escape the violence and lack of opportunity that is so pervasive in their native countries. I have gone to information sessions at the International Institute to get a sense of what their needs are. There is still a need for donations, job opportunities for their clients and patrons for the businesses that have been started by the foreign born newcomers in our community. I have talked with organizers of the ESL tutoring program through the Immigration and Refugee Women's Project. They currently have over 250 students awaiting tutors. There are tutoring opportunities for immigrant students through St. Francis Community Services-SFCS Southside Center. There are legal advocacy opportunities through CLAM.

If you have the time or desire to have a border experience, the College Church is sponsoring a trip to Annunciation House in El Paso this fall, October 22nd-27th. Keep an eye on the bulletin for more details.

These are trying times in our country. We can no longer sit back and lament about better times. We are all called to get involved, even if we only have the time or resources to do something small. It is now more important than ever to Do Something.

Donut Sunday



Please join us for Donut Sunday, next Sunday, February 9th, in the ballroom. Please stop by after either the 8:00 am or 10:30 am Masses.



Women's Retreat

Get away from it all for the weekend! Experience the beautiful surroundings, prayerful environment, delicious food, comfortable rooms and insightful presenters with other women from our Parish on March 27th-29th. Join us for a time of rest, renewal and spiritual nourishment just 15 minutes away from St. Louis. Contact one of our Parish captains, Madeleine Ortman 314-956-8839 or Tina Saunders at 314-739-4885 for more information or to register. This is a great way to spend part of the Lenten season in preparation for a glorious Easter!



The Adult Formation Commission is pleased to announce an upcoming session to help us have a better understanding of the church's funeral rites. The presenter will be Sister Catherine Vincie, RSHM. The session will be on **Sunday, February 16 from 9:15-10:25 am** in the ballroom. Catherine was on the faculty in liturgical studies at Aquinas Institute of Theology for 20 years before assuming her present position on the leadership team of her religious community in Tarrytown, NY. Catherine will present on the structure and meaning/theology of the Order of Christian Funerals and address some of the pastoral issues associated with Funeral planning. As many of us are entering into or already firmly in our senior years, this is a good opportunity to get us thinking about this very important topic!

Shared Prayer

We are invited and encouraged to pray individually for those on the Bulletin Prayer List. **Shared Prayer** is an opportunity to gather and pray communally with shared intention for those on the list. Additionally, it is a time to pray for any needs that might be brought to the group as we gather. *Such shared prayer benefits not only those for whom we pray, but ourselves as well. We are strengthened in faith and as community as we join with Christ in our prayer for one another. It can also open us to a deeper awareness of prayer in our lives, and expand the ways we pray for ourselves and one another.*

When and where do we meet?

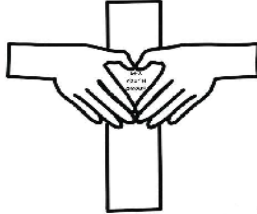
Every 1st Sunday of the month **after 8:00 Mass**
Every 4th Sunday of the month **after 10:30 Mass**

North Transcept, the Blessed Sacrament Altar. **LOOK for Shared Prayer sign.**

We are reminded in Matt 18:20 "For whenever two or three are gathered together in my name, I am in their midst". **Please join us for this brief (20 minutes) prayer session.** Know that confidentiality is maintained. This allows those gathered to open their hearts, sharing their intentions with one another and entrusting the group to hold those intentions, then and throughout the coming days.

SFX YOUTH GROUP

COME TO ME AND FIND REST



RETREAT 2020

FEBRUARY 8-9, 2020

SLU BOILEAU HALL

OPEN TO ALL SFX HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

REGISTER ONLINE: <https://sfxstl.org/youth-group-retreat-2020>Questions? Contact Joanna Boyd-Wilhite (joanna@sfxstl.org) or
Hope Johnson (pete.hope@sbcglobal.net)**Presider's Schedule****February 1st & 2nd, 2020**

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

February 8th & 9th, 2020

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

Bulletin Articles

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

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:

[https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?
zipSponsor=CollegeChurch](https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=CollegeChurch)

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!



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