



## **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 3, 2019 Fourth 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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:karen@sfxstl.org).

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

**FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK**



It is not my usual tactic to command parishioners to do anything. Today I feel compelled to make an exception. Run, don't walk, to the Ruth Asawa: Life's Work exhibit at the Pulitzer Museum. It is one of the most enchanting, delightful collections of art I have ever seen. In fact, the *Washington Post* art critic described it as "the most beautiful show of 2018." Yep, right here in River City and two blocks from College Church.

The philosophy and aesthetics of beauty are an important part of the Church's tradition. Christians, influenced heavily by the ancient Greeks, believe beauty can help us better understand God and all of creation. Our embrace of painting, architecture, and other artistic expressions have had a powerful impact on the faithful from our beginnings. For instance, the beauty of sacred music has for centuries drawn Christians deeper into relationship with God.

The physical space of College Church is a perfect example of how our prayer is facilitated by our surroundings. I often say (only half-joking) if a parishioner gets bored during my homily, just soak in the beauty all around you. What is delightful and pleasing to the eye can often touch us in ways words cannot.

All that is beautiful is a reflection of God. Even a "secular" exhibit like Ruth Asawa's speaks to the transcendent, and our human desire to encounter it. So go, and go soon as it ends February 16<sup>th</sup>.

Please join us next  
 Sunday, February 10th, in the  
 ballroom for  
 Donut Sunday!



**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.



## 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/](http://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](mailto:frdan@sfxstl.org) or Christine Dragonette [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto: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/](http://sfxstl.org/antiracism-work/).

## SOCIAL MINISTRY

### Thank you, Bombas socks!

In response to our request, four large boxes of socks for Hot Stuff were generously donated by Bombas Socks, with a commitment for additional future donations! Bombas Socks exists to help meet the #1 most requested clothing item at homeless shelters and to bring awareness to an under-publicized problem in our country. For every pair of socks purchased, a pair of socks specifically designed to meet the challenges of the homeless community (antimicrobial treatment to minimize the need for frequent laundering, reinforced seams and darker colors for greater durability and less visible wear) is donated to organizations serving the homeless throughout the country. Thus far, more than 10 million pairs have been donated. To learn more about Bombas Socks, or to order socks engineered for maximum comfort, visit the website at <https://bombas.com>.

### Thank you, Hot Stuff volunteers and donors!



This event is only possible through the generosity and support of our parish community. Thank you so much to all who donated, volunteered, and/or spread the word about the event! Special thanks to the planning committee for the time and energy they put into the event!

### DATE AND LOCATION CHANGE!

### “Dinner and a Movie” Matinee Series with College Church & Rock Church Next Saturday, February 16th (NOT the 9th)

Next Movie Date: **Saturday, February 16th at the Rock Church gym (1118 N. Grand, 63106)**

Lunch at 12pm, Movie starts at 12:30pm, Discussion after the movie

Film: *The BlacKkKlansman*

It's the early 1970s, and Ron Stallworth is the first African-American detective to serve in the Colorado Springs Police Department. Determined to make a name for himself, he bravely sets out on a dangerous mission: infiltrate and expose the Ku Klux Klan. The young detective soon recruits a more seasoned colleague, Flip Zimmerman, into the undercover investigation of a lifetime. Together, they team up to take down the hate group as the organization aims to sanitize its violent rhetoric to appeal to the mainstream.

Location: Rock Church gym, 1118 N. Grand, 63106, Lunch will be provided.

**Please RSVP to Christine at [christine@sfxstl.org](mailto:christine@sfxstl.org) or 977-7309.**

\*Save the Date: March 9th at the Rock Church will be the next movie event\*



### THANK YOU for your support of our Christmas Appeal

Thanks to your generosity, we raised an amazing **\$16,419.31** for Social Ministry through our annual Social Ministry Christmas Appeal! This funding will go to support the service and justice work of the parish. Of the money raised, **\$12,240** of donations were new or increased from last year's appeal, which takes us very close to our \$15,000 challenge grant goal for the Brown Sisters Foundation. This funding will go toward computerizing the data for our ID and birth certificate program, as well as looking toward expanding our program outside of our walk-in hours.

Thank you so much to all who contributed to the Appeal!  
Your support makes the work of Social Ministry possible.

**St. Francis Xavier Youth Faith Commission invites you and your family to a Fundraiser!**



**Pancake Breakfast-All You Can Eat!  
Chris' Cakes**

**TODAY Sunday, February 3rd, 2019**

**Cost: \$8.00/adult \$6.00/child  
Family Rate: \$35.00 for 2 adults and 4 or more children.**

**All are welcome.  
Please join us for a delicious meal!**

***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 5: "Violence in Scripture" and "Violence in American Culture"

February 12: "Bullying & Suicide" and "Domestic Violence & Sexual Abuse"

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 call 314-256-8804 for more information or to register.

**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

**College Church  
Seminars on Gospel Infancy Stories  
now on Luke 1 & 2**

**Discover how these stories are not mere history but literary and theological masterpieces. The whole Gospel in miniature. Please consider joining us. Come when you can.**

**Adult Faith room. Sundays 9:15-10:15. FREE!**



**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!

*“Sacred Water: Precious Gift & Critical Concern”*



**Saturday, February 23 – 9:00 am – 3:00 pm**  
**College Church Ballroom**

Water is the source and sustenance for all life on Earth. It is sacred and essential. Yet clean water is becoming an increasingly scarce commodity around the world. Pope Francis has addressed this in his encyclical *Laudato Si'*. Please consider joining us for this day of reflection on this very important issue. We will ponder the sacredness of water and the water crisis in the world, and consider possible responses.

This is sponsored by the College Church Circle of Creation Committee. Presenters will be Carolyn McWatters, RSM and Corlita Bonarrens, RSM.

Participants are invited to bring their own reusable water bottle for the day.

Cost for the day will be \$35. **RSVP** by Tuesday, February 12 to Carolyn McWatters ([carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu](mailto:carolyn.mcwatters@slu.edu)). Please indicate if you need a vegetarian or gluten-free lunch option.

**History in Technicolor: North County Students Reflect on Black History Month**

This is 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!

**Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick**

The sacrament of the anointing of the sick continues the healing ministry of Jesus in offering strength, healing and hope to all who are sick, preparing for surgery, or experiencing the diminishment of old age. It is available individually throughout the year to anyone who is in need. Each fall and spring College Church celebrates it communally.

*Blest are they who have not seen*



Next weekend, Feb 9-10, the sacrament will be offered at each mass after the homily to all who wish to receive it. In this sacrament, Christ's love and compassion is expressed in a tangible way; the connection to and support of the Christian community is reaffirmed; and prayer for healing, strength and peace is offered. The community prays for those to be anointed, and then the priests anoint their foreheads and the palms of their hands with the words: *Through this holy anointing may the Lord in his love and mercy help you with the grace of the Holy Spirit. Amen. May the Lord who frees you from sin, save you and raise you up. Amen.*

Please consider encouraging and/or bringing a friend with an illness or someone of advancing age with you next weekend so that they may experience Christ's love and the support of the Christian community in this sacrament.

**Mercy Conference and Retreat Center**  
**2039 N. Geyer Frontenac, MO 63131 314-966-4686**

Navigating White Water: Resilience Series

February 10, March 3, April 7 1:30 - 3:45 pm

This series of 4 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>



**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 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>.



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](http://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).





**JustFaith @ College Church**

**Presents**

**CHILD SEX TRAFFICKING:  
MODERN DAY SLAVERY**

*presented by*

**Dr. Ann DiMaio, Former ER Physician  
Cardinal Glennon Childrens Hospital  
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**Tuesday February 5th  
@ 7:15 PM**

**St. Francis Xavier College Church  
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**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:

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Sen. Josh Hawley

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314-367-1970

Rep. Ann Wagner (MO 2nd District):  
636-779-5449

White House Comment line  
<https://www.whitehouse.gov/contact/>

**Presiders**

**February 2 & 3, 2019**

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

**February 9 & 10, 2019**

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

**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.

**SAVE THE DATE!**

***Spring 2019 Dialogues***

Date: Tuesday, February 12, 2019  
Presenter: Rhodora Beaton, Ph.D.  
Topic: "Encountering God: Sacraments and Sacramentality in Everyday Life"

Time: 11:30 am - 1:00 pm  
Cost: \$25 - lunch included  
Location: Il Monastero Banquet Center, 3050 Olive, St. Louis, MO 63103

For more information, contact Diane Henderson at 314-256-8856 or [henderson@ai.edu](mailto:henderson@ai.edu)

**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](mailto:modde@mercycenter.stl.org).

**Bulletin Articles**

email bulletin articles to  
[bulletin@sfxstl.org](mailto:bulletin@sfxstl.org).

**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](mailto:katie@sfxstl.org)**

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