



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis
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February 9th, 2020
Fifth 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@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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 Karena Menard
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 Ruthann Redmon
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 Art Taylor*
 Jacob Verghese
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 Tracy Anthony Whitlock
 David Williams
 Julia Williams

* *Longterm*

FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

Valentine's Day is Friday. Those who forgot (and you know who you are) consider this a friendly reminder. Is there anything a secular celebration of romantic love named after a saint who probably never existed can teach us about our faith? Of course.

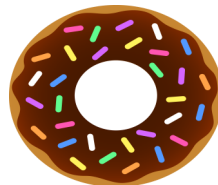
We know all that is good comes from God. Romantic love is good. It opens one up to another person. It can elicit compassion, generosity, and faithfulness. Unfortunately, the hyper-commercialism of Valentine's Day has distorted this notion. The day is one more way to buy more stuff that no one really needs in order to express love. Yikes!

It does not have to be so. The *Song of Songs* is one of the most beautiful books in the bible. It is an extended poem celebrating desire and the holiness of human love. The Church sees this as a metaphor of God's love for God's people.

The language expressed leave little to the imagination. The very first verse declares, "Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth! More delightful is your love than wine!" Yes, this is in the bible. The author revels in romantic love and the physical attraction of the human body. A metaphorical reading in no way diminishes the power of the text. In fact, it is a radical notion to imagine God's love as like that of two people head over heels in love with one another. God loves as lovers do: wildly, passionately, and completely.

Donut Sunday

Please join us for Donut Sunday, TODAY,
 February 9th, in the ballroom.



Please stop
 by after either the 8:00 am or
 10:30 am
 Masses.



Welcome to College Church!

INTRODUCTORY RITES

Gathering Song: Table of Plenty

Dan Schutte

Glory to God: Congregational Mass

Gather 322

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

Gather 324

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Psalm 112: The Just One is a Light in Darkness

Gather 1104

Gospel Acclamation

Gather 336

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LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Eucharistic Acclamations: Community Mass

Gather 553

*Eucharistic Acclamations: Community Mass**Gather 370, 373, 372***COMMUNION RITE***Breaking of the Bread: Lamb of God—Community Mass**Gather 389**Communion Hymn: Pues Si Vivimos**Gather 756**Meditation: (10:30 am) - Instrumental***CONCLUDING RITE***Recessional Song: This Little Light of Mine**Gather 591*All rights reserved. Used with permission. LicensingOnline number U2821. WLP License ALC. Reprinted under OneLicense.net number A-704947.**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 15-16, 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.

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

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!!!!

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, Zoismos Duango, Grandfather of St. Louis University students Maria and Zofia Cieslarczyk. May he and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Volunteers Needed for New Outreach Program Role

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 outreach@sfxstl.org or call at 314.977.7311.

Green Corner

“Opt to Act” for Earth

REI Co-op is sponsoring Opt to Act, 52 simple weekly challenges to reduce your impact on the Earth, get active, and leave the world better than you found it.



Feb. 2-8: Call your utility companies to ask about green energy options.

Feb. 9-15: This Valentine’s Day give a plant or local in-season flowers instead of roses.

Feb. 16-22: Go meatless one day this week

Feb. 23-29: Switch to electronic bill notifications and payment.

This well-researched website (Just google REI Opt to Act Plan) actually helps with information on why and how to take these steps.

Free Eco-Film: *Magisterium of the People*



Tuesday, Feb 11, 2020, 7pm at the Kirkwood Tau Center
335 S Kirkwood Rd, St Louis (behind the PNC Bank building on Kirkwood Rd, or between KinderCare and the American Legion on Clay)

Join us for this Salt & Light Media film and the discussion that follows. The event is free. We do request registration by Noon on Feb 11 to help us with event set-up. You can register online at franciscansisters-olph.org, or call (314) 965-3700. To register online, add the number of seats to your shopping cart and complete the order. Please disregard any ticket fees in our checkout process. You will not be charged. Ice water will be available to refill your reusable tumbler.

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent begins on February 26. 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 several booklets with excerpts from the preaching of Pope Francis.

Daybreak is a series that presents passages from the writings of particular authors arranged for reflection during Lent. Each booklet features a different author. These include Fr. John Kavanaugh, SJ,, Fr. Ronald Rolheiser, OMI, scripture scholar Sr. Diane Bergant, CSA, and liturgist Fr. Paul Turner.

Other booklets feature reflections from Henri Nouwen, Cardinal Newman, and storyteller Fr. Connery. There are books that draw from the writings of St. Ignatius, St Francis and St. Claire, and Thomas Merton. Joyce Rupp, OSM, has a new book for Lenten reflection, *Jesus, Friend of my Soul*, that offers a two page reflection for each day.

Additionally, there are booklets for children with stickers, suggested activities for older children, and some with reflections for teens and young adults. If you would like to reserve a book or pick one up during the week, please contact Joseph Milner at joseph.milner@slu.edu or 314-977-7305.

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>



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!

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



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

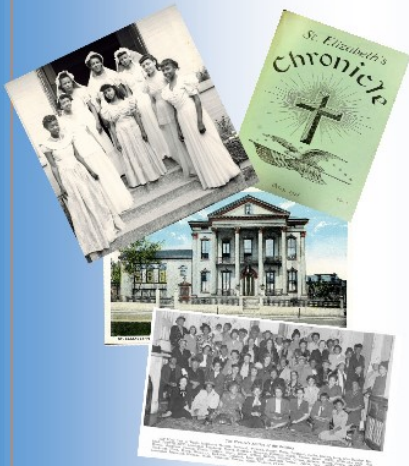
We are invited and encouraged to pray individually for those on the Bulletin Prayer List. ***Shared Prayer*** is an opportunity to gather and pray communally with shared intention for those on the list. Additionally, it is a time to pray for any needs that might be brought to the group as we gather. 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 open us to a deeper awareness of prayer in our lives, and expand the ways we pray for ourselves and others. We hope you will consider joining us for this brief (20 minutes) communal prayer. In the spirit of Jesus' own invitation: Come and See!

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

Where: North Transept, by the Blessed Sacrament Altar.

Look for Shared Prayer sign.

**HISTORY OF BLACK CATHOLICS
IN ST. LOUIS**



The history of Black Catholics in the Archdiocese of St. Louis goes back to the 1700's. Sacramental records of enslaved and free people of color can be found for 1759 (St. Genevieve), 1766 (Old Cathedral) and 1792 (St. Charles Borromeo in St. Charles).

Journey with Ms. Sullivan as she shares among other things, information about the apostolate to African Americans and the first space given to enslaved and free Blacks for worship.


For more information contact:
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WHEN
February 20, 2020
6:30pm - 8pm

WHERE
Cardinal Rigali Ctr
Fleur-de-Lis Room
20 Archbishop May Dr.,
St. Louis, MO 63119

PRESENTER
Ms. Winnie Sullivan
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ARCHDIOCESE OF ST. LOUIS
Peace & Justice Commission

**APRIL 25, 2020
HONORING THE LIFE OF
SISTER ANTONIA EBO
MORE INFO TBA**

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.

February 15th & 16th, 2020

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

Bulletin Articles

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


Trivia Night



saturday March 14, 2020
doors open @ 6pm first question 7pm

**\$25 per person or
\$200 for a table of 8**

taking place at:

 618 S. 7th St.
(just south of the stadium)

Light snacks, soft drinks and 1 free beer token per person provided.
You may bring in your own snacks, but please no outside beverages.

Contact: Darienne 314-757-6111 or
email Pat: patrickbrueggen@gmail.com

St. Vincent de Paul TRIVIA NIGHT

WHERE: St. Vincent de Paul Gym
1408 S 10th St.
St. Louis, MO 63104

WHEN: March 7, 2020
7:00 p.m.
Doors open at 6:15

COST: \$25 per person with 8 people per table

SIGN UP: Pay online here: www.sites.google.com/site/svdptrivianight
Email questions or registration: svdptrivianight@gmail.com
Mail registration with payment:
Society of St. Vincent de Paul
Attn: Trivia Night Committee
1408 S. 10th Street
St. Louis, MO 63104



All proceeds will be used to provide emergency rent and utility
assistance to those in need throughout St. Louis.
GRAND PRIZE: \$250 CASH!



- ALSO FEATURING -

**Silent Auction
Beer & Soda
50/50 Raffles
Heads or Tails Game**

*Please bring cash to participate in games!
*1 entry for Heads or Tails to win a \$20 prize

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