

St. Francis Xavier (College) Church





March 10, 2019 First Sunday in Lent

LITURGY SCHEDULE

Saturday 5:30 pm Anticipation of Sunday

Sunday 8:00 am, 10:30 am and 4:30 pm

<u>Monday - Friday</u> 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: Saturday: 10:45 am through Noon 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.

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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.

<u>Bulletin Notices:</u> must be submitted to <u>marybeth@sfxstl.org</u> by noon on Thursday, ten days before the bulletin date. Holidays require additional time.

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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.

<u>Funerals</u>: contact Fr. Dan White, SJ or Sister Carolyn McWaters, 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.

<u>Parish Registration</u>: Available online at collegechurch.slu.edu or at the Parish Center front desk. For questions, contact Mary Beth Erickson at 314-977-7304.

<u>Religious Education</u>: 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

<u>Liturgy of the Word for Children:</u> 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.

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Dave Munsell Howard family Sr. Elizabrth Kolmer, ASC Nancy Partridge & Glider Margaret Barker Mikaela Chatman **Iennifer Saunders** Ioan McLean Bob Powers Leslie Matula **Diane Williams** Patrick Pasierb Kandice Draper Lula Chatman Don Berg Greg Fiudo David Byrnes Paul Byrnes Pam Orbin Art Taylor Mary Bruemmer Lisa Zimmerer Pat March Liz DeRum Wayne and Tuck Loui Mary Beth Erickson Joe Lynne Tom Reilly Monica Gunn Campbell Hodge Pat Darcy Linda Riek Paul Hanson Mary Geary Dunn Alice Edler Dan Trueman Katherine Mansfield leanne Hermann Bruce Meadows Melissa Belk lames H. Stebbings Sue Geile Mark Roddy Dave Schnelt **Bill Anderson Dennis Saunders** Ramona Lynch

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FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The term "white supremacy" tends to conjure images from the American past like the KKK and segregated drinking fountains in the Deep South. The reality, however, has tended to be far more subtle and pervasive. Extremist elements have not bubbled up from time to time out of nowhere. Racial prejudice and racist thinking is part of the DNA of our country.

That phrase indicates that white experience is "supreme", or absolutely normative. It is the default setting that can never be challenged. This thinking is manifest in any number of ways. One common expression is the willful and deliberate ignorance of our sordid racist history. Another is the notion that "real Americans" look and speak a certain way.

A critical element in our efforts of becoming an anti-racism parish community is to confront stubborn prejudices that are deeply ingrained in us. As the case with all sinful behavior, it is not enough to simply recognize the problem. Our faith calls us to change and embrace what is good. Christians believe God's grace can overcome even our worst faults.

Lent focuses our attention on the need for conversion. This is arduous, on-going work. It is also absolutely necessary. May God bless our efforts to honestly confront the racism in our nation, Church and ourselves.

New Parishioner Welcome

If you registered as a member of our parish and have not attended a new parishioner gathering, please join us on Sunday, March 31st following our 8:00 a.m. Mass in the ballroom. **Attendance at one of our gatherings is necessary to formally complete your parish registration.** There you will have an opportunity to meet other new parishioners, as well as Fr. Dan and members of our parish council. This social event is a wonderful way to learn more about the College Church and the variety of activities taking place in the parish.

Since we need to arrange for the refreshments, I'm asking you to please call Joyce at our Parish Center front desk at 314-977-7300 to make your reservation before March 21st. It is also important to RSVP so that we can contact you if we need to cancel the gathering for some reason. I hope that you will be able to join us!



Lenten Gathering Rite

Lent is a season of preparation for the great feast of Easter, in which we are invited to pause and ponder the quality of our relationship with God and others...to celebrate the good we find there and to seek forgiveness and reconciliation for what is lacking. The traditional Lenten disciplines – prayer, fasting and almsgiving – provide us the contours and practices for the conversion we seek.

During this penitential season the Gathering Rite we will sing gently implores, "Gather us in mercy, Lord. From the depths we cry to you." The presider will invite the assembly to either kneel or bow our heads during the penitential rite. Either posture is a way of helping us bodily recognize and acknowledge our need for God's mercy. Doing this together further underlines the communal nature of our Lenten journey of conversion and of our need for one another. Our bodies, our voices, our hearts unite in humility and trust as we enter into the great prayer of the mass.

CARE of CREATION Free Program

The Focus Implementation Group of the Franciscan Sisters of Mary is hosting a free program, **KNOW-ING OUR PLACE: A REGION BETWEEN RIVERS**, on **Wednesday**, **March 20**, from 1:30 - 3:30 p.m. at the May Center of SSM DePaul Hospital, 12303 DePaul Drive, Bridgeton. To register for this free program, contact Sr. Sherri Coleman at 314-570-1782 or sherrirfk@aol.com. Space is limited.

Lenten Directives

Jesus said, "Whoever wishes to be my follower must deny his very self, take up his cross each day and follow in my steps." (Lk 9:23)

The Church has consistently helped us fulfill these words of Jesus by prescribing penitential practices for all Catholics. The American Bishops have called us to **fast and abstain** during Lent.

Fasting is a sign of our complete dependence upon God. God is the source of our life; fasting helps us show our reliance upon God rather than food and ourselves. Ash Wednesday (March 6) and Good Friday (April 19) are days of fasting for those ages 18-59. Fasting means one full meal a day, with two smaller meals and nothing between meals (liquids are permitted). Our common fasting manifests our collective commitment to place God first in our lives.

Abstinence from meat invites us to join the poor of the world in eating simply. As Jesus emptied himself and shared in the poverty of the human condition, we are asked to embrace the poverty of those who have only subsistence diets. **Ash Wednesday and all Fridays in Lent** are days of abstinence. All who are age 14 and older, unless there is a serious health problem, are asked to share in this discipline.

In addition to these shared practices, everyone is encouraged to find ways during Lent to draw closer to God through **prayer and spiritual practices.** Consider being part of one of our Lenten book discussion groups, and embracing the daily practice of praying the Examen as ways to deepen your relationship with God and with others in Christ's Body.

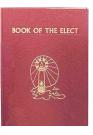
The Liturgies of Lent All services held in church unless otherwise indicated.				
March 6	Ash Wednesday	Masses: 7:15 am, Noon, 5:15 pm, 9:00 pm (Campus Ministry)		
April 4 Communal Reconciliation Service 7:00 pm				
Stations of t	March April 8	 8 - 3:00pm Stations with the Women of the World 22 - noon- Campus Ministry Office- for peace and justice - 7:00 pm - Stations with the Women of the World 2 - noon -Campus Ministry Office- for peace and justice 		
-	ssion Sunday	5:30 pm; 8:00 am, 10:30 am; 4:30 pm		
<u>The Sacred</u> April 18 April 19 April 20 April 21	Holy Thursday Good Friday Easter Vigil Easter Sunday	7:30 pm 3:00 pm 8:00 pm (No 5:15 pm Mass) 8:00 and 10:30 am (<i>no 4:30 nor 9:00 pm ma</i> sses)		
The College Church Choir will sing at both Easter Morning Masses. For more information, call the Parish Center at 977-7300. Complimentary parking is available in the Laclede garage.				

Praying With the Women of The World - We live in a world in which the challenges of women remain particularly startling. We are excited to announce that we have found a wonderful prayer resource for walking in solidarity with the suffering women of our world. This setting of the Stations of the Cross has been written to awaken us to more prayerfully consider and pray for their suffering in our midst. We will gather to pray "The Way of the Cross With the Women of the World" twice during Lent: **Monday, April 8 at 7:00 pm.** Everyone is invited!

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Christian Initiation and the Lenten Season

The season of Lent directs our attention to the sacraments of initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist as we look forward to renewing our baptismal promises during the Paschal Triduum of Christ's dying and rising. Our catechumens and candidates have been preparing to share in the sacramental life of the church for many months and those who are nearing completion of their formation enter into a spiritual preparation before receiving the sacraments. At the beginning of Lent, those catechumens who have matured in their faith and who desire



to be fully initiated through Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are presented to the bishop or his representative who inquires of their godparents if they have listened to God's Word, responded to that Word and joined the Christian Community in prayer. If they have, they are then invited to present their names by signing the Book of the Elect. They are then declared Elect. This process of inquiring of their godparents and having them offer their names, goes back at least to the fourth century.

Our Book of the Elect is placed next to processional cross in front of the ambo to remind all of us to pray for them throughout the Lenten season.

We also have sisters and brothers who already share in the new life of baptism and who wish to share in the sacramental life of the church more fully. They are called candidates for full communion with the church. They will be preparing to participate in the sacraments of Penance, Confirmation and Eucharist. They do not write their names in the Book of the Elect since they are already Elect by virtue of their baptism. We do pray for them that they may grow in relationship with God and enrich our community with their gifts and prayer. Please pray for all of them during this Lenten season.

Online resources for Daily Prayer

There are a variety of resources for prayer that can be accessed online. Some offer a daily reflection focused on the daily mass readings and others follow a theme. If you would like support and encouragement during the coming days of Lent, check out one or more of these resources to support your journey.

Sacred Space - http://www.sacredspace.ie/ (from the Irish Jesuits with a prayer structure connected to one of the daily readings for mass),

Pray-as-you-go— http://pray-as-you-go.org/ (from the British Jesuits is and audio presentation with part of the daily scripture reading, music and reflection questions),

Jesuit Prayer— https://jesuitprayer.org/ (This is a collaborative between the Jesuit provinces of the United States that offers the daily scripture, a Jesuit reflection and a prayer for the day.)

Living Lent Daily

https://www.loyolapress.com/our-catholic-faith/liturgical-year/lent/living-lent-daily By registering, you will receive a daily email with reflections from James Campbell.

Message of the Day

https://www.themessageoftheday.com/en/?promocode=Zenit

(Presents a video of Pope Francis, with English voice over, that offers an inspirational message. It requests a monthly contribution to fund the ministry.)

Donut Sunday

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

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Lenten Racial Justice Journey

The College Church Racism & Reconciliation committee invites you to participate in a Lenten Racial Justice Journey. With the recent release of the US Conference of Catholic Bishops' pastoral letter on racism, *Open Wide our Hearts*, now is the perfect time to make a Lenten commitment to engaging with racial justice in a new way. Consider incorporating the reading/listening/viewing of these publications into your prayer of the Examen. You will find a copy of this reflection at each of the entrances. Check the bulletin each week or visit <u>http://sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation</u> to find additional material. If you cannot commit to participating daily, choosing to participate a few times a week is a great option as well.

Sunday March 10	Monday March I I	Tuesday March 12	Wednes- day March 13	Thursday March 14	Friday March 15	Saturday March 16
Color Blind or Color Brave? Melo- dy Hobson <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/</u> <u>j5ja7g9</u>	Lament, Repent, Repair- Racism and the Catholic Worker Movement <u>https:// tinyurl.com/</u> <u>y43wzek6</u>	White Cath- olics have to 'talk about race and ad- mit their racism' America Jes- uit Review https:// tinyurl.com/ y2rtv4y3	How Can We Have A More Candid Conversa- tion About Race? Verna Myers (podcast) <u>https:// tinyurl.com/</u> <u>y2ook37h</u>	Confessions of a White Catholic Racist Theo- logian Jon Nilsen <u>https://</u> tinyurl.com/ y4td6vxe	Catholic So- cial Teaching and Racism Fr. Fred Kammer <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/</u> <u>y5wo895e</u>	If You Think Only Poor People Need Welfare, Wait Till You See What Rich People Do With It <u>https://</u> <u>tinyurl.com/</u> <u>y5s8jh8c</u>

Contact Christine at (314) 977-7309 or <u>christine@sfxstl.org</u> with questions/thoughts or to share your experience of participating in the Racial Justice Journey. We'd love to hear from you!

Being Mortal—A Pastoral Care Committee Presentation

The film **Being Mortal** (58 minutes) will be shown by the Pastoral Care committee on April 7 after the 10:30 am Mass in the ballroom. It will be followed by comments from a panel and audience participation. Death is something we will all one day face. So why is it so hard for doctors to talk with their patients about dying? How can the medical profession better help people navigate the final chapters of their lives with confidence, direction and purpose? Renowned surgeon Atul Gawande explores the relationships between doctors and patients nearing the end of life, and shows how many doctors struggle to talk honestly and openly with their patients who are dying. **Being Mortal** is an intimate and revealing journey with relevance to all of us. It explores the burgeoning art and science of palliative care and the ways in which having a conversation around the question "What are your priorities if your time is limited?" can empower patients to experience the end stages of life and live their lives fully. The ultimate goal is not a good death but a good life — all the way to the very end.

Please bring a fruit and/or vegetable dish for the gathering before the film.

Volunteers are needed to help blow up and tie balloons and make the ribbon streamers that are such a glorious part of our 10:30 Easter Sunday Mass celebration. People who can help should come to the ballroom at 9:30 Good Friday morning, April 19. If you can come, or if you need more information, contact Karen Weber at Karen@sfxstl or Terry Edelman at <u>edelmannm@slu.edu</u>. Thank you in advance for your help.

SOCIAL MINISTRY

Social Ministry Commission Seeks New Members

Do you consider social justice an integral part of your faith? Are you interested in helping our parish move forward in our service, justice, and peacemaking efforts? The Social Ministry Commission invites you to prayerfully consider applying for membership. For more information about being a part of the Social Ministry Commission, or to request an application, please contact Christine Dragonette at christine@sfxstl.org or 977-7309. Applications will be due by Friday, April 19th.

Our current SMC chair, Christina Ryan, shares her reflections here:

"I moved to St Louis almost three years ago with my family, and in late 2016 we became parishioners at College Church. Several months later, I saw an invitation in the bulletin to apply to join the Social Ministry Commission. I was drawn to this invitation for two key reasons. The first was wanting to become connected to and learn more about the mission of my new church community. The second was more complex. St Louis gave my husband and me a culture shock. We had both lived in cities before, and we made a very conscious choice to live in this one, but the racial and socioeconomic divisions in St Louis were more striking and magnified to us here than in other places we had lived. I wanted to be part of a group that was learning, listening, praying, and acting on issues around equity and justice. I wanted to learn how I was part of the problem and learn how to be part of solutions. Social Ministry seemed a good a place to start.

Participation on the Commission has been such a beneficial experience. I have had the opportunity to work with the Director of Social Ministry, the extremely skilled and thoughtful Christine Dragonette, and to be inspired by my fellow parishioners. I currently serve as the Chairperson of the Commission and represent the commission at Pastoral Council meetings, which is another fascinating avenue to learn more about College Church. I have also become a member of the Anti-Racism Leadership Team. These groups and my own reading on social justice topics have opened my eyes to my individual racism and how I'm complicit in systemic racism. Once one knows such truth, it is impossible to unsee it; one must face it, stare it down, and strive and pray to shrink it. As a full-time mom to a busy 4-year-old son and I-year-old daughter, I thoughtfully choose the volunteer opportunities to which I give my time. My participation in Social Ministry at College Church has been worth every second. It's a cliché to say that I have received more than what I have given, but it's fitting for this situation. It's easy to tell myself I am not doing enough, giving enough, or being enough to help solve enormous problems like racism, but I also frequently turn to this quote: Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love." Joining the Commission two years ago was a "small thing" that I could do, and I hope some of you will consider joining us in the work, too."

Invitation to join parish Racism and Reconciliation Committee

Members of our Racism & Reconciliation committee meet monthly to continue learning how race impacts us in our communities, including our Catholic Church and parishes. We develop activities and actions that challenge racial barriers and unjust practices. We also meet with members of St. Alphonsus Liguori "Rock"
Church to create opportunities to build relationships between the members of our parishes. We would love to have you join us! Our next scheduled meeting is this **Tuesday 3/12 from 4:30-6pm**. If you are interested in joining (whether or not you can attend the 3/12 meeting), please contact Christine Dragonette (314-977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org) or Lisa Burks (314-605-5671 or Imburks@gmail.com).



Breaking the Chains Prayer Service Today, Sunday, March 10th, 2:00 pm Sts. Teresa and Bridget, 3636 N. Market

From Rev. Tim Cook, Pastor at Sts. Teresa and Bridget:

In the past year, it seemed that the news reported only strife, fires, wars, drive-by shootings, car-jackings and more. St. Louis news too often deals with racial issues and division. We, the faith community of Sts. Teresa and Bridget, would like to show that we can be a positive force for peace and unity.

We are inviting Houses of Worship on Grand Blvd to join us as we pray for "Breaking the Chains" that separate us. Let us be an example to everyone that Grand Blvd can be a corridor of peace and unity.

Presiders

March 9 & 10, 2019

Fr. Brauninger, S.J.
Fr. Caime, S.J.
Fr. White, S.J.
Fr. May, S.J.

March 16 & 17, 2019

Saturday	
5:30 pm	Fr. Caime, S.J.
Sunday	
8:00 am	Fr. White S.J.
10:30 am	Fr. Caime S.J.
4:30 p.m.	Fr. May, S.J.



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 India, to celebrate His Holiness's eightieth birthday and to create what they hoped would be a gift for others. The result is 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.

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.

Lenten Books and Materials

The season of Lent has begun. There are a few copies of our parish book for Lent, <u>The Book of Joy</u>, still available. There are also a wide variety of reflection booklets from clergy, religious and lay authors that offer reflections for each day of Lent. These materials are available in the ballroom this morning and next week. Some of the options are: <u>Sacred Space</u> from the Irish Jesuits with a line from one of the readings of the day and a reflection on it; and <u>Wondrous Encounters</u> 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.

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