



St. Francis Xavier (College) Church

The Jesuit Parish in the Heart of St. Louis

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March 17, 2019
Second Sunday in Lent

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.

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 Lula Chatman
 Don Berg
 Greg Fiudo
 David Byrnes
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 Pat March
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Call Mary Beth at 314-977-7304 to add or remove names.



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

St. Patrick is found about 100 feet up on our steeple. He is facing north and is paired with St. Ignatius Loyola, which I think is nice. He is a reminder that College Church was founded to serve the Irish community of St. Louis.

The great Irish Diaspora is found everywhere in the English-speaking world: Canada, England, Australia, and in the U.S. The Irish fled famine, conflict, wretched poverty, persecution, and bleak prospects. They sought a better future for themselves and their children. In this country, they became cops, politicians, railroad builders, priests and women religious. Some even became farmers like my ancestors in Iowa.

They were not welcomed with open arms. The Irish faced discrimination, suspicion, and bigotry. Yet, now it is difficult to imagine this country, and certainly the Church in America, without the presence of the Irish.

Given that history, it seems if there is one group in this country that should appreciate the plight of migrants and refugees it is Irish-Americans. Yes, people of good will can differ on policies. However, it is a cruel irony to celebrate the challenges and triumphs of the Irish in this country while denying that opportunity to others.

Last Sunday Moses told the Israelites that they could enjoy the Promised Land only by remembering what God had done for them. The memory of God's generosity and grace in the past shapes how we are to live today.

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 am 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. We hope that you will be able to join us!

Visit sluh.org/summer for info on robotics classes and athletic camps for grade school and middle school students.

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.

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, [The Book of Joy](#), 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. Some of the options are: [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.

Praying With the Women of The World - 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!

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

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.

In February College Church began conducting focus groups throughout our parish community. **We have added one more date: Sunday, March 24th from 9:15-10:20am.** We hope you 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/.**

Our Anti-Racism 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/.

We Are Counting Our Blessings!



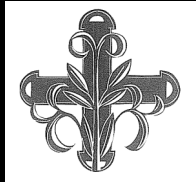
All College Church volunteers are invited to an evening of recognition and an appreciation dinner on Saturday, May 4th at 6:00 pm in the ballroom. There will be free parking in the Laclede garage. We are most grateful for your faithful help and support in keeping all of our ministries up, running and expanding.

The dinner is free for our volunteers, but you do need to RSVP before Tuesday, April 23rd either by phone call to 314-977-7300 or email to joyce@sfxstl.org. Your presence is important to us! We'll gather at 6:00 p.m. Fr. Dan White, S.J. will begin with an opening prayer and welcoming comments at 6:30 p.m. followed by dinner. We're sure it will be a pleasant evening and a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation and get to know each other better. We hope you'll be able to join us!

PRAY FOR THE DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers Dan Trueman, parishioner, and Bill Wolf, brother of Meg Korte of our parish, who recently died.

May he and all the departed share in the peace and joy of God's presence forever.



Theology for Life – Spring 2019

“Into Your Hands I Commend My Spirit” The Reconciling Passion of Jesus in Luke’s Gospel. **Presented by:** Fr. Seán Martin on **Tuesday evenings:** March 19 – April 9, 2019 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Cost: \$25 per session; \$80 for all four Sessions To register go to www.ai.edu or call 314-256-8804 **Location:** Aquinas Institute of Theology - 23 S. Spring Ave. - St. Louis, MO 63108

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 <http://sfxstl.org/race-reconciliation> 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. Please consider joining us in reflecting on this week’s materials:

Sunday March 10	Monday March 11	Tuesday March 12	Wednesday March 13	Thursday March 14	Friday March 15	Saturday March 16
Color Blind or Color Brave? Melody Hobson https://tinyurl.com/j5ja7g9	Lament, Repent, Repair- Racism and the Catholic Worker Movement https://tinyurl.com/y43wzek6	White Catholics have to ‘talk about race and admit their racism’ America Jesuit Review https://tinyurl.com/y2rtv4y3	How Can We Have A More Candid Conversation About Race? Verna Myers (podcast) https://tinyurl.com/y2ook37h	Confessions of a White Catholic Racist Theologian Jon Nilsen https://tinyurl.com/y4td6vxe	Catholic Social Teaching and Racism Fr. Fred Kammer https://tinyurl.com/y5wo895e	If You Think Only Poor People Need Welfare, Wait Till You See What Rich People Do With It https://tinyurl.com/y5s8jh8c

Contact Christine at (314) 977-7309 or christine@sfxstl.org 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.

Presiders

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.

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SOCIAL MINISTRY

Faith in Action: A Conversation on Migration Sunday, March 24th after the 10:30 am Mass College Church Ballroom

Please join us for a conversation with parishioners engaged with immigrant and refugee communities in the St. Louis community and beyond. The program will begin with a panel presentation where we'll have a chance to hear about each parishioner's experiences, followed by time for questions and conversation. Finally, we'll offer opportunities to engage with this work in St. Louis.

Join us to hear from the following parishioners:

- Representatives of the College Church group that took an immersion trip to the border in El Paso & Juarez in February to learn more about immigration to the US.
- Susan Werremeyer, Board Vice President of Welcome Neighbor STL (WNSTL), a community group supporting immigrants and refugees as they begin a new life in St. Louis. For more info, visit: www.welcomeneighborstl.com
- Ken Schmitt, an immigration attorney with US Legal Solutions, LLC, a regional immigration law firm; immediate past Board President of Saint Francis Community Services; and Chair of the Missouri Kansas Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA).

Please contact Christine with any questions at christine@sfxstl.org or (314) 977-7309.

We hope to see you there!

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: "Participation on the Commission has been such a beneficial experience. I have had the opportunity to work with the Director of Social Ministry 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 1-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."



SPOTLIGHT ON STEWARDSHIP

Aimee Wittman and Scott Jarboe and their three children have been parishioners for five years. They have become very involved in the community. Last fall they gave the parish a significant monetary gift to support work that they see as important and to invite other families and parishioners to do the same. Here is a little bit of their story.

What drew you to College Church?

"We connected with the SFX College Church when our oldest child, Luke, was ready to begin his formal religious education experience. Aimee's parents attended SFX College Church at the time and suggested that we explore the RE program at the College Church. We registered for RE, joined the parish, and soon fell in love with this community. We have now been members of the parish for five years along with our three children (Luke, age 12; Elizabeth, age 6; and Katherine, age 4) who participate in our Religious Education and Catechesis of the Good Shephard programs."

How have you engaged with this community?

"There are so many wonderful ways to engage with the College Church. When we first joined the parish we spent some time simply attending the beautiful liturgies and participating in RE. Our youngest child, Katherine, was also baptized here by Fr. Dan. Because we have three young children, our initial connection and community grew out of the Religious Education program. Aimee was invited to join the Youth Faith Commission and now serves as the chair of that Commission. Through Religious Education we have participated in many of our cherished RE celebrations including the Class Masses, Service Sunday programs, the RE Family Mass and Picnic, the Christmas Tableau, and the Easter Sunday Mass. We are also fed by the many faith formation experiences available including the Sunday Speaker Series and our many opportunities for prayer and reflection. We also love our annual Gala and Trivia Night events! Finally, and most importantly, we have developed friendships and relationships with many of the wonderful people in this community which has been a great blessing to our family."

Having worked so closely with the youth faith commission and our RE directors, what have you experienced as the most important values or characteristics of the program?

"Many of you likely know Angie Doerr, our former Director of Religious Education. Angie often said that our primary goal in youth faith formation is to help our children fall in love with God. This has always resonated with us. The leadership of our RE program seeks to reach this goal by designing and delivering a religious education

curriculum that is engaging and dynamic. We want our students to enjoy participating in their Religious Education experience so they have an opportunity to learn, practice, and experience their Catholic faith. Our program also tries to teach to and live out our commitment to social justice through education and participation in service, specifically with our Service Days. This is an exciting time to be engaged with our program as we are also exploring how we can integrate into the religious education program the parish's anti-racism focus and our identity as a Jesuit parish in the City of St. Louis. Finally, we are also incredibly blessed to have a team of amazing volunteers who serve as our Religious Education catechists and teachers. They are the heart of our program and we are so grateful for their gifts of time and talent in support of this ministry."

Do you have any words of advice for fellow parishioners about getting involved at SFX?

"We each have an important role to play in living out the work of our parish. Our parish and our community need the unique gifts and talents we all bring to contribute to the good work that is happening at SFX College Church. This is an exciting time to be involved -- there are so many opportunities to engage and participate as our parish continues to grow, evolve, and serve the people of our parish and our greater St. Louis community."



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